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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE?

The question, who are the people? to a great many of our readers, doubtless, seems a very silly one, but when the dictionaries, histories and encyclopaedias are consulted most persons will find that the question is not so easily answered as they thought. There is a common impression that the word people means all the human beings that occupy a given space of country. This is the modern meaning of the word by the common folks of the United States but it has quite another and more restricted meaning when used by our law makers and to them it only means a class that have superior rights to the great mass of human beings. The history of the word gives force, or at least plausibility to the latter meaning. It is of latin origin, from the word populus, which meant the class of Romans that possessed political rights. There were three classes in Rome. 1st men of property, house-holders; 2d tenants or clients followers of the rich or as the word means listeners, who must listen but not speak about public matters 3d. slaves, that constituted, according to history in the latter days of Rome four fifths of the human beings under Roman rule and were always numerous.

The first class "house-holders" alone in Rome had political, ie: Burgess rights. It was these who exclusively constituted the populus, the people." This shows that the word people as defined in classic literature means exclusively the ruling class. When a proposition is made to extend the Burgess right that is the right to vote the classic scholars have always held that the right to vote was not an inherent right to any class but the ruling one. Under this meaning of the word people, the "glittering generalities of the Declaration of Independence" were and are yet ignored by our law makers and property owners only were permitted to vote in, most of the states for a long time. Witte, the right hand man of the Czar of Russia, who is a classic scholar, but a few days ago in discussing the demand of the common folks of Russia, for universal suffrage said: "I do not believe there is a well informed man (doubtless meaning a college educated one) that believes in universal suffrage." It is quite probable that a vote taken by the classical scholars in the United States would prove Witte's assertion as practically true. Our higher educational institutions have from the foundation of our government held the uneducated mass, that is the great undiplomated multitude in great contempt, and like the Roman patris they have no rights civil or political, except such as were graciously granted them by the practitioner rulers. This feeling of the learned and wealthy class is the real cause of the hazing now causing so much indignation in this country.

It is about time our law makers, executives, judiciary and colleges, comprehend and act on the American idea, that the people means everybody and not a favored class.

THE FRUIT MEN HERE

Union county should feel highly honored by the presence in its county seat of distinguished men from all parts of the great northwest, even from our neighbor, British Columbia. These men have won fame, not by inheritance or political work, but by their individual work, in making mother earth respond to the magic touch of their

skill, by yielding luscious and beautiful fruits.

They are here to confer with our people and tell them how they managed to bring the big red apples, luscious peaches blushing in their tempting loveliness, juicy pears, aromatic strawberries and other fruits

from the soil, to increase the comforts and delights of man. The work which they have done is of incalculable more worth and importance to the human family than that of warriors or statesmen. They have planned and succeeded in subordinating the forces of nature and made them bring forth forms more beautiful than poets ever conceived, and more useful than statesmen ever inaugurated. To fall in line and heartily co-operate with such benefactors is an honor and delight.



A REAL TREAT

which will bring delight to 99 out of every hundred of your friends at your afternoon tea is our chocolate sponge. Delicious, sweet, of fine flavor, wholesome, no wonder we sell so much of it—no wonder its always fresh. Try a pound or two and you'll join the rest in singing its praise.

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Best equipped abstracter in Union county. Many years experience with the Union county records gives me a great advantage. It is folly to purchase real estate without first securing a proper abstract. An abstract from my office will show the title just as it appears on the official record.

J. R. OLIVER,
LA GRANDE, OREGON
Room 31 Sommer Building

Petition for Liquor License

To the Hon. County Court of Union County Oregon.

We the undersigned legal voters and actual residents of the precinct of Hilgard, Union County, Oregon, and having actually resided in said precinct at least thirty days immediately preceding the date and filing of this petition, hereby respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant to Halveron & Christofferson a license to sell spirituous malt or vinous liquors or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider in less quantities than one gallon, in the town of Hilgard, Union County, Oregon, for a period of six months commencing on or about February 10th, 1906, and ending on or about February 10th, 1907.

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Mat Mike'son

Notice is hereby given that we will on the 7th day of February, 1906, apply to the County Court of Union County, Oregon, at the court house in La Grande, Oregon, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors or fermented cider, commonly known as hard cider in quantities less than one gallon, in the town of Hilgard, Union county, Oregon, for a period of six months, commencing on or about February 10th, 1906.

HALVERSON & CHRISTOFFERSON.

New Year SUGGESTIONS

New Year Bells will soon be ringing and the old problem of "what shall I give him for a present" will once more confront you.

We have made a few suggestions and should you fail to find a suitable item on the list we would be pleased to have you call and we'll do all in our power to assist you.

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A good rule to follow in selecting gifts for man is to buy what he would be apt to buy himself. All our prices are moderate, and we are always at your service.

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Call up Main 29 for

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We have received a consignment of Union Fleece Wool Indian Robes which we have on sale. These robes are suitable for couch covers, steamer robes and ornamental for Indian corners. The price range is from \$5.50 up

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