

REVOLUTIONIZE LAWS OF STATE

AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF PEOPLE

People's Power League Have Prepared a Voluminous Amendment Providing for Abolishment of State Senate, Adoption of Cabinet System of Rule, and Hundreds of Other Radical Changes

The most radical changes in the government of Oregon is proposed in a voluminous amendment to the constitution, framed by W. S. U'Ren, and now being sent out by the People's Power League, which will be voted on at the election in November. Here are a few of the revolutionary changes proposed:

Sheriffs and district attorneys to be appointed by the governor.

Board of three "directors" to rule in county government and employ a county business manager, the latter to appoint other county officers.

State senate to be abolished.

Sixty members of legislature to be elected by proportional representation by the state at large.

Members of the legislature to hold power on roll call in voting in proportion to the vote they received at the election.

Governor and defeated candidate for governor to be ex-officio members of legislature and hold large voting power therein.

Entire legislature may be recalled and activities suspended pending the recall vote.

Voters to designate first, second and "other choices" for all officers to be elected.

Primary elections abolished, except every fourth year, on president, vice president, electors and delegates to national conventions.

Registered voters only to be allowed to vote or to sign petitions for candidates or measures.

All franchises to be limited to twenty years, and public may take over property in connection therewith on physical valuation.

Numerous changes in the provisions for use of the initiative, referendum and recall.

The "new constitution," as it may be called, eclipses all previous legislation brought before the people of the state in the sweeping changes it would make. Mr. U'Ren's contention is that the plan means greater efficiency and economy in government, placing emphasis upon the short ballot, proportional representation and the second and other choice method of voting.

The proposed amendment, printed in small type in pamphlet form, comprises nineteen pages and practically rewrites four articles of the present constitution. Mr. U'Ren has started the circulation of the initiative petitions to place the measure on the ballot next November. Several pages of newspaper space would be required to fully explain the changes made in the present laws of the state.

To be a qualified voter, citizenship, residence in the state for one year and registration are required. At present a man may vote on first citizenship papers, only six months' residence is required, and those not registered may swear in their votes.

If any candidate has a majority of first choice votes over all the others, he is elected. If he fails in this the second choice votes are to be counted and added to the first choice, and any candidate having a majority of first and second choice is elected. Failing this, the "other choice" votes will be added to the total for each candidate and the one having the largest number is elected.

Except in case of candidates for governor, senators and representatives in congress, legislators and presidential electors, no party designation may be printed on the ballot after the name, or anything except the name, residence and occupation.

Instead of having equal vote in the legislature, members of that body are to vote on roll call the total number of votes they received in the state. If Smith of Multnomah, for instance, received 50,275 votes when elected, he would have 50,275 votes in the legislature, while Brown of Marion, receiving 32,467 votes, would have 32,467 votes in the legislature. A majority of all the votes cast throughout the state for candidates for representatives are to be required to pass a bill, a mere majority of members not being enough.

The governor is made an ex-officio member of the legislature, also defeated candidates for governor receiving the highest number of votes within his party, provided the party is one recognized as a political party by the general laws of the state. The governor and defeated candidates for governor would cast in the legislature a vote equal to the total vote cast for the unsuccessful candidates of his party for the legislature throughout the state.

The presiding officer of the legislative assembly is not to be a member or to have a vote, or to appoint committees. The legislature is to meet annually, instead of every two years. Pay of members remains at \$3

per day, with a limit of \$120 for one session.

Appropriations for state institutions and maintenance of government are made available at once, and are not to be subject to referendum when not exceeding the amount of previous appropriation for the same purpose. The referendum may be used on any increase, except in emergency of war, insurrection or calamity.

All franchises and privileges granted are limited to twenty years, with a provision for taking over property connected with the grant for public use at any time on payment determined by estimate of physical value.

Bills introduced after the legislature has been in session twenty days are not to be passed unless emergency measures, and printed copies must be in the hands of members five days before passage. A fine of \$10 is fixed for each member failing to vote on a roll call, unless he has been excused. A majority of the members, representing also a majority of the people, may call a special session.

To carry an emergency clause on a bill, a separate roll call and a three-fourths vote is to be required. If referendum is called on an emergency bill, it shall be a law until voted on. No law enacted by the people is to be repealed or amended by the legislature or by a city council except by three-fourths vote.

The governor is to appoint a cabinet, consisting of an attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, superintendent of schools, secretary of labor and state business manager, to hold office at the pleasure of the governor.

Members of the cabinet are to have salaries provided by law. The governor may go outside of Oregon to choose the business manager, and it is authorized to fix the salary for that officer up to \$12,000, which amount may not be exceeded until the approval of the people is gained. The business manager, subject only to the governor, is to have power to consolidate offices and supervise and manage the departments of state. Present state boards are abolished.

The governor and members of the cabinet are to have seats in the legislature, may take part in debate, and must answer questions propounded in writing concerning the government of the state, in accordance with the European system of interpellation. It is made the duty of the governor to introduce all appropriation bills, no other member having the power to do so.

Salary of the state printer is fixed at \$4,000 per year. The auditor, to be elected by the people for four years, must have had five years' experience as an accountant.

Counties are granted power by initiative to adopt a county charter, subject to the general laws and constitution.

Cities having 100,000 or more inhabitants are authorized to consolidate city and county government, but only upon vote of the people of the city and county concerned.

A county board of three directors chosen for four years, is to plan and direct the affairs of the county and employ the county business manager, whose salary may not exceed \$5,000 a year without approval of the people. The business manager is to employ the subordinate officers and employees of the county, except that county judge, justices of the peace and constables will not be within the jurisdiction of the county manager.

Municipal debts are to be limited to one-tenth the amount of assessed valuation, unless for revenue producing property and public utilities, the use of which is paid for by the persons served. The amendment as a whole is declared self-enacting, but legislation to aid its operation is authorized.

SAY DECISION IS DANGEROUS

SEATTLE, May 11.—There is the greatest interest here in the decision of Federal Judge Hanford in annulling the citizenship of Leonard Olsson of Tacoma, because "He admitted he is a socialist, advocating a propaganda for radical changes in the institutions of the country."

Lawyers here say if the decision is unchallenged that the citizenship of any foreign born who at time of application for papers held such views may be revoked, and the decision is so broad that any advocate of the initiative or recall may lose his citizenship if he is foreign born.

Does Not Surprise Wilson
CHICAGO, May 11.—J. Stitt Wilson, Berkeley's socialist mayor, when interviewed on the Hanford decision today, said:

"I am not surprised at Hanford's action. He is serving his master well, but in this instance he overstepped even the bounds of judicial wisdom. I don't believe the man brought before him did anything to make such an action justifiable, because, if he was following the principles of socialism he was upholding the constitution he had sworn to support."

STUDENTS TO GO ON EXCURSION

ANNUAL TRIP OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS AND PARENTS TO UPPER LAKE WILL OCCUR NEXT FRIDAY

It is being planned by the high school students to hold their annual excursion on Upper Klamath Lake next Friday. Harriman's resort is the place being spoken of where the students will spend a few hours recreating among the tall pines, fishing, etc. Every year annual excursions for the students have been made on the steamer Winema on some Friday morning the last few weeks of school. C. D. Willson's place at Rocky Point is where the large lake steamer landed last year, waiting several hours for luncheon and pastime for the large crowd of students and their parents who attended. It is hoped by the faculty that the pleasant weather will continue, so as to make the trip more enjoyable, and from present indications it will so continue.

THE NEW BOAT WILL BE SAFER

Parker & Taylor, proprietors of the steamer Mazama, have the hull for their new boat practically completed, and are now placing the machinery from the old boat into the new, which is anticipated by the owners to have the boat in commission by next Wednesday or Thursday. Considerable freight has piled up at their dock awaiting transportation to various points on the lake. The new boat will have a great deal larger capacity than the former, thus doing away with the barge, which it was necessary to tow when large consignments were handled. The speed of the new craft will be about ten miles an hour. Accommodations have been made for passengers who wish to go to Crater Lake or elsewhere.

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G. O. P. CONVENTION CONTESTS NUMEROUS

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The make-up of the republican national convention, so far as the original selection of delegates can determine it, will be practically settled within a week. Including eight to be chosen Saturday at district conventions in Texas and Arizona, more than 200 delegates are to be selected in the week ending next Saturday. About 100 will then remain to be chosen, including forty-eight from Ohio and twenty-four from New Jersey.

The widely divergent claims of the Taft and Roosevelt managers make it apparent that a determination of the actual control of the convention is impossible in advance of the meeting of the republican national committee June 6th. The committee will take up at that time contests involving the seats of at least 164 delegates, and it is not unlikely that more contests will be announced by the time the committee begins work.

Up to Saturday 786 of the 1078 delegates to Chicago had been chosen according to Roosevelt estimates, while the Taft forces record twenty less. The differences arise over Maryland, where the Taft managers declare the control of sixteen delegates will not be cleared until the state convention next Tuesday, and Kansas, where the Roosevelt records show that fourteen have been chosen and the Taft records ten.

Representative McKinley, head of the Taft campaign, claimed 483 delegates for the president, and conceded 237 to Colonel Roosevelt. Senator Dixon, manager for Colonel Roosevelt claimed 319 for Roosevelt and conceded 143 to Taft.

The Roosevelt managers contend that 114 delegates are uninstructed, including 88 from New York, and that 164 are contested. Both campaign committees, in their tables, give Senator La Follette 36 delegates and Senator Cummins 10. Preparations for the two weeks' battle at Chicago over the seating of the contested delegations are being completed rapidly by the attorneys for both factions. While but few contests have been filed thus far with the national committee, the managers and their attorneys will be ready with all of the cases by May 29th, the date on which the papers must be before the committee.

The delegations instructed for Taft whose seats will be contested, according to the latest statement from Senator Dixon, are:

Alabama 20, Arkansas 8, District of Columbia 2, Florida 12, Georgia 26, Indiana 12, Kentucky 16, Louisiana 30, Michigan 6, Missouri 2, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 14, Virginia 22.

The 200 delegates to be selected this week include 26 in Texas, 26 in California, 24 in Minnesota, 14 in Washington, 22 in North Carolina, 16 in West Virginia and scattering delegations in many other states.

HANDKERCHIEF CLUE TO MURDER

BODY OF YOUNG WOMAN WITH HEAD SPLIT OPEN IS FOUND IN UNOCCUPIED HOUSE—PART OF CLOTHING BURNED

LOS ANGELES, May 10.—The initial "K" on the corner of a handkerchief is the only clue to the identity of a comely woman of 30 years of age, whose body, with the head split open, was found in an unoccupied bungalow in the northwestern part of this city.

An attempt had been made to burn the body, as the clothing was scorched off to the knees. The house where the body was found was vacated May 1st. Several days after a man and woman were seen talking on the porch. Bloody finger prints which were found in the room are being photographed.

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