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SUPPLEMENT.

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Some More of the Amendments.

(Continued from last issue.)

The next act is one to increase the appropriation for the State University from \$47,500 to \$125,000 annually. Exhaustive arguments for and against this measure may be found in the pamphlet sent out by the secretary of state to voters, and both should be carefully studied. The argument submitted by Eugene Palmer and Cyrus H Walker for the Linn County Council, Patrons of Husbandry, is a strong document and makes some telling points against the increase. Among other things this argument points out that, while the University claims an increase of 23 per cent in students, it is asking an increase of nearly 300 per cent in appropriation; that neither the University nor its students are "poor," since last season they employed a "coach" for their football team at a salary of \$1500 for two months' instruction and boasted in the newspapers that it was the biggest salary ever paid a "coach" in the Northwest. It is also shown that many courses given in the Oregon Agricultural College are duplicated in the University, entailing a needless expense on the state. It is shown that the cost per pupil to the state at the University is now \$299 per year, while the cost per pupil at the common schools of the state is but \$8 a year, and that in many country districts there is but four months' school per year because of lack of money to pay teachers, and teachers are scarce because so poorly paid. Less than one-tenth of one per cent of the pupils of the state receive direct benefit from the University, while less than 8 per cent of the pupils of the state pass beyond a common school course. Voters should investigate these arguments carefully before voting.

The next amendment is that for equal suffrage, permitting women to vote on equal terms with men. This amendment is only a matter of justice to the women of Oregon. No one will attempt to deny that they are the equals if not the superiors of men in intelligence and true patriotism, and for the men to longer deny them equal political rights is neither good judgement nor good politics.

There are two measures offered relating to the fishing industry in the Columbia River, one offered by the upper river fishermen and one by the lower river fishermen. Each seems to

be an effort to put the other fellow out of business, and to a person not versed in the fishing industry it appears better to adopt both measures and thus give the salmon a chance.

An amendment to the constitution is proposed giving to cities and towns the exclusive right to license, control or prohibit theatres, race tracks, etc., and the sale of liquors subject to the provisions of the local option law of the state of Oregon. Arguments for and against this amendment are submitted in the pamphlet. The affirmative claims this amendment will give to cities and towns practical home rule, while the negative declares that the real purpose of the measure is to knock out the local option prohibition law. Voters should read up both arguments.

The amendment relating to the exemption of certain classes of property from taxation is patterned after the Henry George theory and aims to exempt all dwelling houses, manufacturing plants and all fruit trees from taxation. Just what benefit to the people generally it will be to allow all wealthy manufacturers to escape taxation, while piling the burden on small merchants and land owners, is not apparent. The single tax is a beautiful theory but it is a question whether Oregon is ready to adopt a half baked torn of that theory. An argument favoring the amendment will be found in the pamphlet.

The "Recall Amendment" provides for the calling of a special election at any time for the purpose of discharging any public official and for electing his successor. The argument in favor of this amendment claims that in order to get the best service from public officials it should be made as easy for the people to discharge any incompetent or corrupt official as it is for a farmer to discharge his hired man. Many of the most progressive cities, including Los Angeles, Seattle, Grand Rapids, and Lewiston, Idaho, have adopted this plan, with excellent results, and San Francisco adopted it recently. Oregon has had cases where this power by the people could have been used with excellent results and to the good name of the state.

The Proportional Representation bill is intended to enable every political party or organization of citizens to elect members of the legislature in proportion to the number of its supporters in the district. Arguments on this question will be found in the pamphlet.

Another bill provides for purity of elections, limiting the campaign expenses of candidates and the prevention of corrupt practices. This act is an important one and is intended to stop much of the corruption in politics that has marked the past. Arguments by the Good Government League will be found in the pamphlet.

The next amendment of importance provides that no person can be indicted for a crime except by a regularly empaneled grand jury, and taking away the present power of district attorneys to set as a grand jury and bring indictments against whom they please. This is certainly a just measure and should carry. Arguments in its favor will be found in the pamphlet supplied by the secretary of state.

The Dalles Cherry Exhibit.

The midsummer meeting of the State Horticultural Society and Cherry Fair will be held at The Dalles, Oregon, June 30, July 1 and 2, 1908.

Following are the prizes offered by The Dalles business men to exhibitors:

ONE BOX EXHIBIT (TEN-POUND BOX).

Variety	Class	Prize	Value
Royal Ann	1st.	cup	\$10 00
" "	2nd.	cash	3 00
" "	3rd.	cash	2 00
Bing	1st.	cup	10 00
" "	2nd.	cash	3 00
" "	3rd.	cash	2 00
Lambert	1st.	cup	10 00
" "	2nd.	cash	3 00
" "	3rd.	cash	2 00
Black Republic'n	1st.	cup	10 00
" "	2nd.	cash	3 00
" "	3rd.	cash	2 00

FIVE BOX EXHIBIT (TEN-POUND BOX).

Royal Ann	1st.	cup	\$15 00
" "	2nd.	cash	5 00
" "	3rd.	cash	3 00
Bing	1st.	cup	15 00
" "	2nd.	cash	5 00
" "	3rd.	cash	3 00
Lambert	1st.	cup	15 00
" "	2nd.	cash	5 00
" "	3rd.	cash	3 00
B. Republican	1st.	cup	15 00
" "	2nd.	cash	5 00
" "	3rd.	cash	3 00

GENERAL EXHIBIT 15 OR MORE 10-LB. BOXES NOT LESS THAN 3 VARIETIES.

- - -	1st.	cash	\$25 00
- - -	2nd.	cash	15 00
- - -	3rd.	cash	10 00

All fruit entered for premium must

be grown by exhibitor.

An attractive program consisting of speeches, vocal and instrumental music is being arranged and will be published in a short time.

R. H. WEBER,
A. E. LAKE,
G. E. SANDERS,
Committee.

In Memory of George G. Selby.

Central Point, Ore., May 15, 1908.

To the officers and members of Central Point Camp, No 3219, Royal Neighbors of America:—

We, your committee appointed to prepare resolutions in memory of our late Neighbor George G. Selby, respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, The Grand Guardian of heaven and earth has in His wisdom seen fit to remove from our Camp our beloved Neighbor George G. Selby, who departed this life May 2, 1908

Whereas, We miss his presence from around our Camp fire, yet we bow in humble submission to Divine will. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy to the beloved wife and sons, trusting that Divine love will comfort them in this, their hour of sorrow. And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given the family, and a copy be given our local paper for publication; also a copy be spread upon our minutes.

STELLA B FOX,
ISABELLA LEEVER,
ZENA GRISHAM,
Committee.

Timely Showers.

The copious rains of the past week were of incalculable benefit to this valley, as well as to all other parts of the state. Alfalfa and grain fields, gardens, berries, in fact all vegetation needed the attention of Mr. J. Pluvius more than at any time in years. The fears occasioned by frost damage are largely dispelled by the timely rains and everybody is happy. In the eastern Oregon wheat belt the timely showers assure another bumper wheat crop, and all Oregon is feeling pretty comfortable, thank you. Condon had three inches of snow last week and Shaniko had eight inches, but snow water makes the wheat grow all the same rain in that country.