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My dear Miss Tarbell,

You may be interested
(and surprised as I have
been) in the persistency
of the 17th defeated
women in Oregon,

Oregon.

The Oregon Equal Suffrage Association on Sept. 17 filed at the Secretary of State's office an initiative petition for the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment giving suffrage to all women, who pay taxes on property, either real or personal. It is reported that the large number of signatures needed were obtained with much less than the usual difficulty. The amendment will be voted upon in November, 1910. The petition need not have been filed till four months before election day, but the women have got it in two years ahead of time. The number of signatures necessary was 8,417; the number secured was 9,847, more than 1,000 more.

I have just learned that the
official count for 1908 shows
36,508 ballots for woman -
choosing women this year.
That is 278 more than in
1906.

Hence it appears that more than 35,000 men vote for it at each recurring opportunity in Oregon.

Personally, I believe ~~it~~ that it is the brewers and distillers who defeat the measure.

With 35,000 men for it, and an indomitable group of women availing themselves of the initiative and referendum, the only question seems to be "How many elections must they have?"

Yours sincerely F. Kelley