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THE SUPREME COURT AND DIRECT LEGISLATION.

It can hardly be deemed probable that the appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States against the constitutionality of Oregon will be sustained.

The appeal goes up on the motion of certain municipal service corporations of Portland, that deny the validity of taxes levied under the new system, which it is asserted is in conflict with the provision of the Constitution.

The strongest recognition it has yet received is the adoption of the Union of the State of Oklahoma, whose constitution establishes the system for the state.

Yet a strong argument may be offered on the contention that republican government is not a direct government, and that representative government is set aside by direct legislation.

STATE UNIVERSITY IN POLITICS? The Oregonian prints today another letter from Mr. C. S. Hulm touching on the affairs of the State University.

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make Central Oregon, the Coos Bay region, the Tillamook country and half a dozen neglected regions in Oregon rich and populous trade centers.

We are proud of our climate, but we cannot eat it, or drink it, or ship it as freight, but we have other resources which can be put to these uses as soon as we are provided with transportation facilities.

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OUR STATE SCHOOLS AND POLITICS. Mr. Hulin Objects to Legislative Candidates of Certain Gentlemen.

NEWBERG, Ore., March 8.—(To the Editor)—Referring to the Oregonian editorial "An Original Blunder," I appreciate the fairness of your comments on my letter published in the same issue (March 6).

You mention the misfortune to the people of Oregon by reason of the political management of the University of Oregon at the beginning in such a way that the inference might be drawn that the political feature has been eliminated. Such, however, is not the case and I believe the institution will have more active than at the present time in political manipulation.

You allude to the states that do not have universities as "semi-barbarous." The progress of such states is not so extravagant as you suppose. Many times stated that they do not propose to abolish the university, but it is proper to say that the states that are not "barbarous" are among the oldest and greatest in the Union and have the greatest universities in America.

MAKING MONEY IN ROGUE RIVER. One More Instance of Fortune from Advancing Values of Fruitland.

F. L. Tou Velle has sold his orchard south of Medford for \$38,000 in the aggregate. More than two years ago Mr. Tou Velle purchased the tract from C. Kleinhammer for the sum of \$14,000.

That is not all. During the time he has owned the property, Mr. Tou Velle has marketed fruit which grossed him \$20,000. This brings the total receipts of the property to \$58,000.

Gets Trounced and Weds Rival. Pittsburg Dispatch in New York World.

Here is an itemized statement of the wedding trousseau "Mike" Lesin, of Monongahela City, purchased in Pittsburg. The list is as follows: One dress, \$5.75; One coat, \$3.20; One belt, \$1.50; One corset, \$1.25; One best, \$1.25; One pair of shoes, \$1.25; One pair of stockings (plaid), \$1.25; One pair of stockings (fancy, with lace), \$3.00; One pair of shoes (pointed toes), \$2.20; One pair of stockings (black), \$1.25; One blue necktie, \$1.25; One silk muffler, \$1.25; One pair rubbers, \$1.25; One pair long white silk gloves, \$1.50.

Throws Man's Ashes in the Ocean. London Cable Dispatch in New York Sun.

During the Lucania's last eastward passage, a woman passenger scattered an urn full of ashes overboard in mid-ocean. She obtained a certificate from the captain showing that she had done so, together with the time and the latitude and longitude. She said the ashes were those of her husband, who was a prominent New York business man, who had directed that they be thus disposed of, and who specified the Lucania, which was his favorite steamer, as the ship they were to be thrown from.

Getting a Drink in Kansas. Kansas Exchange.

The traveling man, going through Southern Kansas the other day, said he was riding in the smoking-car of an express train reading his paper when a man rushed in from the car behind the smoker and in great agitation and distress said: "Has anybody in the car any whiskey?"

The Patent Individual. Nashville American.

The street car conductor has troubles enough. In running the cars on his line, he has to contend with the public to the south.

A bunch of complaints. From sinners and saints. From those with a grievance in pickle and those who have none.

A lady gets on to his car with a lot of bundles, and after a space she finds she has taken a line that will not go anywhere near to her place.

For my did he let her get on? The death-bed who tries. A look of surprise.

When asked to come down with his money and his wife to know, she outlandish you look. And make it so hard to be sunny.

ANOTHER AGREEMENT. The Manifest Immorality of Violation of the Constitution.

Corvallis Gazette. Our people are moral, and will not knowingly and willingly approve, aid and abet anything that is contrary or offensive to their sense of morality.

The free coinage of silver at an arbitrary ratio to real values as expressed by gold was an alluring, specious measure. But as quickly as the people saw that it involved the immorality of discharging an honest indebtedness of one dollar's value by the payment of 50 cents or less, they would have no more of the free coinage of silver.

FAVORS FUND FOR VARIETY. Cottage Grove Commercial Club Will Work for Appropriation.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., March 10.—(Special.)—At a well-attended meeting of the Commercial Club Monday evening the following resolutions against the proposed appropriation for the support of the appropriation were passed unanimously.

Harriman Drinks to Roosevelt. New York World.

Guests at the banquet held at Sherry's in honor of William G. McAdoe and his friends, who were celebrating the anniversary of the late President Roosevelt's death, prepared to drink to it. Those near the table at which Edward H. Harriman sat were the first to do so.

No Men at This Dinner. Washington Dispatch in New York Times.

Mr. John B. McLean, who never makes a call and rarely accepts an invitation of any kind, gave a dinner party in honor of a friend, at which not a man was present. The guests were 35 women, invited to meet the lady, Mrs. Wadsworth, wife of ex-Representative Wadsworth, of the Thirty-fourth Congressional District of New York, who will soon leave for England.

Fair Warning to a City Marshal. Huntington Herald.

The City Marshal, who on his roller skates last Tuesday was bearing one of our business men because he opposed his re-election to the office of Marshal, has been given a fair warning.

Future of Senator "Jeff" Davis. Little Rock (Ark.) Dispatch in New York Times.

Will Senator "Jeff" Davis go to Heaven? is the subject for discussion announced by Adjutant Howard, in charge of the Salvation Army, at a meeting to which all burglars, cigarette smokers and wife-beaters and moral degenerates in the city have been invited.

Spring Military. New York Times.

A maiden drew from its white box her hair's beginning. She twisted and turned it, but oh! how she had "been" writ upon it; so she vent her rage on the innocent thing.

Poked dents in its year-old crown, And then, to complete the destruction, On its brim danced a vicious breakdown!

The sorry chapeau remained where it fell, For several days in a corner, When it was taken to the mill, To be made into a hat.

From this will be seen that Dame Fashion decrees. No style is too queer or blasphemous, And it is better to know, when outlandish you look, Just that much more modest you are!

BOOKS

GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO. Italy's greatest living poet and novelist, whose first plays were hissed off the stage, is now being captured by his delighted countrymen by Shakespeare, all because of the success of his latest tragedy, "La Nave" ("The Ship") produced a few days ago at the Argentine Theater, in Rome, before the royal family and aristocracy of the Eternal City.

The new play, in which enough roses are shed to satisfy even Budge and Toddy, of "Helen's Babies" fame, is founded upon a patriotic episode of early Venetian times. It is a story of the Venetian Republic as building a church and a ship, at a time when Christianity had not yet supplanted paganism, and two families, the Grimaldi and the Faliero, fighting for the rule of the people. The Faliero have just been deposed, when Bastiano, the beautiful daughter of the traitor Faliero, comes on the scene. She finds her father and brother blinded and perished, and determines on revenge. What follows is of the whirlwind order and has reminded many a reader of the "Helen's Babies" classic plays long since forgotten.

Mrs. Elmer Glyn, the author of that singularly detestable novel known as "Three Weeks," has returned to England with a very favorable opinion of the purchasing power of the American public as a buyer of naughty, naughty books. It is a comfort to know that a Boston book dealer has been able to purchase a center of complacent literary art, for classic plays long since forgotten.

Mrs. Mary Johnston, who writes "To Have and To Hold," is dealing a novel dealing with the period of Thomas Jefferson.

Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brads, the author and chronicler of the life of John G. Barry, a story about charity. "A millionaire," said Dr. Brads, "lay dying. He had lived a life of which he felt proud. To the minister at his bedside he murmured weakly: 'If I leave \$100,000 or so to the church, will my name be remembered?' 'The minister smiled cautiously: 'I wouldn't like to be positive, but it's well worth trying.'"

It is generally supposed that the date of Jack London's latest novel of Socialism, "The Iron Heel," is seven centuries hence. In the preface to the novel, the cryptic Italian phrase "Novemcento 419, B. O. M."—whatever these figures and letters mean. A manuscript is discovered in which the wife of Ernest Everhard tells the story of the social revolution, and of the power and bloody rule of the oligarchy that succeeded representative government, and ground human life to destruction under the iron heel of the Puritans and Virginians that the Republic will endure, but by the blood of free-born men, whatever their nationality, in the old-fashioned management of the child endures so long as the human harvest is good, so long as the movement of history, the progress of science and industry, and the progress of the world are not the worst of each generation.

A new volume of stories comes from Mary E. Wilkins-Freeman, entitled, "The Wave." In addition to the latter story, the book contains "Amarina's Roses," "Eglantine," "The Pink Shaws," "The Willow-Ware," "The Secret," "The Gold" and "The Underling."

Juliet Wilbur Tompkins, whose California novel, "Dr. Ellen," is arousing favorable comment, has had a considerable editorial success in the "New York Times." Miss Tompkins was associated with the late Frank Norris and O'Hara Cosgrove, the present editor of "Everybody's," in the editorial management of "The Wave." Later Miss Tompkins edited one of the numerous Munsey magazine ventures and still later as a freelance she became known as a popular contributor to leading magazines.

The second volume of the Cambridge "History of English Literature" will be published in a few days. The "End of the Middle Ages" will be the title of the volume, which will deal with "Piers the Plowman," Richard Rolle, Wycliffe and the minor poetry and prose of their period. The third volume, in volume I, Gower, Chaucer and the Chaucerian school; the beginnings of English prose and those of Scots literature; Spenser, Bunyan, James G. H. Henryson, Dunbar, Douglas; the work of the Westminster Press; the early days of school, college and university life, etc. The third volume of the "History of the Renaissance and Reformation" will deal with the poetry and prose of the Tudor reigns.

The third and final volume of Thomas Hardy's "The Dynasts" is nearly ready for publication. It is concerned with the decline and fall of Napoleon and the re-entrance of the old dynasties.

Henry James' new novelette is to bear the title of "Julia Bride." The heroine is an American girl who is first attracted against a background of broken engagements and divorces. The story is to be published in two parts in the March and April numbers of Harper's.

Two well known magazines, Putnam's Monthly and The Reader, have been consolidated with the March issue.

Professor Heinrich Weinel has written for the series known as Lebensfragen, of which he is general editor, a volume entitled "Haben, Glauben, Metaphysik." The aim of the book is indicated by the subtitle, "Individualismus und Christentum."

Henry Frowde has ready for publication the "Patrick Gellatly," a volume edited by Dr. Norman Moore before the Royal College of Physicians of London. They will appear as "The History of the Study of Medicine in the British Isles."