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Sticking to the old ticket is the  
plain business like alternative.

The republican party has proven  
that it is the best reliance in stormy  
times.

Safe and sane government is a  
great deal better than theatrical  
politics.

Uncle Sam's fleets are a thoro'  
illustration of the value of Peace  
with preparedness.

If protection is struck down this  
will be a billion dollar country in  
consequential damages also.

Europeans, we are told, do not  
worry about our presidential elec-  
tion campaign; neither do the  
Americans.

"Perkins prods Hilles charges,"  
we read, and so it goes; between  
prodding and charging this politi-  
cal game is a wonder.

Now, if Roosevelt can't speak,  
Taft won't speak, and Wilson de-  
clines to speak; who is going to  
provide the talkfest for the next  
9½ or ten days?

A condemned murderer in Cal-  
ifornia, is expecting the women to  
vote down capital punishment in  
November, and thus save his neck.  
Women have long claimed that,  
armed with suffrage, they could  
untie many knots.

## Clyde B. Aitchison

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## Good Men to Follow.

That the heads of our largest educational institutions  
are moulding the minds of our children and that we have  
confidence in their judgment is best illustrated by our sup-  
port. We can with reason therefore advocate without hesi-  
tancy such questions as receive their unqualified endorsement

The following are friendly to the Equal Suffrage Movement  
President P. L. Campbell, University of Oregon  
President W. J. Kerr, Oregon Agricultural College  
President Foster, Reed College  
President J. H. Ackerman, State Normal School  
President Fletcher Homan, Willamette University

Portland Equal Suffrage League,  
Mrs. Solomon Hinch, President.

Vote X 300 on the Ballot

That speech of Bryan urging  
that the shooting of Roosevelt  
should not affect the result of the  
campaign, the statement of Roose-  
velt indorsing that opinion, and  
Bryan's frank rejoinder, should  
clear the air of much loose talk  
which has followed Schrank's crazy  
deed; Roosevelt is no nearer right  
and no nearer wrong since he was  
shot than before, and we can go  
on discussing principles involved,  
and the qualifications of the candi-  
dates to carry out those princi-  
ples, without regard to the would-  
be assassin's deed. That deed,  
however, served one good purpose  
in eliminating from the campaign  
much personal bitterness, and has  
helped to bring the zealots back to  
the real subject of discussion. Let  
us understand that politics should  
talk politics without hurling abusive  
epithets.

Among the peculiarities exhibited  
by Serank, the unaccountable  
would be assassin of Roosevelt,  
is the fact that he never asked to  
see the newspapers following his  
desperate deed, which would ap-  
pear to indicate that self-glorifica-  
tion could not have entered greatly  
into his motives. Another strange  
trait was his utter indifference as to  
the results, or his probable fate.  
He certainly appears to be of pecu-  
liar mental and moral make up,  
somewhat differing from Booth,  
the assassin of Lincoln, Guiteau,  
the assassin of Garfield, or Czol-  
goscz, the assassin of McKinley;  
but evidently posing similar dan-  
gerous and unbalanced attributes.

Shipping 1,000 boxes of peaches  
from Wepatchee to the markets of  
London, and having them arrive  
there in such excellent shape that  
they were disposed of at 10 cents  
a peach. It was a very handsome  
indorsement for that part of our  
sister state, and shows that the  
growers there have confidence in  
the keeping qualities of their fruit,  
for which they have been amply  
rewarded.

High cost of living is going up  
at an alarming rate, says the heavy  
black head line in a Chicago daily,  
and one shouldn't wonder at it,  
recalling the graft base ball frame-  
up in New York, which The World  
says cost \$5,000,000 every day for  
transportation and expenses; why,  
here in Oregon transportation and  
expenses cost nearly \$400,000 to  
see the round-up at Pendleton.

Nicholas J. Sinnott, republican  
candidate for congressman from  
this district, is campaigning over  
the entire region which he finds a  
much larger territory than he had  
any clear idea of. Nick is a very  
popular candidate, a young man  
with bright future prospects, and  
his election is one of the certain  
results of this campaign.

Since the passage of the present  
tariff law the aggregate of wages in  
the United States has increased  
more than \$5,000,000; the argu-  
ment of the pay envelope, seems  
to be the convincing one.

Three republican presidents, and  
one ex-president who was a repub-  
lican while in office, have been  
shot by assassins; but no party,  
unless anarchists, ever approved  
these fearful crimes.

Prof. Wilson has made an ora-  
torical swing through the country  
and his admirers are still totally  
unable to explain why they call  
him a remarkable man.

## Voters Should not be Deceived.

The flat-salary law so vigorously  
opposed by the state printer was  
passed by the last legislature; the  
initiative act, if adopted, merely  
puts the act of the legislature into  
effect two years earlier than it  
would take effect by its own terms.

The measure provides \$4,000 a  
year for the state printer as a fixed  
salary; he opposes it and is spend-  
ing money freely to defeat the  
initiative; by his own admissions  
he receives twice as much as the  
salary provided in the said law.

It is our best judgment that the  
measure is meritorious and will re-  
sult in a great saving to the tax-  
payers of this state. We therefore  
advise our readers, who are voters  
to mark their ballots 328 X Yes.

Astorian are planning a big ex-  
cursion to view Cello falls, the  
site of the future Minneapolis of  
The Inland Empire, the ship can-  
al which is to throw the Colum-  
bia river open from the British  
Columbia boundary to the Pacific  
ocean, the wonderful Oregon  
Trunk Ry bridge, connecting the  
state of Washington with Central  
Oregon, and a thousand other  
things that will make the dream-  
ing Astorian sit up and take notice  
if he will but cut loose from his  
tattered rope long enough to be one  
of this excursion.

"What is a boss?" What a fool  
question to ask; in your party of  
course there are no bosses, they're  
all "managers." But in the other  
parties the leaders are all known  
bosses, who are planning day and  
night to rob the people; that's  
what a boss is, but remember, you  
haven't any in your party.

These are the days "When the  
leaves begin to fall," reminding  
one of that sweet old solo, and the  
sweeter voice that so charmingly  
said for us, in the melancholy  
days, "the saddest of the year";  
also the frosts, that are on the pumpkin,  
calling Whitcomb Riley and "the  
fodder in the shock."

Jonathan Bourne charges ex-U.  
S. Senator C. W. Fulton with bad  
faith. Without disclosing any po-  
litical good faith in his own career  
it appears to us that Jonathan is  
overstepping the bounds of decent  
behavior to so charge gentlemen  
above him in every walk in life.

The proposed blue sky law from  
which so much good was expected  
to result with its enactment in this  
state, has been winged in its flight  
to the voters by a little joker, and  
we feel compelled to ask you to  
fill that blank on the ticket with an  
emphatic No mark.

Some bachelors believe Uncle  
Sam is boosting the price of farm  
lands unduly, when he makes mat-  
rimony part of the consideration.

One good turn deserves another,  
but in vaudeville 'one good turn'  
is frequently followed by a decid-  
edly punk one.

One of the most thankless jobs  
is telling a man something for  
his own good.

Knox is to Retire Soon  
Pittsburg.—In an inspired statement  
the Pittsburg Dispatch, for many  
years the organ of Secretary Knox,  
announces his determination to retire  
from public life on March 1 next, no  
matter what the result of the pending  
election.

Twenty Burned When Tank Explodes  
Petaling.—More than 20 persons,  
including members of the volunteer  
and paid fire department and the mayor  
of the city, were seriously burned  
when the gasoline tank of an automo-  
bile exploded on upper Main street, in  
the heart of the business section.

Illinois Students Attack Playhouse.  
Champaign, Ill.—University of Illi-  
nois students celebrated a football  
victory over Indiana by attacking the  
Walker opera house in Champaign  
and many persons were injured in  
the battle with local police and stage  
hands.

Mormon Society Meets.  
La Grande.—The relief society con-  
ference of the Latter Day Saints  
church held a session at their taber-  
nacle Sunday. A large delegation  
from the whole of eastern Oregon and  
Idaho were present.

Robber Loots Skagway Express Office  
Skagway, Alaska.—The express  
office of Wells Fargo and Co. at  
Skagway, contained \$250,000 in gold  
in boxes, locked up in the safe, when  
Agent Herbert Taylor was sand-  
bagged by a robber. The thief got  
out express packages, valued at \$1300,  
some of which is non-negotiable paper.

## MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT.

Friends of the Initiative System of  
Government in Oregon should  
Study this Amendment.

Among the 38 measures which will ap-  
pear on the official ballot to be voted on  
by the electorate of Oregon Nov. 5th, will  
be the Majority Rule Amendment. This  
is an amendment to the constitution of  
the state of Oregon so as to require a majority  
of all electors voting at any election to  
adopt constitutional amendment and pass  
initiative measures.

This measure is proposed for the express  
purpose of preserving the initiative law for  
the people of Oregon by preventing its  
over use by its friends, and "preventing its  
abuse and possibly its repeal by its ene-  
mies. It scarcely admits of argument that  
the initiative law as originally intended by  
its sponsors, is a most worthy measure; but  
we find it today working over time; we  
find it being grossly abused and perverted;  
turned from the purpose for which it was  
originally intended; namely, to be a pow-  
erful weapon in the hands of the people  
with which to get important and necessary  
legislation after the same had been neglect-  
ed or refused by the state legislature. Gov.  
Woodrow Wilson says: It is to be regard-  
ed as a gun behind the door, to be used  
only when the people's representatives fail  
to represent them.

After its eight years of use and abuse we  
find that it is fast passing the legislature  
to a subordinate, and second place; begin-  
ning with a few measures, and a comparatively  
small official pamphlet, it has grown until  
today there are 38 measures to be voted  
upon, and an official pamphlet containing  
250 pages for the voters of Oregon to grope  
through in order to arrive at anything like  
an intelligent conclusion as to the merits  
of the proposed measures.

What percent of the voters will take the  
trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite  
time and attention in order to vote in-  
telligently thereon? and yet it is the  
bounden duty of every voter to do so, be-  
cause of this conglomerate mass there may  
be important measures affecting vitally all  
of the people of the state. A large majority  
of these 38 measures are ordinary mat-  
ters of legislation which should have gone  
to the legislature whose members elected  
by all of the people are paid for the pur-  
pose of passing upon the merits of demer-  
its of such measures, and who are at least  
supposed to be competent to render an in-  
telligent decision thereon; and yet we can-  
not expect any change in the number of  
measures on the ballot so long as we have  
unbridled and unprotected initiative, every  
faddist and fanatic who may be able to  
raise the price with which to hire an army  
of professional petition circulators to go  
forth and collect signatures to a petition at  
so much per name. What is there to pre-  
vent special interests from initiating mea-  
sures containing items which if left pass  
may work untold injustice to the people of  
Oregon? Will the electorate of Oregon take  
the time and trouble to study this official  
pamphlet sufficiently to select the good  
measures from the vicious ones; the wheat  
from the chaff, so to speak, and pass favor-  
ably on the good ones and reject the bad  
ones? We say no, and to substantiate our  
claim we need only call attention to the  
fact that you may go forth today, so close  
to the election, and consult 10 men whose  
professional and business training has taught  
them to look carefully into important mat-  
ters before rendering a decision thereon,  
and ask them if they have read the 250  
pages of the pamphlet. We make the state-  
ment without fear of successful contradic-  
tion; that at least 7 out of 10 will admit  
they have not read the pamphlet at all, and  
if so have only given it a superficial glance.  
If such be the case with the men who are  
supposed to give these matters close atten-  
tion, what can be expected of the busy

mechanic and laboring man whose atten-  
tion is centered in other directions and  
whose environment is all along other lines?  
The remedy suggested at the present mo-  
ment by some of the most prominent news-  
papers of the state is, "Vote 'No' on all  
measures unless you are sure."  
Not having studied the merits of the 38  
measures, how can the voter be sure? If  
he votes 'No' on all or most all the mea-  
sures and all are turned down, how about  
the one, two, or perhaps the three or four  
meritorious measures for which there is a  
genuine need or demand by the people?  
Are they to meet the same fate as the doc-  
tors of ordinary measures which should  
have gone to the legislature in the first  
place, or the vicious, or fanatic measures  
which should be turned down with a ven-  
geance.

If we are to preserve the initiative law  
for the people of Oregon, both present and  
future, we must protect it by surrounding  
it with a safeguard which will prevent its  
misuse and abuse by those who would use  
it to further selfish interests to the detri-  
ment of the greater number of the people  
of the state.

The Majority Rule amendment will do  
this by driving all ordinary measures of  
legislation into the Legislature, where they  
belong, and by driving the selfish and per-  
nicious measures into oblivion where they  
also belong.

The Majority Rule amendment  
if passed, will reduce the number  
of measures on the ballot to a sane  
basis by giving notice to all that a  
measure in order to stand a chance  
of passing must have real merit  
and that there must be an actual  
demand for the same, in which  
case there will be no difficulty at  
all in getting a majority to vote in  
favor of it.

Take the time and pains to look  
into the Majority Rule amend-  
ment and, if you do, you will vote  
for it and preserve the initiative  
law for the people of Oregon.

VOTE

322	X	Yes
323		No

THE MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE

WHY WOMEN WANT TO VOTE.  
Regulate women need the ballot to  
regulate conditions under which they  
work. Do working men think they can  
protect themselves without the right to  
vote?  
Housekeepers need the ballot to regu-  
late the sanitary conditions under  
which they and their families must  
live.  
Do men think they can get what is  
needed for their district unless they  
can vote for the men that will get it  
for them?  
Mothers need the ballot to regulate  
the moral conditions under which their  
children must be brought up.  
Do men think they can fight against  
vicious conditions that are threatening  
their children unless they can vote for  
the man that run the district?  
Teachers need the ballot to secure  
just wages and to influence the man-  
agement of the public schools.  
Do men think they could secure bet-  
ter school conditions without a vote to  
elect the Mayor who nominates the  
Board of Education?  
Business women need the ballot to  
secure for themselves a fair oppor-  
tunity in their business.  
Do business men think they could  
protect themselves against adverse  
legislation without the right to vote?  
Tax paying women need the ballot  
to protect their property.  
Do not men know that "Taxation  
without representation" is tyranny?  
All women need the ballot, because  
they are concerned equally with men  
in good and bad government; and  
equally responsible for civic righteous-  
ness.  
All men need women's help to build  
a better and juster government, and  
Women need men to help them se-  
cure their right to fulfill their civic  
duties.  
Men of Oregon! Vote 300 X yes.

## Old Glory or the Red Rag

Nightly on the streets of Portland loud mouthed  
agitators blaspheme the name of the Lord and curse  
the Star Spangled Banner. They are reaching out  
into the smaller communities and it may be your  
turn next to contend with them. Read and vote  
No. 370 in Voters' Pamphlet.

## Assaulting the Dignity of Labor

High salaried agitators are constantly assaulting  
and maiming the honest laboring men of Portland  
who are unwilling to divide their earnings with  
these leaches on the decent labor element. Read  
and vote No. 368 and prohibit boycotting and pick-  
eting. Your son is not safe in Portland if he re-  
fused to support these crime instigators.

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