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WHY THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM MUST PREVAIL.

A small plurality for one candidate among many of equal ability is not at all or possibly representative, since it consists of but a fragment of a great political party—cannot coerce, has no right to attempt to coerce, the great body of a political party, to vote for its candidate.

But representative selection may be a cure for this imperfection. It is for this reason, and on this basis, that the assembly method is proposed.

Democracy cannot afford to reject the selective or representative principle. Democracy is entitled to the service of its ablest and brightest men and women.

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The real thing to be concerned about is the effort to cast out the selective and representative system from politics and government.

The assembly or convention is an endeavor to continue and to maintain this system, opposition to it is an effort to destroy the system; coupled with promotion of the idea that, if a candidate, who nominates himself, can obtain a mere plurality over many others, an entire party is bound to support him.

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representative system; which never will be given up, because it is the one sure defense and justification, the real citizen democracy. Without the representative system, democracy can have no standing at all. Into imperialism it will plunge, by the shortest road.

Democracy, therefore, must adhere to the representative system. Else it cannot survive. The only representative system only through assembly. There is no other way.

Direct popular government is possible only in a small way, in small communities; never on an extended scale. On any large scale there must be resort to the representative system.

THE ILLUSTRATION AT SEATTLE.

At Seattle thousands upon thousands participated in the Republican primary, for nomination of Mayor, pretending they were Republicans, and voting later in the election for the Democratic candidate.

The "Republican" vote in the primary, for Mayor, was 31,847, while the Republican candidate for Mayor received in the election but 17,817 votes—only 57.7 more than he received in the primary.

The tell-tale figures have set politicians to thinking. The demonstration is complete that large numbers of Democrats voted for the Republican candidate in the primary, yet in the election voted for the Democratic candidate.

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The grand total for the United States showed a February gain of 16.4 per cent and for the two months 19.5 per cent. From these figures, it can be said without the slightest exaggeration that the Pacific Coast is today the most prosperous part of the United States, and it is equally plain that Portland is the most prosperous of the cities of the Pacific Coast.

In other words, the business of this city for the first two months of 1910 shows the greatest increase among the large cities in the United States.

CONSERVATION.

Keep off, keep off, and let the timber alone. It is as God made it, and it's beautiful. Keep unhalloved hands from it! Our streams, rushing from the mountains—let them alone!

It is sacrilege to disturb the music they have made through the ages. Great mistakes have been made by allowing free use of forest and streams, in the older states. Let us, lovers of nature, stop this now, in the new Pacific and Rocky Mountain states.

Such is the argument. Does it impress you? Does it convince you? The primary question is, what is the country—the continent—from the Atlantic to the Pacific—in the condition in which the aborigines "conserved" everything?

There has been intelligent use from the beginning, since Europeans came to the country, and conservation with it. Hence all the older states have grown to what they are. Use is conservation, and conservation is use.

These "rangers," planted in Pennsylvania, Indiana, a quiet manner a few years ago, Mr. Welch and his associates have steadily added to their holdings until the latter now include either power plants, street railways, gas and electric light plants or water works in nearly a dozen cities in Oregon.

Washington and Idaho, all of these industries being owned in some of the cities. These capitalists are also the owners of a highly prosperous suburban line connecting Walla Walla, Wash., and Freewater, Or., and connecting with the rights and power locations at other points in Oregon and Washington.

With these holdings of highly profitable industrial plants and transportation enterprises scattered over a considerable territory, it is logical and natural that an attempt should be made to unite them in a compact yet connected system. The advantages of such an amalgamation are so apparent that there will undoubtedly be an early welding of the various properties into a cohesive whole.

The possibilities for further extensions and development of this nature are almost unlimited in the Pacific Northwest, and the Northwest Corporation has its numerous plants and lines ready for the purpose of "connecting up" with such a system.

The grapevine telegraph, or some similar reliable source of information, wafted into Wall street yesterday the rumor that J. Pierpont Morgan had dropped dead in Italy, and for a moment it was thought that Wall street was about to throw up its hands.

Portland, some say—they who want more official inspectors—"is flooded with diseased imaginations. Portland, now, in the thought of one sort or another, must have a larger body of officials. If conserved, what another sort of officials to inspect and plug and clean the teeth of people who eat the beefsteaks. This last is now to be a department of our public schools.

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Human ingenuity stands baffled before it, unable to cope with it. Shipping in the ice zone can neither save itself by retreat, nor defense. Retreat is out of it, and defense is hopeless. It is thus that the banks of the Mississippi River, within the ice zone, at the close of a severe winter, are lined with the skeletons of the finest inland water craft, mutely attesting in their doom the all-conquering power of ice.

Ex-Judge Gordon, of Spokane, Wash., is at last before a jury on the charge of embezzling a large sum of money from the Great Northern Railroad. Details of the case were pretty well disclosed when Gordon was arrested several months ago. They showed that the alleged embezzlement was of funds which had been given to Gordon by the Great Northern Railroad to be used in settling a particular claim.

The day of the drunkard is about over. The inspectors, and letters and communications from officials and citizens on the science of government. These reports, letters, and communications will be printed free, provided they meet with the approval of the state.

These three inspectors are to be perfect men. They are to attend the session of the Legislature, see that no mistakes are made in the management of every public office supported wholly or in part by public funds, as often as may be necessary.

These papers are to be sent to every registered voter in the state of Oregon. Extra copies may be had at cost. The state will do all the printing, and people who are not Oregon registered voters or taxpayers may subscribe at \$1 per annum.

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THREE BOSSES FOR THE STATE.

Under the title, "Please Read," a pamphlet fathered by certain "wise statesmen" in Portland and Oregon City, has been printed and mailed to all voters of the State of Oregon.

The bill provides for the election of three inspectors, at a salary of \$2000 each, with all necessary traveling expenses. These three inspectors shall be editors of the Official Gazette, a paper to be printed and circulated by the State of Oregon, which will print reports from officials and citizens on the science of government.

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HOLDERS OF GREAT FORTUNES.

Rockefeller, Carnegie and Mrs. Sage: Money They Have Given Away. Estimated Wealth, Gifts to Date.

John D. Rockefeller, \$100,000,000. Mrs. Sage, \$100,000,000. Andrew Carnegie, \$100,000,000. Mrs. Sage, \$100,000,000.

General education fund, \$1,000,000. Union Theological Seminary, \$1,000,000. Harvard University, \$1,000,000.

Yale University, \$1,000,000. Baptist Educational Society, \$1,000,000. Juvenile reformatory, \$1,000,000.

Cleveland city parks, \$1,000,000. School of Education, \$1,000,000. Case School of Applied Science, \$1,000,000.

Bureau of Municipal Administration, \$1,000,000. New York University, \$1,000,000. Brown University, \$1,000,000.

McMaster College, \$1,000,000. University of Chicago, \$1,000,000. Cornell University, \$1,000,000.

Yale University, \$1,000,000. Case School of Applied Science, \$1,000,000. Cleveland, \$1,000,000.

Baptist Educational Society, \$1,000,000. Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, \$1,000,000. Newton Theological Seminary, \$1,000,0