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A Nation Wide Straw Vote
The Literary Digest is undertaking a straw vote oi the entire country. Cards are being mailed to $11,000,000$ voters to ascertain for whom they voted at the last presidential election and their first and second choices for the coming one. All that will be necessary will be to place a mark against the names on the card and then drop it in the mail box. As each caro will be stamped, there will be no expense attached to the voter. In this way the Digest hopes to procure a very accurate estimate of the trend of public opinion, which will go far towards determining the presidential nominations. The enterprise is most ambitious and the expense will be enormous, as the postage alone will amount to $\$ 220,000$.

Those Educational Tax Bills It seems there is some doubt whether the educational tax bills will carry in this county, at least some of their warm supporters are a little dubious. It is to be hoped that thel: fears will prove unwarranted. However Clackamas county seemingly has a reputation for extreme conservatism in the matter of voting for appropriations. I his trait may be prudent but it is not always wise. As the sage king said: "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." In no case is this more true than in education. "A little learning is a dangerous thing," and unless an educational institution is prepared to impart a thorough education, it will do more harm than good. It is just as important for schools to have adequate and proper equipment, as it is for an expert workman to have proper tools in order to do good work. That he may under stress put forth good work with poor tools, is no argument for not providing him with better if possible. So with our state colleges and schools unless they are suitably maintained, it would be wiser economy to close them entirely. They form a
trust ou the state and the obligation for its fulfillment rests on the tax payers as far as the necessary financial provision is concerned. One thing is certain, that unless they receive prompt and adequate relief the brightest and most ambitious of our rising generations, will leave the state to seek elsewhere, the education necessary for equipping themselves for their future careers. In these days only those who are competently trained, can hope to qualify as the standard of efficiency is continually rising and becoming more exacting owing to the demands of the times.
As election time draws near, the number of candidates is rapidly increasing. We will publish a list later on.

The strike as a method of intimidation, is proving a boomerang to the railroad unions in that the rank and file are taking the bit between their teeth and bolting. Having sown the wind the union officials stand to reap a cyclone, which will add to the high cost of living for the general public.

## Educational Notes

Even with the added support provided by the higher educational relief bill, the Oregon Agricultural College would be spending $\$ 70$ less per student per year than the Agricultural Colleges of Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas aud Washington, taken as examples. This estimate is based on the present attendance at O . A. C. without allowance for increase although attendance has increased 148 per cent in the last 7 years, while income from the state in the same period has increased less than 4 per cent. The State University is equally low in its expenditures in comparison with other state insticutions.
Pomona granges in Lincoln, Polk and Multnomah counties have endorsed the relief bill for higher education, which will appear on the ballot on May 21 as the Higher Educational Tax Act. The Eastern Oregon Cattle Feeders' Convention, the Oregon Dairy Council, and various other groups of farmers and -stockmen have endorsed the bill. Endorsements are beginning to be announced from American Legion Posts. The president of the State Federation of Labor has issued a letter to all labor unions, urging endorsement. Thsee approvals, together with the rumerous ones from chambers of commerce, civic bodies, and women's clubs, show the widespread interest in preserving the freedom and equality of higher education.


