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DON'T "DIVIDE." CORRECT THE ABUSERS.

"Divide the property of the world so as to give all men an equal share, and in five years' time one man in ten will own half the whole. This will be because some men are capable of business management and others have little judgment or energy."

The above from the Oregonian is of course near the truth under the present condition. We can use a similar argument: Divide the Louisiana lottery tickets among the men of Oregon, and one man will draw the grand prize. This will be because that man is more lucky, and the others have less chance or energy, owing to the lack of chance which would encourage them, if they had it.

The editor of the Oregonian must know that our system tends to gambling, and that to the honest and industrious the greatest results do not come. The schemer, the monopolizer, the shrewd, hardened man of business stands more of a chance of success than their thoroughly honest, industrious, conservative fellow men.

Our laws and our system tends to give to some men a great deal for doing comparatively nothing, while others, more worthy, get nothing and do a great deal. The latter condition is due to the first. The Oregonian editor partly "sees the cat" or he could not have written such an admirable article, "The State Penitentiary," which appeared in his paper of yesterday, the 30th inst. If our system is right, then the principles from which that article was written are wrong. If our system is right, then the "element" which clamors against "convict labor" is right.

Then the Oregonian being right in one instance should not make it a point to be wrong in another instance when its own argument in the former instance proves it to be inconsistent in the latter.

Our laws of distribution, of assessment and taxation are wrong. Their errors have perpetuated robberies unwarred, which make reformers "rant," anarchists "clamor" and the many "complain," and the Oregonian adds: "And they simply amount to a desire to share the earnings of others. Property is generally individual earnings that a man has acquired by labor of hand or brain." And if property "is generally individual earnings, etc., acquired by hand or brain," why, then does a town lot or a tract of land, the property of a child, an idiot, or a thief in the penitentiary, grow in value while the laboring man's wife, and he laborer of both hand and brain, grow smaller each succeeding year? Queer, isn't it?

A strange disease, in epidemic form, broke out in the vicinity of Denver, a small village ten miles east of Bowie, Texas, last Thursday, and up to date six deaths have occurred. The victim is taken with a slight fever, accompanied by a breaking out on the wrists, which causes the victim to become a raving maniac. Death results in a few hours. Twenty new cases were reported yesterday.

General Bonlangier has been elected President of France and the present administration is stanzored by their great defeat. The complete returns are: Bonlangier 244,070, Jacques 162,330, Boule 15,780, other candidates 10,038; Bonlangier's majority 54,752.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The Vote on the Portland Water Bill—Canyon City and Pendleton Road Bill—Change the Constitution—A Good Resolution.

The following is the most important work performed by the legislature on Tuesday:

A GOOD RESOLUTION. The following House joint resolution No. 5, was voted on in the House Tuesday and adopted, with the exception of the second section:

Whereas, Agriculture is the chief industry of the United States, upon the prosperity of which all other industries are greatly benefited, therefore be it

Resolved, by the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon: First—That we respectfully urge our senators and representative in Congress to use their best endeavors to have a department of agriculture created, the head of which shall be a Cabinet officer.

Second—That we are in favor of such amendment to the constitution of the United States that United States senators shall be elected by direct vote of their constituents—the same as representatives in Congress are now elected; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each of our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress.

The Portland water bill, as announced in the dispatches in this paper, on Tuesday, passed the Senate after much discussion, in which Senators Tongue, Chandler, Kaley, Thompson and Wager took part. The votes stood, ayes 29, nays 4.

PENDLETON-CANYON CITY ROAD BILL.

The Senate got into a discussion Tuesday morning over Kaley's bill to appropriate \$12,000 to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City. Veatch opposed the bill on the ground of its unconstitutionality. Cogswell, in reply, remarked that the Willamette valley had been well cared for in the matter of all kinds of legislation, to-wit: the locks at Oregon City, and State university at Eugene, from which Veatch inferred that he had been accused of selfishness after the wants of his section of the State had been attended to. Veatch answered very sharply, denying selfishness on his part. Watts took Cogswell up on the Willamette locks question, and charged that the \$200,000 appropriation was pushed and supported by the Eastern Oregon delegation, and to do so they removed one Senator from his seat without notice, after he had occupied it twenty-six days. No one seemed at all curious to ascertain who the expelled member was but if any questions had been asked, the Yamhill Senator was ready to answer that his name was J. W. Watts, and that he was given his choice—either vote for the big appropriation bill or be removed next morning. He said he would not vote for the measure, and was sent home next morning.

It is not improbable that the Legislature will make provisions for holding a constitutional convention to revise the present constitution, which Senator Gray, in the course of his few remarks in the Senate Tuesday morning, said was anticipated and had kept the State where it is, behind the times. A number of Senators have talked over the advisability of having a convention and are disposed to favor the idea, which has as yet assumed no tangible shape. Four years ago a measure for a convention passed both Houses, but Representative Wait, of Clackamas, now Senator from Multnomah, had the bill taken up on a vote to consider, and when it came to final passage it was beaten. Wait opposed it because there was a good deal of excitement and agitation at that time, owing to woman suffrage, Chinese prohibition and other questions.

PASSED THIRD READING.

Raley's Canyon City-Pendleton road bill has passed the third reading. Raley explained that the length of the proposed road was a little over 100 miles, and about fifty miles passed through a mountainous country, where there were numerous valleys, which are rapidly filling up with settlers who require some outlet.

Remarks were made on the bill by Veatch, Tongue, Barin, Dimick, Raley, Gray, Watts and Chandler. A vote was taken and it passed the Senate 28 to 22.

By Dimick—To extirpate the Canada thistle: passed.

MEMORIALS.

By Bean, H. J. M. No. 9.—Memorializing the secretary of the Interior to take further steps to enforce the law relating to the allotment in severalty of lands on the Umatilla Indian reservation; concurred in.

Recommending the passage of Moore's bill to make an illegitimate child the legal heir of its mother; ordered engrossed.

Senate bill No. 21, introduced by Raley authorizing the construction of a wagon road from Pendleton to Canyon City, and passed by the Senate, was read twice under suspension of the rules.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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