

**WHAT SHALL WE VOTE FOR.**

**Five Amendments to the State Constitution, Besides Usual Offices.**

In addition to the regular election of county, district and state officers to be elected at the approaching election, there is also to be a vote on the following constitutional amendments: Municipal indebtedness amendment; judicial amendment; irrigation amendment; repealing amendment; and an amendment for equal suffrage, which have been summed up by the Corvallis Times in this way:

Of these propositions the first abrogates the present section of the state constitution, which provides that no county shall incur an indebtedness exceeding in the aggregate sum of \$5,000, and in its stead proposes to substitute a section that shall extend the limitation of indebtedness to cities, school districts and other municipal corporations, as well as counties, so that their aggregate indebtedness shall not exceed 5 per cent of the taxable property therein.

At present there are three justices of the state supreme court. If passed, the judiciary amendments will increase this number to five.

The irrigation amendment is an innovation in that passage will add another article to the state constitution. The constitution of 1857 contained eight articles which have been preserved. If it receives the sanction of the voters, the irrigation amendment will be known as Article XIX, and under its terms the necessary use of lands for the construction of reservoirs for purposes of irrigation, and for the construction of ditches and flumes to carry water, for the development of natural resources or the preservation of health, is declared to be a public use and subject to the control of the state. The right to appropriate from any natural stream, unappropriated waters, and shall not be denied. The use of waters now appropriated is declared to be a public use as above, subject to certain regulations. The right to collect compensation for use of water is made a franchise.

Section 35 of Article 1 of the state constitution provides that no negro, not living here at the time of its adoption, should ever hold land or be allowed to make contracts or maintain suits in the courts. Upon the passage of the Fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution this section becomes a dead letter, and the "Repealing Amendment" seeks to efface it from the organic law of the state.

In voting on the question of the "Equal Suffrage Amendment" the question to be determined is whether or not the constitution shall be amended as follows:

Article 1. The elective franchise in this state shall not hereafter be prohibited to any citizen on account of sex.

Article 1 of the constitution contains thirty-five sections but the joint resolutions as adopted proposing the amendment does not state which particular one it is desired to amend.

**TILLAMOOK WEATHER.**

Month	Temperature	Max. Min.	Mean.	Rain.
1	50	34	42.0	0.04
2	54	32	43.0	0.02
3	53	40	46.1	0.20
4	50	40	45.0	0.15
5	54	35	44.1	0.16
6	54	38	46.0	0.82
7	55	45	50.0	1.78
8	54	44	49.0	0.30
9	60	49	54.1	0.45
10	58	52	55.0	0.57
11	58	50	54.0	2.01
12	59	40	49.1	0.02
13	68	40	54.0	0.03
14	75	55	65.0	0.00
15	72	48	60.0	T.
16	50	43	46.1	T.
17	54	45	49.1	T.
18	54	41	47.1	0.01
19	54	48	51.0	0.07
20	56	36	46.0	T.
21	63	40	51.1	0.30
22	52	45	48.1	0.32
23	52	33	44.1	T.
24	59	37	48.0	0.64
25	56	47	51.1	0.64
26	52	39	45.1	1.01
27	53	36	44.1	0.47
28	54	35	44.1	0.04
29	57	45	51.0	1.17
30	68	43	55.1	T.
31	62	47	54.1	T.

Sum. 1770.....1303.....1529.6..... 10.56

Mean 57.03... 42.13... 49.05..... 0.00

SUMMARY.—Mean temp., 49.5; max. temp., 75; date, 14th. Min. temp., 32; dates, 2. Total precip. inches, 10.56; total snowfall inches, 0; number of days clear, 2; partly cloudy, 2; cloudy, 27. Dates of frost—Light, 1st, 2nd, 20th, 23rd and 28th. Killing, 0. Dates of hail, 26th; sleet, 0; thunder storms, 0; auroras, 0. Prevailing wind—Direction W.

Remarks.—T trace.

20th.—Wild and domestic bees are out and working on the plum blossoms; 25th, early apple, pear, plum and cherry trees are in blossom; a large amount of oats and potatoes have been planted this month.

CAPT. JOSEPH J. DAWSON,  
Voluntary Observer.

**NOTICE OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.—That for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent, thereof, will hold a public examination at the Court House, in Tillamook City, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 11th day of April, 1900. Dated this 21st day of March, 1900.  
G. B. LAMB,  
County School Superintendent.

**Mr. Harrison and Porto Rico.**

One of the most important utterances with reference to the action of congress in the matter of Porto Rico emanates from Hon. Benjamin Harrison. Asked whether he had expressed an opinion adverse to the bill denying free trade to the island, Mr. Harrison said: "Yes; I regard the bill as a most serious departure from right principles." No one who really knows the man could be made to believe that he proclaimed this sentiment merely because it echoed the popular feeling of the moment. On the contrary, everybody understands that Benjamin Harrison is a courageous, straightforward and intensely patriotic citizen, who not only declares his honest views without fear or favor, but who possesses an enlightened wisdom and unerring judgment. He never speaks hastily, still less does he speak in deference to the prejudices and passions of the multitude. Whatever else he may be, however greatly he may fall short of the demagogue ideal, General Harrison is always the brave and honorable gentleman, the sincere patriot and the conservative and safe adviser. And, best of all, he is an American in every pulse and fiber of his being—one who worships his country's flag and holds its honor dearer than his own.

It is good, it is reassuring to hear from General Harrison in such fashion. Of course, we never doubted for a moment as to his feeling in the matter. No one who watched his administration carefully and with understanding could possibly have expected less. But we are glad that he has spoken. This is a time in which the country needs the encouragement and advice of just such men. We have reached a stage wherein something higher than party politics, something nobler than campaign expediency, is demanded by the American people. We are confronted by a crisis requiring the interposition of big men with stout hearts and jealous consciences and clear vision above all. The whole nation will thank Mr. Harrison for these timely and reassuring words.

**Profaning Sacred Things.**

Can it be that in this day of advanced civilization and refined thought we are about to enter an era of sacrilege? Blasphemy in whatever name is none the less apparent to the thoughtful for the cloak it wears. Hypocrisy is the one sin despised of all men and is denounced even by the most arrant of hypocrites; but when the hydra-headed monster of civilization enters the cause of the meek and lowly Nazarine it becomes an abomination which the benighted savage even would not tolerate when he went to his death proclaiming the faith that was in him. "I would rather be an atheist clean than hid behind religion just for a screen," as the singer of the soil put it, is the verdict of the years. The crimes that were committed in the name of liberty in mediaeval times are no more and no greater than those which have been and are being committed now in the convenient name of religion. The sincere must have more respect for the pagan who with simple trust in the command of his wooden gods reddened his hands in crime than he might win the reward he believed would thus be vouchsafed to him, than for these of our day who cant upon holy themes for their own glorification or gain. The indefinable reverence for sacred things are born in and are a part of us or we haven't it. That man, be he in a high or low place, who holds with light regard the significance of the Supreme Being in whatever form and scoffs at any man's religion is one to be avoided in business or social life.

There are many who do not understand and therefore do not believe, but are honest and respectful. They are neither hypocrites nor scoffers and should enjoy the fullest tolerance of those who differ from them. It is not these against whom we inveigh. It is the pharisee and the "professional religionist" who is ready enough to believe anything that is popular and use it, too, if he can. There is another class. They are those who may lend their sort of sincerity to their beliefs, but whose indiscreet application of it in reality reflects upon the cause. Religion does not progress because of such apostles, but in spite of them, and this is perhaps one of the greatest arguments of all in its behalf. It is this last class of men who are unwittingly leading this era of sacrilege in, all of its grave consequences. It has taken the form recently of the employment of the name of the Son of God in worldly pursuits. Of course, the resemblance of a righteous cause is urged as its defense or apology, but it is unavailing when its merits is a matter of opinion widely divided among men. The evil first became prevalent when a book appeared a few years ago bearing the title, "If Christ Came to Chicago." This was followed by many publications on all kinds of subjects, in which the idea was preserved, including parodies and comic songs. The title at once became a byword and a street jest. Then came W. J. Bryan and his series of sacrilegious sayings; first his "cross of gold and crown of thorns." The success with this scored made the careless use of things holy popular and painfully free was the practice, especially among stump orators, many likening Mr. Bryan to Christ. Like a small boy when he discovers that he has said something funny, Mr. Bryan continued to indulge himself in many references to Christ and scripture, hoping no doubt to make another

hit. In a speech he likened the so-called "dollar dinner" given by the Democracy of New York to the Lord's supper. He has not abandoned the custom either by any means. While on his recent tour of the East he compared himself to Jesus Christ in a most astounding reference. In replying to a charge that he (Bryan) was not conservative, he said he was more conservative than Christ, who drove the money changers out of the temple without ceremony, and so on. Now Rev. Mr. Sheldon is transcending all of these great lengths by printing for a week a secular newspaper as he claims Jesus would. The editor and newspaper have received thereby a great notoriety. The project will no doubt prove a financial success, for thousands were naturally curious to see how the modern daily would be conducted under such conditions. But who will undertake to say that the kingdom of God is advanced by this strange method? Is it not per se repugnant to the life of the Man of Sorrows, who went about doing good, teaching the doctrine of humiliation and despising all forms of show, saying the left hand should not know that which the right hand doeth, insisting that His kingdom was not of this world? In comparison Sheldon's work becomes as a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

**Patriotism and Sugar.**

The press has called attention to indications which point to a breaking up of some of the big trusts of the country that were formed during the inflation period that followed the wave of prosperity in industrial and commercial circles about a year ago. The flour trust has turned to dough, the tobacco trust is going up in smoke, and now the sugar trust is getting some hard blows. One of the indications of trouble in the sugar trust is the recent marked decline in common stock, on which the dividends have been persistently dwindling.

In an attempt to bolster up the fortunes of the trust the editor of the Sugar Trade Journal, the organ of the trust, has issued an appeal to people to purchase the stock, from motives of patriotism, glory and profit. This appeal is a funny thing in itself when it is dissected. Mr. Willett, the editor, appeals to every man who can raise \$100 to buy one share of stock in the trust, and gives some unique reasons for urging the investment. He points out what a great thing it would be to "be pointed out as a copartner in the greatest business in the United States, reaching in its influence the entire citizenship of the country." That sounds as good as Mr. Patterson's futile plea to the people to buy Curriegan water stock and be pointed out as bondholders. There are nearly 500,000 of common stock in the sugar trust, so that the honor would be common if the stock was well distributed.

But the real funny part of the appeal is the attempt of Mr. Willett to prove that the sugar trust is a philanthropic enterprise. He says: "The American Sugar Refining company, so far from being the 'octopus' regularly produced at every session of congress as worthy of extermination, is the greatest philanthropist of the age, in that it gives the universal necessity of life to every person from the cradle to the grave, and three times every day." It will be surprising news to the con sumers of the country to learn that the sugar trust is giving them their sugar three times a day. Most of us have been under the impression that we are buying the stuff. If we are not, we all have a kick coming at the grocer. As a matter of fact the sugar trust gives nothing. It simply converts raw sugar into refined sugar and charges all the traffic will bear for the operation. The trust is in danger of falling a victim to its fool friends and ought to call Mr. Willett off.

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**TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
United States Land Office,  
Oregon City, Oregon,  
March 22nd, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892.

CHRISTIAN ZIMMERMAN,  
Of North Yamhill county of Yamhill state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn state-ent No. 5108, for the purchase of the N 1/4 of section No. 32, in Township 2 S. Range 30, T. 2 S. R. 30, W. and W. 1 offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, 1900. He names as witnesses:  
William E. Merritt, Ostrum P. Merritt, Curtie Jones and William S. Jones, of North Yamhill, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 20th day of June, 1900.  
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Of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 5106, for the purchase of the N 1/4 of section 11, in Township 6 S. Range 10 W. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1900. Her names as witnesses:  
John Wessensberger, of Portland, Or.; Frank Kiesel, of Emma, Or.; Stephen Bauer, of Nesconow, Or.; Michael Greindlinger, of Emma, Or.

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