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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1920.

OREGON WEATHER

Weather for the Week

+ Pacific Coast States: Generally fair in California; unsettled weather and occasional rain in Oregon and Washington; normal temperature.
+ Tonight and Saturday fair.
+ Continued cold.

"THE GREAT AND SOLEMN REFERENDUM"

(Telegram)

The great and solemn referendum has been held. The league of nations has been wrecked, not by the people, but by the pathological obstinacy of one man, who, knowing American history and American traditions from the ground up, still refused to be guided by them and chose rather to set himself up as the infallible dictator, the "all highest," who would not take into his confidence either the people or the people's chosen representatives outside of his own political clique.

It was clearly the intent of the framers of the constitution, says Mr. Taft, that so serious and all important a matter as a treaty with foreign powers should be concluded on a non-partisan basis. Otherwise it would not have been provided that the senate must concur in the treaty and concur not only by a majority, but by a two-thirds majority, which by the nature of things a single party will almost never have.

Mr. Wilson, a professed believer in the theory of the popular referendum, has been tried and found wanting by the tests which he himself so enthusiastically espoused. Therefore his fall is the more complete.

It has been no surprise to the average person. The astounding thing about it has been that a man of Mr. Wilson's shrewdness should have so fallen out of touch with the affairs of the every-day world, should have so completely lost track of the psychology of the average man.

The election has been a stern rebuke to "one-man power," to the demagogic and false emotional appeal which the democratic party has used from its presidential candidate down to its meanest toad-eating and boot-licking press.

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The American people have tired of maladministration.

VOTERS VETO MEASURES

The temper of the people toward freak and uncertain legislation has been well demonstrated by the result of the late election. Only one of the ten measures survived, and that one the bill that would make the terms of office of certain of the county officials four years instead of two years. There was merit to that measure that did not need argument. It has been public policy in the past to reelect county officials who had performed their duties properly. The new measure will do away with the expense of the election at every two-year period, while the recall still lives for the fellow who fails in his duty. The only other measure that came near winning was the one extending the period of the legislature from forty to sixty days and increas-

ing the pay of the legislators. The only real effect of the measure would have been to increase the pay of the legislators, the solons still receiving the same wage scale that was paid 50 years ago. They can still remain on the job sixty days if they wish and credit themselves at the rate of \$2 per day. The people ought to increase the pay of the legislators without having to hide the issue in a cloud.

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