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THE STONE WALL AT SALEM

The Willamette valley seems to be the only part of Oregon that isn't strong for the higher education. Time to wake up.—Woodburn Independent.

The Willamette valley IS awake, and being awake is why the university appropriations were voted down.

Bro. Young, take a run back to 1901 and then come down the line. And when you have finished, see if you blame the farmers and taxpayers of the valley for voting down the university appropriations

In 1901, so the Blue Book states, the total legislative appropriations, including deficiencies for 1899 and 1900 were \$1,696,209.68.

And "a million dollar legislature" was the protest that went up from the taxpayers of thinly-settled Oregon.

In 1912, the last lamented session, \$6,416,000 of the taxpayers' money was given away by the legislature, without the consent of the taxpayers.

Now realize this, almost SIX AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS for a partially developed state to buck up in taxes

The coming state tax levy is going to be by far the highest ever in Oregon.

A year ago taxes were hard enough, but next year they will be far higher—high enough to make land owners want to sell out, and high enough to discourage newcomers.

The people have got to pay this six and a half million dollars the legislature ran them in debt for.

And another year taxes may be, and no doubt will be, again higher, because the gang is in absolute control, and there is no way to stop them from looting under the present system.

Now Bro. Young, here is the system.

See if you can beat it—see if you have any more show than the farmer with a three-shell game.

Jackson county has two representatives. That county wants some of the six and a half million. It wants its normal school re-established and an armory at Medford. And Jackson's two lawmakers will hunt for others who also want.

Douglas county has two representatives, and that county wants a soldiers' monument.

So Douglas hunts up Jackson, and that are four ready to plunder the state for the good of the home counties.

Lane wants the university and the big bundles of fodder that hold it up, so Lane is dead willing to give Jackson and Douglas what they want if they will help Lane. So there are three more added to the Spenders' Combination, making seven.

Now comes Benton with a 40 horse-power year for the state agricultural college. She has one and a joint, and she joins the two onto the seven above and the combination comes down 9 strong and with hands open.

Now Marion comes in, wanting all kinds of kale for the state buildings. She has five representatives. She joins the 9 making 14 hungry representatives.

Now Multnomah takes a hand in the milking. She has 13, 12 representatives and a joint. She wants the Columbia river bridge, babies home, and other charitable institutions. She joins the combination and boosts the membership to 27.

Only needs a few more and the Charter can be closed, so in comes Umatilla county with hands open, for the insane asylum in eastern Oregon. She has three and one joint, added to the above, makes 31.

AND 31 IS A MAJORITY OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Seven counties of the state, all wanting appropriations, can absolutely force the 34 counties to pay tribute.

The senate has the same proportion of years, and is much a lead pipe cinch as the house.

Twenty-seven counties may protest until they are black in the face, but the Big Seven can absolutely force them to come through and pay their benefit bills.

There's the beautiful system!

This is why Oregon voted down the appropriations a year ago, and why the Willamette valley voted them down this year.

There is a limit to what taxpayers will stand. Oregon is too sparsely developed and too poor to take on six and a half millions of dollars.

And when the taxpayers have stood the gaff long enough, they will change this system of back scratching and horse trading.

And one other reason for the Willamette valley's protest is that the university of Eugene is turning out a grist largely of doctors and lawyers.

The voters of the valley want industrial education. They don't think they should be taxed to make lawyers and doctors. There are plenty of factories in the state where they can be made.

And it all simmers down to this:

If the university wants the state to support it, let it produce what the state wants, and let some of the other appropriations be cut down so the taxpayers won't be so heavily burdened.

High taxation defeated Gary's salary increase and the county library bill, and high taxation will result in the voters of the state changing the present system of state appropriations.

That man Huerta is some stand patter.

From the trial jury verdicts rendered, last summer's grand jury was an expensive session for Clackamas county.

I'll bet Jonathan Bourne wishes he had not tackled that job to prohibit pay for circulating petitions. It will never make him a senator from Oregon.

What do you know about it? The Republican senate committee is out for guaranteed bank deposits. Four or five years ago the party was out to kill it. But parties and people change.

Saturday of this week four Republican candidates for governor will meet and speak at a good government meeting at Newberg. They are Judge Dimick, W. S. U'Ren, Robert Miller and Will E. Purdy.

I hope this congressional district will come alive and elect a man who will represent us next year. Congressman Hawley is about the patest of the standpatters and representing a progressive district he is absurd.

Eight out of ten taxpayers in this city want a commission government. All it needs is a leader, he commission appointed by Mayor Jones months ago to revise a charter have never moved. It is now time to start it outside of the council and get some men on who will move.

The next thing for the people to do is to re-establish the southern normal school at Ashland.—Eugene Guard.

You mean the "combination," not the people. No reason why the "Big Seven" should not plug this through. They have the means and the people can't stop them.

Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, who has been in Wisconsin investigating that state's insurance plan, says he favors it as a state law in Oregon and will ask the next legislature to make it such. I'll bet if we ever have state life insurance at cost we will get it through the initiative.

When the states bump up against it proper and can find no way to pry the bosses loose, then they turn to Oregon, "radical Oregon" for relief. The New York Journal in a leading editorial, says the Oregon system is the only means to break up Tammany and the other political machines, and recommends the initiative, referendum, recall and direct primaries.

Any fair minded man will stand by Gov. West in his effort to bring the deporters of I. W. W.'s to justice at Florence.

It doesn't matter who the men or what the cause, there is no excuse for mob law in Oregon, and deportation is the boldest form of mob law.

Governor West says:

"If those who are responsible for the organization and activities of these mobs think I am going to sit idly by and permit them to go on and then in event of labor troubles, which may come at any time, order out the militia to shoot down workmen, they have another guess coming.

It is rumored that Senator Bourne will again be a candidate for the United States Senate. If persistency is a virtue in politics Bourne stands an exceptionally good chance of obtaining the Republican nomination.—Albany Democrat.

Mr. Bourne appears to have something besides persistency. It would look as if he was making up with big business, which defeated him.

Impeaching Sulzer came high in graft-burdened New York state—high to both old parties that took a hand in the frame-up.

Out of seventy-nine Assemblymen who voted to impeach Sulzer only seventeen survived the ordeal of the primaries or the polls.

Sixty-two failed of renomination or re-election. Only forty-six of the seventy-nine were renominated and of that number twenty-nine perished on election day.

Not one up-state Assemblyman who voted to impeach Sulzer was re-elected.

Political gossip in Portland has it that ex-Governor Geer of Portland is the dark runner the Republicans are training to beat W. S. U'Ren for governor. This may be only gossip, but the story goes the party thinks Mr. U'Ren has a mighty good chance to wedge in and get the pole if there are a bunch of starters, and the hope is to bring the contest down to a matched race, when they think the Oregon City man may be nosed out. Time will tell whether this is a pipe or a combine.

The political prophets have Judge Galloway down for reelection next fall.

NOT GAME, BUT A YELLOW STREAK

Nearly every city in Oregon that went dry is carrying the matter to the courts in the hope that a technicality may be dug up that will thwart the verdict of the voters.

To my idea of playing ball, his is a yellow streak—it is an attempt to get to first base on balls, by working the umpire.

The people in these several towns expressed themselves, and it doesn't add to or take from that verdict a whit, that there was some little irregularity in calling the election; that there may not have been the required number of polling places, in some city, or that the recent election was a "special" rather than a "regular" affair.

The result was a verdict, and in almost every case a decisive one.

No judge should set himself above a clearly recorded verdict of the people.

No judge should let a technicality become bigger than majority expression.

The saloosmen should be game and play the cards them.

If a year's experience proves what they claim will result from a year of dryness, then the voters will no doubt go wet again. But it isn't game to try to annul this month's verdict of the voters, and the liquor men will not gain any friends by resorting to it.

"ARGUMENTS" THAT LEAK.

Molalla Man Presents Queer Views of Proportional Representation.

Editor Courier: In your editorial, "A Voice for All," you say C. E. Spence and others will put one over on the people next year. Now I am not for saloons but I wonder if they won't give them proportional representation, too.

Just try this, Mr. Editor: Give the majority in Oregon City the right to let booze alone and the minority the right to use it, just as they voted.

According to the last presidential election the majority (by electing Wilson) seemed to be for free trade, the minority for protection. Why not give free trade and protection proportionate representation?

As I understand it proportional representation means to put representatives in our house and senate in proportion to the votes cast for each and every party.

I am optimistic to believe that by far the majority of the American people are honest.

By proportional representation we would have to allow a pro rata representation of booze and dope fiends, robbers, thieves, murderers, etc. Throw to the dogs our glorious constitution that says "majority rule" and have a government just as crazy as our asylums are, proportional to the rational citizenship. In other words throw common sense away and let pandemonium and chaos reign supreme. Is that your idea?

If a thing or principle is good, the majority will be for it. If it is bad the majority will be against it, but you want it proportional. That is, you have something up your sleeve so stinking that the majority won't stand for it. So you want it proportional so the people will have to take some of it. You at least pretend to be fighting the saloons, but at the same time you want the liquor league to do its proportionate amount of business. Consistency thou art a jewel.

C. L. STANDINGER Molalla, Ore., Nov. 17.

Now let us dump in a little of Mr. Standinger's ore of consistency, and see how it pans—see if it shows a color in the washing.

His first application to the liquor vote in Oregon City is kiddish and has no application to the proposed state plan of proportional representation, as that plan applies to parties only.

He says the majority (which elected Wilson) seemed to be for free trade. A majority never elected Senator Lane, a majority never elected Senator Lane, and so on, with any number of our public officials. Wilson a majority president, as Mr. Standinger should know. Bryan received more votes than Wilson and yet Bryan was defeated for president. Senator Harry Lane was elected United States senator by 30 votes to the 100 cast.

Did you know that, Mr. Standinger? Is our present system majority rule? Do we elect our national delegates by majority? And did we throw away our glorious constitution when we elected delegates to the national convention, when we elected Wilson president and Lane senator?

Your picture of proportional representation allowing pro rata representation for booze, dope fiends, robbers, thieves, murderers, etc., is indeed harrowing.

Did you ever know of a national party under any of the above titles? And they would have to be a party to have proportional representation.

Let us suppose there was a "murderers' party" started, or a "dope

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Party." Who would elect? THE TEN PER CENT MURDERERS WOULD. And yet they would do it under the light of our glorious "majority rule" constitution. Let us see how our legislature would stand today, if under proportional representation: Republicans .....36 Democrats .....17 Socialists .....4 Prohibitionists .....3 Total .....60 And yet today neither the Socialists or Prohibitionists have the least representation in Salem. Would you wait until they should have killed either the democrats or republicans before you would recognize them? Would you refuse to listen to the 49 per cent minority, and when it got 2 per cent more, let it do all the talking? There are hundreds of democrats in Clackamas, Multnomah and Marion counties, but they have no voice or representation in our legislature. Is this right or fair? Is it half justice to your own county which went democratic for Wilson? Mr. Standinger, you reason backwards. You see ghosts. The rascals will never control Oregon under proportional representation, but it would give deserving minority parties a right to be heard in a legislature that gives away their money and forces them to pay taxes. We licked Great Britain for the same principle. Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Limit Your Spending It is better to limit your spending and save the rest, than to limit your saving and spend the rest. There's a difference. You never will know how much money you waste until you keep track of your spending. Try it for a month. Buy good food and good clothes—be liberal, but not extravagant—but save. Learn to say "NO," and stick to it. Quit spending and get the saving habit. Put a limit on your spending and lay the rest away. You never will know what you can do until you try. The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY