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THE NINETEEN MEASURES.

ONLY NINETEEN MEASURES are to be passed upon, by the voters of Oregon, on Monday, June 1. Some of them are meritorious and, in the opinion of the NEWS, should become law; while the majority of them are mischievous and should never have been proposed. It almost appears that there was an attempt to discredit the Initiative and Referendum, by so overloading the ballot with measures that voters will become disgusted. Be this as it may, these measures must all be passed upon. They will all become laws, or they will be rejected. The voter cannot dodge the issue by not voting upon them. The NEWS gives a synopsis of them and its opinion as to the merits or demerits of each; not that it is wiser than the average voter, but that it has the same rights of opinion any other voter has and desires to express them, taking them up in the order as arranged by the Secretary of State.

No. 1.—Amendment to the state constitution increasing the legislators pay from \$3.00 per day and mileage, to \$10.00 per day and mileage. As the office of legislator is not intended to be lucrative, the increase would not get any better legislative timber than the present pay. It would simply be a waste of \$6300 without deriving any benefit whatever. The NEWS votes NO.

No. 2.—Amendment to the constitution to permit the location of state institutions elsewhere than at the state capital. This amendment would simply open the doors widely to the evil which the people have been fighting for several years and increase the expense to the state enormously. Again we will vote NO.

No. 3.—Amendment increasing the number of justices of the supreme court from three to five. This measure we believe is meritorious. The business before the supreme bench has been greatly multiplied in recent years and the work is beyond the capacity of three justices to handle. The last legislature to aid the overworked court, provided for two associate commissioners to assist in taking care of the business. The amendment would simply make these commissioners, full-fledged justices. On this measure the NEWS will vote YES.

No. 4.—Amendment to change the date of our biennial election from June to November. In our opinion nothing would be gained by the change. As a rule November weather is much more unpleasant than June and many old men would be deterred from voting on that account. Also, our present method has a tendency to segregate state from national politics. Men are freer of the party lash and more truly vote their sentiments. Our vote will be NO.

No. 5.—Referendum petition ordered by the people. An act relative to the custody and board of prisoners while in jail. This is a Multnomah county quarrel injected into state politics. As we cannot see that anything will be gained by enacting this measure into law, we vote NO.

No. 6.—The free pass measure, requiring public carriers to transport legislators, state officers and certain county officers free. Referendum ordered by petition of the people. This measure was enacted by the legislature at the session of 1907, was vetoed by Governor Chamberlain and then enacted into law over his head. As we believe legislators, state and county officers should be free of any obligations to the railroad or other public carriers, our vote will be NO.

No. 7.—Referendum ordered by petition of the people. The law enacted at the last session of the legislature authorizing the building of armories for the O. N. G. in counties having companies of the O. G. N. or in counties which may organize companies. This means the expenditure of a very large sum of money; for in event of its passage every county will have its one or more military companies. Again the NEWS will vote NO.

The State University increase of approximately \$47,500 to \$125,000. Passed by legislature last session, vetoed by the Governor and

then passed over his head. In previous issues we have discussed this measure so extensively, that comment at this time is unnecessary. Of course the NEWS will vote NO.

No. 9.—Equal suffrage amendment to the constitution. The NEWS man believes in women's rights in every field of endeavor. We can see no just reason why they should not vote. Our vote will be YES.

No. 10.—Proposed by Initiative petition. This is one of the salmon fishery bills and to our mind is one class of salmon fishers endeavoring to prohibit another class from fishing. The NEWS will vote NO on both measures.

No. 11.—Amendment to constitution, giving additional and exclusive powers within their corporate limits, to license, regulate, control and tax pool rooms, bowling alleys, billiards halls, saloons, etc. The NEWS thinks with such a power conferred many towns would abuse these powers. Our present law, in our opinion, regulating these matters, is the better one. Our vote will be NO.

No. 12.—Amendment to the constitution providing for the exemption of certain personal properties from taxation—the single tax measure. We have discussed this measure in previous issues. We believe the proposed single tax measure would be mischievous and not nearly so equitable as our present law. Our vote will be NO.

No. 13.—Amendment to the constitution posed by initiative petition, enabling the people to call special election at any time, to discharge any public officer and elect his successor. The purposes of this measure are good. But as we now have a law by which a public officer may be impeached for neglect of duty—a law which is rarely enforced—we fail to see the utility of the proposed measure. Possibly our present law may be amended so that it will be more effective, but the NEWS is not ready to take a position so radical as the proposed recall measure; consequently will vote NO.

No. 14.—A bill, proposed by initiative petition, instructing the legislature to elect the people's choice United States senator. This measure would make Statement No. 1, obligatory on the legislature and will come as nearly as possible to bringing about the election of United States senators, by the people except by amendment to the Federal constitution. The NEWS believes in the principles of this proposed measure and will vote YES as emphatically as possible.

No. 15.—Amendment to the constitution, provides for proportional representation in all offices wherein two or more officials are elected. The NEWS believes that this amendment is a good one and will have a tendency to keep the balance of political power more evenly distributed. We shall vote YES.

No. 16.—A bill proposed by Initiative petition, popularly known as "The Corrupt Practices" measure, limiting the amount of money candidates and other persons may spend in a campaign. The object of this measure is to make the poor man the equal of the rich man in the political game. On this measure the NEWS will vote YES.

No. 17.—The second of the two fishery bills. Our vote is NO.

No. 17.—Amendment to the constitution, restoring the grand jury system instead of allowing indictments to be brought by prosecuting attorneys, as now. This measure requires no discussion. It ought to pass. Our vote will be YES.

No. 19.—A bill to create the county of "Hood River." As there appears to be no opposition to this measure, by the people directly interested, the NEWS will vote YES.

The NEWS does not pretend to dictate how its readers shall vote on any of these questions. It is unfortunate that so many of them are proposed at the same time. But if voters will study them, both pro and con, they will be apt to vote right. Every one should vote either yes or no on all the questions submitted. To not vote on them may allow a very objectionable measure to become law.

A late issue of the Portland Telegram devoted some two or three columns in giving the various pardons Governor Chamberlain has granted during his administration, with the purpose of conveying the idea that the Governor was turning criminals loose upon society in an indiscriminate manner. The Telegram neglected to state that the parole law has been enacted since Governor Chamberlain's election as Oregon's chief executive. In obedience of the mandates of this parole law, it would be strange if some criminals were not given liberty who, for the interests of society, should be kept behind bars continually. So far as the NEWS has been able to learn, most beneficiaries of the parole law have lived up to the requirements of their paroles. The Telegram does not give an instance of violation. It endeavors to convey the impression that Governor Chamberlain was alone responsible for the law, as well as the exercise of its provisions; and that his over lenience to criminals unfitted him for the office of United States senator. Now, as the pardoning power is not a prerogative of an United States senator it would seem good politics to place the Governor in a position wherein the issuance of pardons was not one of his duties. By electing him senator all danger of his depopulating the penitentiary would be removed. Nearly everyone knows of an instance wherein a prisoner has been paroled which, in his judgement, should not have been done. We should bear in mind that we do not know just the circumstances as presented to the Governor. If a prisoner, by good conduct, earns a sufficient number of merit marks, and the superintendent recommends that he be paroled, the Governor practically has no other option, than to issue the parole.

THE MASK TOWN OFF.

Salaried "Officials" of the Anti-Saloon League Let the Cat Out of the Bag.

(To the Editor.)
The Rev. J. R. Knowlton, of Portland, one of them so-called "superintendents" of the Anti-Saloon League, stated the other day that the local option elections this year were only preliminary skirmishes. He said that the real idea was to obtain prohibition for the entire state of Oregon in 1910, two years from now. That lets the cat out of the bag.

The people were assured four years ago that the local option law was merely intended to protect residence districts against the encroachment of the saloon.

"We are not prohibitionists," cried the supporters of the bill. "We are only local optionists." To those who claimed that the local option law was merely prohibition in disguise, its supporters presented an unbroken front. When taxed with the fact that their law was unfair they replied by asking the public to read it. As the law was 28 pages in length the public would not bother itself by making a more careful investigation.

When they were confronted with the fact that states and counties which adopted prohibition grew poor and lean, they said it was not so. When they were shown that the United States census proved that only three states in the Union had ever decreased in population, and that two of them were prohibition states, they said "Do not worry. This is only a local option law. We are not in favor of prohibition."

When this same crowd of salaried agitators was asked if taxes were not generally higher in prohibition communities than in communities which handled the liquor business under the license system, they were quick to answer, "It is not so, but even if it were, it does not matter, for this is local option, not prohibition."

And now the cat is out of the bag. They are not local optionists. They are prohibitionists after all. The opponents of the local option law were right. It really was prohibition in disguise. And the scheme of the smart attorneys, lecturers and orators, who make a fat living out of this prohibition agitation, is quite plain. The scheme is to start in quietly; to hold elections in precincts in which there are no saloons, never were any saloons, and never would be any saloons. Such precincts being frightened with the absurd question, "Do you want a saloon next your home?" Were easily put in the dry column. Then by adding each year to the dry territory acquired in this way, they have finally reached that state of arrogance in which they have thrown aside the mask and boldly declared for state prohibition two years from now. Voters have been fooled with this kind of fraudulent election long enough.

Prohibition accomplishes nothing for real temperance or for morality. Bankruptcy does follow prohibition and the United States census reports prove this beyond a doubt. Here and there a prohibition orator may find a prohibition town or small community which has been fairly prosperous even in spite of prohibition. There are exceptions to all rules, but government figures, which do not lie, prove that prohibition is not only a mark of a stagnant community, but is a blight to a prosperous one.

Prohibition in Oregon would cause 2500 buildings, to become vacant and would throw out of employment 9,000 men and deprive 4000 families of their livelihood. Where is the prosperity in this.

Remember a vote for local option now is a vote for prohibition in 1910.
E. WARD.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN

Kola Neir, Plaintiff,
vs.
W. S. Paul, and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, G. M. Paul, S. J. Paul, Celia Elliot, Katie Paul, Howard W. Moore, William Nelson, Dolph Nelson, Hanna Nelson and Ives Nelson, Defendants.

To E. J. PAUL, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

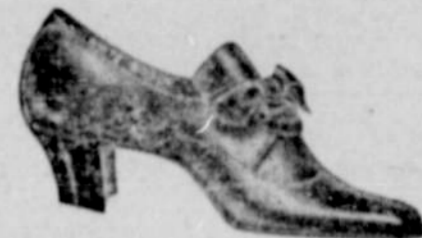
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled Court now on file with the Clerk of said Court on or before the 20th day of June 1908, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint as by law required, the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in this complaint, filed in the above entitled cause and Court, which is to foreclose the mortgage dated the 1st day of February, 1905, executed in due form of law by W. S. Paul and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, on the following described lands to-wit:

Beginning at the N. W. corner of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, said point being a N. W. corner of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not No. 1163, and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S., R. 2 West of the Will. Merd., Oregon, thence S. 80 chains to the S. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence E. 20 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence W. 20 chains to the place of beginning containing 160 acres.

Also beginning at a point on the N. boundary line of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not. No. 1163 and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S., R. 2 West of the Will. Merd., Oregon, which is 14 1/2 chains W. of the N. E. corner of said claim No. 76 thence S. 80 chains, to the South boundary line of said claim, thence W. 36 1/2 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim and thence E. 26 1/2 chains to the place of beginning containing 288 80 acres, more or less, and containing in all 448.88 acres all situated in Linn County and State of Oregon.

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This Summons is served by publication by an order date made by William Galloway, Judge of the above entitled Court at Chambers on the 2nd day of May, 1908, authorizing and directing the same to be served for six consecutive weeks in the SANTIAM NEWS, a newspaper published in the City of Scio, Linn County, Oregon; and that the first publication be made on the 8th day of May, 1908 and the last publication thereof be made on the 19th day of June, 1908, and that you be required to appear and answer by the 20th day of June, 1908.

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