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Constitutional Amendment.

Offered in the Session of '95 by our Candidate for Governor.

Senator King introduced senate concurrent resolution No. 19, as follows: Resolved by the senate, the house concurring:

That the following amendment to the constitution of Oregon be, and is, hereby proposed:

SECTION 1. The right to approve, reject and repeal state laws, or to reject or approve proposed state laws, shall rest with a majority of the legal voters of the state.

SECTION 2. The right to propose, reject, or approve, as the case may be, laws of the state, shall, in addition to being exercised by the legislative assembly, rest with the number of the voters of the state equal to (and not less than) seven per cent of the votes cast at the last preceding general election, held for the election of the officers of the state and counties; and the same shall be exercised by the petitioners filing a petition with the secretary of state, signed by the required number of legal voters, which petition shall designate the law and demand its submission to a vote of the people.

SECTION 3. After the filing of such petition the secretary of state shall designate a date for the holding of an election to vote thereon, which shall not be earlier than ten months after the adjournment of the last preceding session of the legislative assembly, nor later than one year after; and no law, or proposed law, shall be voted upon at such election unless the petition therefor is filed within the time required herein.

SECTION 4. No act passed by the legislative assembly shall become a law until six months after its approval by the governor, except in case of emergency, in which event the facts constituting the two-thirds vote of the members elected to both branches of the legislative assembly; and if in six months after its approval a petition shall have been filed as required in sections two and three herein, an election shall be ordered as required in section three for the acceptance, rejection, or approval, of such law, or proposed law; and if at such election a majority of the legal votes cast be in favor of such law the same shall then (and not before) become of full force and effect; but if less than a majority be in favor thereof the same shall become void; provided, that if the petition against any law passed by the legislative assembly shall have been presented before the expiration of the six months after the approval of the act by the governor, in the manner herein required, such act shall not take effect before the date of such election.

SECTION 5. The legislative assembly, or the people of the state of Oregon in the manner herein provided, may have the power to provide by law for more effectually carrying out all the provisions and intent of this amendment.

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A Maxwell's grammar that costs 30 cents in Idaho, costs 45 cents in Oregon. A Stickney's fifth reader, better than ours, costs 60 cents in Montana; ours \$1.00 in Oregon. A Franklin first reader—better than ours—costs 12 cents in Missouri against 25 cents for ours in Oregon.

We have something like 90,000 children enrolled in our schools. It is a question which they can settle on their slates—or even in their heads without slates—how much it will cost all of these children more than is necessary if it costs each one, say 25 cents more a year than is right.

Statistics from any of these states will no doubt be furnished upon application and the problem can be easily worked out by any one with a little intelligence, a slate pencil and the American Book Company's price list thrown in.

The fact is that the contract completed January 1, 1895, upon a vote taken in 1894 for school books gave Oregon very bad prices—or rather very good prices to the company contracting. This was the American Book Co. It sells nearly all the school text books in our state. It is working hard to retain control until 1901, and then to continue it six years longer. The candidate who is understood to be supported by them, voted for their books with but few exceptions and those unimportant, in 1894. The candidate who voted against them in 1894, and is now pledged to change this contract, is not befriended by the American Book Co.; he is opposed by them.

By this book trust, I wish to reaffirm through your columns my opposition to the present contract, and to say that if elected I shall use all the power of my office to give the people of Oregon as favorable prices and as good books as in the neighboring states. A change of contract—not necessarily of books, though in several branches we might have better books—is what I

favor; and I will favor any book company, that will give us fair prices. I favor also competition among a number of the best publishers, as in Idaho, where there are 13 publishers doing business, or in Missouri where there are 22.

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School Books.

Portland, Ore., May 16, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please permit me through your columns to call public attention to one of the vital points of this campaign now before the people, to be settled by the election, June 6th.

It relates to school text books, their prices, and the means of relief. Prices of books in Oregon are too high. In Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Missouri, and no doubt in other states, school text

Race Program.

The Burns Jockey Club will give four days racing, July 1, 2, 4 and 5 1898.

FIRST DAY, JULY 1,
1/4 mile dash free for all, purse \$175.

1/4 mile dash for Harney county horses that never run for public money, purse \$225.

SECOND DAY, JULY 2,
1/2 mile dash free for all, purse \$200.

2 mile bicycle race Harney county men, purse \$50.

THIRD DAY, JULY 4,
1/4 mile dash free for all, purse \$200.
1/4 mile dash for Harney county cow horses, grass fed, untrained, vaquero saddles, purse \$50.

FOURTH DAY, JULY 5,
1 mile dash free for all, purse \$225.

5 mile race, change horses every mile, purse \$50.

Indian race 1 mile and reverse, purse \$25.

CONDITIONS:—These races will be governed by the rules of the Pacific Blood Horse Association. Entrance fee in all races, not otherwise specified, 10 per cent of amount of purse, five or more to enter and three to start. In case that purses above given do not fill with five complete entries, the board has the power to reduce the amounts of the purses as in their judgment seems proper. The directors reserve the right to postpone any and all races on account of inclement weather. If above races do not fill, purses will be given for special races, to be substituted by the directors. Purses will be divided 70 per cent to the first horse, 30 per cent to the second, all entries close by 8 o'clock p. m. on the evening preceding the race. GEO. SHELLEY, President. J. J. DORRAN, Secretary.

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