

If the people through the initiative and referendum, can ever surpass the present legislature in the consideration of fool laws, they will have to become past-masters at the art of foolishness. Just look at the edifying and state-wide usefulness and eminent statesmanship of some of those measures—nine foot bed sheets, 10-inch hat pins, prohibiting swearing, and salary grabs galore. A record to be proud of. Yes, indeed.—Bend Bulletin

It seems by some blunder the recent legislature has made inoperative one appropriation bill involving something over \$300,000 and Gov. Chamberlain offered to call a special session to remedy the defect provided the members would serve without pay. This they refused to do and as a consequence repairs at the asylum, and other state institutions are likely to go without repairs until the next legislature meets.

BILL HANLEY HUSTLES.

President Wm. Hanley of the Burns Commercial Club has been doing much work since leaving here in January and has accomplished good results. In a recent letter to the secretary of the club he writes enthusiastically of prospects. He has the promise of both President Kerr and Dr. Withycombe of the Agricultural College to visit Burns during session of the Oregon-Idaho Development congress meeting in July and feels sure that the dry farm experiment station will be located in this valley. Secretary of State Benson who will also be acting governor and Atty. Gen. Crawford have also expressed their desire to come at that time. Mr. Hanley has also addressed a letter to the governor asking that this section be recognized and given a place on the board of regents of the agriculture college. In speaking of other matters of interest to the big undeveloped part of the state Mr. Hanley says:

"His Excellency is very friendly and favorable to our great railroad movement in developing Central Oregon, as no one knows better than he of the use that has been made of him by the Harriman system to mislead the people who have confidence in the governor, by being invited by Mr. Harriman to his Pelican Bay home, he going there as governor of the state, and Harriman's system ignoring every promise made by him, and the governor has the feeling and understanding that Mr. Harriman's main object was to gain time on his long neglected duties. I can say to you that he and many other top citizens of this state who have been used for the same purpose are going to see that the promises are carried out, even if the whole state's credit has to be used and the sovereign power raised to dictate to Mr. Harriman and his system that Oregon is going to wait no longer and is going to have her own territory developed.

"Your president is advancing the plan of raising the biggest and strongest lobby that ever went to the capital at Washington to demand the right of the use of all the proceeds of her undeveloped government land and the rights of all her developed crop of forests that is being held for future generations, to relieve the present unbearable condition of the one who now lives, to the use and extent to build all the railroads that this undeveloped territory needs, without a chance of ever impairing the credit of either the state or the great citizens that rise up to do for themselves what they have no power to make others do for them; who have no scruples against taking advantage of their uncalculated promises.

"Captain A. W. Gowan interested Mr. Tom Richardson of the Commercial Club, who called together a meeting of the Club for the purpose of accepting an invitation to come to Burns, and the date for these business men to meet our citizens and see the quality of products of the country was set for the October Fair. Captain Gowan should certainly be recognized for this good work, and I will say that you can expect a big delegation, and there never was any work done for the betterment of the condition of our country so influential as has

been done since the organization of the Burns Commercial Club, and the whole country is ripe to appreciate it."

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE.

The Times-Herald has been asked by several voters to explain the ordinance referred to the people of this city governing the salaries of the various officers which will be voted on next Tuesday at the annual election. After looking up the initiative and referendum act we find that it is really immaterial which way one votes for our charter gives the city council power (subject to the provisions of the initiative and referendum law) to regulate the salaries of the recorder, marshal and treasurer, therefore an expression either one way or another will be of no consequence so far as effecting the salaries of the present officers are concerned.

The ordinance was passed by the council because of (as they claim) dereliction of duties by the officers effected. These men invoked the referendum within the time limit and the matter was allowed to lie until the regular election, the council being under the impression that should the ordinance be sustained it would go into effect from the date of its passage. But such is not the case. The ordinance will take effect from and after the date of the proclamation after the vote is taken and does not effect the back salaries of these officers for the old ordinance holds. The sections of the law bearing upon the case are as follows:

" * * * It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, in the presence of the Governor, to proceed within thirty days after the election, and sooner if the returns be all received, to canvass the votes given for each measure; and the Governor shall forthwith issue his proclamation, giving the whole number of votes cast in the State for and against each measure and question, and declaring such measures as approved by majority of those voting thereon to be in full force and effect as the law of the State of Oregon from the date of said proclamation; * * *

"Section 10. In all cities and towns which have not or may not provide by ordinance or charter for the manner of exercising the initiative and referendum powers reserved by the Constitution to the people thereof, as to their municipal legislation, the duties required of the Secretary of State by this act, as to state legislation, shall be performed as to such municipal legislation by the city auditor clerk or recorder, as the case may be; the duties required of the Governor shall be performed by the mayor as to such municipal legislation, * * *

Under these circumstances, it will be seen that the full pay must be allowed the officers up to the date of election and the new council may at once repeal any former ordinance and regulate the salaries as they see fit. A vote to sustain the ordinance would merely mean vindication of the act of the council and not necessarily binding upon the incoming officers. The voters would not expect to get an efficient marshal at \$40 per month and of course the council elect would feel disposed to raise the salary of that officer at least. The recall was the remedy open for the council or an immediate election would have settled it, but now we have a "new deal."

The initiative and referendum law seems to be lame in not making separate provisions governing initiative and referendum measures.

TWO CITY TICKETS

There has been two tickets filed with the city recorder for the election next Tuesday. One is called "Citizens-Taxpayers' Ticket" with the following nominees: Mayor, Wm. Farre; recorder, P. T. Randall; Marshal, R. L. Haines; treasurer, J. C. Welcome Jr.; councilmen, Dr. W. Brown, F. A. Cole.

The other ticket hasn't been named yet, but has the following names: Mayor, Ben Brown; recorder, M. L. Lewis; marshal, M. F. Williams; treasurer, J. C. Welcome Jr.; councilmen, A. C. Welcome, G. W. Clevenger.

Mr. Brown has a signed statement in this issue stating he will not qualify if elected. Mr. Clevenger told a representative of The Times-Herald that he will positively refuse to serve if elected.

While in this city recently W. W. Brown made a \$25 donation to the library and told the ladies in charge to use it as they saw fit. They decided to use the amount in complimentary tickets to high school and eighth grade pupils of the school who are not already members of the annex.

J. H. Culp, painting and paper hanging, Burns, Oregon.

THE "OLD MAN" DON'T BELIEVE HIM.

Portland Journal: Addison Bennett, who recently returned from an extended trip through Harney county, as has been told in various letters to The Journal, this morning made the following statement concerning the railway road situation as understood by the people of the interior of Oregon.

"The people of Oregon as a whole do not understand the law just enacted by the legislature, and may be led to believe from various editorials in the Oregonian that the voters are to be called upon to saddle a huge debt upon the state for the purpose of building a railway or railways to annex Central Oregon to the state at large.

Such is not the meaning or intent of the law. It simply allows us to pass at the next general election upon a constitutional amendment allowing the state as a whole, or any neighborhood, county or municipality to tax property owners to build railroads of their own.

"The morning paper would have us believe that Mr. Harriman is about to open up central Oregon by criss-crossing the state with a system of railways, and that the present agitation will be detrimental to us all, for the reason that it will retard Mr. Harriman's operations and hamper his enterprises by obstructing him in securing rights of way for his entrance into the interior. It may not be known to the readers of The Journal as a rule that the Union Pacific has had a right-of-way from Ontario west through that section, by the one feasible route through the Crane creek gap, for over a quarter of a century, and has sat as tight on it as a dog on a bone, and still holds it as against any other corporation. Hence the statement that Harriman is going to build up the Deschutes as soon as he can get the right of way comes with little force.

"The Union Pacific and other lines were built after securing huge land grants, usually the alternate sections on each side of the road for a distance of 20 miles. We know something about that in Oregon, by the vacant places down through the Willamette valley, and how such grants retard development. Now, the people of the interior do not ask for any such grants, but there are some 25,000,000 acres of vacant government land in the counties of Malheur, Harney, Lake, Klamath and Crook, which would be trebled in value by transportation facilities and such increase of values would more than build all of the necessary railways. Could the price of that land be placed at even \$2.50 per acre in place of the present minimum of \$1.25 and the accretion given to the state, there would be funds sufficient to go ahead, and without a dollar expense to the thickly settled portion of the state.

"It may not be generally known that two decades ago a road was started westward from Ontario. Why was it not built? It was not the fault of Mr. Harriman, for he had as yet not emerged from his 8x10 Wall street office, but his predecessors thought they had that section bottled up, as they had, and that there was no use in building until some other road undertook to do something.

"And now, when the situation becomes acute by a bill allowing the people to build their own road, Mr. Harriman suddenly announces his intention of building up the Deschutes and in other ways crisscrossing the state.

"The people of central Oregon have been asking for a railway for almost a quarter of a century and have been fed on Harriman's promises. The question now that confronts us is simply whether the people of the interior are to wait another quarter of a century on those promises or be allowed to tax themselves to build their own road. That is the sole problem, and I think a two years' campaign of education will convince the people of this section and the other popular sections that the interior counties should be allowed the privilege of opening up that section and annexing it to Oregon rather than to sit still and allow the country to remain practically unoccupied by an industry save livestock.

"The future granary of the northwest lies across the mountains. The wheat and barley that could be produced over there would astound the world. It would soon become one of the most populous and wealthy sections of Oregon, simply by giving it an outlet. Is such an outlet to be given, or is central Oregon still to remain bottled up?"

"I have become convinced that the voters of the state will not be hoodwinked by the statements that the state is to enter upon an era of wild and extravagant railway building if this amendment is adopted, but the sober sense of the people will allow a community that is now bound and gagged to extricate themselves by taxing themselves and building their own road, even if the government does not see fit to allow the vacant lands to pay a part of the bill through the accretions that will surely follow the construction of transportation lines.

PROVISIONS OF NEW GAME LAW

Senator Abraham's law for the protection of game in Oregon contains the following provisions as to the hunting and fishing seasons:

Beaver—Closed until 1920.
Buck deer—Open July 15 to November 1. Limit three deer during season. Coos and Curry counties open July 15 to October 15. Sale prohibited. No hunting with dogs.
Elk—Closed until September 14, 1914.

Spotted fawn, antelope and mountain sheep—Closed perpetually.

Ducks—Open September 1 to March 1 of following year. Limit 50 birds a week. Coos and Curry counties August 1 to February 1, and Klamath and Lake August 1 to April 1.

Geese and swan—Open season from October 1 to March 1.
Chinese pheasant—Closed until October 1, 1911.

Grouse, native pheasant, ruffed grouse, or partridge—October 1 to December 1. Limit 10 birds per day or 20 per week.

Prairie chicken—Open September 15 to November 15. Limit 10 birds a day or 20 a week.
Quail—Open from October 1 to December 1. Limit 10 a day or 20 a week. In Grant, Harney, Wheeler, Gilliam and Umatilla Counties, closed until 1912.

Trout—Open for hook and line fishing only, April 1 to November 1. Sale prohibited. Limit 75 trout in one day.

Bass—Unlawful to catch with other than hook and line.

G. W. Clevenger arrived home the first of the week from a visit to outside points. He went out to buy furniture and upon his return from the east visited various places on the way home and sold several pianos.

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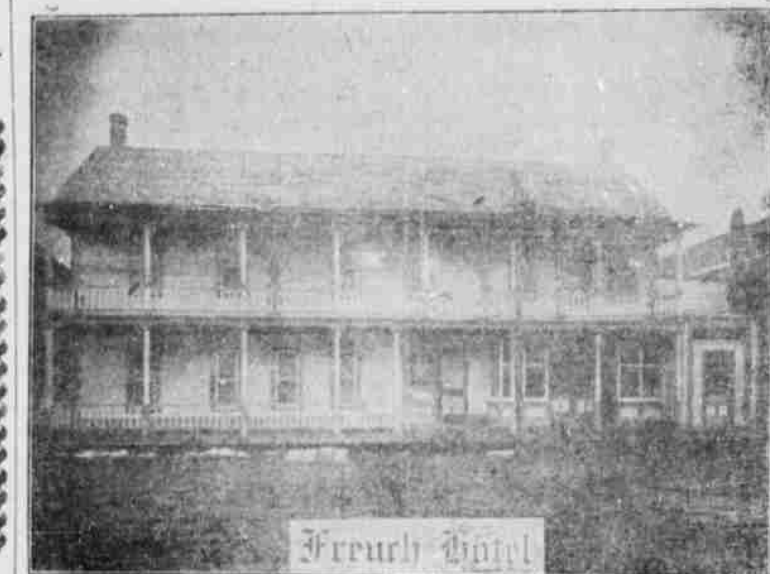
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