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MAJORITY RULE AMENDMENT

Among the 38 measures which will appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the electorate of Oregon at the coming election on November 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 amendments 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 by preventing its abuse and possibly its repeal by its enemies.

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" in Oregon. We find it being grossly abused and perverted--turned from the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, to be a powerful weapon in the hands of the people with which to get important and necessary legislation after the same had been neglected or refused by the State Legislature. Governor Woodrow Wilson says: It is to be regarded 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 pushing the Legislature into a subordinate and secondary place. Beginning 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 over 250 pages for the voters of Oregon to grope thru in order to arrive at anything like an intelligent conclusion in regard to the proposed measures.

What percentage of the voters will take the trouble to give these 38 measures the requisite time and attention in order to vote intelligently thereon? And yet, it is the bounden duty of every voter to do so, because in 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 matters of legislation which should have gone to the Legislature where members elected by all of the people are paid for the purpose of passing upon the merits or demerits of such measures, and who are at least supposed to be competent to render an intelligent decision thereon. And yet, we cannot expect any change in the number of measures on the ballot so long as we have an unbridled and unprotected initiative law that allows every paid propagandist, 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 solicit signatures to a petition at so much per name.

What is there to prevent special interests from initiating measures containing jokers which, if let 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 favorably 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--less than a month before election, and consult 10 business and professional men whose business and professional training has taught them to look carefully into important matters before rendering a decision thereon, and ask them if they have looked carefully into the 38 measures proposed and if they have read the 250 pages of the official pamphlet. We make the statement

without fear of successful contradiction, that at least seven out of the ten 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 man who is supposed to give these matters close attention, what can be expected of the busy mechanic and laboring man whose attention is centered in other directions and whose environment is all along other lines?

The remedy suggested at the present moment by some of the most prominent newspapers 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 measures and all are turned down, how about the one, two or perhaps 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 dozens 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 vengeance?

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 fur-

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(PUBLISHER) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 27th, 1912.

NOTICE is hereby given that Benjamin W. Veatch, whose post-office address is Mosier, Oregon, did, on the 13th day of February, 1911, file in this office Sworn Statement and Application, No. 08127, to purchase the NW 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, and Lot 3, Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 11 EWM., and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known

as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$397.18, the timber estimated at 251,500 board feet; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 6th day of November, 1912, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(PUBLISHER.) Department of the Interior, U.S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 12th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Fred Templeire, of Mosier, Oregon, who, on August 12th, 1907, made Homestead, No. 15670 Serial No. 010598, for NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 15, Tp. 2 N, R. 11 EWM, has filed notice of intention to make Final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 21st day of October, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: W. E. Huskey, Elmer Root, Robert Evans and Willie Rowland, all of Mosier, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

their selfish interests to the detriment 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 pernicious measures into oblivion where they, also, belong.

The Majority Rule amendment, 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 amendment and if you do, you will vote for it and preserve the initiative law for the people of Oregon.

Vote 322 X Yes
322 No

MAJORITY RULE LEAGUE.

Paid adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Duncan, of Portland, are week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. L. Howe, at Lehowa.

Mrs. A. Stewart returned last Monday evening from a week's visit at Turner with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Warren. She was accompanied home by her mother and two sisters, Mrs. S. M. Payne, whose home is in California, and Mrs. Emma Kingsbury, of Farmington, Wash. Mrs. Payne and her mother will probably remain here this winter.

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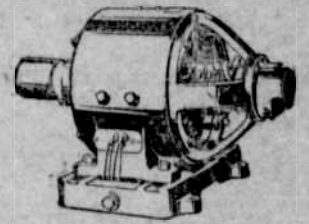
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