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"The Linotype Way is the Way that Wins."

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The Short Ballot League.

The Short Ballot League of Oregon has taken an extremely judicious step by declaring its friendliness to the Oregon System at the outset. The league, as a body, and each of its individual members go on record as believers in the initiative, referendum, Statement No. 1, the direct primary and the corrupt practices act. Hence it is impossible to accuse the league of a secret intent to destroy these popular measures. More or less suspicion of this sort has haunted every effort heretofore made to restrict the number of initiative proposals at any election or to make other desirable changes in the system. The charge always goes out that the changes have some sinister purpose lurking in the dark. The number of initiative measures on the ballot must remain unlimited because, if a definite number is fixed, the "interests" will rush in fraudulent proposals up to the limit and there will be no room for the well intended. This is a sample of the objections which have been made to every proposed reform in the system. But now that its declared friends have taken the matter in hand, we may hope for something more encouraging.

It is idle to expect the ordinary voter to understand the full bearing of the dozen or more measures which cumber the ballot at successive elections. Nor can he form a rational judgment upon the merits of the multitude of candidates whom he is asked to vote for or against. Necessarily he acts in the dark. It is fully as important to lessen the number of candidates on the ballot as the number of initiatives and referred measures. In both cases there should be a limit. The matter of candidates is easily disposed of by making many of the minor officials appointive. The people gain nothing but corruption by electing them. To limit the number of initiative measures on the ballot is more difficult. Still it can be done. No problem is too difficult for human ingenuity to solve if it goes honestly to work. In this particular time itself will no doubt exert a certain corrective influence.

When the regular legislative bodies have been so disciplined that they function properly the people will look to them for desired laws instead of resorting to the initiative. The same cause will broadly diminish the use of the referendum. But in the meantime some regulation of these salutary processes is essential to prevent abuses. The man who devises a plan which will pre-

vent excesses and not hamper the proper use of the initiative and referendum will deserve well of his countrymen.—Oregonian.

The belief that water purifies itself every 50 yards of flow is a popular superstition without a particle of fact to stand on. It was invented by people who are too lazy to provide clean water in order to excuse themselves for drinking filth and sewage. Sunlight tends to destroy the bacteria and other germs in water. The oxygen of the air has the same effect, but it requires many miles of flow to consummate the process. Sometimes germs have been found alive and dangerous after running with the current for hundreds of miles. The only safe rule is to drink only clean water. Even if filth were not dangerous to health it ought to be sufficiently revolting to the imagination to prevent its use.

Portland will have a commission form of government as soon as the required changes can be brought about. Mayor Simon has named a commission to draft a charter providing for the new form and the recent city election will only hasten the change, as all candidates were favorable to it.

Premium lists for the state fair next September have been issued. Premiums amounting to \$16,000 and \$25,000 in racing purses will be hung up on the harness events alone in addition to the awards for running races. General plans for the fair are well under way and it is promised this year's exposition of the state's resources will be bigger and better than ever before. Dates have been fixed for September 11-16.

A tri-county development league, comprising Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam counties, is a lively possibility in the near future. At a recent Portland Commercial club luncheon the development of this section was discussed. Conditions were described and the need for diversified farming, rather than sticking to wheat growing, was emphasized. To stimulate interest, it was suggested that prizes be offered for the best products and a tri-county fair, to be held in the fall of 1912, may be arranged. The Commercial club realizes this section is one immediately tributary to Portland and that it can be made much more productive than at present.

Interest in fruit raising for a preserving plant recently located at Lebanon was aroused at a meeting at Brownsville on the night of decoration day under the auspices of the local Commercial club. It is possible a fruit growers' union will be formed that will work in harmony with one lately organized at Lebanon. The Portland Commercial club was represented and it is believed that more attention will be paid to fruit growing in that section of the state.

Portland and Oregon Development League officials took a prominent part in the convention of the Southwest Washington Development association, held the first three days of the month at Chehalis, thereby building up a better understanding between the two states. The Oregon delegation received many compliments for its interest in its northern neighbors.

If you want a thing and it's worth in reason and worth getting, why go after it.

Oregon threshermen held a successful convention in Portland during the past week, there being a good attendance from all parts of the state. Good roads was quite naturally a subject in which much interest was shown and other angles of the threshermen's business were considered.

A Practical Study.
In the manual training department of the Holladay public school of Portland, Oregon, the pupils are being instructed in making trap nests and other poultry house furniture. This looks like sound sense and we often wonder why the city schools should have a monopoly of this kind of instruction. The boys in the country have a better chance to apply such knowledge to their daily work and we believe they are entitled to it.—Montesano Vidette.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. In the Matter of the Adoption of Robert Henry, a minor child. To the Honorable T. J. Cleeton, Judge of the above entitled court: Your petitioners Charles K. Henry and Eugenia Henry respectfully show:

I. That they are husband and wife, and are citizens of the United States and are now and for many years past have been residents of the City of Portland, in the State of Oregon.

II. That since the 26th day of April, 1911 petitioners have had possession and custody of an infant male child which they have named Robert Henry, and are desirous of adopting the same as their child to be known as and named Robert Henry.

III. That said child has no living legal father and the mother of said child surrendered to these petitioners and has relinquished to them all her right to it and has voluntarily executed a written surrender and relinquishment of said child to these petitioners and by a writing duly witnessed has consented and does consent that it may be adopted by them as their child.

IV. That said written relinquishment and consent is substantially as follows: "I respectfully represent that I am the mother of a male child born on the 9th day of March, 1911, at Portland, Oregon, and I hereby consent to the adoption of said child by Charles K. Henry and wife as prayed for in the petition filed in the County Court for the County of Multnomah, Oregon, for leave to adopt said child. I give my consent fully and with full understanding and knowledge of the instrument;" that the original of said writing dated the 26th day of April, 1911, duly signed by the mother of said child and witnessed is now herewith submitted as a part of this petition and is filed herewith, and by this reference is hereby made a part of this petition.

V. That petitioners have no other children and are of sufficient ability and have ample means to bring up said child, and furnish him suitable nurture and education, and a good home.

Wherefore Petitioners pray for an order and decree as follows: First, directing publication of this petition once each week for at least three successive weeks in the Pacific Banker, a newspaper printed in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, second, appointing a time for the hearing on this petition; Third, that upon final hearing of this petition a decree be entered setting forth the facts as they may appear and ordering that from the date of such decree said child shall, to all legal intents and purposes, be and remain the child of these petitioners and be known and called by the name of Robert Henry.

LIONEL R. WEBSTER, BAUER & GREENE, Attorneys for Petitioners. State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.

I, Charles K. Henry, and I, Eugenia Henry, being first duly sworn, say each for himself and not on behalf of the other, that I am one of the petitioners above named, that the foregoing petition is true as I verily believe, and that I do hereby consent to the adoption of the minor child mentioned and described in said petition.

CHARLES K. HENRY, EUGENIA HENRY. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 1911. [Seal] THOMAS G. GREENE, Notary Public for Oregon.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County. In the Matter of the Adoption of Robert Henry, a minor child. On reading and filing the petition of Charles K. Henry and Eugenia Henry, husband and wife, for the adoption of a minor child and the written consent thereto and relinquishment by the mother of said child to said petitioners, it is Ordered that the hearing on said petition be and the same is hereby fixed and appointed for Saturday, the 22d day of July, 1911, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. before this court at the County Court House in the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. It is further Ordered that said petition be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Gresham Outlook a weekly newspaper of general circulation printed and published at Gresham, in Multnomah County, State of Oregon, beginning with the issue of Friday the 23d day of June, 1911 and ending with the issue of Friday the 23d day of June, 1911.

Done in open court this 1st day of June, 1911. T. J. CLEETON, County Judge. First publication June 2, 1911. Last publication June 23, 1911.

Church Notices.
TROUTDALE M. E. — Services each Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. C. C. Coop, pastor. P. M. Nash, S. S. Supt.

GRESHAM BETHEL BAPTIST—Sunday services—Sabbath school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. F. M. Burtch, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN — Services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school meets at 10 in charge of Mrs. J. W. Townsend. Y. P. S. C. E. devotional meeting at 7 p. m. Rev. Thos. Robinson, pastor.

BORING M. E.—Preaching 11 a. m. each Sunday; 8 p. m. alternate Sundays. Sunday school 10 a. m., in charge of Harry Beckford. Epworth League 7 p. m. Rev. A. B. Calder, pastor.

PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST—Services first and third Sunday each month. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Y. P. S. C. E. 7 p. m. Rev. J. M. Nation, pastor.

Lodge Notices.
FAIRVIEW UNITED ARTISANS No. 178—First Saturday evening and third Saturday evening is social evening. Master, E. E. Heslin; secretary, F. H. Crane.

ROCKWOOD UNITED ARTISANS No. 206—Meets fourth Saturday night. Master, Mrs. Rich Tegart; secretary, H. H. Johnson.

ROCKWOOD I. O. O. F. No. 213 —Meets in Maccabee hall every Thursday evening. N. G., J. R. Cavanaugh; secretary, J. H. Schram.

K. O. T. M. No. 61—Meets first Saturday and third Friday nights. Com., Ed Spath; R. K., W. Quinberry.

FAIRVIEW GRANGE—First Saturday at 10 a. m. and third Friday night, 8 p. m. Master, Cedric Stone; secretary, Roy Stone.

ROCKWOOD GRANGE — First Wednesday at 8 p. m. and third Saturday at 10 a. m. Master, F. H. Crane; secretary, Viola Lovelace.

L. O. T. M. CHARITY HIVE No. 38—Meets second and fourth Thursday afternoons. Com., Mrs. John Brown; R. K., Mrs. Mary Turner.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE No. 348—Meets fourth Saturday at Pleasant Valley hall. H. W. Snashall, master; E. Butler, secretary; Jennie Kronenberg, lecturer.

GRESHAM GRANGE No. 270 meets the second Saturday of each month. Lecture hour from 2 to 3 is open to the public. H. E. Davis, master; Mrs. W. H. Bachmeyer, secretary.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT, No. 202—Meets in Odd Fellows hall second and fourth Tuesdays 2 p. m. Emma Manning, G. N.; Hattie Westell, clerk.

FAIRVIEW LODGE No. 92, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon. Masonic Temple, Troutdale. A. FOX, Secretary.

M. A. ROSS POST No. 41, G. A. R., and W. R. C. No. 8, meet third Saturday each month at Grange hall, Gresham. Dinner to all who attend. Wm. Butler, commander. Mrs. Annie Bates, president. Mrs. Henry Kane, secretary.

DAMASCUS CAMP, No. 7533, M. W. A. Meetings first and third Saturday evenings each month at Hazelwood's hall. Geo. Dallas, counselman; Harry Roach, chief forester.

MODERN WOODMAN OF AMERICA, meets in I. O. O. F. hall first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Emil G. Kardeil, Clerk.

GRESHAM REBEKAH LODGE, No. 61—Meets in I. O. O. F. hall, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Christine J. Cavanaugh, Noble Grand; Geo. Keller, Secretary.

GRESHAM LODGE, No. 125, I. O. O. F. — Meets every Saturday night in I. O. O. F. hall. W. H. Stanley, Noble Grand; Geo. Keller, Secretary.

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