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## Comment on Measures

CoMPLAINT was heard among sportsmen here Thurs day that they did not believe the public fully under－
stood the net fishing ban on the Tuesday ballot and that many people voted＂no＂when they meant to vote＂yes．＂
The measure was defeated in the state and the vote
in this county was：Yes，1701；No，3553．
Sportsmen said such an overwhelming vote in favor of commercial fishermen in this game fishing country
did not make sense．Some sportsmen with whom we have
talked believe they themselves voted the＂wrong＂way on the measure．
What seems to have happened was this：Some voters
who are opposed to net fishing of steelhead fish thought
of this bill as a straight yes and no vote on the question
of net fishing．By voting no，they thought they were voting against net fishing，
In fact，a no vote favored net fishing，for the bill
would have banned and restricted net fishing．The Or－
gon Wildlife Federation and other sportsmen＇s groups wanted a Yes vote．
This newspaper has remarked before that this typ
bill should not be on the ballot．An intelligent decision voter does not have．Those opposed to a measure have
a terrific advantage at the polls because if people do
not understand a bill they usually vote against it．Add oss not mportsmen for sensible and you have a situation The trouble with direct legislation is that it can be Oregon＇s legislators will get more pay hereafter，as a day for 40 days to $\$ 8$ a day for 50 days．
People who anticipate Oregon will have a better legis－
ature as a result of the pay increase will probably be
isappointed．Oregon has had exceptionally good lis． as because the kind of men who would make the sacri－
ces make better legislators． The property tax reduction feature of the income tax
version measure probably attracted enough votes to put that measure over．It carried in this county．School neasure that may bring up technical difficulties． other hand，this is not a constitutional amendment
the legislature may be able to correct defects． commodity already heave imposed an an additional leax levy on ersion of gas and motor vehicle taxes was adopted by
the people．This makes permanent a sound principle The rural credits loan repeal passed，as it should have
one，but there was a heavy vote against it．Probably
w of those who opposed could tell why，except that they did not understand it and therefore took what they
regarded as the＂safest course．＂

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