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fore us.
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## CHILDREN VS. DOLLARS

Child labor as employed in the sweatshops is a disgrace. It demoralizes and degrades the social fabric of
the nation. The future generations, if strong physically, the nation. The future generations, if strong physically,
mentally and morally must be borne by the parents of roper phiysical mental and moral development.
ne factories mment comes not with the toil of children in he factories, mines and other exacting,
In view of the evil effect of child labor on the children of today, the parents of tomorrow and generations of the future, chil
the same.
Among these laws was one forbidding transportation nd another placing a prohibition tax on the products of child labor.
These laws protecting the children, were not liked by the great cotton mills and other big manufacturing interests of the South and East where the dwarfing of youth
would result in enriching the rich and so the lawis were would result in enriching the rich and so the laws were lared them unconstitutional.
More specifically, these were the laws declared un constitutional: that neither mines nor quarries could employ children under 16 years of age; neither factory, mill and no child could be employed more than eight hours a It is a pity that the highest court in the land can find
It ways to sustain laws regulating directly and indirectly every other phase of interstate commerce law, and yet
when human beings are pitted against dollars the law is inadequate so far as to protect the former. The demand of the hour is for congress to enact some law whech will place higher value on the health and citizenship of the future generations than upon dollars.

BY THE "SWEAT OF THEIR BROW"
Jail sentences are being presented to booze makers in Judge Noble's court, and in this progressive and courageous handling of these law defying makers of narcotic poi-
sons which is in comparison a disgrace usually to bed bug juice, Judge Noble sets a worthy pace for other oceupants of the bench. Continuous joits to boozer woozers who defy the law ect the part of parasites waxing fat their pocket books, as result of the weakness of others, will soon rid Clackamas
ounty of them. The pity is that there is not added to the ail sentence hard labor at breaking rock for Clagkamas county roads.
A suggestion well worth investigation is for arrange-
ment whereby habitual law breakers including renlar bont whereby habitual law breakers including regular
booze vendors be furnished employment at Kelly Butte where they can earn their board and the necessities for if the law doesn't allow such.
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there be passed such a law in the interest law and for progressive economy.

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The overburdened taxpayer should be relieved from he support of booze as well as other prisoners and who as matter of justice should earn for themselves and others the "sweat of their brows."

## a Legislative duty

One of the first duties of the next session of Oregon
egislature will be to enact laws making the increasin practice of attempted sale of initiative petitions to the highest bidder a felony punishable by a prison sentence. The provisions should leave no loop hole through which
those who thus seek to prostitute the initiative privilege in The make easy money may crawl

The temptation to make a few hundred or a few thousered is stronger in many men than is the of service rend ism or civic duty. The graft is aimed generally at organizations who will be seriously affected by the proposed act and hence are the most likely tō be "bled". To use the initiative for this purpose requires some work, few brains and a disregard for right and the real benefits of the law.

The initiative is a defense against autocracy. It is the voice of freedom in its legitimate uses. In the hands of he grafter, the easy money shark and the political paraite it is a dangerous weapon.

The initiative itself must be retained. It must be proected. And to this end the law should provide the sever st penalty for its abuse.

## THE GREAT QUESTION

Many issues are forcing their way to the front absorbing public interest in their behalf. The governorship fight looms big. The public education bill is supject to intense discussion everywhere. But the reduction of taxes is still paramount in importance and must not be lost sight of eis is already indicated in some quarters session where the same old effort to of the state. DOWN with TA XES is still the NEED of th of the
hour.

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