

PERSONAL.

—L. D. Goonwin left for Ogden, Utah, Friday.

—August Mickelsen returned home Sunday.

—Mrs. Joseph Poore is over from Dunsmuir.

—J. F. Smith came over from Siskiyou, Friday.

Miss Nellie DePeat is home from Grant's Pass.

—Mrs. William Barnum was up from Medford, Friday.

—William LITTLETON came over from Coles last Friday.

—Louis Wirth and family returned from Michigan, Monday.

—Thaddeus McHattan returned from Siskiyou, Monday, to attend school here.

—A party composed of Edward Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Sutton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton left, yesterday, for two week's outing at Pelican Bay.

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THE REFORM MOTIVE.

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Concluded from last week.

I remember it is claimed by our orthodox political brethren that this desire,

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embodied in the demands of new party platforms, is not only selfish and reactionary, but destructive of the basic principles upon which republican institutions and free-will competition is supposed to rest. Attempts at reform are, to them, as regarded from their point of view, not only dangerously selfish, but the active agent and destructive element at the bottom of all reform schemes of revolutionary force and character. This, however, is not the truth of the matter. Reform does not destroy, it changes! And the statement that reform is selfish and therefore an alien to progress but proves old-party sages incapable of logical thought,—of right or correct thinking.

Could our critics but once see their way through the question of moral, social or political ethics, they might, perchance, recognize a difference known by some to exist between selfishness and selfness. Selfishness is hateful, imperious and despotic (for an example in proof of fact, behold the attitude of powerful and influential corporations in their conduct of business with labor and with state.) and does not, in any sense whatsoever, bear relation to true and legitimate reform. Selfness, however, is individualized democracy and is therefore the corner stone of all future systems of proper human government; and by it, before the completion of another cyclic period, the advantage of condition over will will have been reduced to a minimum.

You ask what will we do with the law of competition? Why, regulate it, of course! So far as competition is given proper function in society and government, just so far will it have place in the economy of law. It is the abuse and not the use of law that defeats the plans of justice and of mind! This, therefore, be it remembered, is the objective of the reform motive To regulate competition, re-adjust the conditions of human life, and thereby aid law to a proper function in the developmental process.

[THE END.]