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OPULAR GOVERNMENT in which the wishes but not the fads of the people are carried out is the object of the Oregon system. This is conceded by the opponents of the system and boasted of by its boosters. The difficult part of the plan is to give the people complete representation and yet free the government from popular whims

In past years before the arrival of the Oregon system, with the two houses of legislature, hasty and ill-advised legislation was almost impossible leave the legislature with only one house, but the care which is needed in terprises, whatever they might be, and the money derived from the sale of the and terminals and will greatly aid in the development of water commerce law-making would be removed and the chance for ill-advised legislation would product would be used to extend the activities of the department. It is easy be increased.

Since the beginning of national government the wisdom of the two-house ernment of checks and balances, it was called, and for over a hundred years vaded. it has worked with great success. As the states were organized the general plan of checks and balances was borrowed from the federal government and having every citizen an employee of the government may fulfill Socialistic sand dollars had to go for the purchase of sites. in every state in the union that plan is now in use. However, this has not always been so, for in the past states have tried the single house plan, which is distinctly not a government of checks and balances, but returned to the two house system after the former had been demonstrated to be a failure.

a success but the next step may spoil all the work of the last ten years in the as this bill if it is carried to its logical conclusion. This bill will launch the fund from the rentals on such of the revoked lands as may be leased to priline of popular government. The wishes of the people in law-making should state out into the field of private enterprise; will put the state into business vate use. be respected and obeyed. The underlying principle of the Oregon system is and give profitable employment to every man out of a job. With increasthat the voters themselves form the government and there is no argument over ing taxes back of it and the sale of the product of its factories and plants, the that point but whether the fancies of the moment should be incorporated into the statute books is not a debatable question. The government needs to Socialistic scheme of things is reached; until private business is endangered be substantial and respected because of its durability, even though it is the by the ever-growing expansion of the state. A vote for this bill is boost for expression of popular sentiment.

FUND OF ONE-QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS has been raised for the national Prohibition campaign. Evidently the dry sentiment is growing. A man who travels all over the United States remarked the other day on the fact that it was impossible to buy liquor on dining cars on long stretches of railroad, while a few years ago there was no trouble in getting a drink on a dining car anywhere.

This is only one of the many striking indications of the approach of the time when alcoholic compounds will be sold everywhere under the same restrictions that now apply to the sale of other dangerous drugs.

The truth is that drinking is going out of fashion. The younger generation isn't taking to it in the old way. There was a time when it was considered a sign of manliness to drink. That time has passed.

Athletics and the growing demand for efficiency in every department of life are killing the drink habit. The upstanding young fellows who take the lead in baseball and football, and who set the fashion for the rest, have "cut out the booze." The know they can't drink and keep in the best physical of the most progressive and the sanest laws in the entire country. condition. The greatest ball manager of the time, Connie Mack, says publicly that he won't bother with men who drink. It isn't worth his while. They have no place on a championship team.

Today the athlete is setting the pace for the young men. When he takes his mineral water there is a general disposition to follow his example.

The fashion, established by athletics is re-enforced by young men getting into business. More and more business institutions are closing their doors to the chaps who drink. They want temperate men, and they consider as "temperate" men who do not drink either on or off duty

Business rivalry, the keenest of competition, is too great to take chance with men who may not be at themselves, or who aren't taking care of them selves physically. Business wants the best there is in a man, and he must not drink if he is to give it.

This is the age of efficiency and efficiency is bound to win. Efficiency involves no drinking. So drinking is going out-Kansas City Star.

EW PERSONS REALIZE the railroad activity in this county at the present time or the prosperity and development such activity will mean to the community. The announcement from Judge Grant B. Dimick recently that the Willamette Valley Southern would be in Molalla by the middle of next month and probably in Mt. Angel before the end of the year; the reported activity of the Portland & Oregon City railroad near Clackamas, and the line which will connect the Willamette Falls road with Oswego, are the largest projects which are now under way, but only a hint of what will probably come.

With the Willamette Valley Southern running trains through Clackamas and Marion counties to Mt. Angel there are sure to be branches and spurs built into the rich farming regions and the heavy timber of the coast ranges. A road to Wilhoit springs is sure to come, although that time may be far away. When the rich timbered country of the coast range is brough in closer touch with Oregon City, this town may again become an important center for the manufacture of lumber, and the Greenpoint mill, which has been idle for some time, will again be put into operation.

The road below Bolton is advertised as only a logging road to bring pulp logs from the lower river to the mills here, but it must be remembered that this road is being built over the right-of-way of the Portland, Eugene

in Portland that his road would be in operation in 18 months and his fran- resources of the state, he charges; all who oppose him are demented, half chise with this city calls for construction work to begin within the next six crazy; and those who believe in him are as angels and saints. Democrats are month. Beyond the line from Portland to this city and probably into the the chosen people of the Almighty and the Republicans are followers of the Viola country little is known of the activities of the Carver road. If no other evil one. This is the theory of the executive of a state who forgets he is tory of the town, when it was with work than this is done, however, it will mean competition and probably governor and becomes campaign manager, if his talk here Saturday night was quicker and cheaper service.

The construction of railways is a sure indication of the possibilities of a country or a community. In Clackamas county, despite depressed financial conditions and the trade suppression resulting from the European war, three lines are being built with all the speed possible.

containing provisions as wild and erratic as any measure ever fos- and Water Frontage amendment and Municipal Wharves and Docks bill. figure atthough atreet and several and s tered by that party, a bill levying a tax on all estates to give work

to see that backed by a tax which in a few years would amount to no small sum, and with the added profits of the sale of the products, this department legislature has been recognized. The delegates in the constitutional con- would soon have almost unlimited capital and would extend its activities from vention based the entire system of federal government on this plan. A gov- one business to another until almost every line of work in the state was in-

The picture of a state filled with industries run by the state, the plan of ideas but they will surely ruin the state of Oregon and put us far behind our neighboring commonwealths.

There is probably not another bill on the ballot this fall which contains There is a limit to which this Oregon system can go. So far it has been on the ballot this fall which will hold back the growth of the state as much department is sure to grow and extend its activities until the goal of the Socialism in its most extreme form, and a vote against this bill is a boost for greater Oregon, for the promotion of private enterprise, for prosperity, and for freedom in its broadest meaning,

> OVERNMENTS, CONSTITUTIONS, and codes of laws are matters of slow growth through centuries of time. Constitutions may have been written in a few short weeks, and codes collected in a few months, but they express the accumulated knowledge of ages.

> We, the citizens of Oregon, are developing a new system of government which gives great promise. By its friends it is called the Oregon system-popular government in its highest form. But this Oregon system only being evolved. It has not reached perfection and by its very nature never will. The only thing which is permanent in the Oregon system is its principle—the rule of the majority. Through the voice of a majority of the people of the state we make laws, amend our constitution, and largely influence our tax levy. Through the control of a majority, we have now some

In order to check the growth of the Oregon system in one of its most mportant channels, an amendment to the state constitution, called the equal assessment and taxation and \$300 exemption amendment," will be presented to the voters at the fall election. It provides that no change can be made in the state's tax laws or any amendments made to the constitution without a two-thirds majority of the voters. Such an amendment will practically put a stop to all progressive laws affecting taxes and bind the state down to the present tax system.

OME OF THE CHAMBERLAIN POLITICAL "CHICKENS" are coming home to roost these days. For some time the Democrats realizing that Chamberlain's chances of election were becoming poorer very day, have been making frantic efforts to get the national administration to endorse his candidacy. Many calls for help have been sent to Secetary Bryan to send out a letter to the Democrats of Oregon which might save George." Just when this little arrangement promised to go through satisfactorily, R. A. Caples, of Portland, an anti-Chamberlain Democrat wired Secretary Bryan reminding him of Chamberlain's refusal to "preside peak, or attend the meeting at the old Baker theatre in Portland to ratify he nomination of Bryan at the close of the Denver convention, on the rounds that he was not taking sides in the national campaign as he was a on-partisan candidate for senator and did not desire to offend Republican oters," It is probable that in the interests of party regularity enough presure will be brought to bear upon the national administration to secure the O. K." so much desired but just now it is worrying the Chamberlain people considerably.

Then, again, it is whispered about Portland that Senator Lane's friends are not working over-time for Chamberlain. They remember that Chamerlain threw cold water on Lane's candidacy in 1912 until his hand was called by F. C. Myers, then campaign manager for Lane, and now postmaster of Portlad. Lane's friends include a large part of the federal office hold-

ONGRESS RECENTLY PASSED A RESOLUTION docking all absent members who were in their states campaigning for re-election. The act was approved of in every part of the republic for it instantly brought back to business a number who were fighting for their jobs rather than tending to public affairs.

Oregon needs a similar resolution for its governor. That courageous enemy of evil in all its forms and upholder of the great principles of Democracy, Oswald West, is now campaigning the state for George Chamberlain and Dr. Smith. Two days last week were spent in Clackamas county and one speech was made in Oregon City before a large audience of curiosityseekers. West is being paid a salary by the state for acting as executive and not as campaign manager for Chamberlain and Smith, although they probably need the best political men in Oregon to help them on election day. West's place of business is in Salem and if the interests of the people of the state are the real motives which inspire him to action, then he will go to Salem, attend to state business, and stay there.

cannot say too much for Chamberlain for staying with congress and attending to his official position but we have not heard a word of the fact that West can drop his duties, as important and as exacting as those of the Democratic senator, and go out on the campaign for Chamberlain, in his hour will standardize county business in every part of the state. of need. We wonder of West's salary were docked, it would keep him at his work as it do the Democrats from this state in Washington, D. C.

Then, too, we wonder, if the campaign of Dr. Smith and Mr. Chamberlain are aided any by Governor West. We wonder, if we may as simplehearted Republicans, if it would not be better for the great cause of Decombe has been. Democrats to insure success at the polls must gain a large clerk or county assessor with none of the knowledge necessary to run the ofdignity, heaps upon Republicans as individuals and as a party.

nd Republican papers in language too vile or personal. The capital ring, in public affairs.

& Eastern and that this road plans to build south to Canby on the west side composed of Republicans, get drunk daily with corporation boore, he says Gus Moser is under the influence of liquor half of the time and grafting RUH GNORFD President Carver of the Portland and Oregon City line stated recently when sober, he tells his audiences; Booth is a grafter and a stealer from the message from his heart and mind,

77 N THE INTEREST of the commercial activity of the state and the development of water front, an amendment to the state constitution and a bill for an act, which together will give to the cities of the state the right to lease and control valuable water front property now largely bottled high license from every one. ACKED BY THE STATE SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION and up by private corporations. The measures are known as the Public Docks

With the opening of the Panama canal and the ever increasing comto the unemployed of the state, will be voted on at the coming fall election, merce of the Pacific ocean, steps must be taken to encourage commerce. The bill is extremely fanciful and reads like a page from a Socialist textbook. The competition between Oregon, Washington and California will be strong The bill is a step toward the one big Socialist idea-government control and if this state is to maintain its position, decisive moves must be made in a but now with the referendum in operation there is a slight chance of poor of all enterprise. It would create a department of industry and public work short time. Already the state to the south has secured control of valuable laws. With the aim of giving the people more complete power, certain re- which, backed by unlimited capital, would go into the general manufacturing water frontage by measures similar to these two which will come before the forces were using reformers have placed a bill on the ballot to do away with the state senate and business. The unemployed men in the state would be employed in these en-

> In criticism of these measure it has been said that they will remove land upon which taxes are now paid from the tax rolls. This objection has been advanced under cover by water front interests affected thereby. In Portland water front property has been assessed at about one-third of its selling value. The city of Portland was compelled to pay about three times the assessed value for its dock sites. Of its two million five hundred thousand dollars available for municipal dock development, one million three hundred thou-

Against the contention that the pending measures may take assessable property from the tax roll is the fact that the increased value of private adjoining property caused by harbor development under municipal docks will the possibilities of development which this bill contains, and there is not a bill more than compensate for any alleged tax loss. In addition there will be further compensation in the revenue the State will get for its common school

> EMOCRATS propose to issue a campaign hand-book citing alleged enliverts and bridges. Roads construction achievements of the party. In the estimation of the people, there neers will soon be destroyed by the are four achievements to be credited-or perhaps charged is the bet- traffic. frost, rain, and wind, ter word-to the party in power. The first "achievement" is the Underwood tariff law. This law has closed thousands of factories, reduced hours systematic maintenance. wood tariff law. This law has closed thousands of factories, reduced hours will not only be improved by propin others, set at idleness more than a million men and brought stagnation to maintenance, but may become bette the business world. It doesn't pretend to be a protective measure. More in time than a good road without i than that, President Wilson, in his message of September 4, virtually contesses to congress that the Underwood law has failed in its primary purpose surface well drained. To insure of raising revenue for the government at a time when the country was at

> The second "achievement" is the banking and currency law. It has scraper may be used very effective been on the statute books since December, 1913, but it is not yet in operation. There are three possible reasons for this. There is either something wrong work should be done when the way damp, so that it will pack and take with the law, or there is something wrong with those who are to administer it, or the administration does not dare put it into operation long before elec- aide ditches should be maintained with tion for fear it will be demonstrated as a big failure as the Underwood tariff sufficient fall and capacity to dispose of surface water. These ditches car

> The third "achievement" is the repeal by the Democrats of the Panama paired with a road machine. The third "achievement" is the repeal by the Democrats of the Fanana All vegetable matter, such as set free tolls, thus repudiating the platform of their party, the president's own and weeds, should be kept out of the public pledge and the expressed will of an overwhelming majority of the which retains moisture. Clods are American people.

> The fourth "achievement" is the proposed appropriation by this congress of a hundred million dollars more than was appropriated by the last dry or hard. Bowlders or loose stones Republican congress, and yet that congress was bitterly condemned in the Baltimore platform for its extravagance.

Does the president or anyone of his party leaders thing for a minute the American people will not distinguish between real achievements and simply unning amuck?

TO HE PRIMARY DELEGATE ELECTION BILL is nothing more soils will puddle when wet and se nor less than an attempt to bring back to the state the old assembly system, a relic of the days before the Oregon system and the direct be given promptly and at the prop primary. It is an attempt to force the state to take a step backward; for in time if the best results are to be es effect it will make present conditions the same as they were ten years ago.

The assembly system gives political machines their one chance for exstance. The men who attend the assemblies, exercise the authority, and con- a thin layer of plastic clay or sail trol nominations and the representatives of corporations, railroads, heavy land which packs very hard so that the owners and other selfish interests. Those who have been in touch with the pressions, and clods in which had politics of this state during the time preceding the direct primary bill can well remember that corruption that was in existance throughout the state government. The statement has been made repeatedily that for many years there was never an honest election in the legislature for the United States ride on the drag and should not do senate and that Oregon was as pollitically corrupt as any state in the union, faster than a walk. One round

The people realized the condition of affairs and began to straighten out usually sufficient to fill the ruts at politics and politicians. The statement No. 1, initiative and referendum, smooth the surface. If necessary, 8 and the direct primary law were the principal factors in giving the state a bad spell of weather, when the soll clean, honest, government. Now in an effort to withdraw this law, a bill in proper condition to puddle well as has been prepared for the fall election which will repeal the principal provisions of the direct primary act and substitute what is in efect the old system. When very wet and again when it A vote for this bill is a vote for return to the old practices and a vote against road will give the operator an idea is to the best time to drag. Drag at all it is a vote for clean elections.

HAT DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE will be the next governor of be reduced by dragging toward the the state of Oregon is as certain as far as anthing political can be ditch instead of from it. If the drift certain. Reports coming in to Republican state headquarters at Portland from all over the state are unanimous in the prediction that Withycombe will run far ahead of his ticket. It is the prophecy at state headquarters that he will carry every county in the state by good pluralities. Multi-drag and not projecting. A cuttage nomah county is so strong for Withycombe that even those in charge of Dr. Smith's campaign regard it as absolutely hopeless. The odds offered by soil into position those making election bets are often a good indication of conditions in any BALL MANAGERS TO PLAY GOLF ection of the state. Not many bets have been made on the governorship yet in Portland, but the odds that are being offered are all the way from 10 to battling for honors on the baseled disin Portland, but the odds that are being offered are all the way from 1 to 20 to 1 on Dr. Withycombe against the field. The way things stand at present in Multnomah county, it is difficult to see any possible condition in the state at large which could give Smith a large enough vote to over-come this big majority which Dr. Withycombe will get in Multnomah county...

It is highly amusing to watch these Democrats. The press of that party The COUNTY OFFICERS' TERM AMENDMENT, making Credie will get a good big handicap. the term of all county officer, four years, is a step toward efficiency and system which is necessary in a successful private business and he made such good shots that it is et should be the keynote in public affairs. The enactment of this amendment

There is no reason under the sun why a county judge should serve four ears and the county clerk only two. The fewer the elections, the less expense there is to the public, the less politics there is in public affairs, and the greater efficiency. In all county offices, the efficiency of the officer increases with the length of time he has been in the public service. To take mocracy if West were "muzzled" as the Democratic press say Dr. Withy- the average citizen and place him in such a responsible position as county number of Republican votes and this is not to be done by such a torrent of fice is to place the new office-holder under a serious handicap. It requires abuse, hatred and vile rubbish, which this man, supposed to be possessed with several weeks of close attention of a new official to learn the details of his position. Therefore it naturally follows that if new officials are elected once In his campaign talks, this man cannot denounce certain Republicans every four years instead of every second year, there will be greater efficiency

open, that city warrants were

90c on the dollar Dry Town Expenses Lighter A study into the history of town's finances will convince the prejudiced student that the debt wa cumulated during the many rean there were from 10 to 16 saloons in the city and the town treasury socured a the town went dry the income and the provement have continued as bels White this debt has accomple miles of macadam streets and ceme sidewalks have been built

Considerable indignation pressed not only on the part of the city officials but by stories as they have been in Portla

EVEN BEST HIGHWAYS LOSE OUT BEFORE ATTACKS OF WEATHER AND TRAVEL

There is no phase of the road pea-

The general impression :

em more important than that of man

there are certain types of roads the are permanent is erroneous. No pe maneut road has ever been constr ed, or ever will be, according to a road specialists of the department. It only things about a road that may they are properly maintained. But th life of these roads my be prolonged b drainage the ditches should be keep open, all obstructions removed, and a mooth crown maintained. Except for very stony soil the road machine for this work. The machine she

in most places be constructed and re objectionable, for they soon to to dust or mud, and for that reast roads should never be worked are equally objectionable

surface is to be secured. A split-log drag or some similar de vice is very useful in maintaining the surface after suitable ditches an cross section have once been secured This drag can also be used to advant age on a gravel road as well as of a earth road. The principle involved h dragging is that clays and most hea very hard when dry. The little atten tained

In dragging roads only a small amount of earth is moved, just enough next rain instead of finding rule # little affected.

The drag should be light and about be drawn over the road at an angis road should be dragged after ever road is very bad, it may be dragge gins to dry out. A few trips over th seasons, but do not drag a dry ros The slope or crown of an earth read should be about I inch to the foot. change your position on the dragthe drag with a strip of iron, it should be placed flush with the edge of the edge should be avoided, as the main object in dragging is to smear the damp

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29.-B may be played either tomorrow & Thursday morning. It is expected Me Manager Mac has played golf only once in his life, but in his first game

elusive pill.

There is more Catarrh in this section the country than all other diseases I together, and until the last few yel-was supposed to be incurable. For a gra-many years dectors propounced it a lot lisease and prescribed local remedies, a

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