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PROBABLY THE CHIEF CRITICISM that has been made against the direct primary is that prominent men are adverse to being candidates.

When men like R. A. Booth, Republican candidate for United States senator, submit themselves to the consideration of the voters, they are so mauled and maligned that there is little desire on the part of others to go through the same ordeal.

After earnest solicitations, Booth consented to be a candidate of the Republican party. This immediately became the signal for the Democratic press to assail him, misrepresent and hold him up as an undesirable citizen.

THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEGISLATURES, Senator Root told the American Bar association the past week, passed 62,014 laws during the past five years.

The writer had occasion some time ago to consult the statute book of one of the states, which required 1800 pages to record its new laws for the year 1913.

A few years ago, a certain United States senator was overheard talking with great vehemence. "When the people rise in their might and demand a law of this kind," he remarked, concerning the agitation for a certain statute, "it is useless to oppose them."

"But what will such a law amount to?" inquired a by-stander. "Nothing whatever," replied the senator. "The people will then turn their attention to something else, and forget all about it."

Many laws are so carelessly drawn that there is a lawsuit in every sentence, due to indefiniteness. The man who wrote them could not get a job as a newspaper reporter, until he had learned to write with more precision.

THERE ARE NOT A FEW CASES in Clackamas county where adjoining farmers have fought vigorously in the courts, and sometimes physically, over the question whether a narrow strip of land belonged to one or the other.

In the last campaign against the single tax, there was a very earnest exhortation to the people to vote. Abundant literature was sent to every voter, yet out of 7166 registered voters in Clackamas county there were 1552 who failed to vote on the question.

There were, fortunately, enough votes against the single tax proposition to defeat it, but, for all these non-voters knew, their silence would have enabled the Hessians to carry their exceedingly injurious measures.

A slogan of the advocates of the "Oregon system" is "Let the people rule," but here are about one-fourth of the registered voters (to say nothing of the unregistered ones) of Clackamas county who do not rule.

The "majority rule," having failed to carry, they count in the affirmative of any scheme, no matter how bad, for "silence gives consent."

No one who fails to vote should ever be heard to complain for he fully consents to any measure, no matter how bad. Under the initiative, the voter must depend on himself, only; there is no agent or power to defend him, very little discussion and no amendment possible.

The most disastrous laws can be forced upon him. His only defense is his vote. When the legislature passes a bill, the legislators are responsible to their constituents and to the whole state; but, under the initiative, no one is responsible to anybody.

The time will soon come, if it is not already here, when a man who fails to vote on the questions forced upon him by the initiative, will be looked upon with contempt.

THE DEMOCRATS have the most inimitable capacity for getting tangled up in side issues. In 1892 Grover Cleveland carried the Democratic party to victory largely on the tariff.

But the Democratic chieftains had no such course in mind. When it came to the tariff, they created a hodge podge that was called by their chosen leader a work of "perfidy and dishonor."

But they were not content with an attempt to overhaul the tariff. They also must go crazy on finance, and attempt to stand the world's monetary system on its head.

The history of Democratic control today has been similar in many respects. Then as now, they were not willing to try out their tariff experiment and have a fair test of how it would work.

Even more destructive of confidence has been the general spirit of antagonism to business. The Democratic congress has waged warfare on success. Wherever it saw the head of an ambitious business man rising above his fellows, it has hit at it, forgetting that the blow also hit the people whom the business man employed.

The Democratic party never seems able to learn to do one thing at a time. Economic changes should be undertaken gradually. No sooner had

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The Bank of Oregon City

33 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Uncle Sam came out of the ether of his tariff operation that he was again put to sleep for other surgery. Give the old gentleman a chance to get on his feet, before cutting out any more of his anatomy!

THINGS WORK OUT VERY DIFFERENTLY in practice from the way they look on paper. Theoretically the new tariff was to make a big cut in the cost of living.

How perfectly ridiculous this claim looks in the light of recent history! By this time, it is apparent to every one that the tariff was one of the most minor issues in the matter of prices.

It is true that some of the most disastrous results predicted by enthusiastic protectionists have not yet been realized. The reason appears to be this: European manufacturers have not looked at our tariff changes as permanent.

No doubt it has seemed very foolish to European manufacturers, to make a bid for American trade, until they could see if this tariff showed any signs of permanence. Many of their correspondents have no doubt predicted that it was a mere temporary arrangement, due to a split in the party of protection.

Under these circumstances, the fact that more industries have not been undermined by foreign competition is no sign that the protection is adequate. The election of a Democratic congress this fall would be an encouragement to European manufacturers that have been contemplating an attempt to capture American trade, and who will bid for it whenever the war closes.

WHOMEVER MAY HAVE HAD DOUBTS about the success of the Republican ticket a month ago has them no longer. The wave of sentiment for Booth is growing mountain high. From every county have come glowing reports of Republican success.

The utterly unfair treatment accorded Booth when he exploded the accusations of West and completely bottled the governor, has caused resentment among fair minded people. It has aroused the Republicans to greater effort. Hanley is taking so much of the "wet" vote from Chamberlain that the latter is growing weaker daily in this direction.

Despite efforts of paid agitators to discredit Booth in labor circles, the working men of Portland are thinking of their dinner bucket and they know that with Republicans in control they always have enough to eat and to take care of the children.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH KANSAS? Few persons realize the wonderful record that Kansas shows at the end of her thirty years.

The letter attempts to make an issue out of the fact that Dr. Withycombe's ancestors were of British extraction and is grossly offensive in many other particulars. It makes a bold bid for the German indorsement for U'Ren by making the pretense that U'Ren himself is of German ancestry.

While the nimble hand of U'Ren himself does not appear in all this activity on his behalf, it is evident, from the fact that the movement originated in his law office, that he had a large part in it.

Captain Charles Barclay, who has spent the past four months in this city the guest of his sisters, Mrs. W. E. Pratt and Miss Kate Barclay, embarked Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the orient where he will join his ship. He is captain of the Transport. Captain Barclay was a former resident of this place where he is well known and where he has been a much feted guest.

Keep Your Stomach and Liver Healthy A vigorous stomach, perfect working liver and regular acting bowels is guaranteed if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills.

There is more Catarrah 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 falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable.

"Vote Oregon Dry"

"Samantha of Clackamas County," Writes Telling Verse on Vital Issue.

(Tune: John Brown) John Brown's body lies a mouldering in the grave— Same old John who died to liberate the slave, But we'll give our votes, humanity to save! Vote, vote, vote, Oregon dry!

CHORUS Glory, glory, hallelujah, Glory, glory, hallelujah, Glory, glory, hallelujah, Vote, vote, vote Oregon dry!

Keep from the prison stripes the boy so dear to you, Shield from white slavery the daughter pure and true, Snatch from a drunkard's grave that neighbor close to you, Vote, vote, vote Oregon dry!

God save our country from the curse, Kink Alcohol— Robber, degrader, and plunderer of all! Men and women are responding to the call, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE OREGON DRY!

—Samantha of Clackamas County.

A Few Facts For The Voter

Since the present Democratic tariff law went into effect, our purchases from foreign nations have increased \$102,000,000, while our sales abroad have decreased in the same time \$108,000,000. We have bought more and sold less, and the most of which we have bought from abroad should have been produced at home.

With all this sacrifice, the consumer has not paid one cent less for his lumber. In the same time, \$10,000,000 has been given to the sugar trust, and the consumer pays more for his sugar. To the foreign wool grower, a donation of \$20,000,000 in duties has been made, and woolen clothes cost no less than before.

\$1500 EXEMPTION GETS BROADSIDES

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death penalty for first degree murder was opposed by F. A. Olmsted, who said the time is not ripe in Oregon for the abolishment of the death penalty for deliberate murder.

J. E. Hedges decried the tendency to discuss with the consultation in a discussion on the graduated extra tax amendment. C. E. Spence talked for the county officers term amendment and Mr. Sullivan opposed the act abolishing the desert land board and the office of the state engineer.

Proportional representation was favored by Mr. Spence and a lively discussion ensued, and on the amendment to abolish the state senate a warm controversy was waged between Representative Schuebel and former State Senator J. E. Hedges.

Dr. Morris opposed the primary delegate election bill, said to be a revival of the assembly.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

MOLALLA, Ore., Oct. 26.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Painless (?) Parker's dentistry bill is a snake in the grass—a sneak and a deception, Parker's personal grievance against the Oregon state dental board, and in his hypnotic vitriolic soapbox oratory, and in his "paid advertisements" misrepresents the word "trust" to scare and better work the "dear common people," whom he would have the voters believe that he has very much at heart.

Parker's methods are simply those of the dental commercializers, growing rich from off the labors of others; where is their literature or scientific research?

The present Oregon dental law is adequate for all present needs to protect people from fakers. This personal P. P. has the brazen egotism and gall to ask the voters to enact a law to fit his old two-year diploma, something the rest of the United States would not recognize.

Thus throwing down the bars and rolling back down grade for forty years from the tide of advancement—merely to admit certain dentists, would be a direct slap in the face to all the learned profession and educational institutions of the State of Oregon.

Accordingly to Painless (?) Parker's arguments all the school boards and teachers' organizations for advancement in the state are "trusts." Any old certificate holder, of any character, that fails to pass examination, may get up a measure and become a noted "trust buster."

This vicious measure is as a serpent that has tickled more than it can quite swallow. Its fangs are set, the process of digestion now indicated in its diamond eyes. Let every intelligent voter be at the clinical operation early on Nov. 3rd and assist in extracting the "dentistry bill," fangs and rattlers, with a club, size number X 34 No. this will put the serpent harmless and as eatable as an eel.

J. W. THOMAS.

SEEKS DEBATE WITH U'REN J. D. Stevens, himself somewhat of a pioneer in direct legislation, journeyed to the mill city Tuesday, and entered the camp of the enemy, in quest of a joint debate with the usually willing Oregon City debater.

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WORTHY OF CONFIDENCE

Relect Judge Anderson. He stepped into office under most adverse conditions, with little preparation, and no experience—all because the voters called him. He abandoned a successful business to heed the demands of Clackamas county.

Nor has Judge Anderson confined himself to the routine duties of the office. He has inaugurated a campaign toward a realization of permanent roads for the county and the summer's work just concluded, shows that 4 1-2 miles of hard surface roads have been constructed, in addition to the regular road work and improvements in the various portions of the county.

The judge is perhaps too modest to be a real politician, and has been too busy attending to business, to take much part in the campaign even if he desired to do so. In his campaign announcement he says: "In becoming a candidate for re-election I do so with a better knowledge of the duties and difficulties which the position imposes than I had when first called unexpectedly to the position. I deem it a great honor and a grave responsibility also, to have a guiding hand upon the affairs of our great and growing county, and I have no other ambition than to prove myself worthy of the trust."

There is none of the braggadocio in the judge's letter. He does not flaunt his virtues before the voters, nor does he try to win their support by vague promises of big things for the future. His main ambition is to prove himself worthy of the confidence of the people.

This Judge Anderson has already done, and he should be returned to his post, with the largest majority that has ever rewarded faithful service in Clackamas county.

Safety First--Elect Wilson Sheriff

No man stands higher in this community than does William Wilson, Republican candidate for county sheriff. Nor is any man in Clackamas county better fitted for the office he seeks than is Mr. Wilson. Nor is there a public office in Clackamas county which demands a more efficient and all around capable man to successfully conduct the affairs of its department than does the office of county sheriff.

If the voters of Clackamas county have the best welfare of the community at heart, they will elect Mr. Wilson by a handsome majority. He possesses an abundance of personal attributes which peculiarly fit him for this important task. In the first place Mr. Wilson is always "on the job." He has been a successful business man of Oregon City for many years, and during the last two years has served Clackamas county as coroner,—and in a most able manner. Again he possesses an intricate knowledge of the county and its people,—a knowledge which has resulted from business associations and his wide acquaintanceship in every section. Thirdly, Mr. Wilson belongs to that fearless type of men who place duty above all else, and if he is chosen at the coming election—and by the way every indication points to his success—the voters of Clackamas county may rest assured that they will get real service from the office.

This old county has its troubles and the sheriff must be a man who can deliver the goods. Society demands protection, pays for protection, and for that reason a man of Wilson's calibre should be at the head of the sheriff's department of county affairs. Wilson is the man for the job.

Although of the same name as the president of the country, Mr. Wm. Wilson is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican, and has some very different ideas regarding the best way to fill the dinner pail, and keep it filled. In other words the "Billy" Wilson of this county is a genuine Republican and a firm believer in Republican principles.

Elect "Billy" Wilson and feel that the important affairs of the county sheriff's office are in safe hands.

ILLITERACY IN OREGON RURAL POPULATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—The need of more and better rural schools in Oregon is made manifest by conditions revealed in a recent census report showing the per centage of illiterates among the native white farming class of this state. The figures show that the percentage of illiteracy in the rural districts of Oregon is three times as large as that in the cities and villages of the state. Oregon has 10,504 illiterates and 7,133 of them live on the farms. There are 5,042 boys and men and 2,091 girls and women on the farms of this state that can neither read nor write.

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