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VICES OF "DIRECT" LEGISLATION.

People of Oregon adopted initiative and referendum as an emergency method of legislation. They never supposed fadism, selfish designs and innovating fakism, would find in it ready escape from the checks of representative legislation.

The "system" in this state has been carried to an effort to substitute a democracy without constitutional limitations or representative institutions. Its champions are ignorant of the fact that constitutional and representative government is the safeguard of democracy.

How absurd the clamor in Oregon against party assembly! Not only does that clamor disregard precepts of common sense, but it ignores constitutions and statutes which guarantee citizens the right peacefully to assemble.

The Government of this Nation and that of each state was started in assembly. Its welfare will be considered in assembly just as the people shall enjoy free institutions.

ABSURDITIES OF "CONSERVATION."

The Oregon Legislature, last session, enacted a law taxing appropriators of water power between 25 cents and \$2 per horsepower per annum. Needless to say, this law has stopped development of water power.

PORTLAND JOBBERS SECURE.

The American-Hawaiian Steamship Company has been carrying freight from the Atlantic coast to Pacific ports at a maximum rate which is 60 per cent of the rail rate for the same service.

PORTLAND MARITIME CONCERN.

One of the principal reasons why Oregon is the most prosperous state on the Pacific coast can be found in the shipping statistics printed in The Oregonian yesterday.

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ASSEMBLY AID TO PRIMARIES.

Colonel Roosevelt, Governor Hughes and President Taft regard party assembly as a necessary auxiliary of direct primaries. The Cobb direct primary bill, which is under consideration by the Oregon Legislature to enact, provided that party committees should "designate" candidates for nomination in primaries.

THE DANGEROUS HOUSE-FLY.

A health car—i. e., a car under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health—will be added hereafter to the farmers' demonstration trains that tour Oregon at intervals.

ON THE WAY TO LIFE.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Evening Post announces that a great discovery in physico-chemistry has just been announced to the Academy of Sciences.

HELEN TAFT NOW IN SOCIETY.

Washington Cor. New York World. During Miss Helen Taft's last visit to the White House, she was suddenly aware that the President's 19-year-old daughter is really grown and is no longer accounted as a school girl.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PARTY.

A sad-eyed woman, wearing clothes that were wedding attire four years ago and shoes that are mistle because they were a trifle heavy, was invited to her best friends and relatives to an acknowledgment party.

USEFUL HINTS FOR ANGLERS.

Boston Transcript. A bookworm does not make good bait for trout fishing. The red spots on a trout do not indicate scarlet fever or the measles, as some anglers believe.

A CRITIC AND A DOER.

Philadelphia Press. While Alton B. Parker, a gentleman who was once hoaxed into the belief that he was running for president of the United States, was circulating Executive Order No. 1, Chief Magistrate of the United States was attaching the Executive Order to the great bunch of important legislation ever produced by a President in the closing days of a session of Congress.

COCKTAILS AND THE CIVIL WAR.

Idaho Statesman. There is a dispute about the invention of the cocktail. New claimant develops, however, having first drunk in 1850. Notice that it is about the time the late unpleasantness started. A concoction of given enough stimulants, and most anything is liable to start.

MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED.

Pittsburg Gazette-Times. An English naval expert says war between the United States and Japan is a certainty. So the Society for the Promotion of War has two members. Hobson is the other one.

DOCTORS GENERALLY DISAGREE.

New Orleans Times-Democrat. Not that they both received select assortments of honorary degrees, Dr. Taft and Dr. Roosevelt may safely proceed to a diagnosis of the Republican party's ailments.

DEVELOPING THE STATE OF TRADE.

City Star. A man took a prescription to an Aitchison druggist the other day and asked what the price would be for filling it. "If business is pretty good within the next half hour it will be 25 cents, but if business is rotten I may have to charge 50 cents," replied the druggist.

PRAYSE FOR ASSEMBLY IN POLK.

No State, No Frame-Up, No Boss and No Machine. Dallas Observer. No more enthusiastic, harmonious and representative gathering of Republicans was ever held in Polk County than that of last Saturday, when delegates representing 19 of the 20 precincts in the county met in Dallas in response to the recent call for a Republican assembly.

WANTS 'NORMAL' MACHINE END.

Southern Oregon Editor Says One Good School Is Enough. Grants Pass Observer. An initiative petition for the re-establishment of the Ashland Normal School was circulated in Grants Pass last week, and obtained signatures, as all petitions do.

THE ONE SAFEGUARD OF DEMOCRACY IS THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM.

The great lesson before the American people," says Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, "will be popular government against delegated authority. The action of a man who hires a friend to buy votes for him at \$10 each, is a political machine."

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LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE

Kirk La Shelle met an actor and noticed that he was wearing a mourning band on his arm. "It's for my father," the actor explained. "I've just come from his funeral."

"Excuse me, Will, but how do you manage on your small salary, to have such well-cooked and delicious meals?" "The secret is simple," Will replied. "Every day I kiss the cook and do all I can to please her and make her happy."

"The man is as ingenious as a horse-trader's son, who once unexpectedly called upon his father to mount a horse and he said: 'Are you buying or selling?'" Success Magazine.

COLD WATER WITHOUT ICE.

Ice is not a necessity in order to secure cool water, for water can be made sufficiently cool for drinking purposes by putting it in a bottle or jug and wrapping a woolen rag around the latter, and then dipping it in shallow water and placing the whole outfit in a cool place; if in a draft, all the better.

KING GEORGE'S RIGHT-HAND MAN.

Lord Knollys, who, after serving the late King for 40 years, has been appointed secretary of state, is a singularly long-lived man. His father served as controller of the Prince of Wales's household for 10 years, and lived for 67 years after his retirement, and his grandfather likewise attained a great age.

WHO INVENTED THE PNEUMATIC TIRE?

Edinburgh is going to put up a bronze statue to the inventor of the pneumatic tire, but Edinburgh is not certain whether it was Thomson, who took out a patent in 1845 for affixing a belt filled with compressed air to the rim of a carriage wheel, or whether it was a veterinary, Dr. Dunlop, who, in 1888, helped out his kids riding on the rough roads of a skiff, by fitting up a crude set of pneumatic tires for his tricycle.

ONE SHRINKING TERROR.

At one of the Yale reunions this week a student with 40 years (more or less) of experience in the world told his listening friends that his conclusion of the whole matter was that he had never entered the ministry—and he thought it was still shrinking. This is suggestive, not to say cheering.

NEWS AND COMMENT

From the Ringside

Among its other features, the Sunday Oregonian tomorrow will contain telegraphic letters from REX BEACH, JACK LONDON, JACK GRANT, HARRY B. SMITH, and Associated Press correspondents, together with the very latest pictures connected with the world's heavyweight championship fight.

Best and Fullest

accounts of the contest of any paper in the Western half of the United States. With such competent writers, our readers need expect nothing less.