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POPULAR 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 but now with the referendum in operation there is a slight chance of poor laws.

Since the beginning of national government the wisdom of the two-house legislature has been recognized. The delegates in the constitutional convention based the entire system of federal government on this plan.

A FUND OF ONE-QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS has been raised for the national Prohibition campaign. Evidently the dry sentiment is growing.

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.

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.

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 themselves physically.

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

FEW PERSONS REALIZE the railroad activity in this county at the present time or the prosperity and development such activity will mean to the community.

With the Willamette Valley Southern running 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.

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

& Eastern and that this road plans to build south to Canby on the west side of the river.

President Carver of the Portland and Oregon City line stated recently in Portland that his road would be in operation in 18 months and his franchise with this city calls for construction work to begin within the next six months.

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 depression resulting from the European war, three lines are being built with all the speed possible.

BACKED BY THE STATE SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION and containing provisions as wild and erratic as any measure ever fostered by that party, a bill levying a tax on all estates to give work to the unemployed of the state, will be voted on at the coming fall election.

The bill is a step toward the one big Socialist idea—government control of all enterprise. It would create a department of industry and public work which, backed by unlimited capital, would go into the general manufacturing business.

The picture of a state filled with industries run by the state, the plan of having every citizen an employee of the government may fulfill Socialistic 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 the possibilities of development which this bill contains, and there is not a bill on the ballot this fall which will hold back the growth of the state as much as this bill if it is carried to its logical conclusion.

GOVERNMENTS, 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.

In order to check the growth of the Oregon system in one of its most important 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.

SOME 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 every day, have been making frantic efforts to get the national administration to endorse his candidacy.

Then, again, it is whispered about Portland that Senator Lane's friends are not working over-time for Chamberlain. They remember that Chamberlain 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 Portland.

CONGRESS 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.

It is highly amusing to watch these Democrats. The press of that party 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 of need.

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 simple-hearted Republicans, if it would not be better for the great cause of Democracy if West were "muzzled" as the Democratic press say Dr. Withycombe has been.

There is no reason under the sun why a county judge should serve four years 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.

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composed of Republicans, get drunk daily with corporation booze, he says Gus Moser is under the influence of liquor half of the time and grafting when sober, he tells his auditors; Booth is a grafter and a stealer from the resources of the state, he charges; all who oppose him are demented, half crazy; and those who believe in him are as angels and saints.

IN 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 up by private corporations.

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 more than compensate for any alleged tax loss.

DEMOCRATS propose to issue a campaign hand-book citing alleged achievements of the party. In the estimation of the people, there are four achievements to be credited—or perhaps charged is the better word—to the party in power.

The second "achievement" is the banking and currency law. It has been on the statute books since December, 1913, but it is not yet in operation. There are three possible reasons for this.

The third "achievement" is the repeal by the Democrats of the Panama free tolls, thus repudiating the platform of their party, the president's own public pledge and the expressed will of an overwhelming majority of the American people.

THE PRIMARY DELEGATE ELECTION BILL is nothing more 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 primary. It is an attempt to force the state to take a step backward; for in effect it will make present conditions the same as they were ten years ago.

THE PEOPLE realized the condition of affairs and began to straighten out politics and politicians. The statement No. 1, initiative and referendum, and the direct primary law were the principal factors in giving the state a clean, honest, government.

THAT DR. JAMES WITHYCOMBE will be the next governor of the state of Oregon is as certain as far as anything political can be 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.

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TRUTH IGNORED IN 'WET' PLACARD

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story of the town, when it was wide open, that city warrants were worth one cent on the dollar.

Dry Town Expenses Lighter. A study into the history of the town's finances will convince the prejudiced student that the debt was accumulated during the many years there were from 10 to 15 saloons in the city and the town treasury accrued a high license from every one. Since the town went dry the income and the expenses have come nearly the same figure although street and sewer improvement have continued as before.

Considerable indignation was expressed not only on the part of the city officials but by citizens as well when it was learned that the wet forces were using such newspaper stories as they have been in Portland.

SPECIALISTS SAY NO ROAD IS 'PERMANENT'

EVEN BEST HIGHWAYS LOSE OUT BEFORE ATTACKS OF WEATHER AND TRAVEL

There is no phase of the road problem more important than that of maintenance. The general impression that there are certain types of roads that are permanent is erroneous. No permanent road has ever been constructed, or even will be, according to the road specialists of the department.

The first and last commandment in earth road maintenance is to insure the surface well drained. To insure good drainage the ditches should be kept open, all obstructions removed, and a smooth crown maintained. Except for very stony soil the road machine or scraper may be used very effectively for this work.

All vegetable matter, such as sods and weeds, should be kept out of the road, as they make a spongy surface, which retains moisture. Clods are so objectionable, for they soon turn to dust or mud, and for that reason roads should never be allowed to become dry or hard. Bowlders or loose stones are equally objectionable. A smooth surface is to be secured.

A split-log drag or some similar device is very useful in maintaining the surface after suitable ditches and cross section have once been secured. This drag can also be used to advantage on a gravel road as well as on an earth road.

The drag should be light and should be drawn over the road at an angle of about 45 degrees. The driver should ride on the drag and should not drive faster than a walk. One round trip each trip straddling a wheel track is usually sufficient to fill the ruts and smooth the surface. If necessary, the road should be dragged after every bad spell of weather, when the soil is in proper condition to puddle well and still not adhere to the drag.

The slope or crown of an earth road should be about 1 inch to the foot. If the crown becomes too high, it may be reduced by dragging toward the ditch instead of from it. If the drag cuts too much, shorten the hitch and change your position on the drag.

It is necessary to protect the face of the drag with a strip of iron, it should be placed flush with the edge of the drag and not projecting. A cutting edge should be avoided, as the main object in dragging is to smear the damp soil into position.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29.—Battling for honors on the baseball diamond this week, Managers Walter McCredie of the Beavers and "Big" McCreedy of the Eagles will decide who is the best golf player of the Coast league managers. Dillon, who can be considered a veteran at golf, is the favorite in the nine-hole match, which may be played either tomorrow or Thursday morning.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable.

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