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with such sophistry, and they make themselves ridiculous by the attempt. They deal a rather hard bolt to those defenders of the sacred and inflexible Constitution when they favor a convention to amend "our present obsolete Constitution." Oh, Treason where are you at!

The Initiative and Referendum has also been denounced, but it comes handy when found necessary to compel a large corporation to pay to the county taxes fully due, and relieve the people of the burden.

I notice that the Ohio Legislature has just adopted by a large majority a resolution to submit to the vote of the people an amendment to the Constitution creating an Initiative and Referendum law. Would it not be well for the opponents of these measures to compare that for permitting the franchise of that sacred institution, the Constitution?

I predict that within five years a majority of the states will adopt these measures, including Statement No. 1, and within ten years the Constitution will be so amended as to permit the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. Oregon is to be congratulated on taking the lead, and I am convinced that this measure will be reaffirmed, as there is no record of a people ever having taken a backward step, once they had acquired a right or privilege to which they were justly entitled, whether by the ballot or by the sword, and it is safe to say that in this instance there will be no exception to the rule, as Oregon is an integral part of this great Nation of the people, by the people and for the people.

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ABOUT THE "STATEMENT"

This Well-Known Citizen Deems It All in All.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 21.—(To the Editor.)—A most vigorous effort is being made to discredit Statement No. 1, or rather those who favor the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, but so far I do not consider that anything has been accomplished that is worthy of consideration, or that will in any way influence the same majority who will cast their votes for a Democrat.

The principal argument that is urged against this measure is that it compels the "overscrupulous" Republican to vote for a Democrat.

This is equivalent to admitting that in a state where Republicanism there is no good, clean Republican who can defeat a Democrat even though that Democrat be our political Governor.

If this be true, and a majority or even a plurality of the voters of this state shall say by their votes we Chamberlain, it is possible that 46 men should be permitted to overthrow the will of the people, and to be with your requests, you don't know what you want and we'll name the man who shall represent you, even if you are compelled to take money for so doing, as was the "custom" before this iniquitous measure became effective.

I have heard these opponents of Statement No. 1 say that under no circumstances would they go to the Legislature pledged to support any measure, as this was a free country, etc.

I have not noticed, however, any great desire on the part of the people to force these gentlemen into the Legislature, and it is just possible that if they were left bidding until after the election, they would not be missed.

On the contrary, they are out begging the people to support them, and promising any old thing if elected.

I have heard, however, to even think of electing a Democrat in a state admittedly Republican, and the argument to this effect is mere subtlety. No adherent of Statement No. 1 wants or expects to vote for a Democrat, but the opponents of this measure undoubtedly will do so rather than fall in their efforts to return to the old system. The platform adopted by one faction, viz: to support the "people's choice" at the general election, provided he is a Republican, means that there will be no people's choice on the Republican side, consequently those who take this pledge will actually be pledged to elect a Democrat for whom they choose, and it won't be for Oake or Fulton.

Why should they say candidates who have taken the "party choice" pledge, "If you will stop out and give us a clear field, we'll fix it so that two years hence you can get anything you want?" They, however, are unable or rather unwilling to explain just what this means, and yet they really expect lovers of clean politics to support them.

There are a few papers throughout the country, swayed by ambition or cupidity, who have not hesitated to vilify the advocates of Statement No. 1, forgetting in their zeal that those supporters of this measure may possibly be honest in their convictions, and politicians to seek various without abuse, even though they are not from those papers whose patrons they are, and from whom they receive a large portion of their circulation, without which they could not exist. I take no exception to any man differing from me, either in politics or in religion, but by reason of same, it does not follow that he has the right to abuse me, and only those blinded by their narrow prejudices resort to means so contemptible.

following in the footsteps of the Lord, put to death by the most awful tortures all who differed from their religious views and this was not confined to any one denomination.

In the early history of our own country, good and pious men burned at the stake persons accused of witchcraft. Then we had the old Blue Laws that today would not be tolerated in any civilized country, and yet the men who lived in those days died leaving the world better than they found it.

We have had our day of corrupt politics, and the people by an overwhelming vote said a new law and a new condition must be born, and so it was. The enemies of honesty, stung by the blow from their own side, held by religious of their indifference, seek to regain what they had lost, and will move heaven and hell to accomplish their purpose unless they are driven from their positions.

I have the greatest faith, aroused from their lethargy and fight for their rights—clean politics and honest officials. We must seek to be, not better than our neighbor, but better than ourselves; consequently, it is the duty of every good citizen to strive to leave as a heritage to his children and his country an honest name and a better condition than he found it, and this can only be done by the people securing to themselves the right to select by their ballots their representatives to the state and National legislative bodies.

Let us talk about those great minds who framed our Constitution being infallible, is the merest rubbish. Our Constitution is good, but it was beyond the range of human intellect to foresee the needs of our growing country. As the conditions arise, we must meet them, and no one living now is able to frame a law that should govern this country a hundred years hence.

The same men who protest that Statement No. 1 is in direct violation of the Constitution say that they favor an amendment to the Constitution of the United States permitting the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

It does not prevent the Legislature from electing a Senator, but it does prevent them from selling their office to the highest bidder, as has been done in the past and so admitted by all the opponents of this measure who say, "It was the custom," but that was politics.

It was the custom, and was tolerated, we should not at this late date attach any blame to those who participated in the game, but we should in all kindness remove the temptation from the paths of such "right-minded" men as might have an inclination to fall should temptation beset them, and this can only be done by the people instructing their representatives to vote for certain candidates.

It is amusing and at the same time pathetic to look over the proceedings of what is called a Republican caucus which has adopted the slogan "For progress, they stand for liberty for all men, equal rights and opportunities for all, and in the next breath they are partisans because—well, because they are Republicans and are the only ones who have "no special interests to protect or serve." They favor wise men for the Legislature from their party to "best conserve the rights and opportunities of the people" where the whole people gets "his'n."

"Listen to this: We favor the election of our United States Senators by the direct vote of the people," and in order to bring this about, they will petition the next Legislature to ask various other State Legislatures to join in applying to Congress for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for this purpose, but—now here's where Roxy Grandpa comes in—"Until such amendment is secured, we believe that Republicans elected to the Legislature as such should represent our principles by voting for the Republican receiving the highest number of votes," etc.

Does anyone who reads this believe that they want the people to have a vote in the election of United States Senator? I pity him if he does. They cannot deceive themselves or anyone else

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