

THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

THE CIRCULAR LETTER BEING SENT OUT BY THE LEAGUE

Following is a copy of a circular being sent out by the Oregon League furthering the cause of the proposed Constitutional amendment:

To insure the adoption of the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution it must have more than forty-five thousand votes even if not one vote is cast against it. Do not forget to mark your ballot on this question.

Let every man who favors more direct legislation in Oregon be sure to vote for the initiative and referendum amendment and remind his neighbors to mark their ballots. A blank ballot may be counted against it the same as though it was marked no.

The rule is almost universal that when a measure is submitted to the people it must have only a majority of those who vote on the question. But the Constitution of Oregon is peculiar and it is quite possible that before any amendment can be adopted a majority of all the voters must vote yes even if not one votes no. Therefore it is important that every friend of the initiative and referendum amendment shall vote.

If the proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution shall be defeated by stay-at-homes and careless voters neglecting to mark their ballot, while a very large majority of those who do vote on the question vote in its favor, it will greatly intensify the demand for a Constitutional convention.

A Constitutional convention and a new Constitution is one of the most costly events in the life of a state. This is not only because of the agitation and disturbance of business, but also because of the complete changes commonly made in the organic law, and the destruction of a large part of the state laws settled by the courts. If the people understand that in practice it is not possible to amend the Constitution of Oregon it will be impossible to long escape a Constitutional convention. Therefore it is very important that every man who does not want the dangers and agitation of such a convention should not only vote but work for the adoption of the proposed initiative and referendum amendment.

The proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution must probably have from forty-five to fifty thousand votes in its favor, even though there is not one vote cast against it. The man who favors it and does not vote for it is likely to be counted against it just as though he voted no.

The proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution is very simple. It does not abolish the legislature, but it does make the whole body of voters a supreme legislative body. It gives about five thousand voters power to refer to the people a bill passed by the legislature, and it gives the same power to the legislature. It gives about eight thousand voters the same power to introduce a measure before the people for their vote that one Senator or one Representative has to introduce a bill in the legislature. Any proposed law submitted to the people by the legislature or by petition must have a majority vote of the people before it is adopted. There are no special elections on laws unless ordered by the legislature. There is no expense to the taxpayers, because the petitioners must pay all the expenses of their petition. The amendment gives a majority of the people power to make any law independent of the legislature, and to veto or repeal any act of the legislature.

A SEPARATION GRANTED

THE DIVORCE CASE OF MARTIN VS. MARTIN BY THE CIRCUIT COURT.

On yesterday afternoon Judge R. P. Boise, in department No. 2 of the Circuit Court, ordered a decree entered in the case of Carey F. Martin vs. Adda D. Martin, forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant on the grounds of desertion. The parties are well known in Salem where it was generally known that they had not lived together during the past four years and it was supposed by many that the legal separation had already been granted but the record does not show that any papers were filed until the 8th of the present month and the final decree granted on yesterday. Judge B. F. Bonham appeared for plaintiff and the defendant made no appearance.

One new case was filed in department No. 2 of the State Circuit Court for Marion county yesterday in which Wm. J. Greenbald is the plaintiff and John Greenbald et al., are defendants. This suit is brought to foreclose a mortgage given by George Greenbald, now deceased, to plaintiff on the 23rd day of November, 1888, and covers property in section 20, T. 8. S., R. 2. W. Hewitt & Sox, of Albany, are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

THE PRUNE QUESTION

ANSWERS A CHALLENGE REGARDING THE PRICES AT WHICH FRUIT WAS SOLD.

The Willamette Valley Prune Association was challenged, last week, through the columns of the Oregonian to show and legitimate sales of prunes during the past season at 2-3-4 cents per bag basis and the directors of the Association, in a letter in the Oregonian answered the challenge, as follows:

SALEM, Or., May 17.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of March 15 there appeared a communication from I. Lang, in which he challenged the Willamette Valley Prune Association, through its manager, to show any legitimate sales of prunes made during the season at 2-3-4 bag basis. In the first place, we shall say that we had no desire for newspaper accounts of our sales, and items which have appeared from time to time have been given out at the solicitation of your Salem correspondent. As this challenge affects a business matter which we supposed was of interest largely to ourselves we refrained from taking any notice of it, but at the solicitation of many fruitgrowers from various parts of the state the directors of this corporation were obliged to answer the challenge, as follows:

Smith's Dandruff Pomade Cures dandruff, eczema, itching scalp, and stops falling of the hair. One application stops itching scalp, three to six applications removes all dandruff. Doctors and druggists regard it as the only standard remedy for dandruff and all the other remedies are inferior. Price 25 cents per tin. Sold everywhere.

All friends of the initiative and referendum should lose no time from now on until the polls close on the evening of June 2, in setting forth the advantages this law will give the people. It transfers the power from the politicians to the people.—Observer, La Grande.

VALUE OF REFERENDUM. Unanimous Swiss Opinion.

Prof. Frank Parsons, an eminent authority on the referendum, has returned from an extensive trip to Europe, and says:

"In Switzerland, where the referendum and initiative have been so many years in use, the people are now substantially a unit in their favor. They have proved so useful in checking corruption and controlling monopoly, so wisely conservative and intelligently progressive, that even those who strongly opposed the referendum before its adoption are now convinced of its value.

"I was recently in Switzerland for several weeks visiting nearly all the most important cities and talking with men of every class—heads of government departments, presidents of cities, college professors, hotel proprietors, secretaries of chambers of commerce, lawyers, doctors, business men and workmen of every description—and I did not find one man who wishes to go back to the old plan of final legislation by elected delegates without chance of appeal to the people. I talked with men whose pet ideas had been turned down by the referendum, and with men who were strongly opposed to important measures adopted by the people, the nationalization of the railways, for example, but they were all convinced that on the whole the referendum was a good thing—the people made some mistakes, they thought, but they did far better than a legislature acting free of the popular veto. There are no lobbies, no jobs, no machine legislation; everything is fair and honest, and even the legislators like it, because it gives them a life tenure practically (since the people frequently re-elect the legislators at the same time that they vote some of their acts) and, more important still, it lifts the representatives into a purer atmosphere, adds to their dignity, increases the popular appreciation of their services, and frees them from the suspicions that attach to them under the lobby-ridden system of unguarded representation or government, by an elective aristocracy having power by first vote to make laws the people do not want. Nothing could be clearer or more vigorous than the testimony of the Swiss people in favor of the referendum."

fruit pooled with the association and sold during the past season is as follows:

- French prunes, uniform price of 2 1/2 cents, except for extremely small sizes, which were sold at a higher price.
- Italian prunes, season's average 30-40s 5.3935, net 4.6545.
- Italian prunes, season's average 40-50s 4.6347, net 4.0912.
- Italian prunes, season's average 50-60s 4.2942, net 3.7023.
- Italian prunes, season's average 60-70s 3.9985, net 3.3602.

We give the exact figures upon which settlements have been made with the members, all of whom, it is needless to say, are well satisfied with the result of the year's business. The opening sales of the association were made at 3-cent basis, and we believe all the prunes in the Northwest could have as easily gone into consumption this season at that price as at the wretchedly low figures which prevailed.

The consumer has generally paid as much for the Oregon prunes this year as he ever did. We are assured by the best handlers of our brand of prunes that they have been uniformly satisfied with our pick this year, and that they expect to handle from 50 to 100 per cent more next year. This, of course, will depend to some extent on whether we will be able to compete with the ruinously low prices of Mr. Lang and others, assuming that they will follow the same competitive policy as that of last year. We admit having lost many orders during the past season because of our unwillingness to sell as low as some others. If this business is to be perpetuated throughout the Northwest, there is need of radical changes along the line of marketing and distribution.

It is unfortunately true that almost every prunegrower is compelled to realize upon his product as soon as it is cured, and this is the weak point in the business. We growers compete with each other in our engagements to dispose of our product, and we believe that the only salvation for this important industry is for each district to form a local organization and equip themselves for the proper handling and packing of the fruit on lines similar to this association. Then let us all unite into one single selling agency through which all fruit shall be marketed.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY PRUNE ASSOCIATION. (Signed) Joseph N. Smith, president; L. M. Gilbert, vice-president; D. M. Crouse, E. T. Smith, H. S. Gile (secretary and manager), directors.

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CUBA LIBRE AT CHEMAWA

The Freedom of the Island Was Celebrated Last Night

BY THE PUPILS OF THE SALEM INDIAN TRAINING SCHOOL—AN EXCELLENT ADDRESS DELIVERED FOLLOWED BY A GOOD MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAM.

The Chemawa Indian Training School, near this city, has always taken a deep interest in the fortunes of Cuba. When Captain Mahoney, of the Cuban army, visited in Salem he spent several days at the school and lectured there, and his visit resulted in increased interest in the welfare of the then unhappy island. Now, that Cuba is at least free, a sovereign nation among the peoples of the earth, the friends of the island people everywhere rejoice, and the pupils at Chemawa are among those so rejoicing, and last night they celebrated the happy event in Cuba's stirring history by an elaborate entertainment in honor of the Cuban Republic.

An excellent musical and literary program was rendered, the Chemawa Band playing for the first time the "Cuban Independence March," the music for which they received on last night's train, and which the members of the band had never seen before. The grand march was performed by from 500 to 600 people—teachers and pupils—and a short time spent in dancing. During the evening an excellent address on "Cuba Libre" was delivered, to the great delight of the pupils.

TIME WAS EXTENDED

MINOR ORDERS MADE IN SEVERAL CASES NOW PENDING IN SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court yesterday only two minor orders were made upon motion in cases pending as follows:

Newton Hoover, appellant, vs. Alice L. Bartlett, et al., respondents, ordered on motion of appellant that his time to serve and file his brief be extended to June 30, 1902. State ex rel. Turner, respondent, vs. G. J. Gray, appellant; ordered on motion that appellant have until June 30, 1902, to complete the transcript herein by filing a copy of the bill of exceptions therein.

THE CLOSING EXERCISES

FOR THE OREGON INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

The closing exercises of the Oregon Institute for the Blind will be held at the school chapel tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The following programme has been prepared for the occasion:

- Chorus—"Wake, Wake, Wake."
- Essay—"History of Music," Ida Colby.
- Violin Solo—Willie Baller.
- Recitation—Edward Mackin.
- Vocal Duet—Frank Sandes and Marguerite Flower.
- Paper—"Story of Evangeline," Maude L. Bew.
- Piano Solo—Lester Perin.
- Recitation—Erastus Savage.
- Dumb Bell Drill—Five girls.
- "The Faithful Dog"—A story, Frank Sanders.
- Piano Duet—Lee Perin and Myrtle Buzan.
- Recitation—Mabel Templeton.
- Piano Solo—John Foley.
- Paper—"History of the School," Ora Johnson.
- Chorus—"Praise Ye the Father."

ASSISTANT EXAMINER

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WILL HOLD AN EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that in view of an insufficient number of eligibles resulting from the examination held on April 22d for the position of Assistant Examiner in the patent office to meet the needs of the service, another examination for this position will be held at the places mentioned in the accompanying list on June 17th and 18th. Attention is invited to the fact that this examination offers an opportunity for appointment to one of the very best parts of the Government service, and the Commission hopes that all persons who are qualified will apply for this examination.

Information relative to the subjects and scope of this examination may be found in section 41 of the Manual of Examinations, revised to January 1, 1902. Age limit, 20 years or over.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination it is expected that a number of appointments will be made to the position of assistant examiner in the Patent Office, at a salary of \$1200 per annum, and to other similar vacancies as they may occur.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. Competitors will be rated without regard to any consideration other than the qualifications shown in their papers, and eligibles will be certified strictly in accordance with the civil service law and rules.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply either to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to Miss Zaida Palmer, the secretary of this local board of examiners at the places mentioned in the accompanying list, for a copy of the Manual of Examinations and application Forms 304 and 375. The application should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington. Persons who are unable to file their applications, but whose requests are received at the Commission in sufficient time to ship examination papers, will be examined.

ODD FELLOWS AT NEWPORT

Grand Lodge in Session at That Famous Summer Resort

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE T. ORIN BARKER OF SALEM—THE ASSEMBLY OF REBEKAHS IN SESSION.

This is Grand Lodge week for the Odd Fellows of Oregon, the Grand Lodge, the Grand Encampment and Grand Assembly being in their annual conventions, and these all meet in Newport-by-the-Sea, Oregon's famous and most comfortable summer resort. On Monday the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs began to gather at Newport and on Tuesday the work of the week began.

The Grand Encampment of Oregon met at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the opera house in Newport, presided over by Grand Patriarch T. F. Ryan of Oregon City, and completed its work during the day adjourning for the year at 5 p. m., after transacting a considerable amount of business, and electing its officers. At the same hour on Tuesday the Grand Assembly of Rebekahs met at the Odd Fellows' hall in Newport, and began its three days' session; and yesterday morning the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. met in the opera house for a two days' session.

The Grand Encampment meeting was made a most memorable one to all present, when the committee on resolutions filed its report. The committee consisted of Past Grand Representatives W. T. Williamson and R. Scott, and Grand Representative A. W. Bowersox, and the resolutions presented were commemorative of the late T. Orin Barker, who died in this city last June. The reading of the resolutions was followed by one of the most affecting scenes ever seen in the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows, when the leading men of the order in the state paid brief tributes to the memory of the departed. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote, and were ordered printed on a memorial page in the annual record, together with a brief sketch of the life of the deceased. The resolutions, as passed are as follows:

"The Grand Encampment of Oregon. Your committee appointed to frame suitable resolutions commemorative of our deceased brother, T. Orin Barker, Past Grand Representative and Past Grand Patriarch, approach the duty in the shadow of a genuine sorrow. His life could not have been adorned by the addition of any of the graces or embellishments of social growth; the regret of his loss cannot find expression in the ordinary terms of sorrow. His life was the breath of sincerity and honesty, the clearness of good purpose; the motion of noble devotion to duty. His being was thrilled with the unconscious odor of a soul that scorned to do a wrong. While his heart throbbled in warm and kindly sympathy with distress, or in joy at the gain or pleasure of a brother, it spurned the coward spirit that cavilled with truth or justice, and his tongue hesitated not in the outspoken force of condemnation. No temporizing with the wrong; no terms with the merest taint of dishonor; no parleying with the proffered offices of intrigue or deceit. Yet beneath the rugged surface of inflexible and austere integrity, a kind and genial spirit of strongest friendships found lodgment, and rose to greet a brother with the simple purity of incense from the holy altar.

"Friendship, Love and Truth were engraved in letters of light upon his heart; Faith, Hope and Charity congenially nestled in the purity of his soul.

"Farewell, plain and unassuming Barker! The Patriarchs loved you, Pared to greater love and joy, in the light and presence of the Grand Patriarch of the Universe. May the God of Love receive you into the Holy of Holies.

"Fraternally submitted,
"W. T. WILLIAMSON,
"A. W. BOWERSOX,
"R. SCOTT."
"Committee."

ORA DAMON ARRESTED

HER HUSBAND CHARGES HER WITH A THREAT TO KILL—TRIAL THIS MORNING.

Ora Damon, wife of A. H. Damon, was arrested yesterday upon a warrant issued out of Justice of the Peace J. O'Donald's court, and sworn to by her husband, who accuses her of having threatened to kill him.

Mrs. Damon will have a hearing before Judge O'Donald at 10 o'clock this morning, and in the meantime she was allowed to go on her own recognizance.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
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(Seal) A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

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BORED HIMSELF.

The Duke of Devonshire holds the rein in the middle of one of his own speeches and explained afterward, quite unaffectedly that he "couldn't help it, it was so frightfully dull," and completed it when he was to introduce a bill in the House of Lords providing for the establishment of a new univer-

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MISSIONARY WOMEN MEET

Interesting Session Held at First M. E. Church

"OUR NEW POSSESSIONS": THE SUBJECT OF A PAPER BY MRS. W. C. HAWLEY—MUSIC BY THE BECK FAMILY ENJOYED BY THE DELEGATES.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Salem district met in annual session at the First M. E. church in this city yesterday morning, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was gracefully presided over by Mrs. Caroline K. Sweetser, of Eugene, as president, assisted by Mrs. Mabel Settlemyer, secretary. After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Blackwell of Salem, the usual routine of business was entered upon.

Interesting reports of the different officers were given, among them that of the secretary of supplies, Mrs. J. D. Lee, of Salem. This report gave a great insight into the magnitude of the work accomplished by this society.

Mrs. W. C. Hawley very ably handled the subject of "Our New Possessions." She read many interesting articles and interspersed them with original remarks upon our work in Manila, Honolulu and Porto Rico.

A letter of greeting and an interesting paper was read from Miss Minnie Frickey, who is at present traveling and working in the interests of the Home work in Eastern Oregon. A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Frickey for her faithful devotion to the work, and many were the expressions of regret heard because of her absence from the convention.

Miss Elliott of the Beck Family, a graduate of the Rush school for colored people, in Mississippi, was present and was kind enough to answer all questions put to her by the ladies present, concerning this school. The Rush school is under the management of the W. H. M. S. of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Miss Elliott, coming from the school almost direct to this city, was enabled to give many points of interest to the ladies interested.

Mrs. Long of Deaconess work, John Parsons, D. D., gave a short talk along the same line of work gleaned from his observation while in London. The subject was further touched upon by Mrs. Underhill of Salem.

The literary productions and discussions throughout the day were interspersed by special music. Mr. and Mrs. Beck delighted the audience with a duet. Luncheon was served during the noon hour by the Salem ladies in the parlors of the church.

The convention was a decided success, owing almost wholly to Mrs. W. P. Drew, Mrs. D. A. Waters and Mrs. W. R. Winans of Salem, and Mrs. Caroline Sweetser of Eugene, who as president of the Salem district, until her removal from the district took her into pastures new, rendered much valuable assistance in the work. The convention finished the work of the day with a sociable reunion, in which plans for future work were discussed and exchanged.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured After Fourteen Years of Suffering.

"I have been afflicted with sciatic rheumatism for fourteen years," says Josh Edgar, of Germantown, Cal. "I was able to be around, but constantly suffered. I tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured, and I am happy to say it has not since returned." Why not use this liniment and get well? It is for sale by Dr. Stone's Drug Stores.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

It is too bad that the weather clerk forgot this is the month of May on account of the excursionists who came to Salem Sunday.

New York is quaking for fear that the earthquake will come from the lesser Antilles to that city. Scientists say it is due, if it comes at all, in thirty days.

Prof. F. L. Campbell will make a very good and competent president of the State University. He is every inch a gentleman and scholar.

Mr. Chamberlain is a pleasant gentleman; but this is a Republican year. The Republican party of the Nation expects the members of the party in Oregon to do their duty.

A Salt Lake newspaper advocates the election of a woman for United States Senator from Utah, to succeed Rawlins. That would be a departure that would add spice to the world of politics.

The Statesman is promised a sermon from some local minister every Sunday morning. Not that the good readers of this paper need it; but it will entertain them and do good. And if any cannot go to church on Sunday, they can have their sermon anyway.

The circulation of the Homestead, the big farm paper that goes out of the Statesman building each week, has now reached \$800. It will be 10,000 very soon—probably more than twice as large as the farm paper on this coast—next in San Francisco—having the largest circulation. The Homestead is destined to be a great property and of great benefit to the farming interests of the Northwest, and incidentally to the city where it is published.

Some of the good Salem housewives are complaining over the fact that there are fewer thieves abroad in the city. In one case the thief goes out at night and digs up rose bushes. The foot prints left in the yard indicate that the thief is not a child, but a woman. This thing has been going on for several years, and some of the good ladies would like to have it stopped. If this is not done, measures will be resorted to that may make the thief or thieves mighty sorry.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye has gone to the East to seek for material for her forthcoming book on the Lewis and Clark expedition. She is the author of "McLoughlin and Old Oregon," the most popular book yet written on the early history of this state. Mrs. Dye's first story will be in Topeka, Kansas, and from there she will go to St. Louis, then to Madison, Wis., where valuable documents relating to Lewis and Clark are to be found. Mrs. Dye will be absent from home about two months.

Portland's people wouldn't feel at home these days without a strike or a prospective walk-out on their hands.

The city recorder of Albany fined a saloon keeper of that city \$50 on Tuesday for keeping his place open on Sunday. Albany will never get any of the excursion business.

By the readjustment of salaries of clerks in Presidential postoffices in Oregon, in the Salem office one clerk gets a raise from \$500 to \$600, and two from \$700 to \$800. The raise will take effect July 1st.

W. D. Wheeler, of Madley precinct, has resided in three states, and yet he has never lived outside of Marion county. This seems like a story of a riddle. He has resided in Marion county, Indiana; Marion county, Iowa; and Marion county, Oregon.

The beef trust is getting it in the neck these days. Karl Mann, the veterinarian, has won the International pedestrian race from Berlin to Dresden, 125 miles, in 27 hours, 15 minutes and 14 1/2 seconds. He was 45 minutes ahead of the next man, a meat-eater.

By the way, Salem is yet without a