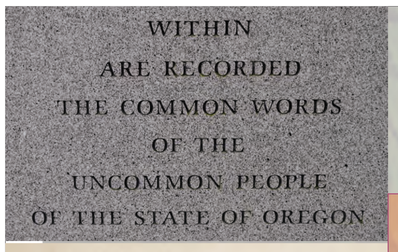
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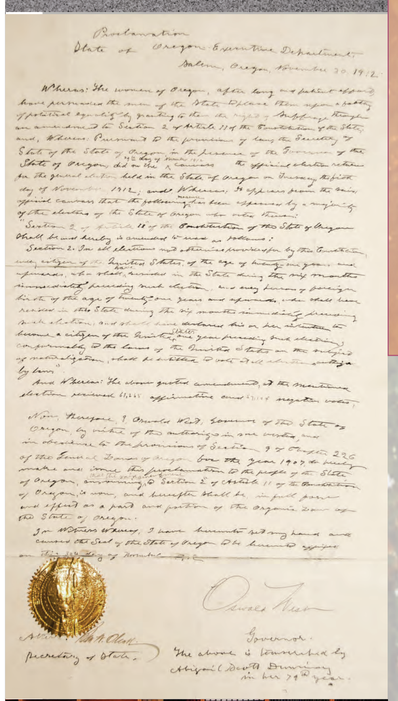

Proclamation
State of Oregon, Executive Department
Salem, Oregon, November 30, 1912.

Whereas: The women of Oregon, after long and patient efforts have procured the assent of the State Legislature, by approving a joint resolution proposing to the electors of the State the amendment to Section 2, of Article II of the Constitution of the State, and,

Whereas, Pursuant to the provisions of law the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, in the presence of the Governor of the State of Oregon, did on the 14th day of March, 1912, canvass the votes cast at the aforesaid election held in the State of Oregon on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1912, and,

Whereas, It appears from the said canvass that the following has been approved by a majority of the electors of the State of Oregon, the vote thereon

Section 2. Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Every all elections not otherwise provided for by this Constitution, every citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in the State during the six months immediately preceding such election, and every male person of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided in this State during the six months immediately preceding such election, and every male person of foreign birth who shall have declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States one year previous to such election, conformably to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, shall be entitled to vote at all elections authorized by law.

And Whereas, The above quoted amendment to the Constitution received a majority of the votes cast thereon at said election, and was approved by a majority of the votes cast at said election;

Now, Therefore, I, Oswald West, Governor of the State of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested in accordance to the provisions of Section 1 of Article 236 of the Laws of Oregon, Code 1907, do declare and proclaim the fact that the said amendment to Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution of Oregon, is now, and hereafter shall be, in full force and effect as a part and portion of the Organic Law of the State of Oregon.

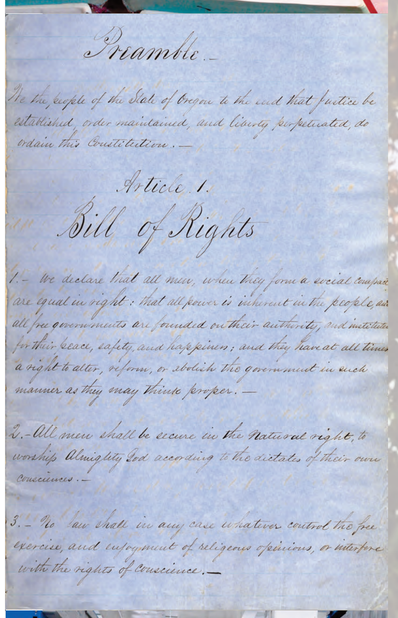
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the City of Salem, this 30th day of November, A. D. 1912.

Governor.

Secretary of State.

The above is transcribed by Abigail Scott Duniway in her 74th year.


Preamble.

We the people of the State of Oregon to the end that justice be established, order maintained, and liberty perpetuated, do ordain this Constitution.—

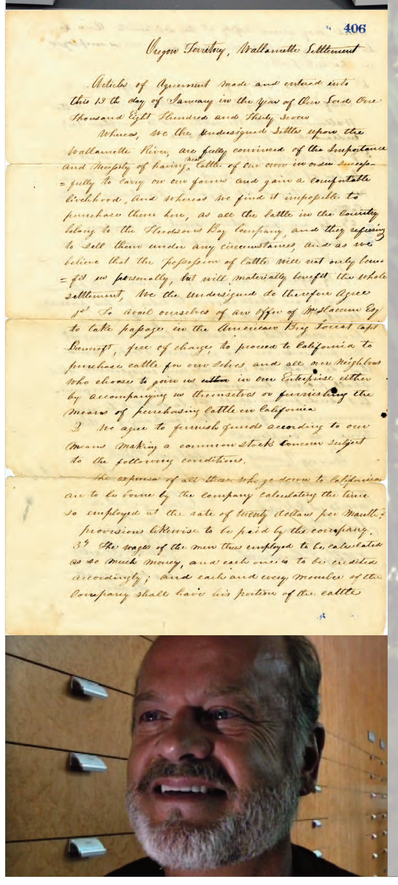
Article 1.

Bill of Rights

1.—We declare that all men, when they form a social compact are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper.—

2.—All men shall be secure in the natural right, to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience.—

3.—No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise, and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience.—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Oregon Territory, Wallamette Settlement

Articles of Agreement made and entered into this 13th day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven

Witness, We the undersigned Settlers upon the Wallamette River, are fully convinced of the importance and Necessity of having Cattle of our own in order to enable fully to carry on our farms and gain a comfortable livelihood, and whereas we find it impossible to purchase them here, as all the cattle in the Country belong to the Hudsons Bay Company, and they refusing to sell them under any circumstances, and as we believe that the importation of Cattle will not only lower it so materially, but will materially benefit the whole settlement, We the undersigned do therefore agree 1st To send ourselves of an offer of Wallamette Cy to take passage in the American Bay Vessel the Lausanne, free of charge, to proceed to California to purchase cattle for our selves and all our Neighbors who choose to join us either in our Enterprise either by accompanying us themselves or furnishing the Means of purchasing Cattle in California

2 We agree to furnish Goods according to our Means making a common stock thereon subject to the following conditions.

The expenses of all those who go down to California are to be borne by the Company calculating the time so employed at the rate of twenty Dollars per Month provisions likewise to be paid by the Company.

3d The wages of the men thus employed to be calculated as so much Money, and each one is to be credited accordingly; and each and every Member of the Company shall have his portion of the cattle

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We hope you enjoy this glimpse into Oregon's history as presented in these vignettes, and please let us know if you have a story of something you "Found in the Archives!"