

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CHARTER BOARD MEETING

The Simon charter board met in secret session and the question before that honorable body was how to get away with the initiative, referendum and recall.

An eminent attorney, who as Mayor of the city had drawn down \$25,000 a year from the O. R. & N., for his law firm, was asked to express an opinion.

"It is this way, gentlemen," he said. "You could kill these vicious things by providing that before signing any petition a citizen had to swim the Willamette River."

"Hear! hear!" shouted an enthusiastic member who had just spoken on the necessity of "safeguarding the initiative."

"The trouble, however," went on the little boss, "the trouble is that some of our best citizens can't swim."

"You used to make lots of floaters," interjected an old friend.

"So much the better," called several. "Order, Order," called the chairman. "Gentlemen must keep order."

"Not only is it a fact that many of our best citizens can't swim; but many more who can swim simply won't, especially in the winter and early spring. I have carefully considered the problem," he went on, "and have analyzed the proposal made at the last secret session, which is to provide that before signing a petition for a referendum, initiative or recall, a citizen must climb a greased pole to twice his own height."

"That would be very well, I am sure!" cried out a well-known political has-been.

"Yes, any of these propositions would do very well, but there is one insurmountable objection to all of them," said the eminent little ex-boss and always corporation attorney. "That is, the charter must be submitted to the people, and they would see through the scheme, and realize that such provisions would put these institutions we all hate so (and with reason, gentlemen.) on the shelf out of reach. I have therefore concluded to advise you to simply provide that a citizen be required to go before the city clerk and swear to his signature."

"I object," interrupted a member from the mercantile establishments. "The common workmen would elect one of these union fellows city clerk, and he would do nothing else but go down the line with initiative petitions."

"That might be, if we are foolish enough to let such a city clerk through; but if we are wise we will provide for the commission to appoint him. Then, too, in my extensive political career I have always found that where one man has a good deal of power he also has his price. By wording this so that the citizen must go to the city hall, and must appear before the county clerk, even a union fellow could do but little harm. The essence of the proposition I put before you is to make the citizen go to the city hall. Such little matters as having no clerks there except when no workmen can get there without laying off, and possibly slipping in a joker that will kill the things we hate off altogether, can come later. Let us, gentlemen, remember the one vital object of your honorable body, and that is to restore to the people of Oregon the grand old representative system by which we ruled and prospered, free from any fear of the initiative, referendum or recall. Oh, my friends, for the love you bear our common deity, Special Privilege, use caution, craft, diplomacy, in approaching this matter of killing or paralyzing the cursed enemy of Big Business and a representative government that represents us. The people are easily caught at times with a phrase like 'commission form of government,' but we must not let them see the hook until they feel it."

On motion the matter was laid over for final action when the temper of the people had been carefully tested by publicity.

IN OLD YAMHILL.

At a mass meeting of taxpayers in McMinnville last Saturday H. D. Wagon was urged to talk on the single tax. He was willing, of course, but considered it out of place. Questions were asked and he was compelled to answer. H. W. Stone is to speak there on that subject on the 22d. In Dundee, in Yamhill County, on the same day, Alfred D. Cridge is to take up the same question with the Grange. It is thought by careful observers that Yamhill County can be carried for a considerable installment of the single tax. Even the county assessor thinks live stock and household furniture should be exempt to some degree.

It is reported that there is to be but one charter board, and that one is to be the Simon charter board. This won't do. That bunch might listen to reason, but as a body it is intent on giving us the worst form of commission government it can incubate. There must be a progressive charter proposed to the people by reliable men, and there will be. The cry for a commission form must not be moulded into a Simon form.

Canada may hang a woman for killing her husband, but no American State would. Mrs. Angelino Napolitano may not have been justified, but the indications are that he chief fault lay in not killing the beast some time before.

Quite a number of the wrecks on land and sea are just plain cases of murder. It costs money to fully man vessels and to keep railroads up. And the widow and orphan stockholders are so hungry for dividends.

The police band is all right when it is all right, but it has not always regarded Union musicians as having any rights

A PECULIAR SYSTEM.

A lady from Vancouver, B. C., was asked the other day if the peculiar system of taxation was working well in Vancouver. She replied that "peculiar" was a term to apply to the Oregon system of taxing a man on his improvements.

"What about taxing a big sky-scraper in Vancouver?" she was asked.

"Oh we want them in Vancouver. Don't you people in Portland want good buildings put up? We think it so queer to ask people to come to a country and then tax them for investing and building."

"Doesn't your Vancouver system stop land investments?" she was asked.

"Well, you see," she replied, "I am not very well posted on such things, but in Vancouver there have been some great advances in real estate, but people are not driven away from our city by taxes on their improvements. You have more to attract capital than Vancouver, but your tax laws drive them away."

"I think the speculator with us has less to expect from holding his land idle, and is inclined to use it. We don't have these great speculative tracts held idle in the heart of the resident portion of the city, as you do. Our city is more compact, and it is certainly growing as fast, if not faster, than Portland."

"Your peculiar system of taxation must be a great burden to all of the people. Some of my relatives in Oregon have shown me tax receipts that would drive a British Columbian farmer wild. I don't see how they can pay them and have the gall to ask anybody to come to Oregon, even if it is such a beautiful place."

And then the lady tripped blithely away, unconscious of having given a little single tax speech to her auditors. Just a tourist visiting friends. No more idea of being a "horrid single tax woman" than a bird.

HOW IT WORKS IN SPOKANE.

With workmen a majority of the commission form of government in Spokane, the open shop knockers of prosperity will have some stiff jolts given them. The contractors there have abandoned their open-shop combine that imported cheap labor and charged the city the highest price for it. The wages on city work will hereafter be the best paid, the eight-hour day will be the rule and the union, resident, home-owning men will be given the preference over non-union, imported strikebreakers.

Everywhere, and anywhere, that we hear of the attempted introduction of the rule of "open shop" we also hear that employers are told that it will mean cheaper labor, longer hours—but they are not told that this means less money for men to spend; a reduction in business volume and less money in circulation.

SOUNDS QUEER.

It is peculiar with what persistence the plute organs assure us McNamara will obtain a fair trial. It sounds as twangy as the call of "a fair deal and a square deal" from the tinhorn gamblers in an old-time faro den. It is a warning in itself.

With not a workman on the jury, with a district attorney countenancing the bulldozing and threatening of witnesses, with kidnapping to start with and a prejudiced judge on the bench, with women and children driven into jury rooms and threatened with life imprisonment if they do not repeat as testimony lies dimmed into their unwilling ears by hounds drawing down salaries from the Employers' Association—all this is queer assurance of a fair trial.

TAKE AWAY THEIR POWER.

A. M. Hines asks us: "When plutoerats appoint judges, judges make laws wanted by plutes. Why not elect the judges of the Supreme Court of the United States instead of allowing plutoerats to appoint them?"

"It would be better to take away their power, and then their exercise of legitimate judicial functions would do no harm. A resolution by Congress regulating the matter of bringing constitutional questions before them can be so drawn as to strip the Federal judges of all legislative power. A judge can do but little harm if he is not a king and parliament rolled into one tub of fat and prejudice."

DICK ENJOYED THE FOURTH.

One great statesman enjoyed himself on the Fourth of July, and that was Richard A. Ballinger, of Seattle. This friend of the Guggenheims, who had to be dumped overboard to get the Republican administration off the sandbars, has no use for the referendum, initiative, recall, direct primary, election of United States senators by the people, and other "powers of the mob." As the people have no use for him, and the land thieves have used him until useless to them, perhaps we will go on extending the power of the people until even the "lame ducks" of a plutoeratic party will be too numerous to secure a job.

There is something peculiar in the way the administration organ is "whooping it up" for Taft in Oregon. The old gang of hasbeens and lame ducks of Oregon need to whoop pretty loud to hold their jobs. If the people of Oregon had a chance at them they would be recalled, whether Taft was or not. There is a popular choice primary choice on presidential candidates next Spring. O-o-h!

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NEED OF RECALL IS SHOWN BY PHILADELPHIA TRIALS

Opponents of the recall who particularly object to its application to the judiciary, may find it difficult to explain why that measure would not be a good thing in a case like the following:

In Philadelphia there recently arrived at the Reading depot a shipment of eggs in so decayed a condition that the consignee refused to accept it. The Reading maintains a department for the disposal of decomposed eatables thrown on its hands in this way. The head of this department, a man named Wilson, sent the eggs to a commission house to be sold. They were discovered there by officers of the State Board of Health. Wilson was arrested for violation of the pure-food laws, indicted and brought to trial. The case came before a judge named Wiltbank, who directed the jury to acquit him in spite of the evidence. Wilson was but an employee of the Reading Railroad, he said, and his act being in the line of his duty, was really the act of that corporation. But the Reading Railway, he further remarked, is not responsible because it did not direct the sale within the meaning of the statute. That is, the Reading did not specifically order these eggs to be sold. Wilson had been furnished with printed instructions directing him in a general way how to perform his duties so that when he was confronted with the egg question he knew just what to do without getting any special orders.

Two hours later two ordinary individuals appeared before Judge Wiltbank charged with selling decayed onions. They were not employed by a railroad but had sold the onions on their own individual responsibility. The judge fined each one \$60.

The effect of this decision is that the Reading Railway may legally sell its much decomposed and impure food as it wants to, but private citizens may not do so. Thus a judge-made law adds another special privilege to the list of those already held by Pennsylvania railway corporations.

Judge Wiltbank was elected for a ten-year term of office. It was impossible for the voters to know when they elected him that he would render this decision. He cannot be impeached, because he is "interpreting the law in accordance with his judgment." During his ten-year term he will probably have many opportunities to render similar decisions. Perhaps the opponents of the recall know how he can be prevented from doing so, but none of them has yet furnished the information.

Philadelphia is not the only place where judges like Wiltbank sit on the bench. No doubt they can all show how precedent, the common law or some act of the English Parliament back in the time of Charles I, justifies the decision. But would it not have been better if the fear of being recalled had made Judge Wiltbank ignore all such irrelevant reasoning and decide that the Reading Railway has no more right to sell decayed or poisonous food than any one else? Would it not be a good thing if he could be recalled and replaced by a judge who would not render such decisions? By a judge who does not rely upon the decisions of a past age to enable him to tell what modern legislators wished to have done?

GARMENT WORKERS HOPEFUL.

CLEVELAND, July 8.—The Garment Workers on strike in this city have been successful in the past week in getting agreements, and a portion of the membership has returned to work. All indications point to a gratifying end of the strike in the near future, with a victory for the strikers.

The socialists are taking full advantage of the McNamara case to attract support. That is all right, but the fight is being waged against unionism, and union men have got to put up the money to defend McNamara.

There are all kinds of commission forms of government, and the Simonites are concocting the wrong kind. We don't have to take it. Nobody to choke it down our throats.

Woodrow Wilson is opposed to equal suffrage. He was once opposed to the referendum and initiative. When he learned better he said better.

INVESTIGATE TAYLOR SYSTEM.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Congressman Wilson, chairman of the House Labor Committee, will immediately, together with his colleagues, commence an investigation of the "Taylor" system. He states that undoubtedly the first plant to be visited on the tour of inspection will be the South Bethlehem, Pa., steel plant, where this system has been attempted.

GLOVE WORKERS GAINING.

CHICAGO, July 8.—Secretary-Treasurer Agnes Nestor reports that local unions of glove workers have recently been chartered at San Rafael, Cal.; Spokane and Centralia, Wash., and also adds that there is a splendid and increasing demand for the Glove Workers' label throughout the West.

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