

BOOTH RECOGNIZED AT LAND SHOW

Oregon's official state booth attracted much attention at the Northwestern Land Products Show recently held in St. Paul. Of all the big shows in 1911 this was the most important as Northwestern products alone were shown without fear or favor.

The official state booth of Oregon occupied an equal amount of space with the other state exhibits, which was subscribed for by the business men of the Twin City and Duluth. Similar space was also furnished free to all the other states in the Northwest Development League.

The official state booth of Oregon was designed and put up by the Great Northern Railway for the State of Oregon. It was handsomely decorated and the apples and other fruits from Hood River, Willamette Valley, the Umpqua and Rogue River Valleys made a splendid showing. In addition to fruit growing, the chances for diversified farming, dairying, hog and cattle raising, which are of much interest to the mid-Western and Eastern farmer, were emphasized. The interest manifested in Oregon was such that the Great Northern officials are well satisfied that the state will benefit much from this comprehensive exhibit.

Governors Coming

Salem, Ore., Jan. 29.—Governor West today received from the master of transportation of the National Electric Light Association of New York saving that special trains are being organized and a large delegation will respond to the Governor's invitation to visit Oregon. Members of the association will be in Portland June 15, where they will spend a day, after which the special will carry the sightseers North. Governor West expects three special trains loaded with Eastern visitors.

EASY TO AVOID GASOLINE DANGERS

They do different things in different sections and cities of the country. The boards of trade and chambers of commerce in the western part of the United States are busy with schemes for securing more people and more industries. This is almost their sole business, and should be, for the country needs to be settled on and developed.

In the eastern cities, however, they have different and varying problems. For instance, here comes the Rochester, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce with a "Gasoline Bulletin," issued over the signature of Wm. J. Tremble, chairman of the fire prevention committee, and sent to all the leading newspapers in the United States. A good thing, too. Worth reading. Below is the bulletin in full:

"A pint of gasoline left open in a basin in a room at a normal or average temperature will entirely evaporate in twenty four hours. The gasoline vapor is heavier than the air and sinks immediately to the floor and unless it is disturbed by active air currents will remain in the room for many hours. One pint of gasoline will make two hundred cubic feet of explosive mixture. Without becoming too scientific, it may be said that this gasoline vapor is seven times more powerful than gun powder.

"Every gasoline explosion and fire that occurs in the home is due to ignorance and carelessness on the part of the user. Gloves must be cleaned fabrics must be dipped in gasoline or alcohol and their use will continue. For that reason, it is vitally important that the user should have all the information possible about the danger incurred.

"Gasoline should be used in open air whenever possible but if it must be used in the house, all the windows should be opened wide and a sufficient draft created to drive all the vapor from the room. It is almost criminal to use gasoline in the kitchen or other rooms where it is exposed to fire. The vapor has been known to jump thirty feet from a tank in the open air and explode with such violence as to wreck the tank car and burn all the buildings in the immediate neighborhood.

"It is not necessary to touch a match to it. A spark from the heel of a shoe striking a tack or nail will explode the vapor. A lighted gas jet will produce the same result. Keep gasoline away from every kind of flame even if that flame is entirely enclosed as in a stove or furnace.

"Articles dipped, washed or soaked in gasoline give off an explosive vapor for hours after. They should be thoroughly aired before being used and always kept away from exposed flame. A woman cleansed her gloves with gasoline. An hour later she put them on to go out. Before leaving the house she stopped to light the gas. The gloves caught fire and severely burned her hands and arms. This occurred in Rochester."

MANY MEASURES AT COMING ELECTION

Salem, Ore., Jan. 31.—With the statement of Governor West that there will be at least seven or eight road measures to go on the ballot, with it being noised around that a plan is on foot among the members of the G. A. R. to initiate a bill to make February 12, Lincoln's birthday, a public holiday, with 11 measures all ready on file in the office of the secretary of state and with the other measures now being circulated through petitions, or in the course of preparation, there are at least 24 measures which are actually in sight to be voted on by the electors at the next general election, with a possibility of the number going to 40 or over.

In 1910 the voters were called upon to pass on the merits or demerits of 32 bills. That number was far in excess of any voted on before through the initiative and referendum, but this year there seems to be a possibility of perhaps 10, or possibly 15 more, while there are at least three more in sight with the election about nine months away.

Governor West's capital punishment bill will be in circulation before long. He said recently that it is in the course of preparation and he hopes to have it completed soon. The bill aiming to place the state printer on a flat salary has been circulated for several weeks and about half the requisite number of signers have now been secured.

The prohibitionists have announced that they will have a measure to vote Oregon dry in 1912, if possible, and this will be circulated soon. It is understood.

W. S. U'Ren says that there will be two bills from his hands. One will be the bill providing for proportional representation and it will include his plan of a cabinet form of state government, and numerous other provisions practically changing the entire legislative system. His other measure will be the single tax plan. This will be practically the same as a statewide measure, he says, owing to the fact that it will be put on the ballot in every county.

There probably will be seven measures from the commission on revision and at least two from the commission to revise the judicial system. Perhaps there will be more from the latter commission.

Just what these two commissions will do is not exactly definite, but there will be a number of measures coming from their hands, at least, and the estimate given is not considered a radical one.

Of the 11 bills now on file there are three at least, the University of Oregon referendum petitions and the Monmouth referendum, which may possibly never get to the voters. The ballot titles for some of those bills now on file are as follows:

Equal suffrage amendment, extending the right of suffrage to women.

For constitutional amendment of section 8, article V, for the purpose of creating the office of lieutenant-governor, who shall act as governor in case of the inability of the governor to perform his duties and also act as president of the senate, and providing for the president pro tem of the senate to act as governor in case of the inability of both the governor and lieutenant-governor, and in case of the inability of the governor, lieutenant-governor and president pro tem of the Senate, the speaker of the house to act as governor.

For an amendment of section 1, article I, of the Oregon Constitution providing for a uniform rule of taxation, except on property specially taxed, providing for the levy and collection of taxes for state purposes and for county and other municipal purposes upon different classes of property, and for the ascertainment, determination and application of an average rate of levy and taxation on property taxed for state purposes, and for apportioning state taxes among the several counties as county obligations by reasonable and equitable rules.

For an amendment of section 32, article I, Oregon constitution, for the purpose of permitting taxes to be levied upon different classes of property at different rates, but providing that taxation must be uniform upon each separate class within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected for public purposes only and the power of taxation must never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.

For constitutional amendment of section 3, article XI, of the constitution, making stockholders in banking corporations liable to pay for the benefit of depositors an amount equal to the par value of the stock held by any stockholder in addition to having originally paid the par value therefor.

An act appropriating \$175,000 for building and equipping an administration building and extending heating plant to the same, for the University of Oregon, and, also, appropriating the further sum of \$183,258.92 for the purchase of additional land, equipment and

NEW HOMESTEAD LAW TOO LENIENT

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary of the Interior Fisher has opened the fight to prevent the passage of the combination Borah-Jones homestead bill, reported Wednesday by the senate public lands committee, and providing for a three-year homestead with the right of settlers to be absent from the land six months in each year.

To some of his congressional callers today Secretary Fisher declared that this bill was preposterous, "as that would permit homesteaders to get title after only eighteen months' residence on the land." He announced his purpose to block the bill, if he can.

In furtherance of his plan he called upon Senator Smoot, chairman of the public lands committee, and got from him a promise to ask to have the bill recommitted so that it can be revised in a way that will require actual residence or insertion of some provision which will require a stipulated amount of cultivation, giving special agents authority to hold up any entry if they believe the cultivation is inadequate.

The bill is now on the senate calendar, and can only be recalled by a vote of the senate. Whenever Senator Smoot moves for reconsideration he will be met by the stubborn resistance from those Senators who are anxious to see a liberal homestead law enacted. There is a prospect of a bitter fight before the question is finally settled.

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SENATOR BOURNE STATES PLATFORM

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., has filed his petition of intentions as a candidate for United States senator on the republican ticket.

Mr. Bourne wishes to have printed on the ballot opposite his name, "Advocate the substitution of the general welfare for the selfish interests in all governmental operations."

Among the principles which he declares he will stand for are the following: Oregon system of popular government, giving equal opportunities to all with privileges to none, popular election of United States Senators, parcels post, including rural delivery; federal control of interstate commerce; rigid exclusion of coolie labor; permanent non-partisan tariff commission; liberal appropriations for rivers and harbor improvements; free tolls of American shipping through the Panama canal; enforcement of the pure food laws; liberal pensions for deserving veterans; fair share of irrigation funds for Oregon; increased efficiency, rather than false economy in governmental operations; national good roads legislation; use of public resources with intelligent conservation; honest government, service and business.

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apparatus; making repairs, additions and improvements of buildings and grounds; paying salaries of instructors and employees; paying street assessments; and for additional maintenance of the correspondence study department of the University of Oregon.

An act appropriating \$175,000 for the construction, equipment and furnishing a modern fire-proof library and museum building, and the extension of the heating plant to the same, for the use of the University of Oregon.

An act vesting the Railroad Commission with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate every public service corporation utility in the State of Oregon, as to the adequacy of the service rendered and facilities provided, the fairness of rates, tolls and charges to be collected from the public therefor, and also to interchange of business between such public service corporations and utilities, the purpose of the bill being to give the commission supervision over all such corporations and utilities as far as their business has to do with the general public.

An act appropriating \$500,000 for building, furnishing and equipping a dormitory at the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

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