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TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

Now that the voters are in more direct relation to public affairs, and therefore are personally more immediately responsible for the kind of laws made, and purposes for which public money is expended, either state or county, it is incumbent on all voters to pay more serious attention to public business. The voters cannot, under the Initiative and Referendum, throw the odium of bad laws or wasteful use of public money upon others. He can no longer throw the whole blame of unwise or even vicious laws upon others, and quiet his conscience by saying "They did it," for every voter has an equal right in the making of all laws. This right is inalienable and it is a penal offense to transfer it, or attempt to let others use it.

Whether our state, county, school district, or road district are badly or wisely managed, now, depends on the honest thought and efforts of the voters therein bestow upon it. The scape goat "They" no longer lives to bear off the sins of the voters; each voter must bear his own sins conspicuously displayed. The roads in a district are the certificate of character for the voters therein. The annual tax levy that is to gather money to be expended without leaving any permanent public betterment is a diploma for inefficiency if not for worse. The people of Oregon have been enduring such uncomplimentary certificates and diplomas and they now have an opportunity to turn over a new leaf and so manage public affairs that they can point to the increasing and permanent betterment all about them and with a laudable pride exclaim, "We did it."

Under the old slipshod way of regarding the exercise of citizenship but a game of "grab bag" wherein every man, or at least his friends took a snatch at the public purse, and no one expected the money raised by taxation to do more than reward friends. The effect on the reputation of the state has been such that homeseekers from other states did not come to Oregon in the same per centage as to our neighboring states of Idaho and Washington. In the 20 years from 1880 to 1900 Idaho with 10,270 square miles of land less than Oregon increased her population 389 per cent; Washington with 27,680 square miles of land less than Oregon increased her population from 1880 to 1900 by 589 per cent. Oregon's increase of population for the same 20 years was but 136 per cent. It looks like it was about time the voters of Oregon turned over a new leaf.

You know Union county to be all right and why not tell your Eastern friend so when you write again?

A united effort on the part of the citizens of this valley would accomplish wonders. We have the best soil in the Northwest, and the best people on earth, all that is necessary is to combine forces and do things.

Hardly any theory is all true, and many theories are not all false. A theory may be essentially at fault and yet point the way to truth, and so justify its temporary existence. We should not, therefore, totally reject one or other of two rival theories on the ground that they seem, with our present knowledge, mutually inconsistent, for it is likely that both may contain important elements of truth.

The citizens of this county should get together and form some combination whereby they could get water on the Sandridge. Why wait for Eastern capitalists to do this which we can do ourselves? If the other fellow gets the water he will certainly demand a reward. Why not have the water and the reward as well? The undertaking is not an impossible one.

CHINESE SITUATION IS GRAVE

(Scripps News Association)
Washington, Feb. 9.—An official of the state department who has been intimately connected with the country's foreign relations for the past twenty years, said today: "The next important phase of the American foreign policy will be in the relations with China."

He declared that with the exception of the Cuban interference and the Spanish war, the United States has had no complications with another power worthy of comparison with the threatened break with China. He says the arrogance of the great merchants of China must be endured to the extermination of American trade or this government must pursue a policy of armed insistence of the reestablishment of the prestige of American commerce. He says the Japanese germ is affecting the body politic of China. He does not charge the German and English agencies with bad faith but says the citizens of those countries would not despair if American influence was totally destroyed.

It is noticeable that an unusual number of troops are going to the Philippines and few are returning. The field manoeuvres are constant.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

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