

VOTERS FACE MANY MEASURES

Will Tax Learning of Suffragist to Vote Intelligently on Questions

ABUSE OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

County Clerk Prepares Ballot for Linkville Precinct--Contains Thirty-nine Candidates' Names and Twenty Measures for Voters to Decide Upon

The voter who can go to the polls at the June election and vote intelligently for the candidates and the endless number of measures proposed under the initiative and referendum will be possessed of something less than average intelligence, say the least. County Clerk Chamberlain has prepared the form of the ballot for Linkville precinct. On it are the names of 39 men running for offices from the United States Senator down to constable. Besides this there are twenty measures to be voted on. It is safe to say that not more than fifty per cent of the voters will vote for all of these measures, and it is also safe to say that not more than 75 per cent of the voters of the state are capable of understanding the measures that are proposed. The abuse of the initiative and referendum will do much towards making it unpopular and obnoxious. Many of the measures that are on the ballot are not of sufficient importance to be considered at a general election, and many of those that are important are worded in such a way that may be misleading, making it impossible for a man of average intelligence to vote with a thorough understanding of the question and to help decide.

Land option is the only county measure to be considered, and it is safe to say that on this measure most of the voters will be posted for this is one of the important questions of the election.

The measures to be proposed make the ballot a complicated and bulky affair. Some of them are very brief, while others require considerable space. The measures in brief are about as follows:

1. An amendment to the constitution providing the salaries of members of the legislature.
2. An amendment permitting the location of state institutions at places other than the seat of government.
3. Amendment increasing number of Supreme Court judges from 3 to 5, and authorizing the legislative assembly to provide legislation for the exercise by circuit courts of probate jurisdiction and powers exercised by the county courts.
4. Amendment changing time of regular biennial election to the first Monday after the first Tuesday in November.
5. An act providing for prisoners in the county jail.
6. An act providing for free transportation for state officers, county judges and sheriffs.
7. An act providing for the appropriation of \$25,000 annually for four years for the erection of armories for the state militia.
8. An act to increase the appropriation for the university.
9. An amendment for equal suffrage.
10. An act regulating the catching of salmon and sturgeon.
11. An amendment giving cities exclusive power for the regulation of theatres, race tracks, pool rooms, saloons, etc., under the local option law of Oregon.
12. An amendment exempting from taxation all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outbuildings, machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing, fences, farm machinery, fruit trees, vines, shrubs, farm implements, live stock, household furniture and workmen's tools.
13. Amendment giving voters power to call special election to discharge public officials and to elect their successors.
14. Bill for a law instructing legislators to vote for the United States senator receiving the highest vote at the general election.
15. Bill giving people the power to make laws for the election of public officials by the majority vote instead of plurality, etc.
16. Bill limiting the amount of money candidates may spend on a campaign, etc.
17. Act prohibiting salmon fishing in Sandy river.
18. An amendment choosing jurors and grand jurors, and providing that no person can be charged with a crime in the circuit court except on indictment by the grand jury.
19. Bill providing for the creation of Hood river county.

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APPLICANTS HAVE NO PRIORITY

Claimants of Oregon & California Railroad Grant Lands Will Be Given No Prior Rights Because of Applications Being Made and Filed for Same

Reports from the department of justice and interior to the effect that applicants for the unsold grant lands of the Oregon & California railroad will have no priority of right over other applicants has brought consternation into the hearts of a host of claimants, who rushed into these lands and paid high sums to unscrupulous locators.

In Klamath County many parties filed on these lands and paid location fees ranging from \$25 to \$100. Some of the locators charged no fee at all but located parties with the understanding that they were to pay certain sums when they acquired the lands, but in most instances a location fee was charged and the assurance given that the lands could be secured. In Linn County alone possibly 50,000 acres of these lands have been filed on and applied for and the tender made to the railroad company offices at San Francisco. Fees ranging from \$15 to \$50 have been paid for this privilege, and the parties locating the seekers after timber lands assured them that they would have a priority of right and have the first undisputed claim to the lands in question should the government succeed in their efforts to declare the land forfeit.

A most elaborate program was followed, and if complying with all possible legal requirements amount to anything the claimants for these lands should receive consideration. The plan was as follows:

First the persons desiring to be located accepted the cruise of some locator, and upon being acquainted with the description of the lands made an affidavit to the effect that they had settled on these lands and were actual residents and homeseekers.

This application was filed with the county recorder and placed on record, together with a statement that the tender had been made the railroad company, and that their application for purchase had been rejected by the railroad company. Over 300 of these papers have been recorded in the office of the county recorder and according to

the decision they are not worth the fee of recording.

In addition to the above many of the claims have been duplicated, and even if the applicants should have an opportunity to purchase endless litigation would ensue. Many of the parties in applying for the lands were induced to apply for lands in other counties without any idea of settlement or sincerity on the part of the would be possessor of these railroad lands. In fact in many instances the affidavit reads that they are actual residents on the lands applied for when the citizens of this section and in other portions of the state know that they are engaged in business and have made no attempt to comply with the laws relating to residence and settlement.

The whole matter is decidedly complicated, and the ruling of the department that these are of no consequence and worthless will bring some order out of the chaos and save endless litigation and possible prosecution for false affidavits made by the seeking purchaser.

Home from Philippines

J. C. North, a son of W. H. North, arrived in the city last night with his father who has been at San Francisco to see the fleet. This is the former's first visit to this city and he has just returned from the Philippine Islands where he has been for the past two years with Battery "D" of the Fifth Field Artillery. He is home on three month's furlough.

Bear Hunters Excited

The bear hunters of this city are considerably worked up over the fact that J. C. Cravens wounded a large black bear last Sunday in the Long lake country. The bear was one of the largest of the kind and had wintered on the ridge east of the lake. After being shot it made its way into the thick brush and the trail was lost. The dogs that Mr. Cravens had with him would not take

REPORTED LOST ON UPPER LAKE

W. O. Huson and H. D. Foster Failed to Reach Their Destination

STARTED FOR ODESSA YESTERDAY NOON

Searching Party Finds no Trace of Them But Telephone Message Brings the Tidings That Missing Ones Are Safe at Doak's Summer Home

the trail and he was forced to give up. He went back to the place yesterday with another dog but the storm of the preceding night had obliterated the trail so that the dog could not take the scent. Today M. H. Wampler and a party with four bear dogs are out in the woods looking for the wounded bear. The place where it was found is not more than ten miles from town and the hunters are surprised that a bear would winter so close to civilization. It is quite probable that Mr. Wampler and his party will bring in the bear as the wound caused the loss of so much blood that it could not go far.

Many Ducks and Geese

Parties who have been out on the lakes say that there are more ducks and geese hatching on the Klamath marshes this year than there has been for several years. The game birds of this country need better protection than they have had. The deputy game warden cannot be expected to protect the entire county. An organization of the nimrods should be formed for the purpose of assisting the game warden in the protection of the birds, and to use its efforts for the perpetuation of the game and fish supply of the entire county. Some few birds are killed out of season, but this violation of the law will not extirpate the supply. It is the burning of tules during the nesting season and the robbing of nests that cuts down the number of birds. Frequently the report is heard that parties went out into the marsh and gathered several dozen duck and geese eggs. An effort should be put forth to stop the robbing of nests, and this effort can be made more effective if it is backed by the gun club or some other similar organization.

T. E. Smith and wife, who have been here since last October, left here this morning going to Portland where they will reside.

Yesterday noon W. O. Huson, of the Long Lake Lumber Co., and Government Forester H. D. Foster started for Odessa in Mr. Huson's launch and when they failed to reach there it was feared that they had been wrecked.

A strong wind was blowing yesterday and it was thought that their boat was capsized or that something broke on the engine and that they were stranded.

When they did not reach there this morning George Gregory started down in a launch coming along the west side of the lake. He arrived here this evening and stated that he saw nothing of them or their boat.

This evening a telephone message was received from the Doak ranch to the effect that they were at the ranch safe and sound. The engine on the boat gave out and they went to this ranch for food and shelter. Much fear and excitement prevailed as it was feared that they had been capsized and probably drowned.

Will Go to Dorris

Many people from this city are planning to attend the big celebration at Dorris on Friday and Saturday. Dorris will have a big time, but all who are going from here should engage rooms ahead of time or else take camp outfits for the town will not have accommodations for the big crowd. The people of the new town will do the best they can under the circumstances, but the best will probably not be any too good.

Work on Plant Delayed

Work on Moore Bros. power plant is not progressing rapidly owing to the lack of some of the parts of the machinery that is to be installed before the building is erected. These parts are expected at any time and as soon as they arrive the construction of the building will be rushed to completion. The line crew is still at work on the line to Bonanza and is making splendid progress.

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