

BIG DAY FOR NORWEGIANS

ANNIVERSARY DAY OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATED.

Patriotic Exercises Held With Orator by Rev. O. Hagoes Praising the Nation's Heroes.

Norwegians of all classes celebrated yesterday, the anniversary of the declaration of independence made by their ancestors May 17, 1814. Their flag was displayed from various parts of the city during the day.

The programme rendered was highly enjoyable throughout and the crowded hall rang with applause as each section was concluded. The favorites of the evening were the Duffy children, a little boy and girl about 11 or 12 years old.

The programme was interspersed throughout with selections by the Norwegian Double Quartet. Of their six songs rendered, three were Norwegian and three Swedish.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. O. Hagoes and was spoken in the Norwegian language. His remarks were impressive and awakened much enthusiasm in the hearts of his countrymen.

At the close of the programme an expressive tableau was presented, entitled "Union and Liberty." To the left was a little girl sitting among sheaves of freshly mown grain. She represented Denmark.

Behind the scenes the Double Quartet sang the national song of each nation, then sang out loud and clear the song of freedom, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

AGAINST AMENDMENT.

Mr. Fordling Says He Will Not Vote for Initiative and Referendum.

PORTLAND, May 18.—(To the Editor)—Is it possible that the Republican party of Oregon has reached an attitude so different from that of other states that it is to be the leader in adopting the pet child of the Populists without even a protest from any source?

The day of the old town meeting had its lining in the forests of New England in ages past, and I ask, not in derision, but in candor, if Oregon is going back to those primitive times or is she so far in the van of other states as to be out of sight and hearing?

This same amendment is being urged in all the other states of the Union, and by the aid of grasshoppers, drouth, chinch bug and "Sockeye Jerry," triumphed in Kansas. Capital is driven from Kansas by the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the capitalist hooted at and scorned until Kansas walked by the jump of experience, and today no state is back in line with the old system of legislation more firmly than Kansas.

That lesson was had chiefly in the days of panic, when other states were at a practical standstill. In Oregon to try the same experiment in the days of commercial activity, when capital is seeking the spot where it is welcomed with open arms by men wishing employment, and by men who prefer to work for employers not only willing to pay, but with the money in sight? To avoid misapprehension I may say frankly I am not insinuating against the high character of George H. Williams and others who appreciate the needs of capital and the indispensable shield of "vested rights in property," but behind them and independent of them there is a class of agitators who claim "the world owes all an equal living," and claim personal rights for all, except the men with capital, and with the initiative and referendum and their little petitions are bent on driving capital from the land.

If Oregon becomes conspicuous as the state where the initiative and referendum prevails, and the mecca of socialism, there is great danger of capital giving them the field at the very time when greatest harm will result. The referendum has held the foreground these many months in the eye and ear of the voter, but the initiative is in the mind of the agitator, if not in the thought of the framer of the amendment.

Briefly, here is the proof: Bitter denunciation is made of existing laws and customs and vows for their overthrow. By the referendum nothing can be done save to defeat new laws yet to be enacted; so new law can come by it except that it be passed by the Legislature and its approval is added to present conditions. If not submitted but attacked by petition within 30 days, defeat is the object, and if the attempt fails expense and delay are the only reward. By the referendum good men may attack bad laws, likewise bad men may attack good laws for the purpose of blackmail, and it becomes a problem as to whether there are the most designing men to be feared in the Legislature or out of it. Our friends argue that the designing men will all be in the Legislature. Time legislators will take shield behind the referendum. Only one-twentieth of the voters are needed to force a vote on any measure. The history of petitions show how easily they are procured, even when urged by good men who insert none but proper names. On the other hand, the initiative is open to make or unmake any law or any part of the Constitution. A petition by less than one-twelfth of the number of electors voting for Supreme Judge at the preceding election can force the publication of any measure and a vote upon it. One-fourth of the electors voting on elections may pass the measure, or even a less number.

The election of 1900 tested the people on the matter of direct legislation; \$2,000,000 of the electors voted on the initiative; 48 per cent of them voted on the referendum amendment, 32 per cent voted on municipal indebtedness, and 65 per cent on suffrage. The initiative and referendum provides that if a majority of those voting on a measure vote yes, it shall be a law; hence in the last election, under the terms of this amendment, less than 25 per cent of those voting for Judge would have given us an amended Constitution.

Our present law takes four years to amend, and requires a majority of all electors voting at such election to change the Constitution, leaving our organic law as sacred and not to be changed by sudden impulse or excitement in the period of four months, and by a majority of a small per cent of the total vote who may chance to take an interest in the proposed measure.

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reading and discussing political theories, who think our government very poor and anxiously desire many changes, so many that the electors who have other use for their time cannot possibly analyze pro and con. It is no theory that the masses do not wish to make laws. The vote on the brief amendments of 1900 proved it, and it is surely assuming much to oblige them to vote on lengthy statutes, many of which are vital to important industries, but directly interest only a small per cent of the people. The referendum may be a debatable question, but I think the initiative unnecessary, very expensive in its operation, crude in its inception, vicious in its effects, and designed only for a primitive age when settlers are scarce, callings few, and but few laws needed, and they upon subjects with which all are familiar. In this age of specialties, with the best men giving their time to a single calling, to force all men to vote upon matters that they care nothing about is as far behind the age as for every man to be his own tailor, lawyer, doctor, preacher, etc. If I believed in the referendum I could not support it when at the same time I must support the initiative, and I would support no measure of a general nature that allowed a dozen votes to adopt it though 100,000 were cast who were as much affected by it as the 12. Such is the "I and I."

Mr. Editor: I hold in high esteem some of the men who have allowed their names to give color to the proposed initiative and referendum. I leave it to them to justify the cause, and begging pardon for intruding on your space, I wish to say that if there is but one vote against the measure I wish it charged to me. T. J. FORDLING.

Advance in Fares East. As a result of greater harmony among the railroads, passenger fares from the Pacific Coast to all points east of Buffalo will be advanced Monday. This comes about by the entrance of the "Boo" into an agreement to charge the same rates to Montreal that were in effect prior to the time, about a year ago, when the present fares became effective. When that road charged a less rate between St. Paul and Montreal than lines on this side charged between St. Paul and Buffalo, and made that less rate a basis for all passenger fares beyond, it forced the American lines to meet the competition. They did so by making the necessary reductions in territory east of Buffalo. Now the Canadian road has agreed to restore the Montreal rate to the former figures, so the American lines will also go back to the old tariff. The

difference is not great, however. From Portland to New York the present rates are \$75 first-class and \$63 second-class, and the new rates will be \$77.50 and \$65.50, respectively. The rate to Montreal is advanced \$2.50, which affects all rates from this coast to 16 points in the Middle and New England States. Injustice to Consumptives. Leslie's Weekly. For the United States to declare tuberculosis contagious and not admissible into

this country is to stamp thousands of Americans with an unbearable stigma. To exaggerate the danger of the disease is to cause a worse disease—apity styled phthisis, separating a man from his wife, children from their parents, brother from sister, friend from friend. An instance of the same kind of misconception and undue zeal is seen in the

recent action of the authorities of a country village not far from New York, which, because of its elevation and dry air, has become a favorite resort for persons afflicted with consumption. Fearing, perhaps, not without reason, that this invasion of the town by consumptive patients would injure the reputation of the region as a Summer resort, the author-



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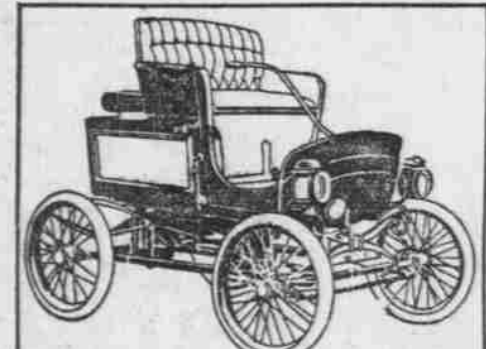
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ties in question have gone to the extreme of forbidding such persons to locate there for any purpose, or even to be received as guests in the homes of resident citizens. A very good substitute for cream in coffee is made by pouring a cup of scalded milk into a well-beaten egg.

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