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THE PEOPLE MUST STUDY.

WHENEVER A PEOPLE take over a new phase of public action in the prosecution of governmental affairs and relinquish the traditional processes to which they are used and inured, it behooves them to study the plan, and the measures submitted under it, in order that they may reap the utmost good obtainable and guard against the imposition of fallacies and burdens. This is imperatively essential in regard to the initiative and referendum.

Without deprecating, or bolstering the principles involved in these powerful expedients, it is enough to say that so long as they have been adopted they are worthy the best thought and action that can be bestowed; by and through them the people are to obtain or dispossess themselves of those things most desired, or generally condemned, and with the power of recall, may place themselves in a position to control their own affairs at will; but not unless they have rational and appreciative understanding of the huge responsibility attaching to each and all of them as final and imperious edicts.

The people of Switzerland have had hundreds of years of experience in the handling of these principles and they are employed there to the utmost of popular security and progress, in the maintenance of the civic balances; and in time we may gain the same educational advantage and use them only for certain good of state and community. But we are to learn the real efficacy of the doctrine of popular government; we think we have attained to it through the representative system, and we have done well, but the burden of accountability is being shifted under the operation of these new rules of organic action and unless they are studied and perfected, we are liable to imperil and harass and destroy the very good we now possess.

The newness of the system demands the utmost delicacy in its use; the crucial care needed exemplifies the danger in which we stand from it; and any danger that confronts the people is a signal for their quick and earnest study of the vital premise of their action. A fool public beats a fool man incalculably, for the wrong of the individual may be corrected in haste and thoroughly, while the blunder of the people is far slower of amendment. Therefore, we may take nothing for granted in the use of these high functions, but dig into them for weaknesses, lures, risks, and try to know the exact and challenging worth of everything to which we set our hand and ballot.

THE TIMBER SITUATION.

FEW PEOPLE HAVE anything like a clear idea of the amount of forest wealth left in this country. Those who think at all about this natural resource which has assisted in material development since the landing of the first settlers are usually too much influenced by the condition of that particular state or section in which they are most familiar.

If they live in a much deforested or a treeless region, the people usually imagine that the country's timber supply is even more limited than is actually the fact; on the other hand, with those whose homes are located in a section where a pinch in timber has not been experienced, the feeling is likely to be altogether the other way, and some become so indifferent at times as to think that there is really not much reason to worry about a timber problem. Both can profit by a reading of the actual facts.

The forests of the United States now cover about 550 million acres, or about one-fourth of the land of the whole country. The original forests covered not less than 850 million acres, or nearly one-half.

The forests owned by the government cover one-fourth of the total forest area, and contain one-fifth of all timber standing. Forests privately owned cover three-fourths of the area, and contain four-fifths of the standing timber. Besides having three times the area and four times the forest, the timberland privately owned is generally more valuable.

Forestry, or conservative lumbering, is practiced on 70 per cent of the forests publicly owned and on less than one per cent of the forests privately owned. This covers the country's forest resources as they stand today. Senator Smoot, chairman of the section of forests of the National Conservation Commission, in outlining the future has said:

"By reasonable thrift, we can produce a constant timber supply beyond our present need, and with it conserve the usefulness of our streams for irrigation, water supply, navigation, and power.

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"We shall suffer for timber to meet our needs, until our forests have had time to grow again. But if we act vigorously and at once, we shall escape permanent timber scarcity."

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

The lottery of honest labor, drawn by time, is the only one whose prizes are worth taking up and carrying home.

THEODORE PARKER

The verse you write
You say is written;
All rules despite,
But not despitin,
The gas you light
Is never liten.

The things you drank
Were doubtless drunk;
The boy you spank
Is never spunk.
A friend you thank
But never think.

Suppose you speak,
Then you have spoken;
But if you sneak,
You have not spoken,
The shoes that squeak
Have never squoken.

A dog will bite,
Likewise has bitten
With all his might,
But not his mitten.
You fly your kite,
But not your kitteden.

—ANON.

The real estate business in Italy is bound to be in bad shape for a long time to come.

If this recent snow only snowed under some of the "knockers" it would be still more welcome.

The weather these days while not natural to Coos Bay, seems very natural to many Coos Bay residents.

Bracing thought for the day: It is easier to turn down a friend's request for a loan when you're broke.

The report of the completion of a life size painting of Rockefeller can not be true. No one has ever yet done John D. in oil.

The Coos Bay man whose wife is away on a visit can think of ten thousand ways of amusing his friends while she is gone.

There appears to be a general hope that the year 1909 will be a record breaker except in the matter of calamities and scandal.

David Balasco has written a letter on How to Write Plays, but what most people would like to know is how to get a free seat.

A new year always has a more promising look after a man has succeeded in borrowing enough money to tide him over the first month.

In Russia it is against the law to make love on post cards. In this country it is merely foolish and delays the mails while the clerks read the cards.

After reading of the suffering caused by an earthquake, the average Coos Bay citizen doesn't feel so grouchy over the Drain railway being so slow in coming.

"Then he excused himself just to get rid of me," explains Carrie Nation of Mr. Tafe. Well, if excusing ourselves will rid us of Carrie Nation, and several other people we know, we're excused this minute.

"Gracious, Nora," called the housewife, impatiently. "Isn't dinner nearly ready yet?"

"No, mum," responded Nora, through the speaking tube, "it won't be ready for two hours yet."

"Two hours! Why, what in the world is the cause of the delay?"

"Why, mum, you said you wanted split pea soup, an' faith it has taken me hours and twenty minutes to split 300 peas, an' there are 479 to be split yet. Ol counted them myself."

NOTICE TO COOS BAY FRUIT GROWERS.

All fruit growers of Coos Bay and vicinity are urgently requested to attend a meeting of all interested in this industry to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Marshfield, Oregon, Saturday, January 16, at 10 a. m. Matters of importance including the advisability of forming a local fruit growers association, will be discussed. Every fruit grower should attend.

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