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ARE THE PEOPLE PRESUMPTUOUS?

NE of the most remarkable and noteworthy circumstances connected with the enforcement of the direct primary law, so far as it relates to the election of a United States senator by popular vote, is that certain politicians seem to regard it as a piece of presumption that the people should concern themselves about such a matter. Legislatures have heretofore elected senators; it has oftentimes been profitable to the members and a small clique of politicians was usually in a position to dictate who the man was to be. Whole sessions were oftentimes wasted in making the n and the man selected was not often the man the people, left to themselves, would have picked out. This work has been so long carried on that it is with a positive feeling of resentfulness that the politicians face the ssibility of the people themselves taking the matter in hand and designating the precise man they want to serve them in the greatest office within their gift. When one ses to look at it squarely isn't this a marvelous state of affairs? Could anything more clearly demonstrate the need that exists for precisely this step being taken, providing of course the people want to rule instead of turning over the work to a self constituted oligarchy?

The fault of the legislative system of election has long been apparent. The people got representatives over m they had little or no control. Candidates for senor looked to the election of legislators and paid no seed to the people from whom the legislators got their ower and authority. Therefore senators were usually epresentatives of some class interests that were fundamentally opposed to the commonweal. Indeed the conditions have finally grown so scandalous that the senate no longer regarded as a representative body but a lected to conserve the protected interests. the direct primary law Oregon has severed rdian knot, it has provided a way through which the people themselves may elect a United States senator. practically impossible achievement under any other ditions. As party men they may take part in the sination of party candidates and as citizens they may afterward express their will at the polls, voting for the man they regard as best fitted for the place without reference to his politics or their own.

Beyond this there is nothing for them to do but to in sist that every candidate for the legislature for whom vote be pledged to abide by the decision of the votelves and to ratify the verdict when the legislature meets. Every candidate for the legislature should he forced to sign pledge No. 1; either that, or be given the certain assurance that he would be permitted to stay If the people of Oregon want to elect their ator the way is provided. The method is simple but effective and if it is put in operation this year it will run itself hereafter and United States senators will be elected by popular vote for all time to come in Ore-

TWO CONTRASTING CASES.

HE ATTITUDE of the Oregonian in the matter of the charges against United States District At-torney Bristol is in curious contrast to its policy hard work, has gained a high standing in the community and no breath of suspicion has clouded his professional reputation up to the filing of the unfathered charges now pending at Washington. The other has been known for years as an unscrupulous, professional politician, who, while county clerk of this county, robbed the tax-payers of thousands of dollars, and who was one of the ingleaders in the gross election frauds in this city two years ago. In one case the charge is unprofessional conduct—not yet proved, for Mr. Bristol has not yet been heard in his own defense—and in the other case the charges, proved, undisputed and notoriously true, are, first, embezzlement of public funds, and second, complicity in the election frauds. The charges against Powell had been proven long before they were submitted to the president.

What has been the Oregonian's attitude toward these two accused officials? As to District Attorney Bristol, the Oregonian has been one of the prime movers in the effort to oust him from office without giving him a hear-ing, and it has been informed in advance of every move that was to be made to accomplish this end. All that it could do to achieve his removal has been done.

As to Powell, all the influence that the Oregonian could exert has been used to place him and keep him in the office which he holds. With full knowledge of Powell's utter unfitness to hold even the meanest public office, Harvey W. Scott wrote a personal letter to President Roosevelt, urging that Powell be appointed United States marshal at Nome. Scott knew, as everyone knew who was informed as to county affairs, that while Powell was county clerk a dozen years ago he embezzled thousands of dollars of the people's money. Three times his books were examined by expert accountants-once under the direction of a grand jury-and each time the expert reported a shortage ranging from \$3,000 to \$11,000. It was only through the shortcomings of the then district attorney that he escaped indictmen and trial. When Powell went out of office he was still defaulter to the extent of six or eight thousand dollars and the shortage has never been made good.

Powell was again detected in crooked work only seven onths before he received his appointment as marshal, accumulation,

He signed hundreds of the fraudulent affidavits with which the local Republican machine attempted to over-ride the people's will in the county election of 1904, and his part in the frauds was made public through the col-

were laid before President Roosevelt, together with an ample array of proofs. Not a syllable in reference to the charges was permitted to appear in the Oregonian. Not a word was spoken that might enlighten the president as to the true character of the man whom he had been deceived into appointing. Not once was there the slightest auggestion that Powell should be removed. In stony, shameless silence, the Oregonian gave its tacit support and encouragement to the most unworthy federal intee that Oregon has known. Silence at such a time was cowardly disloyalty both to the president and

to the people.

Whether or not the Oregonian will succeed in its effort to oust Mr. Bristol from his office remains to be seen. But what of Cader Powell?

SAMPLE ROADS IN OREGON.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE has done some very good and valuable work for the people of this country during the past few in the introduction and distribution of new seeds,

plants, etc.—but in nothing more nor so much as in its study and exhibition of the building of good roads.

There is no subject more discussed and more neglected, none more important and left alone, than this. Good roads throughout a region, state or county, are of ultimately inestimable value, and this fact is being more

and better recognized from year to year.

Good roads mean better prices for farm lands, and for produce of all kinds; they mean cheaper and easier work or men and beasts; they mean more business for merchants in all the towns; they mean more and befter paid work for carpenters and all mechanics; good roads are at once a sign and proof of civilization, comfort and

The government, that generally has to be kicked and forced into doing anything for the common people in-stead of the trusts, which it is very busy serving, is doing a mightily good work in showing the people how to build good roads, and encouraging them to do so, in various parts of the country. Soon the government road-building force will be in Oregon, and will build a sample mile of road near Pendleton and another near Salem, This is a good scheme. The two miles will not amount to much, nor is it intended that they should, but they are intended to be a valuable object lesson to Oregonians, not only in the particular localities selected, but throughout the state.

The government at large and well-incurred expense has found out how best to build good roads, and has employed expert men to do this work, and will give Oregon two sample miles, in different parts, of the state near two of its principal towns. The lesson should be of much interest and value, not only to the people of Pendleton and Salem, of Marion and Umatilla counties, but to those of the whole state. We are beginning—in Yamhill, Clatsop, Douglas and other counties—to get good roads. Let us go right forward in this good work. Good roads are expensive, but they pay—nothing better.

SENATOR LODGE.

ENATOR LODGE made a studied elaborate speech on the railway regulation bill, although it is not yet before the senate. He is in favor of some sort of measure—anything that will amount to nothing. Senator Lodge is a scholar, an orator and a millionaire. He believes in the divine right of the trusts and protected interests to rule. He has been considered a particularly close friend of the president, and so has been at the expense of considerable time and effort to only a few months ago when public attention was being directed to the crooked record of T. Cader Powell, United States marshal at Nome. Both men are federal office-holders. One of them, by energy, ability and

the trusts and corporations.

Senator Lodge "views with alarm" the whirlpool; he considers the trust rock the bulwark of humanity in general and of senators in particular. Since his good, great and glorious friend Roosevelt has raised this rumpus, Senator Lodge, after long and studious investigation of classic and oriental literature, has decided that the senate should yield to the president—on the surface, being care-ful to pass no law that would really amount to anything, or at most that would throw every case into the courts to remain for perhaps 50 years.

Senator Lodge is a more dangerous type of public man than Aldrich, for Lodge pretends to have the public interest at heart, whereas everybody knows Aldrich to be an agent of Rockefeller and the trusts. Lodge will not break with Roosevelt; he will only stand with Aldrich, Foraker, Elkins and other trust senators in emasculating, as far as possible, the railway regulation

Lodge is a trimmer, a scholarly incubus on the body

It will not be many years till the people, even in moribund New England, will rid themselves of such enemies in public life.

The morning organ of plutocracy carries an editorial on the general subject of "Politics of the Almighty Dollar." If the organ were really disposed to talk out of the fullness of its knowledge it could print an article that would create a veritable sensation, for in that sort of politics it has never had and never can have a rival in this neck of woods. There doubtless have been nimble dollar chasers here as elsewhere but there never has been one so nimble and persistent as the morning representative of the oligarchy and absolutely none which would follow so far its elusive trail through the purlieus to catch up with it. Both sides of the street, the middle of the road, the gutter or the sewer were always all one with it and so long as it emerged with the dollar, the dirt that clung to it cut no figure in its estimation or in the least affected that comfortable philosophy which considered possession as covering all the sins of

Original New England on Pacific. stander Maddie in "Climate of the

racific Coast." in the Outing Magaline.

There is a common saying that if
a Pilgrim fathers had only landed
the Pacific coast, a large portion of
a atlantic seaboard would never have
an nettled. Californians, Oregonians
d Washingtonians believe this imleftly. In other words, the charms
the Pacific coast in the way of cilate are so appreciated that, having
see experienced them, men are unfling to live elsewhere contentedly,
we not one man in a thousand living
the Pacific coast knows that as a
tree of feat the accounts of our mother

of the country for his sovereign, Blisa-beth, and named the new acquisition Nouva Albion (New England) because he thought the white cliffs near what is now Point Reyes resembled the chalk cliffs near Dover.

Refuse "Whist Tainted" Cash.

From the New York Sun. this imc charms of the first of the second of Meriden, Connecticut, which is building a \$50,000 home, the money being raised by popular subscription, refused recently to accept money from some of the most prominent women in town, because it had been raised by a series of whist parties.

Mrs. Emily J. Youngs, president of the association, is not in favor of cardplaying, and does not want to have the playing, and does not want to have the playing, and does not want to have the playing, and does not want to have the playing are rected through efforts that might be questioned.

The money will go to other charitable gurnoses, the ladies now declare. The Young Women's Christian Asse

The Wife's Earnings.

From the Philadelphia Telegraph. The wife is a wage-earning woman, but she is generally underpaid. In all the vast hullabaloo raised over the ladies who go forth and make their own way in the world a word is due the wife and mother, who is a harder worker than the busiest of them. A husband supports his wife, so runs the popular prejudice. Yet, where could he find a housekeeper, nurse, mother and general buffer to work for her board and clothes us does his wife, so long as her life shall last? Not for three, five, nay, nor eight plunks a week; this is the truth. Speaking always of the wife who works rather than the idler wife with no children, society's moth, who eats holes forever in the unsful world fabric, but knows not nor cares not to repair them. A man supports his wife, yet often she is the prop that holds him up respiendent before the world. adles who go forth and make their own

SMALL CHANGE

Alice and Nick have but a short time now in which to reconsider and back out.

The Sprkane Review wants a Parii Washington squadron. Of course would never deign to take cognizance any Oregon or California ports.

It is also hard to keep some bad

Castro has deigned to make an ex-planation to France, which that nation will regard as only an additional insult.

Peru is threatening to lick Chile. But it may be only an exhibition of Peru-vian bark, calculated to warm Chile up The only way to gain the approva

A Philadelphia man grew six inches taller in his fifty-first year. Some men in Oregon along about that age expect to grow that much in one day this spring.

Before long congress will have to pass a special appropriation for Law-yer Cromwell; he will have all the ca-nal money and will be calling for more

An exchange asks: "What shall be substituted for football in our colleges?" Oh, anything that is sport and not education.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Drain Nonparell wants here on subscription to help it cackle over the bright prospects of that town.

Prairie City Miner: The proper development will add \$15 to \$20 to every tillable acre in this valley. All it needs is the harmonious and intelligent work along the lines of progress. There is not a district in the state that has more natural advantages than this. This return advantages than this. not a district in the state in this.
country can and ought to be as known as the Hood River district, land is worth \$1,000 per scre.

The death rate in Albany last year

Some Enterprise people are consider ably puffed up with mumps.

Pruita, Wallows county, saw a meteor of the apparent size of a cornfield pump-kin rush out of the east and across the southern sky and disappear behind the western mountains. The light it gave was dazzling.

Yamhili county farmers are waking up to the necessity of good roads and clean orchards.

An Independence man cleared \$500 last year from six acres of prunes and will set out more trees.

Rand's candidacy for representative, thinks the Lostine Ledger, "will put Billy Lachner out of business and will largely destroy C. A. Johns' chances for the nomination for governor."

Springfield may have a big brickyard requiring an outlay of \$150,000 and em-ploying from 75 to 100 men.

Canyon City News: For a variety of climate Grant county can take the prise. While the John Day valley is experiencing a summer climate, with perhaps typical fall nights, the weather in many places is registering below zero.

Beveral buildings are going up on a new Coos bay townsite called Seaport.

Tillamook Headlight: It would be more sensible to let alone the political fight and all get in and fight for a right of way for a railroad. Let's fight for something that is worth fighting for and something that would boom Tillamook.

The Adams Carpenters union is

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

opened the eyes of the blind and preached the word of life in her streets.

The Lasen.

Verse 21. In a recent discussion upon the quality and character of preaching nowadays, we were told that "many intelligent men have ceased to attend Sabbath services because they got nothing from the sermon." How much did Jesus get from the synagogues of Manreth or Capernaum? It was his custom not to neglect worship upon the Sabbath, without reference to the eloquence or ability or culture of the minister (Luke iv:16). Those who cannot go to the house of God to "get good" may at least go to "do good." Some years ago the writer talked with a man of wealth and education and firm literary taste who had spent the better part of his long life among the humblest of rural neighbors. He said that in 30 years he could not remember that he had heard a sermon which had been of personal benefit to him. But he never missed a service; he was the chief support of the church. Anybody who enters into the synagogue teaches by his example. Jesus went to teach where he could not learn.

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Verse 21. The scribes never pretended to be anything else than so many mouthpieces for the prophets. Jesus Christ never put himself upon that plane. He sometimes indorsed Moses, but he never asked Moses to indorse him. For us there is only one source of authority, and that is Jesus Christ. We believe in heaven and we believe in hell because Jesus Christ taught both—"with authority" (Matt. xxv:21 46). And so of every other article in our creed and every commandment in our law. We keep the Ten Commandments not because they were written on stone but because Jesus Christ approved them. And what he does not lay upon us, no man can make binding. Our duty to Him is our freedom from men.

Verse 23. With all our study of psychology we have not made much progress in understanding any of the real mysteries of the mind or soul. We have learned to call old facts by new names, that is all. Why is the lunatiousually dangerous? People who will not hear of a personal devil will glibly discuss. that "double consciousness" which is only in terms distinguishable from demoniacal possession. We write books about "telepathy" and "hypnotism," but decry the possibility of a lunatic's homicidal temper being due to the malign "suggestion" of an evil personality. A very prominent old soldler of the civil war, a man inclined perhaps to skepticism but of sterling character, said to the writer some years ago, "Why do I, who have always sought to live purely, have such debasing thoughts? My only solution of it is the presence of a devil who thrusts upon my mind what my mind abhors." Few better expositions of this subject have been written than that which was written many years ago by Lyman Abbott in his "Life of Jesus of Nasarsth."

Verse M. No one is more quick to recognise goodness than the bad man, He knows a saint at right. The worse a man is the more prompt his sense of repulsion is likely to be. Without a word

and Christ.

Verse 25. But a good man hates to be pointed out by a bad man, even by that bad man's antipathy. Many a politician has shrunk from the acchain, "He's all right," when uttered by peo-

Aunt." At times the tragedian gave the lines a collequial interpretation that brought great laughs from the small sudience in front.

The company has a comedian of real merit in the person of Caryl Gillin, who last night, as Grumio, serving man to Petruchio, made an instant and continuous hit. When Mr. Gillin tires of Shakespearsan plays he may turn his hand to farce comedy, or even burlesque, with promise of success; a doubtful compliment, perhaps, but well meant.

Miss Drefnah was a capable shrew, and though perhaps hardly shrewish enough at the beginning, certainly was tame enough in the last act. Her shrew tages of the company and officer of an insurance company. A recent statement of the company shows that during the five company made that during the five company made the during the five company made that during the five years you were its chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made that during the five years you were list chief financial officer the company made enough at the beginning, certainly was tame enough in the last act. Her shrew is a woman of kindly heart, but violent temper, spoiled by an induigent father, and finally conquered by a combination of bully-ragging and love-making. The other parts are taken satisfactorily. John M. Kline has the voice of an auctioner, and handles it well enough, but his acting was stiff and unnatural. Miss Blanche Kendall as Blancs is ewest and likeable, though not favored with physique or voice. The somery and costuming contributed not a little to the pleasure of last night's performance.

Mr. Hanford's ability as a character actor was demonstrated decisivaly in a little play which preceded "The Taming of the Shrew," entitled "The Old Guard."

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Tonight Mr. Hanford and his company present "Othello." Tomorrow matines the attraction will be "The Merchant of Venice," and tomorrow night "Ingomar."

Our Popular Song Bureau

By William F. Kirk.
(No. M of our intmitable, unapproachable series, entitled "Take Back That Finnan Haddie!" has actually taken the nong-loving world by storm.)

A pretty girl was atting at a table all alone,
And she beckened with a finger that displayed a costly stone.
The waiter thought she liked his lookshe almost lost his head;
But when he to that table went, these words were what she said;
CHORUS:
"Take back that Finnan Haddie, sirtism't fit to sai!
It's colder than the icebergs on Lieutenant Peary's heat.
It's tasteless as a stingy kiss from dear old Auntie May;
Go feed it to the bread line down at Ninth and Broadway!"
II
The poor delud.d waiter, who had thought about a manh,
With trembling, nerveless fingers seled the cold, rejected hash.
The tears that to his eyes did come be-

The tears that to his eyes did come because of her rebuke
Dropped in the Finnan Haddle—of course
it was a fluke.

Them tears were hot and scalding, and I
think, as like as not,
it wasn't nothing else that made the
Finnan Haddle hot.

At any rate, when he came back, she
tucked it all away.

And sweetly said "Forgive me for the
words that I all may:

WALL STREET

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clausop:
February 15—By several trials made to adjust our octant and ascertain our error in direction observations, we found it to be 2 degrees 1 minute and 4 seconds additive beyond the fracture. This error was detected by comparison with the sextant, the error of which had already been determined. The octant error next to zero, or below 55 degrees 25 minutes inclusive, he only 2 degrees additive. We sent Shannon, Labiche and Frazier this morning on a hunting excursion up the Kilhawanakle river, which discharges into the head of Meriwether's bay. No tiding as yet of Sergeant Gaus and his party. Bratton is still weak and complains of lumbaso, which pains him to move; we gave him hark. Gibson's fever continues obstinate, though not very high; we gave him a dose of Dr. Rush's pills, which have he many cases been found effectious in fevers of a billous type. The niter produced a profuse perspiration this evening and the pills operated later, after which the fever abated and he had a good night's rest.