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SWORN CIRCULATION.

Average daily for—	
November, 1909	1,700
December, 1909	1,841
January, 1910	2,122
February, 1910	2,053
March, 1910	2,203
April, 1910	2,300
May, 1910	2,450
June, 1910	2,500
July, 1910	2,600
August, 1910	2,700
September, 1910	2,850

October Circulation.

1.	2,800	17.	2,775
2.	2,750	18.	2,750
3.	2,700	19.	2,725
4.	2,650	20.	2,700
5.	2,600	21.	2,675
6.	2,550	22.	2,650
7.	2,500	23.	2,625
8.	2,450	24.	2,600
9.	2,400	25.	2,575
10.	2,350	26.	2,550
11.	2,300	27.	2,525
12.	2,250	28.	2,500
13.	2,200	29.	2,475
14.	2,150	30.	2,450
15.	2,100	31.	2,425
16.	2,050		
Total	69,825		

Average daily, 2,255.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Jackson, ss: On the first day of November, 1910, personally appeared before me, George Putnam, manager of the Medford Mail Tribune, who upon oath acknowledges that the above figures are true and correct. H. N. YOCKEY, Notary Public for Oregon.

NINE LAWS PASSED OUT OF THIRTY TWO.

THOSE who have been deriding the initiative and referendum, who have belittled the judgment of the people as a whole as compared with that of the few, find cold comfort in the returns of the last Oregon election. Some thirty-two measures were submitted to the people and we were called upon to pity the poor voter. The result proves that the measures were given careful attention and close study by the mass of voters, and no citizen is worthy of the ballot who does not take the trouble to understand what he is called upon to vote.

In the forty days of a legislative session, legislators are called upon to pass upon nearly 500 proposed laws. In the six months preceding election, voters were called upon to study the thirty-two measures submitted. That they made as wise a selection as the legislators would have, cannot be questioned.

The Oregonian's advice to vote yes on four measures and no on all the others, regardless of their merits, was universally disregarded. A great deal of discrimination was used, and the various bills were considered upon their supposed merits. Mistakes may have been made, but the probabilities are that there were fewer mistakes than a legislature, pestered by lobbyists, would have made.

The legislature voted, over Governor Chamberlain's veto, to increase the salary of the Baker circuit judge from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. The people affected objected by taking a referendum on the proposed increase. The Oregonian championed the salary grab and the voters repudiated it with a majority of 58,368.

In all, nine measures were approved by the people and twenty-three rejected. Those approved were the eastern Oregon asylum, the Mommouth normal school, the home rule bill, the employers' liability law, the good roads amendment, the presidential primary law, the three-fourths jury amendment, the Rogue river fish bill, and the amendment empowering the people of each county to regulate taxation within the county and abolish poll tax.

Among the measures defeated were the various county division bills, woman's suffrage, constitutional convention, legislative districting, two normal schools, state wide prohibition, search law, employees' indemnity commission and official gazette.

In most instances, the majorities returned were decisive, from 10,000 to 25,000. In but two instances were majorities as small as 1650. All this indicates study and discrimination on the part of the voters.

If the initiative and referendum is amended, it should only be to raise the percentage of voters required to a petition for submission, which would have a tendency to check the number of bills submitted.

THE DIRECT PRIMARY SYSTEM.

THE direct primary has proven the most effective means of smashing the political machine, of destroying boss control and sundering the alliance between special interests and politicians, yet devised. It is gradually accomplishing the destruction of government for the benefit of favored classes, and the restoration of government to the people.

In those states where the direct primary obtains, people have the privilege of voting for candidates they have themselves selected in a free for all contest. They have nothing to say in those states where they are given their choice between candidates selected by rival bosses or by the same boss. In New York, for instance, the people were given the option of voting for the candidate selected by Boss Murphy or Boss Roosevelt, and neither candidate was acceptable as is proven by the fact that over a million voters refused to vote. The democratic victory there was in no sense a victory for the people.

Commenting upon the direct primary, William Allen White, in an article in the December American Magazine says:

"The primary system of nominations has done all that its advocates claimed it would do. It has broken the chain binding business to politics. And it has done more. It has released public sentiment, and with the release of sentiment, with the possibility of a real expression of public sentiment, has come a definite growth of public sentiment. And how strong and unanimous it was as it came rolling up in the returns from the primary elections and in the returns of the general election.

"Never before have we been so nearly one people, with one dominant political ideal as we have shown ourselves this summer and autumn. We have said, this is our country—we realize it now; we propose to run it; now that we have found the political gunpowder we propose to end the political feudalism under which we have been living; this is our country, for we are of one mind and that mind is finding voice. And that voice is speaking for the average man.

"Never before in all the world have any ninety millions of people held one idea, one abstract idea, so firmly in mind as the American people have held this idea; that capital, the product of the many, is to be operated fundamentally for the benefit of the many. This idea is essentially an altruistic idea. For it is not the poor who have spoken, nor the rich, but those who have small means which they are willing to put under the common rule.

"The masses who spoke at the primaries and at the elections were well-to-do, honest men with sacrifice, not greed, in their hearts. They are the insurgents. They—the common people, whom the great insurgent loved—are beginning to understand and repeat His message of service through sacrifice."

DEFEAT OF JUDGE KING.

WE HAVE learned in Oregon to choose our United States senators, our governors and our sheriffs regardless of party. We have not yet advanced far enough to choose our supreme court justices.

Perhaps this accounts for the defeat of Judge Will R. King for re-election—a defeat most regrettable. A non-partisan supreme court is most essential in the interpretation of laws.

In eastern states, no matter how strongly partisan they may be, effort is made to keep the supreme court free

AN OPEN LETTER



Medford, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1910.

Mr. J. N. Vestor,

Medford, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We wish to call your attention to a few exceptional bargains we are offering for a short time only, and which we are certain will appeal to you, be you a recent arrival in Medford or one who has been here for some time. If a recent arrival we would call your attention to propositions A and C. If you know the field and are looking for an investment examine particularly propositions B and D. They are snags—ask any person who knows values in city or valley. Here are the four propositions we offer:

(A)—City lot 50x100 on which is located a 4-room house. One block from pavement. Located at Hamilton and Eleventh. Price \$1600. Terms to suit. This is an exceptional chance for the new arrival who does not care to throw his money away in paying rent.

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(D)—1500 acres of cut over timber land; 2 1/2 miles west of Jacksonville. Here is a great chance for you, Mr. J. N. Vestor, for it can be cut up and sold at splendid profit. Our price is \$15,000, with terms.

We are certain that one of these propositions will appeal to you. Drop us a line. We are

Most sincerely,

CRATER LAKE LUMBER CO.,

Edgar S. Hafer, Manager.

from partisanship. In Pennsylvania, Indiana, and other states, democrats as well as republicans are nominated by both parties. The fitness of the candidates, rather than his political party, is the determining feature.

Judge King is the peer of any man who ever sat on the bench. His ability is universally recognized. As a justice, he has "made good" and his record entitled him to another term. That he was not elected is to be deplored, for it is Oregon's loss.

Suspected Murderer Caught.
MARIETTA, Mo., Nov. 22.—Hezekiah Roscoe, farmer, was arrested here yesterday in connection with the investigation of the murder and incineration of the Hubbel family at Barnard. One of the principal circumstances that brought about his arrest was a boast by Roscoe that he had won a large sum of money while playing poker. The authorities are seeking to trace the persons with whom Roscoe claims to have gambled.



AN INVITATION

One day remains before Thanksgiving. Are you prepared to go on promenade? We invite you to call here Wednesday and select the things you need.

OUR FACILITIES

For supplying your needs in the ready-to-wear lines is great. Furnishings, too, may be bought here on short notice. Anyway, if you are down town, run in for a few moments—this is a pleasant place to stop and should you care to buy anything you'll find our PRICES LOWER.



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