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GETTING OUT OF DEBT.

County Judge George A. Hartman has taken considerable trouble to ascertain the condition of Umatilla county financially, and the size of its debt. His report, given in a letter printed in the East Oregonian, makes a very favorable showing and one that is gratifying to the taxpayers.

In the past twenty-two months the county court, assisted by the other county officials, has so handled county affairs as to reduce the net indebtedness of the county to the extent of \$41,110.73. This was accomplished through good management, closer surveillance of affairs, better collection of taxes and prompter application of funds to the extinguishment of outstanding interest-bearing warrants.

Good work has been done for the taxpayer in this connection, and if it is continued for three or four years longer, with the same result, the county will be entirely out of debt and on a cash basis, with a still further reduction of the burden of county government. Good and faithful work of this kind, when performed by either republicans or democrats, should be appreciated. It is such work that proves a public servant's worth to the people. The men who accomplish it should be kept in office, so long as they are willing to make the sacrifice necessary for the good of the people.

As Mr. Hartman in his communication, says: "It is a pleasure to state that the various heads of the offices have all worked studiously to curtail expenses," and they have succeeded, as Mr. Hartman shows by comparison with the figures of other years. Almost in every department of the county the expenses of government have been less and the receipts more than in former years. This is a gratifying exhibit, and as the taxpayers peruse Mr. Hartman's communication they cannot help but exclaim, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

DIRECT METHODS ARE BEST.

There is a strong possibility of the initiative and referendum being adopted by the people of Oregon. Through these measures the people will take a more direct part in the conduct of the government. Self-government will be made more fruitful and practical by them. If the people will make use of the opportunities presented through these measures they will be able to do much in the way of better government and, at the same time, be more independent of political parties and bosses.

The emancipation from parties and bosses is a step in the right direction. The people should rule and they cannot do it better than by the most direct methods. They need direct legislation and direct taxation. If they use the powers offered through the adoption of the initiative and referendum they will go steadily forward in denying to every man and interest special privileges under the law. They will go to work to repeal all laws that confer special privileges and thus give every citizen a fair opportunity to do something for himself. By denying special privileges they can abolish fines on industry, remove burdens from the backs of the workers and

support the government by direct taxation.

The blessings that would follow direct legislation—government by the people—and direct taxation—taxation of monopoly and privilege—relieving industry and enterprise from double burdens, would astonish the human race, would make men better because under such government equal rights and equality of opportunity would no longer be a dream, but a reality. When we have equality in taxation; when conscience is no longer fined and knavery no longer rewarded, we will have better men, a grander country, with the gambling spirit largely eliminated from public and private affairs.

MARTINIQUE HORROR.

The world is bereft of its voice by the Martinique horror. Human speech fails in the presence of a calamity so gigantic.

Yet this catastrophe, by which some forty thousand lives have been lost, is a small affair, geologically. If the blowing off of Mount Pelee's summit seems large to you, remember that this continent was once under the ocean and may be again.

Nature cares nothing for us when she has work to do. To her the destruction of the city of St. Pierre is of no more moment than the little ant-hill is to you whose perhaps unthinking foot crushes it while you walk absorbed in your immensely personal affairs.

This wholesale tragedy in the Caribbean shocks every human creature into a realization of his insignificance, and flashes upon them the precariousness of his little existence as a mite crawling on the surface of the globe that is on fire within and speeding through space faster than a cannon ball.

It becomes us to be humble. In the glare of Pelee's flames and the tens of thousands of our fellow beings lying cindered in what was a city, how petty seems the concerns with which we busy ourselves. The dispatches that tell of the effect of the cataclysm upon "property" and "business interests" in Martinique and the neighboring islands, strike the mind as would the voice of a peanut hawker on Vesuvius, or the sight of two members of the Steel Trust in Yosemite discussing their dividends.

But being human beings we have to think and act humanly. However microscopic we and our concerns may be relatively to the cosmos, our concerns are large to us, even as the ant-hill is large to the ant.

So it is not presumptuous to draw lessons for our use from this terrific adjustment of matter in the Windward Islands, which teaches us that we and midges live in a powder magazine.

There are human as well as terrestrial volcanic forces. The last great eruption was in France, where 26,000,000 people were kept at work and starved in order that two or three thousand gaudy idlers might make perpetual holiday in Versailles.

We can do nothing to safeguard ourselves against the outbreak of the earth's hidden fires, but social earthquakes are wholly within our control.

The cause of them is injustice—the preying of the few upon the many—the unfair distribution of the wealth produced by the labor of all. The tremors which are running through society today because of the thievish tyranny of the trusts are warnings precisely as were the preliminary smoking and rumbling of Pelee.

It behoves the race which has done such wonders for the machinery of production to turn its brains to the improvement of the machinery of distribution.

There are no millionaires and no paupers among the ants.—The American and Journal.

RELIGIOUS PROGRESS.

The unanimous adoption of the report of the creed revision committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly makes an epoch in the history of that great religious denomination in America. After twenty-five years of discussion, three thousand representatives of this faith politely and harmoniously bowed "infant damnation," "foreordination" and the pope out of their creed.

The secular world, of course, is not deeply concerned about the doctrinal discussions of the churches or the changes in creeds. As an ethical force or influence in our society and government, however, a denomination's belief, or articles of confederation, must be of interest even to the nonchurchgoing element of our citizenship. A creedless church would be as great an anomaly as a creedless political party. A church must have something and stand for something. To be able to throw off the accretions of a past theology that may have hampered the usefulness of a church and to express its modern beliefs in language suitable to the times in which we live is surely evidence of intellectual vigor and progress.

The unanimous adoption of the revised creed, which expresses the modern beliefs of Presbyterianism, is all the more gratifying because no one expected it. The elimination of these portions of the creed which have provoked so much controversy—whether needless or not—it is thought would precipitate prolonged and heated discussion. But it was all over within an hour and hereafter the words "liberal" and "conservative" have no place in the Presbyterian lexicon.

As Mayor Lowe said in his address of welcome at the reception tendered the Presbyterians, "Creed revision means religious progress, and he might have added that progress in religion is as praiseworthy as progress in other forms of ethical endeavor."

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