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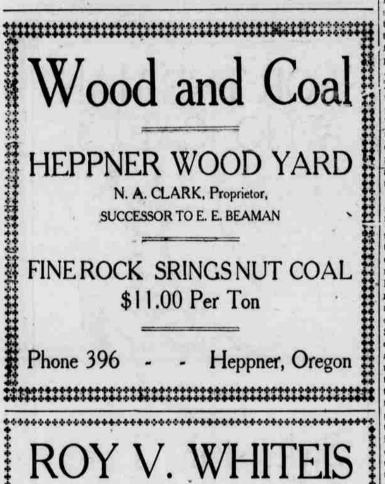
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To the Editor:-In last Tuesday's issue of the Oregonian there is an article by G. W. make them citizens without naturli-Bowen, under the caption-Race Prejudice, Not Ignorance. Quoting from groes in Oregon was 46. I guess we same, referring to the Negro Suffrage can throw a different light upon this. Amendment on the late ballot, the Oregonian has on several occasions applied the words "Predujice," Ignorance, Narrow-minded, mistaken etc. To those who voted, NO, and many of hundred and ninety six one thousandthose who so voted are the same people that the Oregonian praised for the divided by 655,090 equals .01496, intelligent way that they voted on equals per cent of illiterates. The

other measures and candidates. Sunday, November the 19th, the Oregonian says the Negro Suffrage Amendment was defeated through an evident misunderstanding. Now, Mr. Editor, I voted NO on

terate. that Suffrage Amendment, and if you will grant me a little space, I will tell you why I did so.

Quoting from your appended statement to Mr. Bowen's article, you say the Oregonian was in a favorable position to observe the cause for defeat of the Negro Suffrage Amendment. That it received by letter, and telephone inquiry from all classes of persons including business and professional men, as to whether negroes could now vote in Oregon. There was quite a number of wealthy influential citizens in Portland who signed the petition to place the Uren Single Land Tax Amendment on the ballot, these influential citizens said the real purpose of the amendment had been misrepresented to them by the persons who got them to sign the peti-

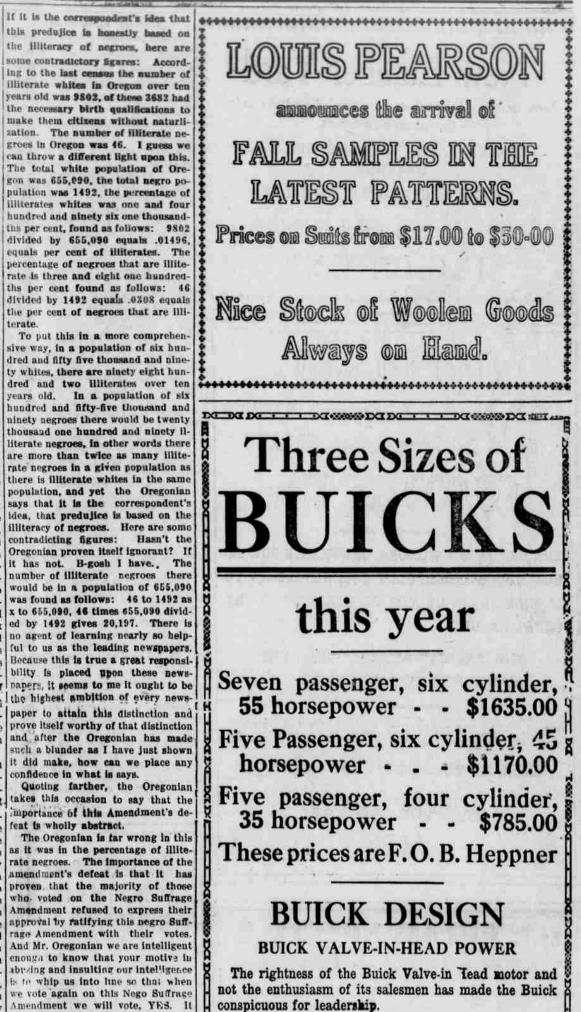
tion. Suppose they had written to the Oregonian and been correctly informed what the real purpose and x to 655,090, 46 times 655,090 dividprobable results the Single Land Tax ed by 1492 gives 20,197. There is Amendment would have, if enacted uto law; by their own statements ful to us as the leading newspapers. they never would have signed Uren's petition. The fact that a large number of people asked the Oregonian if papers, it seems to me it ought to be the ballot.

says: Race Predujice was doubt- confidence in what is says. 105s a predominating factor in the re ed. No such belief existed in the feat is wholly abstract. minds of those who voted NO on the Negro Suffrage Amendment, and it is Suffrage Amendment that the success

the negro could now vote in Oregon the highest ambition of every newsdoes not imply that they were igno- paper to attain this distinction and rant, but it does prove that they are prove itself worthy of that distinction a safe class of people to intrust with and after the Oregonian has made such a blunder as I have just shown Quoting farther the Oregonian it did make, how can we place any Quoting farther, the Oregonian

sult, but ignorance laid in the fact, takes this occasion to say that the that this prejudice could be exercis- | importance of this Amendment's de-

The Oregonian is far wrong in this as it was in the percentage of illitenot true that they were influenced by rate negroes. The importance of the race prejudice. It is the conviction amendment's defeat is that it has of those who voted NO, on the Negro proven, that the majority of those who voted on the Negro Suffrage or failure of our Government depends Amendment refused to express their almost entirely upon the way the approval by ratifying this negro Suffright of suffrage is exercised. If all rage Amendment with their votes. the people who are entrusted with And Mr. Oregonian we are intelligent the ballot will correctly inform enough to know that your motive in themselves so they can vote intelli- abraing and insulting our intelligence gently upon all question at issue, is to whip us into hne so that when then self-government would be an we vote again on this Nego Suffrage ideal government, but with so many Amendment we will vote, YES. It of our voting population depending has come to pass when an electorate upon the statements of Soap Box Ora- must be insulted and humiliated by tors and reading only such papers as the Oregonian because he had the the appeal to reason, it behooves us courage to vote in accordance with guard the ballot as carefully as his honest conviction. Quoting farther from the Oregon possible, and instead of recklessly ex-No one's Status as a voter tending the right of suffrage, and as in the case of this Negro Suffrage would have been changed by its adop-Amendment where we are asked to | tion. No negro is denied Suffrage ratify with our vote that which we by its defeat. We are well aware of are unalterable opposed to, because all those claims. We did not vote we voted in accordance with our con- NO in an effort to change the result. but we did vote NO on the Nego Suffviction, exercising our right of suffrage as was intended to be the right rage Amendment because we posiof every electorate, the Oregonian has tively refused to express our approval called us Ignorant, Narrow-Minded, by voting for it, The Oregonian says the result is interesting only as Mistaken Prejudice and etc. I found the Chinese to be a very intelligent disclosing a lack of knowledge of the and honest people, and if a Chinese fundamentals of Civil governments, is your friend, baring your wife and and as one revealing the existance of mother, he is the best friend you can a race predujice not due to presence have. My convictions are that it is of a consequential number of negroes unwise to give the right of Suffrage or the illiteracy of the comparative to any race that we are unwilling to few negroes in Oregon. The Orehave marry into our families, and gonian had to draw entirely on its what kind of a white American citi- imagination for these deductions. en could be satisfied with a Chinese I wish I had the exact vote of the Negro Suffrage Amendment, the fact or Negro son-in-law. Again quoting from the Oregonian, |that is was defeated proves that many



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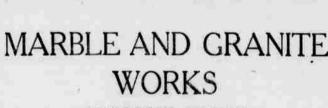
THE PLANNED TO THE PLAN OF THE PLANNED TO SERVICE PLANNED thousands voted NO on the Negro Suffrage Amendment. It is amazing that the Oregonian would insult and

ing population of Oregon, and because the Oregonian has insulted our intelligence, I would deal the Oregonian a Solar-plexus punch and to give the greatest possible force to that punch I must be accurate in all I say to preclude the possibility of the Oregonian, asking it to give the white population and the negro population in Oregon by our last centus. I insert the night wire I received from the Oregonian. Portland, Oregon, November 27th 1916. Mr. Harry Cummings, Heppner, Oregon. Oregon's total population last census 672.765 composed as follows: whites 655,000, negroes, 1,492, Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, Koreans, and Flipines, 16,183. (Signed) The Oregonian.

abuse so large a number of the vot-

It does not matter if above figures are not correct as long as they come from the Oregonian and are not used for any other purpose than to refute the statements made by the Oregonian. Now I want to say to every person that voted NO on this Negro Suffrage Amendment, don't be bluffed out, but vote in accordance with your convictions, changing immediately you believe you are wrong

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