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CURRENT POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

The Questions at Issue before the People of Oregon Today.

JUDGE HARTMAN REPLIES

ADMITS HE HELPED PREPARE CERTAIN FIGURES

Asserts They Are Correct and He Withdraws No Statement Made—Debt of County Under Republican Administration Rose From \$40,000 to More Than \$175,000.

The Pendleton Tribune takes occasion in its issue of the 11th, to use my name in connection with an article published in last week's Weston Leader. I have read the article in question and admit that I helped prepare the figures, and as they are duly certified by the county clerk, I fail to see what exceptions it can have except that they are true. The 180 per cent charged by Sheriff (now patriot) Furnish is wrong. It should have been 188 per cent. The objection is urged that it was discount on scrip and not interest. I respectfully refer to Banker Furnish to explain the difference between interest and discount. Our scrip at this date was worth its face.

The county debt, when the county went into republican hands, was about \$40,000, and increased under them to \$175,000.

The court house mentioned was almost entirely built from the proceeds of the sale of the court house block.

Yes, the Commercial Association did investigate the county's affairs about

this time, and Dr. F. W. Vincent had the particular duty of investigating the sheriff's office, and he found it so rotten that no publication of the conduct of the office was made, which was unfortunate, for had it been made and the illegal charges shown up, suit could have been brought to recover.

An investigation is now being made, and if the time limit has not run, a suit to compel restitution will be instituted.

The present county court does require duly certified bills and vouchers in all cases and when any money is advanced by Mr. Blakley, neither interest nor discount is charged by him, although he is working under the salary law. It is charged that Mr. Furnish has never done anything for the county. This is unkind, for after receiving very liberal fees from the county, he contributed to a fund to bring a suit against Houser and the court to prevent the payment of illegal fees to others.

The suit is known as Brownfield vs. Houser. There is a very labored effort to work up a little feeling, because the late Judge Martin was a member of the court when these enormous fees were paid.

No man had a higher regard for him than myself. He trusted Furnish, believing he would not impose on him and the other members of the court.

Now, I leave the reader to judge whether their confidence was abused.

There is not the slightest doubt in my mind but that Sheriff Furnish was

paid many thousands of dollars of illegal fees.

Had he not wrung these immense sums from the taxpayers, he would not be making his so-called business (?) campaign over the state.

Take his wealth from him and his name would never be connected with the office of governor.

The people of this county owe him nothing, and his threat to ruin any and all republicans financially and politically who oppose him will entail a great deal of work for him in the future, for I firmly believe there are 600 of them in the county. I think Senator Proebstel came near the mark when he charges him with political insanity. G. A. HARTMAN.

Tennessee G. A. R.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 14.—The Grand Army veterans of Tennessee began their nineteenth annual state encampment in Chattanooga today. Death is rapidly thinning the ranks of the veterans as is evidenced by the annual reports of the department officers. Tomorrow the visitors will spend the day on the famous battlefields of Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga.

Notice to Voters.

Registration books will be kept open, at the court house, every evening until 9 o'clock, until Thursday, May 15th, when the books will be closed at 5 p. m., and time for registration ends.

Lost—A gray mare, with roached mane, branded on left hip with half circle over cross and a bay mare, branded with D on left shoulder and diamond on right shoulder. Suitable reward will be paid finder by returning to T. W. Agres' barn.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

FRANK WILLIAMS, OF ASHLAND, DOING GOOD WORK.

Left a Bed of Sickness So That He Could Campaign for the Initiative and Referendum—Thousands of Tracts Are Being Distributed for Education of Voters on Subject.

Frank Williams, a politician known throughout the state, has left his home in Ashland to come to Portland and advocate the adoption of the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution. That Williams left a sick bed in order to urge the adoption of the proposed amendment is sufficient proof of his earnest desire to see this innovation placed before the people.

"For the first time," said Mr. Williams, "I am not talking for or against any political party, but am strictly non-partisan in my wish to have the proposed initiative and referendum amendment adopted. I am gratified to see that the candidates on all the tickets are advertising the initiative and referendum on their campaign cards. It has always been a vote-getter.

"I was told that there was no real need of coming to Portland, as there was no opposition to the amendment. It isn't a question of no opposition, however, but a question of explaining the proposition to the people. To adopt the amendment requires votes. Thousands of little folders have been sent throughout the state, and they are being placed in the hands of the voter as rapidly as possible.

"When we first agitated the initiative and referendum four years ago we had rather hard sailing, but managed to get the resolution passed through the legislature by getting the support of the country representatives principally. The last time the legislature adopted it without opposition and with but one dissenting vote."

The Direct Legislation League of Oregon, with which Mr. Williams is affiliated, is distributing tracts with brief arguments in favor of the initiative and referendum. Extracts from this folder are as follows:

"The Direct Legislation League of Oregon asks every voter in the state to study the proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution, and the reasons why it should be adopted, printed herewith. It is almost unanimously approved by those who have studied it, regardless of their party, vocation or position in life. It has been indorsed and recommended to the people for adoption by the state grange and by organized labor in its Federated Trades councils for many years past; by both the republican and democratic state conventions of 1900 and 1902; and the socialist convention of 1902; by United States Senators John H. Mitchell and Joseph Simon, and nearly all the men prominent in the political life of Oregon, and by almost every newspaper in the state.

"The constitution provides that if a majority of said electors (of the state) shall ratify the same, such amendment shall become a part of this constitution." Lawyers disagree, but many say this means that a majority of all the voters must vote "Yes," or the amendment will be lost. That is to say, if 90,000 votes are cast, more than 45,000 will be necessary for its adoption if none are cast against it. If every man who favors the amendment will not only vote but work for it, the majority will be so great that no question can ever be raised. If you favor the amendment ask every friend you have to vote for it. Be a committee of one to stand at the polls all day and see that no voter forgets the amendment."

Some of the indorsements by prominent citizens of the proposed amendment follow:

H. W. Scott—The referendum is an obstacle to too much legislation; to surreptitious legislation; to legislation in particular interests; to partisan machine legislation and to boss rule. No predatory measure could be carried before the people. The legislative lobbyist would be put out of business.

George H. Williams—The initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution is in the direction of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

A. L. Mills—I heartily favor the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution for many reasons; but if for no other, because it will be possible then for cities and towns to make and amend their charters without the consent or interference of any party machine.

Ben Selling—I favor a trial of the initiative and referendum because I believe the courts of first and last resort in a republic should be the "common people." Laws subject to their direct approval are less liable to be tainted with any suspicion of influence than those framed by any legislative body.

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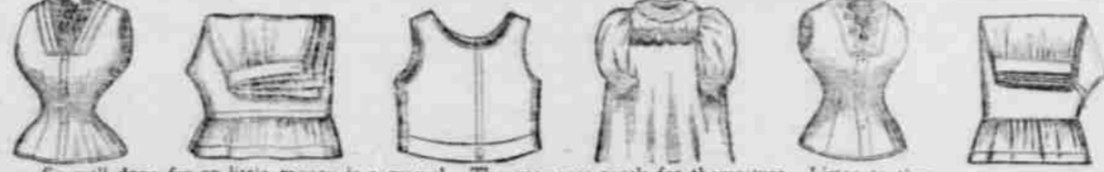
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