

EYES OF COUNTRY WATCHING REFORM LAWS IN OREGON

George Judson King, Eastern
Writer, Says the Measures
Adopted Here State's Best
Asset—Best Advertising.

"The people of Oregon are actually practicing the lost art of self-government. It has come as a surprise to a discouraged and skeptical American public, and thousands all over the nation are straining their eyes toward this corner of the union to see if it can be true. For this reason the initiative and referendum, and that group of measures comprised in what is known as the 'Oregon plan,' is doing and will do more to advertise favorably our state than all the development leagues and advertising schemes that can possibly be devised and paid for. This thing gets a publicity that money cannot buy. The Journal is right. It is your 'best asset.'"

This is the statement made by George Judson King, an eastern writer, who is here to study the workings of the new system, which asked his opinion of its value. Continuing, Mr. King said:

"This, of course, is a sort of cold-blooded view of the business worth of the new methods. It gives your state a mighty good name. That is a commercial asset, although many business men cannot see it.

Oregonians Courageous.

"But far beyond this is the moral value both to yourselves and the people of other states. You are shooting hope and courage into the hearts of the American people by showing them there is a simple, practical way out of the present bog of graft, corruption and misrepresentative government into which we have fallen. It is a national service.

"Suggest a needed reform to the average citizen of almost any central or western state and you will be met with the cynical reply, 'Yes, that is a good thing, but what's the use; we can't get it.' They have been tricked so continuously by the politicians that they are discouraged.

"Do not find that sentiment among the voters of Oregon. They have courage because they are conscious of power. It is a pleasure to talk with them and watch them smile over the fulminations of the old politicians.

"Do I think other states will follow the lead of Oregon and adopt the initiative and referendum?

Will Follow Oregon.

"Not a doubt of it. Direct legislation is the most popular reform in the United States today with the possible exception of direct election. United States senators, Arkansas and Colorado adopted it this year. Arizona will have it. Even corporation ridden New Mexico will have a semblance of the referendum. The gang has got to put in the new constitution in some form or have the whole thing rejected by the public. It will be the one big issue before the legislatures of Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, California, Illinois and Washington within a few weeks. Other states are on the way. It is in the air and all the money of Wall street and the lies of a subsidized press cannot stop it."

"I understand you have studied this question in Switzerland," said the Journal men. "Do you notice any similarity of results? For example, do they use the initiative and referendum as much there as here?"

"No, they don't have to. The referendum drove the grafters out of politics long ago. The political atmosphere is clean.

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THIS SWINE OR THE FLOWERS?

Ah me! I saw a huge and loathsome sty, wherein a drove of wallowing swine were bafed, whose banquet shocked the nostril and the eye; Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of ild!" I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first One glistening mass of roses pure and white, With dewy buds 'mid dark green foliage nursed; And, as I lingered o'er the lovely sight, The summer breeze, that cooled that Southern scene, Whispered, "Behold the source of COTTONLEAF!"

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"A BROKEN IDOL" PLEASING PLAY; CLEVER ACTS AT VARIETY HOUSE

Musical Comedy at Bungalow
Keeps Crowd in Good
Humor.

"A Broken Idol," a two-act musical farce, scored a hit at the Bungalow theatre last night.

When the first curtain rose a straight-lipped, unsmiling audience faced the proscenium arch. The comedy was an unexpected quantity and the players strangers to Portland theatregoers. After the first few lines had been said, however, a man chuckled, a woman giggled and long before the final ensemble everyone was shouting for more.

The applause was deserved, too, for the comedy contained a number of original departures from the usual run of musical shows, and while the work of the players at times verged on the anaemic, in the main they carried through their parts with the easy grace of old stage veterans, which the majority of them are not.

The action was laid in Chinatown at Los Angeles, and the plot revolved around the rivalry between Jack Mason, a newspaperman, and Lord Dunphy, a fortune hunter, for the hand of Marion Pugsley, daughter of Sir Pugsley, a millionaire with political aspirations.

"Doc" Whist, portrayed by Don A. McCallan, was the easy going villain who conspired with Dunphy to capture the heart of Miss Pugsley, which Mason had taken possession of long before. Doc Whist had married Sing Wue, daughter of Sun Lee Woo, a Chinese merchant, in the course of his perambulation through his picaresque life, and through her efforts the machinations of Dunphy, what at first were foiled and a happy ending was brought about.

Peril Barta played Marion, and she did it well. She has a pleasing contralto voice and with her good looks carried the leading part with good grace. McCallan is a good comedian, and although he is billed as "the funny bone tickler" he must divide honors with J. Ely Middleford, D. Z., "bug hunting" enthusiast and the henpecked husband of Mrs. Lucretia Middleford, who, with the Pasha's harem, and a meddlesome disposition. And, best of all, the musical numbers were good.

As Seen "In Morocco."

The Lyric Musical Comedy company, in presenting Dillon and King in "Morocco," at the Lyric this week, has added another feather to its cap as producers of comedies of the laughing order. This week it has exceeded itself in the laughing line, for Dillon and King are funnier than ever. As the two sailors from the U. S. S. Connecticut who have been lost in Morocco and are directed in the Pasha's harem, these two are the limit for fun. The production is pretty, being very flashy and just fitted for the production. Fred Lancaster as the Pasha is especially good this week, his makeup and characterization showing him to be very versatile and a character actor of the first order. The chorus is seen this week in some novel and catchy numbers that bring forth rounds of applause. Miss Rockwell was greeted royally and at the finish of her specialty "Carmena," the applause was deafening and she had to respond to several encores. As a whole the production is very cleverly staged and well worth seeing. The same bill all week with daily matinees and the chorus girls' contest Friday night.

or to be a legislator, for instance. Result—representative government through the legislative bodies.

"It will be so in Oregon when your old political machinists die off or finally have it knocked into their heads that the people are in the saddle to stay, and it is a waste of time and money to try to unhorse them. The initiative and referendum were installed in Switzerland as a means of heading off the power of the railroads in politics. That was back in the seventies. Since then it has transformed the political life of the whole nation.

"No one thinks of questioning the right of the people to do as they choose. Some of them thought me a fool to waste good money traveling across the Atlantic to find out what seemed to them a natural right."

"But do you not think the initiative is being abused here?" was asked.

"Not so much as your people have been abused by your legislatures," was the quick answer. "Do you think if your representatives had honestly tried to serve the whole people and conserve the common good, there would have been 33 measures on your ballot?"

People Wide Awake.

"I look at about three quarters of those questions as manifestly distinct of pure representative government, and the whole ballot as an evidence that the people of Oregon are wide awake to their own good. The trouble is, my friend, that the people are doing things which a few fellows don't want done. There are doing the worrying about the poor, overstrained voters."

"What do you think of the proposed means of safeguarding the initiative which it is understood will be introduced in the next legislature?"

"Well," said Mr. King, with a humorous twinkle in his eye, as he slowly lighted a cigar, "I never have been much of a hand to stick my finger on a buzz-saw to see if it is running. I have studied the returns both of the primary and general election. I have talked with some hundreds of your citizens in several towns of the state who have no axes to grind, so if I were a member of your legislature, with a burning ambition to serve the state in a hidden capacity, and some safe and sane letting citizen should come out of a corporation lawyer's office and ask me to introduce such a bill, I would tell him in the language of the famous cartoonist, 'Let George do it.'"

TRAFFIC IS BLOCKED BY ICE ON BRIDGE

Considerable trouble was experienced this morning by teamsters in crossing the Burnside bridge on account of the slippery condition of the approach at the west end, which was covered with ice. For several hours it took three police officers to maintain even a semblance of order on the bridge, and even with their aid traffic was being continually blocked by a horse or team that had fallen. At 7 o'clock wagons were not allowed to start over the bridge from the west side, and this order was effective for nearly 30 minutes. No serious damage was done to the horses or equipment.

Meeting of City Beautifiers

Washington, Dec. 13.—Comprehensive city planning and the preservation of natural scenery will be exhaustively discussed by the American Civic Association at its annual convention beginning in this city tomorrow. The gathering will be attended by delegates from many cities of the United States and Canada.

Playlet, "His Nerve," Heads List of Good Acts at Orpheum Theatre.

Take vaudeville to mean variety, and the new bill offered by the Orpheum this week is ideal, for the acts making up the program could hardly be more diversified. Nor is variety all there is to recommend. Taken turn by turn, the bill will still stand the test and come out marked "good."

The headliner this week is Charles Leonard Fletcher in an amusing playlet, "His Nerve." Mr. Fletcher portrays a gentleman burglar of the Raffles type, who starts out on a delicate little mission and encounters a low caste crook, whom he instructs in the gentle art of aristocratic burglary. Then when they are both caught he calmly plans the getaway of the weaker member and has the lord of the manor arrested for the thief. After they are both well out of the way he lights the inevitable cigarette, removes the remaining valuable plunder and walks out the front door like a gentleman. Mr. Fletcher gives a clean cut portrayal which is always interesting and in accord with the bill. He is ably assisted by William Stafford, Le Gordon and other members of his company.

If applause may be taken as the criterion, the palm goes to Gross and Josephine, who have added another hit to the one they made last year, and with their vehicle, "Dying to Act," little changed at that. A bit of telling patter, good singing and dancing and a pleasing burlesque cleverly done make their act thoroughly enjoyable and mark them among the superior comedy teams.

A splendid novelty is Joseph Hart's "Bathing Girls," also seen here last year. Glenwood White, quite as demoralized and effective as formerly, and Miss Albertine Bence are seen in the solo parts, assisted by clever and pretty chorus girls. The costumes are just as beautiful, the effects as good and the act as striking as before.

Opening the bill is one of the best of novelty gymnastics act given by the Mario-Aldo Trio. They are artists in their line and perform their wonderful and difficult feats with ease and grace that is remarkable.

A unique act, "The Circus Girl," is given by Marie and Billy Hart. In it two circus pairs are reunited and in the course of the playlet are given opportunities to show their several talents.

Miss Hart is well named "America's most versatile" for she does excellent slack wire work, sings, dances and plays the cornet.

Quigley Brothers present a trim Irish turn which goes well, especially their juggling at the finish.

Low Wells' disjointed comedy of the sort and plays a number of aphorism numbers which are fairly good.

\$2250 IS RAISED AS Y. M. C. A. OPENS

The formal exercises attending the opening of the Sellwood branch of the Y. M. C. A. at East Fifteenth and Spokane avenue were held last night and more than 500 people were in attendance. Several addresses were made, one by A. N. Willis, chairman of the executive committee of the association, and another by Dr. H. C. Fixott, president of the Sellwood Improvement club.

During the exercises funds for the maintenance of the building were asked for, and a total of \$2250 was pledged during the evening. The new building and grounds are valued at \$17,768. The report of the financial secretary was read at this meeting, and other officials of the association also made reports.

Gymnasium classes here to be organized by W. C. Moore, secretary of the Sellwood branch.

STATISTICIAN REPORTS ON COST OF LIVING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—That the earnings of the average city worker have remained stationary in the last decade while the purchasing power of the farmer has increased over 50 per cent as against a 12 per cent increase in the cost of necessities, is one of the statements contained in the annual report of Victor Olmstead, chief of the bureau of statistics. The statistics presented by Olmstead to support the assertion furnish interesting comments on the fluctuations of commodity values and the relative changes in the cost of living.

Doctors Said He Would Die

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All persons suffering this statement can write to me and I will answer them directly.

Yours very truly,
CLYDE F. CAMERER,
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VERNE TOWNE, Notary Public.

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EXCURSION BOAT TO ILLUMINE SEA

Aloha Will Carry Red Fire and
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Messrs. Roche & Thompson, managers of the "Aloha" excursion to the Hawaiian islands, which sails direct from Portland, February 1, 1911, yesterday entered into a contract with the Government Standard Powder company of Portland for 4000 worth of pyrotechnics. These will consist of Celestial signal rockets and Molechukunmunk red lights. In all there will be 27 boxes—13 of signal lights and 14 of red sea lights. The Celestial deep sea signal rockets are made to explode at a height of 1500 feet and have a detonation equal to that of a 15 pound Napoleon gun. They can be used either day or night. The Molechukunmunk red signal fires are for use in dry weather, or time day or night. They burn the regulation time—one half a minute. They are accompanied by the tripods for ship use. There are four of these tripods, so the ship will be illuminated fore and aft.

The Government Standard Powder company is an Oregon concern and is the sole manufacturer of this new oxygen powder. It is used for blasting, stumping, rifles, shotguns and, in fact, all purposes to which powder is applied.

This powder is absolutely nonexplosive. It is manufactured in stick form and cannot be exploded by concussion. Fire must be applied to it before combustion will occur. It produces the most intense light of any powder yet manufactured.

Elmer Hoffman, secretary of the company in writing the excursion management, says:

"It is gratifying to know that our first products will be used on a trip made by home folks, and to be enabled to have our factory heralded abroad is very much appreciated. There is a large consumption of pyrotechnics by ship masters and to have the new rockets and lights cover so large a field will be of help to us that is difficult to appreciate."

The signal rockets will be fired passing each vessel on the cruise and as the excursion enters and leaves each port of call. The red sea lights will be burned each of the 14 nights the ship is at anchor. Each of the 14 boxes contains 100 rockets.

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If you have not made your reservation for the "Aloha" excursion call at 249 Washington street, or phone Main 229 or A-2295 and a representative will call upon you.

Tropical Smallpox at Silverton.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Silverton, Or., Dec. 13.—Several cases of smallpox in the family of Simeon Herr have caused considerable excitement in this city and every effort is being made to prevent the spread of the disease.

Dr. White of Portland, secretary of the state board of health, visited the family Sunday and pronounced the disease tropical smallpox in its most malignant form, such as is prevalent in South America. It is supposed that the Herr family contracted the disease while coming from the east over a southern route.

Grand Opera at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—With every prospect of eclipsing all records for variety and brilliancy, Philadelphia's annual season of grand opera opens tonight with a performance of "Tannhauser" by the Metropolitan opera company of New York. The Metropolitan company will continue its performances here until the middle of January, when it will be succeeded by the Philadelphia Chicago company, under the direction of Andreas Dippel.

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