

MEASURES TO BE VOTED UPON

There are thirty-two state measures to be acted upon by the voters in Oregon at the coming general election, a list of which follows:

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Woman's tax-paying suffrage amendment granting to all taxpayers, regardless of sex, the right of suffrage.

300. Yes.
301. No.

Referred to the People by Legislative Assembly.

An act authorizing the purchase of a site for the construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum to be located, in the discretion of the board of trustees of the Oregon State Insane asylum, at or within five miles of either of the following cities, to wit: Baker City, Pendleton or Union, in Eastern Oregon, to be called "The Eastern Oregon State Hospital."

302. Yes.
303. No.

An act to elect on the first Monday in June, 1911, delegates to a constitutional convention, to be held on the second Monday in October, 1911, for revisiting the constitution of the state and providing for submission of the proposed constitution, so revised, to the legal voters of the state for adoption or rejection on the first Monday in April, 1912.

304. Yes.
305. No.

For amendment of Section 6 and 7 Article IV, of the constitution of this state, to provide a separate district for the election of each state senator and each state representative.

306. Yes.
307. No.

For an amendment of Section 32, Article I. of the Constitution of Oregon by omitting the words "and all taxation shall be equal and uniform" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Taxes shall be levied and collected for public purposes only, and the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away."

308. Yes.
309. No.

For amendment of Article IX of the Oregon Constitution, authorizing the creation of railroad districts, and the purchase and construction of railroads or other highways, by the state, counties, municipalities and railroad districts, creation of liens upon property or levying taxes for the payment of the same, and nullifying the exemption from taxation of property used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes. (Note: Another amendment of Section 1 of said Article IX is pending and is not in harmony herewith.)

310. Yes.
311. No.

For an amendment of Section 1 of Article IX of the constitution of the State of Oregon, directing a uniform rule of taxation "except on property specifically taxed," authorizing the levy and collection on taxes for state purposes and for county and other municipal purposes upon different classes of property, and appropriating state taxes among the several counties as county obligations. (Note: Another amendment is pending which also amends this section and is not in harmony herewith.)

312. Yes.
313. No.

People's Petition Order Referendum
An act providing for the payment of \$1000 annually to the Judge of the Eighth Judicial District by Baker County in addition to the annual salary of \$3,000 received by him from the state.

314. Yes.
315. No.

Proposed by Initiative Petition.

Bill for an act to create the County of Nesmith out of a portion of the Northern part of Douglas County and the Southern part of Lane County providing for its organization, fixing the salaries of the officers thereof and for adjusting finances between the three counties.

316. Yes.
317. No.

Support of Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth.

318. Yes.
319. No.

Creation of Otis County.

320. Yes.
321. No.

Multnomah County annexation.

322. Yes.
323. No.

Creation of William County.

324. Yes.
325. No.

Measures proposing an amendment to Article IX of the constitution of the State of Oregon in reabolishing of poll

and head tax and regulating taxation, etc.

326. Yes.
327. No.

MORE MEASURES COMING UP

The Attorney General has not yet designated the official titles for the five last mentioned in the above list, but the numbers are official.

Among other measures for which petitions have been circulated and which are certain to be on the ballot are the following:

A petition for the creation of Umpqua County out of Lane and Douglas Counties.

Ashland Normal School bill.

Weston Normal School bill.

State-wide prohibition.

Local self-government amendment giving cities and towns the right to regulate the liquor traffic within their own borders subject to the local option law.

Employees liability bill.

Employees' indemnity commission and liability bill.

Proportional representation amendment by W. S. U'Ren and others.

Amendment to direct primary law empowering people to elect delegates to National conventions, select Presidential Electors and express their choice for president. Proposed by W. S. U'Ren, Senator Bourne and others.

Bill creating Board of Peoples' Inspectors of Government. By W. S. U'Ren and others.

JOHNNY'S CHRISTMAS

By SARAH BRYCE BOWEN.

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On Christmas morning while Jimmy was trying hard to dress himself—the buttons were all too big for the holes, he said—he heard a sharp bark downstairs. Jimmy stopped at once, and his eyes and ears were wide open. At another bark, half dressed, he dashed out of his room and downstairs. There in the library he saw as pretty a little fox terrier as ever stepped on four feet. Jimmy stood looking at the terrier, and the terrier stood with his pointed nose and sharp eyes turned directly on Jimmy. Then by way of making Jimmy's acquaintance he wagged his tail. At that moment Jimmy's father came into the room and said:

"He's your Christmas present, Jim. How do you like him?"

Jim was so wrapped in admiration of his dog that he made no reply. Finally he gasped:

"Is he really all mine, papa?"

"All yours, sonny. I intended to give him to you at breakfast, but his bark stood in the way. Come; we three will go up and finish your dressing. I suppose I'll have to help you now that your attention is diverted from your clothes. Come on, Zip."

"Is that his name?"

"That's a good one for him, don't you think so? He looks as if his name might be Zip."

And Zip the terrier continued to be called. There is as much affinity between children and dogs as there is enmity between dogs and cats. From the moment Jimmy saw Zip he loved him, and from the moment Zip saw Jimmy he adored him. Jimmy began to go to kindergarten that year, and from the time he departed Zip did nothing but wait for his return. Indeed, he would have gone with his little master had the door not been shut on him when Jimmy went out. But as soon as Jimmy came home Zip resembled a rubber ball on the bound. He jumped all over the boy, his expression plainly denoting his joy. Then what times Zip and Jim would have together! They would romp till Jim was too tired to romp any longer. Then Jim would get out his toys, and Zip would sit by watching him, turning his little head at Jim's every motion.

Jimmy's parents objected to the two friends passing the night as well as the day together, and this was a great hardship for both the dog and the boy. Many a time, notwithstanding great precaution, the family would awaken in the morning to find Zip and Jim in bed together. Jimmy's mother threatened to send his pet away if he did it again.

One morning Zip waited as he was always directed to wait for his chum to come down to breakfast. Jimmy did not come. Zip noticed that the father and mother looked anxious, and the dog was himself correspondingly worried. He ran this way and that way, butting his nose against a door that confined him, and when a maid

opened it without thinking Zip sprang through and ran upstairs into Jim's room. There lay Jim in bed looking red and hot. His mother was bending over him anxiously. Zip sprang up on to the bed. The mother ordered him off, but one look from Jim changed her intention, and she permitted Zip to remain.

But Zip had to go when the doctor came and was kept out of the room for the rest of the day. In the morning Jim was a little better, and his Christmas dog was let into his room and up on to his bed, where he licked the boy's hand, looking at him with melancholy eyes, as though his heart would break. But he was not permitted to remain long. Jimmy was too ill. Indeed, there were times when he probably did not know that his pet was with him. Zip was put outside, but remained at the door, looking up wistfully as people went in and out, as if for a bit of comfort as to his friend's condition.

Jimmy grew worse, and it seemed that he would pass away shortly before the dying year. The day before Christmas after the doctor's morning call Zip saw Jimmy's mother in tears. She had been told that the crisis would take place during the next twenty-four hours. Zip could not be driven from the door all day. In the evening he saw by the expression on the faces of those nursing Jimmy that something important was taking place.

It was 7 o'clock. The dinner table was set below in the dining room. On the sideboard was a dish of fruit, including some Malaga grapes. But no one seemed inclined to eat, and the room was deserted. The door of Jimmy's bedroom opened, and a trained nurse came out. A few minutes later Zip hopped up on the sick boy's bed with a bunch of grapes in his mouth. Jimmy's mother was about to take Zip in her arms and set him outside when her boy opened his eyes. Seeing Zip and the grapes, he put out his hand, trying to break off a grape, but was too feeble.

There Jimmy's mother plucked a grape and held it to her boy's lips. He swallowed it and with his eyes asked for more. Grape after grape was eaten by the patient till the last one on the bunch was gone. Then the boy slept, with Zip in his arms.

At 10 o'clock the nurse took Jimmy's temperature and discovered that it was nearly normal. At 11 the doctor came and was astonished at the change in the boy's condition. In the morning Jimmy ate a good breakfast and, hearing the word Christmas spoken, asked for his presents.

That was a happy day for all, especially Zip, who had turned the scale.

Music of the Telegraph.

Every one has put his ear to a telegraph pole to hear the wires hum, and most people have assumed that the wind was entirely responsible for the sound. So it is in many cases, but often the note is heard when not the slightest movement of the air is perceptible. A French investigator tells us that the sound in this case is due to the expansion and contraction of the wires from variations of temperature. As the wires are not perfectly uniform, they rub against the insulators, making a slight noise, which is amplified by the post acting as a sounding board. Another investigator is sure the sounds are due to electric waves, but he fails to explain how ordinary telegraph wires should be able to serve as wave detectors and in what way the electric waves are transformed into sound waves. The other theory seems more probable.

Some curious stories are told of this telegraph wire music. In Siberia the bears think that it is the buzzing of bees and would tear down the poles to look for honey if the contractors did not pile great stones about them to prevent this. In France, on the south side of the forest of Fontainebleau, the telegraph sounds are regarded as presaging rain. This is because the south wind in this region brings rain and the forest shuts off the north wind. In some districts the noise is popularly supposed to be due to the passage of messages, but it is hardly necessary to say that there is no evidence to support this view.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Fishback, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at his residence near Monmouth, in said County, within six months from the date of this notice.

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VARDEMAN ALBERT FISHBACK, Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Fishback, deceased,
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