

# INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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## MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED

It is now definitely known that at least sixteen measures will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the coming election, under the initiative and referendum. A brief outline of these measures follows:

Four constitutional amendments proposed by the legislature are as follows:

1. For an amendment of section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, directing a uniform rule of taxation "except on property specifically taxed," authorizing the levy and collection of 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.)
2. For an amendment of section 32, article 1, 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."

3. For amendment of article 9 of the Oregon constitution, authorizing the creation of railroad districts, and the purchase and construction of roads, or other highways, by the counties, municipalities and rail-districts, creation of liens upon property for the payment of taxes for the purpose of exempting property used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes. (Note: Another amendment of section 1, of said article 9, is pending, and is not in harmony herewith.)
4. For amendment of sections 6 and 7, article 4, of the constitution of this state, to provide a separate district for the election of each state senator and each state representative.

### Legislature Submits Two Acts.

Measures submitted by the legislature are:

- (1) An act authorizing the purchase of a site for and 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."
- (2) 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 revising 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.

One legislative act is submitted by referendum petition. It is:

1. 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 \$3000 received by him from the state.

Measures submitted by initiative petition follow:

1. A 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.
2. Women's taxpaying suffrage amendment, granting to all taxpayers, regardless of sex, the right of suffrage.

Five initiative measures are not yet filed, but are being prepared. They are:

1. Ashland Normal School bill.
  2. Weston Normal School bill.
  3. Monmouth Normal School bill.
  4. U'Ren's bill for people's inspectors of government.
  5. Employers' liability bill.
- The People's Progressive Government League has proposed five measures as follows:
1. State-wide prohibition.
  2. U'Ren's amendment to article iv of the constitution.
  3. Same for article v.
  4. Same for article vi.
  5. Same for article vii.

The total is nine proposed constitutional amendments and ten bills.

### Prosperity for Pacific Coast

A. L. Mills, president of Portland's biggest bank, evidently knows what he is talking about when he says the Pacific Northwest is the most prosperous section of the United States. He says capital of the country is easy and it is coming this way for investment in large quantities. Prospects for this year are the best, he says, the Northwest has ever known. He naturally attributes a very large part of the activity and hustle hereabout to the large amount of railroad building now under way. This work, he says, is showing the confidence the leaders in the financial world have in this section and it naturally breeds confidence in others.

### Modern Railroad Being Built

John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk railway, now under construction up the Deschutes to central Oregon, says 5000 men are at work on the 109 miles now under construction, or nearly as many men as ever were employed on the construction of the 370 miles of the north bank road. He says the new line is of the most modern construction and the whole thing is being pushed with the utmost possible energy. The present plan is to build south only as far as Bend, although maps have been filed from Bend south to the Klamath Indian reservation.

If the newspapers of the Northwest desire to ferret out a little scandal it might be well to examine the court records for the purpose of as-

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certaining if all fines and forfeited ball money in their county courts have been paid, says the Seattle correspondent of the Independence Enterprise. In King county, Washington the Post-Intelligencer has unearthed many such scandals. Thousands of dollars in fines and forfeited ball money is missing, in most cases no record existing of the money having been paid. Local courts in that section of Washington are getting busy and it is expected that a number of delinquents will be called up to make explanation.

### Exploiting Eastern Oregon

Eastern Oregon cities are tremendously in earnest in perfecting their commercial organizations. During the past week, under the joint auspices of the Oregon Development League and local bodies, meetings were held at Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles, and each was addressed by Tom Richardson, secretary of the Oregon Development League. The gatherings were extraordinary in attendance and interest.

Baker City had the largest attendance ever gathered at a progressive meeting. The leading citizens, after a conference, determined to raise a

large sum of money and advertise Baker City thoroughly.

At La Grande a newly built revival tabernacle was turned over to the business men and a great meeting resulted. Almost every town and community in Umatilla county was represented at the Pendleton meeting and there is a determination to make a great canvass of that section and to take advantage of the state law providing for a special tax for advertising the county. At a meeting at The Dalles, every seat in the hall was occupied and standing room was at a premium. Many prominent men were out who had never before attended a meeting of this character.

These meetings show that Eastern Oregon is earnestly at work to get all the benefits of intelligent publicity and the value of this organized effort will appear as time passes.

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