

BETTER AS IT IS

Too Much Risk in Revising Constitution Now.

LAWYERS AGAINST THE PLAN

What Some of the Portland Attorneys Say on the Question—Relief for Supreme Court is Only a Pretext for It.

Oregonian reporters yesterday interviewed many of the attorneys and judges of Portland upon the question of the advisability of a constitutional convention...

Richard Williams—I think our constitution protects the rights of the poor man pretty well as it is—much better than a new constitution would...

THE BUFFALO EXPOSITION.

What the Different States Are Doing for It.

C. E. S. Wood—Inasmuch as the framers of our present constitution assumed infallibility and made it practically impossible to amend the instrument...

H. H. Northrup—I am of opinion that it is not now desirable to hold a constitutional convention. The fundamental law should always be a conservative document...

Judge M. C. George—The wisdom of a constitutional convention really can be determined only by the result of its labors...

Raleigh Stott—I consider our constitution well suited for the time it was enacted. Oregon at that time had less than 50,000 of white population...

Benton Killie—It seems to me that the old constitution is good enough. The state is not in need of a new one. I would not be opposed to a constitutional convention...

C. A. Dolph—I am satisfied with the old constitution. If we have a change there is more chance of getting a worse one than there is of getting a better one.

Frederick V. Holman—I am in favor of a constitutional convention if it could be so arranged that it would be in the hands of representative people...

Sylvester Pennoyer—I do not favor a constitutional convention. Under our system of government there is no necessity for a state constitution...

States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states respectively or to the people...

James Gleason—I am not at all in favor of having a new constitution, because we don't need it. The old constitution is good enough...

Judge A. F. Sears—I desire to protest earnestly against the attempt to frame a new constitution. There are some defects in our constitution...

Thomas N. Strong—In my judgment a constitutional convention is too narrow and unyielding for the modern requirements of Oregon...

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That was not material, evidence to impeach it might be introduced. Judge Sears held that interpretation of the rule of law...

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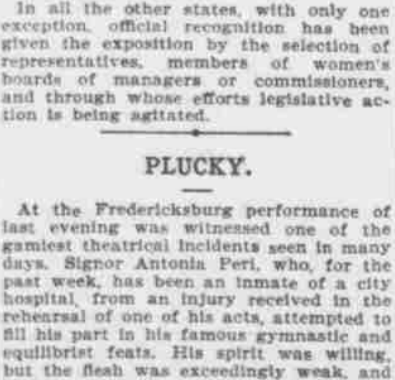
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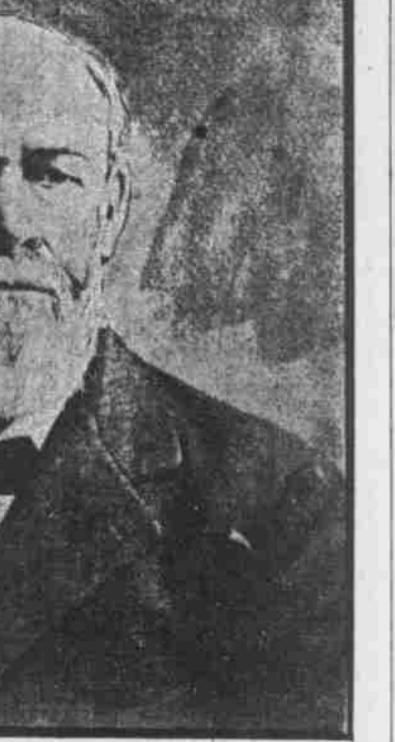
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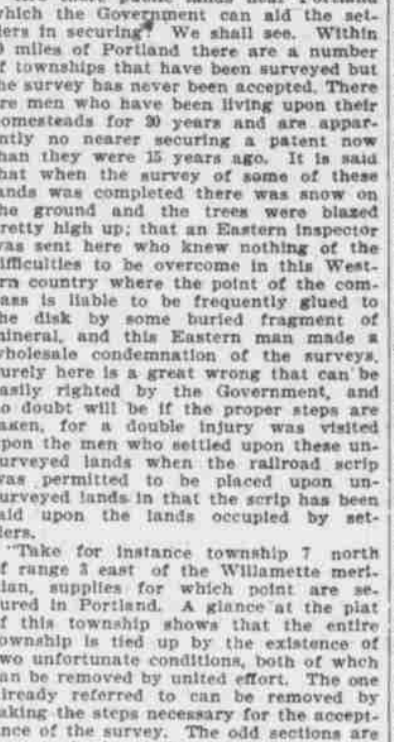
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