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THE GRAB SACK

An amusing game used to be played by the young folks called the grab sack. To play it a sack was filled with packages carefully wrapped. Some of which contained desirable articles, others with things that no one wanted, and one had a large bull frog elaborately concealed. The players were blindfolded, led up to the sack and told to help themselves to one article from the share of good things a generous fairy had provided. Each was required to open the drawn package. There was much tittering by the girls and stamping of feet by the boys when a blank was exhibited, but when the maze of wrapping was unwound from the frog the applause was loud and hilarious, each one pointing at the recipient and calling out "croaker! croak frog croak."

The game of grab sack aptly illustrates the doings of an ordinary Oregon legislature in which the sack is filled with packages with appropriations for specially favored localities and interests, many blanks for modest members and frogs for loquacious ones. From a million to two million dollars of the taxpayers money is thus distributed to localities, corporations and popular party leaders who have been wise in the popular acceptance of that term; that is those who did not foolish their time away in the legislature talking about rights, principle and good of the state.

Those who drew blanks, that is secured no appropriation to be expended in their county, district or to enrich some special friends or vote controlling corporations, were jeered at as though they had drawn a bull frog from the legislative pool or sack, and styled croakers.

This term "croaker" is successfully used to silence them whenever they raised their voices against the wasteful expenditure of the taxpayers money, and the people were taught to disregard his statements as to how the state school lands had been frittered away with little to show for the proceeds thereof, or how the many millions of dollars of state money had been divided among political leaders, and not for the good of the state. The silencing legitimate criticism on state and county revenues by the opprobrious term "croaker" has allowed millions of the peoples money to be expended with nothing to show for it "but our d—m—d debts," heavy interest accounts, bad roads, corporate control and high taxes.

ESPECIALLY INTERESTED

Petitions are being circulated throughout the state under the initiative law asking that five amendments be submitted to the people for their ratification or rejection. They are as follows:—

No. 1—Constitutional Amendment for the initiative and referendum on local, special and municipal laws and parts of laws.

No. 2—Constitutional Amendment giving cities and towns exclusive power to act and amend charters, subject to the constitution and criminal laws.

No. 3—To allow state printing, binding and printer compensation to be regulated by law at any time.

No. 4—Giving one legislative assembly power to propose and submit to the people amendments to the constitution, and making it the governor's duty to proclaim adoption of amendments, and requiring the people's approval before a

Constitutional Convention can be called. No. 4—For a law prohibiting free passes and discrimination by public service corporations.

While we believe there is sufficient merit in every one of these amendments to warrant them to become laws there is one amendment in which Union county is especially interested and that is the first one, which provides for the initiative and referendum on local and municipal laws. To illustrate at the last session of the legislature there was a bill before that body to sub-divide Union county. If this amendment is adopted such a proposition would be referred to the people and if a majority decided in favor of a division then it should be divided, but not until then.

RESPECT THE PEOPLE

The Federated Trades Council that claims to speak for 20,000 Oregon citizens and voters recently passed a resolution requiring candidates for senatorship and to seats in the house of representatives to pledge themselves that if elected they will vote for that candidate for United States senator who has received the highest number of the peoples votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a United States senator.

STATE NEWS

J. Nat Hudson is a candidate for the office of county judge in Baker county subject the degrees of the Republican primaries.

A. Eaton returned Sunday morning from San Francisco and Eugene. He stated that it was quite probable that the Eugene woolen mills which were recently purchased by Messers Wilbur and Will Wright may be moved to Union. However when he learned that the county tax levy was affixed at 28 mills in addition to the high school and city taxes in Union, he said it was all off, but he possibly may change his mind. He is certainly making a success of his woolen mill.



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