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LINN COUNTY. PEOPLE TIRE OF REFERENDUM

Investigation Shows That They Are Being Used to Further Political Ambitions of Certain Office-Seekers - Movement Blocked by Defective Petitions

ALBANY, April 11.—(Oregonian Special.)—It is announced in Albany today that the 500 names which have been signed to the petition calling for a referendum to the people of the University of Oregon appropriation bill have not been properly verified, and that the entire work must be commenced over again. Also it is stated that the petition itself does not contain all that is required by the referendum law, and that the two reasons will together vitiate the work accomplished thus far. The petitions were prepared by Tilman Ford, of Salem, and the defects are credited to those who launched the referendum.

The announcement that the work of the referendum workers thus far is null and void is not received with a uniform feeling of regret here. There is a feeling among many right here in Linn county, where the agitation against the University appropriation first showed symptoms of life, that the movement smacks of insincerity, personal animus and possibly politics.

Some prominent citizens have investigated the matter of appropriations for state schools of higher learning and have ascertained that the increase in appropriation for the Agricultural College at Corvallis was greater than that for the University; that the annual maintenance fund for the Corvallis school was doubled from \$25,000 to \$50,000; that a building fund of \$130,000 for the next two years was added; that these appropriations, when added to the \$10,000 or \$12,000 annually received from the interest on school land fund and the large appropriations from the Federal government, make the funds available for the Oregon Agricultural College during the next two years greater than that available for the State University.

Men who have investigated this have no feeling against the Agricultural College or the University, but do feel that if the motive of the referendum people is only one of retrenchment and an effort to curtail the expense of higher educational institutions supported by the state, it should reach all of these institutions which are drawing upon the public purse, and in no event should it be directed at the State University alone.

That this feeling is growing here is evidenced by the fact that a prominent citizen and taxpayer, since signing the referendum petition, has applied to the county clerk to have his name stricken from the petition. He, among others, feels that the effort is at least misdirected. It doesn't strike at the entire higher educational system, nor does it strike at that portion of the system which is most condemned—the normal schools. The feeling is gaining ground that the intelligent way to go at the business, and settle it for all time to come, is to use the initiative and let the people, at the next election, settle the entire educational question.

Then, again, those that are active in talking the referendum in the University bill devote much time to lamenting the fact that the public school system of the state does not receive anything like the money it should, compared with what that devoted to higher education. But none of them initiated a bill at the last election to increase the money available for public schools, nor any other measure to give a full nine months' school to boys and girls in the rural districts. Nor will the referendum on the University bill accomplish that result. They are, however, attacking the only state institution that has made its courses of study fit on to the public school system of the state.

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Mrs. Addison, state president of the W. C. T. U., will speak in the Fairmount church Sunday at 3 p. m.; the C. B. church in the evening at 7:30; and the high school Monday at 2:40 p. m. An informal reception will be given her at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. W. W. Calkins, East Eleventh street.

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In case the university engineers should take the matter up two or three parties would probably be made up. It is also said to be quite feasible to finish all the surveying that would be needed at this time in a week.

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While the report may be totally without foundation it seems more than likely that there is some conflict between examinations and the date, May 3. In that case the day may be changed to some time later. This would be very satisfactory to Oregon, for the later the big meets come the better the condition of her men.

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