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"WILD GUESSING."

Last week this paper stated on "good authority" that the state Grange would submit a measure to the voters to abolish the senate.

The Oregonian says the "good authority" is W. S. U'Ren. It was not from Mr. U'Ren, but that doesn't make any difference. The Courier editor has never passed a word with Mr. U'Ren on the matter since last election. The information came through the farmers, members of the Grange and the Equity Society—and it came straight.

The Oregonian then goes on to explain how the movement to abolish the senate will not be any more popular than voting to abolish fourth of July, and it sustains this argument by the result of the vote on the proposition last fall.

By the same reasoning the equal suffrage victory, which gave the vote to the women of Oregon, was a slip of the cog, was a mistake of the voters, for it had been repeatedly snuffed under and the voters should not change their minds.

Abolishment of the senate was defeated last fall for a number of reasons. The proposition was not standing alone; it was overshadowed and overlooked by the single tax and other big propositions before the people, and it had arrayed against it big business, which used every scarecrow possible to line up the voters against anything W. S. U'Ren proposed.

And since all this happened THERE HAS BEEN ANOTHER SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, and it has done more to bring about the breaking up of its own nest than anything Mr. U'Ren or the People's Power League could do.

The matter isn't entirely an issue of Mr. U'Ren. It is becoming an issue in several states. Governor Hodges of Kansas openly advocates doing away with a useless senate; California is clamoring for the abolishment of both houses; Idaho is starting a movement to kill the senate; Washington newspapers (the independent press) are urging the same action.

The Oregonian says that the Courier's statement "that just as surely as the matter is ever given to the voters, just as surely is the senate going to the discard," is a wild guess.

We have clipped the editorial from the Oregonian, and some of these later days we will re-publish it and see which paper has the laugh.

THE "DISTURBER."

Here is on W. S. U'Ren may take as a complement or as a slam. A travelling man for dairy supplies, etc., who makes every county in the valley said he would stake Clackamas against the rest of the state for starting things, and he gave as his reason that it was the home county of W. S. U'Ren and the incubator of his ideas.

He said this county watched every political move in state and nation and that nine out of ten farmers could give you a remedy for political evils at the drop of the hat; that when they thought they were being given the worst of any deal or being imposed upon in any manner, they simply went to it and remedied conditions or scared others so they remedied them. He said the referendum against the half million appropriation for the Eugene University would not have been invoked if it had not been for the protests of Clackamas county starting it, and now, he said, the county was going to take the initiative in abolishing the senate and referreing the salary increase laws passed by the last legislature.

"Clackamas against the rest of the state for keeping the kettle boiling," said the travelling man, "and I will bet on Clackamas and win."

The last legislature passed a law to regulate weights and measures, and I would suggest that the scales of justice in Portland be tested about the first thing. In one day one man got a year on the rock pile for petty larceny, and another man was turned loose after having been found guilty of living off the earnings of a woman—his wife.

COMICAL BLACKSMITHING.

Oregon isn't alone in its appeal to be delivered from its legislature. California, Idaho, Washington, Kansas and several other states are endeavoring to shake off at least half of their law factories. And here is what Assemblyman H. C. Bagby of Santa Maria Cal, gives to the public as his observations of the California legislature. Possibly you can find its application to Salem:

"The state wastes half a million dollars every two years giving 120 men the chance to tinker with the laws. It is all wrong. Why we keep up the absurd custom is beyond my comprehension. My experience in January at the legislature was an eye-opener. I found little more than a handful of men who knew what they were trying to do. Some of the 'solons' couldn't tell you the nature of even the bills they fathered. Most of the men were frankly ignorant of their work, and worst of all, they cared precious little whether they knew about it or not. It was a farce, a sad exhibition of a lot of useless men, floundering around in a sort of daze, frittering away the public's money, ripping up what their predecessors did and making no appreciable improvement. The state never gets value for its expenditure on the legislature. What with contingent expenses, the cost of its biennial drain on the state treasury comes close to half a million. And all the state gets out of it is comical blacksmithing on the statutes."

JUST NOISE.

The Hillsboro Independent says the Courier is still growing over the defeat of the governor's pet flat salary bill, wants the people to vote on salaries, and then goes on to state that a very large majority of the counties favor the defeat of the governor's bill.

The Independent's editorials are usually pretty fair and pretty sensible, but once in a while Editor Kellien gets hold of the wrong end.

The Courier never had a line in favor of the flat salary law, hence it is not growing over its defeat. This paper believes that the men who pay the salaries should have a say as to what the salaries should be; that every county should fix its own salaries through the ballot, and that the salary bills passed over Governor West's veto should be referreing.

The Independent editor should observe a little closer before he criticizes. When he is wrong he is ridiculous.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS

A Clackamas county man writing in the Oregon City Courier says he thinks it is time a farmer were elected governor of Oregon, and mentions the name of C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, as a suitable person for the office. A good farmer who would make a good governor would be all right; but the last farmer governor Oregon had didn't make a very creditable showing. However, he was not a good farmer—Salem Messenger.

With the referendum already under way on the Eugene university; with the Grange and Equity going to start work for abolishing the senate; with the movement to start the referendum on the salary increases in this county to be launched the 12th, and a mass meeting to be held in this city Saturday of this week to investigate alleged county extravagance—well, the people are pretty much alive to things doing in Oregon, and they are serving notice that the men who pay are going to be considered as to where the money is spent from now on.

Years ago a buccaneer named Morgan died. He robbed on the high seas. This week another Morgan died, he was no less a pirate. The difference was only in their social positions.

THE AX.

The movement to invoke the referendum on the Eugene university has started, and the result will be just what it was last fall—when the people snuffed it under.

The late, lame and lamented legislature appropriated over six hundred thousand dollars to run this school.

As near as I can determine there are about 1,000 students, 1,000 from the city of Eugene alone, and 600 from the outside.

And Oregon will have to pay about one thousand dollars a piece for the education of these students.

Pretty high priced education this. The legislature thought it was putting over a very smooth one when it made a half dozen separate appropriation bills for this university.

The spenders figured that it would cost about \$1,200 each to get the ax on these separate bills, and that stringing them out would have a tendency to discourage the referendum.

But it really had the opposite effect. They might better have jammed them through in one bale, for there are many voters who would have hesitated to kill all support to the state school who will gladly vote to clip off four or five of the wings.

This paper is not against educational movements, but it is against the Eugene way of plugging.

The Courier wants this \$600,000 spread around Oregon, and not made a benefit for Eugene.

Look at our country schools, and what they have to do with. Look at the wages paid teachers, and judge of the quality such wages will get.

As children grow up the farmer has to leave the farm and move into town to educate the children, and when they once go to town they seldom go back.

We want more money paid to the rural schools and less to the Eugene university.

One half of this huge appropriation would give many times the benefits and results if spread around Oregon and the rural schools were made more efficient.

The people will do to the appropriations next fall what they did last fall and they will continue to until the legislature gets down to business and realizes that this education must be spread around.

Let the university and the agricultural college combine, cut down the enormous expense, and give the rest of the state a show.

LAW-MADE VACATIONS

The papers state that H. G. Starkweather of Risley, has received the appointment by Governor West to be one of the commissioners of this state as per our new law, to go on a trip through Europe to study the credit system for the benefit of farmers.

The tour of investigation includes Italy, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, France, England and Ireland.

This, dear Clackamas farmers, is for your benefit—AND AT YOUR EXPENSE.

The legislature knew what was best for you. It realized you needed a trip abroad—by Harvey G. Starkweather proxy.

The legislature knew you were long on spuds but mighty shy on credits, so it has sent Harvey over to see how the foreigners worry along; to have a few months' swell vacation trip, and come home and read you a string of statistics and data that anyone can get in two weeks for the asking at Washington D. C.

Every since I can remember they have been sending personally conducted summer excursions abroad to dig data, and Washington has it corded up.

No more nonsensical law ever got through a nonsensical legislature than this. Only four years ago Congress sent a bunch of millionaires over there on almost an identical mission. I recall that Congressman Vreeland, of New York was one of them. I never heard that they brought home anything but expense and some novelties—for their wives, but I have no doubt they had some "credits" somewhere, and as this stuff has never been used it could be had at bargain day rates from old Uncle Sam.

Going to Europe to get information that the government has stacked up at home.

It is to laugh.

THE SUPREME COURT WAY

The supreme court at Salem handed down one Tuesday that makes one wonder what we are coming to.

The city council should lead, not have to be forced by the Live Wires, Ministerial Association, or injunctions to do its duty. Reform by force gets little credit.

Will E. Purdy, of Newberg, a well known man in this county, has announced himself as candidate for governor, and says he will later announce his platform. And he further says it will not be ratified by the several political parties.

Guesses are cheap, and mine is that the Republican party has lost his wallop and can't come back. For years the voters stood by the party they were once so proud of; stood by in the hope that it might get back and be representative. Then the repudiation came. Millions of voters left the party, and most of them will never come back.

Kansas is uneasy. Like Oregon it wants a closer and more representative government, and the voters are willing. Governor Hodges recommends this remedy:

Abolish the legislature. Establish state commission government. Elect one or two commissioners from each congressional district to make the laws. Make the governor an ex-officio member of the commission. Keep the commissioners at work all the time. Pay them salaries adequate for the place. Give them four or six-year terms. Make them subject to recall.

Harriman (do you remember him) left \$68,000,000, and Morgan left many times this great sum. You and I know no human being has any moral right to accumulate the shares of hundreds of thousands of other men and have an income he cannot possibly spend. These huge fortunes will soon swallow up the country if allowed to accumulate. When beyond any possible personal needs, then there should be a tax on the increase so heavy it would almost confiscate. If a man will pile up millions because he is money mad and has the power, then let him pay a mighty big fine for that power—so big that it will effectually discourage a hog from rooting up the earth.

There is nothing that works against the liquor business harder than the liquor dealer who violates the law under which he was granted a license. There is nothing that makes public sentiment against the liquor business faster—and the man who lives up to the letter and the spirit of the law has to suffer for the sentiment the law breaker makes.

The state legislature in Wisconsin refused to re-submit the Woman's suffrage amendment on the ground that it would cost too much. Miss Ada James then appeared before the senate and fired this at them:

"We have enquired of the secretary of state and find that resubmission will cost exactly \$75. We find also that the beautiful new brass capsulidors here in the Capitol cost \$24 each. Are you not willing to pay the price of three capsulidors on the women of Wisconsin?"

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