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We stand today on the brink of a forward movement that means the expansion, not only of Portland, but tremendous advance in the commercial affairs of Oregon. Portland must brighten up her appearance and place herself in position to receive her visitors. We are lacking of good streets, and many other necessary improvements. \* \* \* Let us be brave enough to acknowledge our deficiencies and determined enough to correct them.—Oregon Daily Journal.

### THE RIGHTS OF THE MASSES.

There is a disposition on the part of the many to criticise the petitions for a change in the charter, for the reason that the greater part of the signers are poor men, workmen, day laborers.

This criticism is unjust, in the extreme.

In this nation, state and city, government was not instituted, nor is it maintained for the benefit of any one class.

The laboring men of this city are amenable to its laws, subject to its regulations and are a part of its body politic. They are entitled to the same consideration, man for man, that every other class receives.

Property is not citizenship. The right of franchise is not contained in a file of tax receipts. The workingman of Pendleton, if he is moral and honest, stands just as high in the eyes of the law and government, as any one of the other classes that go to make up the population.

This criticism tends to make the fight more acrid. Instead of uniting the people for a "long pull, all together," it breeds a determination on the part of many, to triumph over the opposition, no matter what the cost.

If the workmen favor the change and are actuated by legitimate motives, to petition for it, the legislature must heed their voice.

But the workmen must remember that they can not act as a tool for others who may have a mercenary motive in agitating the change, and still retain the respect of the people.

Their right to consideration ceases when they surrender themselves in to the hands of any agency that seeks self-gratification.

They forfeit the respect of the community, whenever they allow their strength to be directed by men with selfish motives.

It is one of the happiest conditions known to the community, in which the common people, the hard-handed, slow-moving, conservative masses, are found thinking upon and discussing the vital questions of government. It is a sequel to the declaration of independence, worthy of its high aim.

The city of Pendleton cannot afford to treat slightly the request of any number of her citizens, who may thoughtfully propose a change in her organic laws, which they feel is necessary to a full enjoyment of their rights. And yet, those who propose the change must remember that the community has the first claim upon them: that citizenship consists in building up the weak places in government, and that selfish or mercenary aims cannot be pitted against the common good.

If the signers of these petitions are found to be workmen, who are

earnest in their demands for the right to vote for city marshal and recorder and who claim this right for the reason that it is guaranteed by free government, well and good; they must be heard.

But, behind this body of petitioners, is seen the sinister hand of the law-breaking element of the community, directing its strength for personal gain, the cry for the rights of citizenship should fall on deaf ears in the legislature.

### HOW HE'S GIVING IT TO TRUSTS

"When I read of the curbing of the trusts, by President Roosevelt I am reminded of the conduct of my dear old father," said a merchant. "When I was a boy I was fond of dog fights. My mother abhorred these brutal exhibitions and punished me whenever she learned of my being present at one. My father secretly sympathized with me, though, good man, he did not see fit for my mother to know it. Coming home one evening my mother presented proof of my presence at a canine scrap and suggested immediate punishment. My father, pretending great wrath, accepted the suggestion and taking me into a bedroom proceeded with a great stick to lash the furniture, saying, 'Howl, you rascal, howl!' Of course I howled and my mother hearing me was sorry and called to my father to whip me lighter. When I see that the president is lashing the trusts I imagine that his blows are falling on the furniture and that he is saying softly: 'Howl, you rascals, howl!'"

### NEW IRRIGATION LAWS.

The bill changing some of the unjust provisions of the arid land law should meet with the hearty approval of the legislature. It has been prepared by the legislative committee of the state irrigation association, after careful and painstaking investigation. The main features of the bill are amendments which take the absolute control of lands under contract by large irrigation companies, out of their possession, sooner than under the present law. Under the law now in force, these irrigation companies are permitted to hold all the land under contract, until the price of the irrigation works is paid in full. In this way, actual settlers are kept out, and the changes proposed by the legislative committee are intended to allow settlers to take possession of the land under contract, not actually used by the companies, in the construction of the system of irrigation.

Another wise provision that is included in the amendments is one to make the payments for the land, payable in ten annual installments, instead of in one payment, as at present; another proposes to make actual residence and cultivation of the irrigated land, the first requirement for securing title. This is in the interest of bona fide settlers and against the large-land grabbers.

The republican press of Eastern Oregon has tears in its voice when it speaks of the poor prospects of this portion of the state for beneficial legislation, on account of there being so few republican members from here to urge the claims of the people. Surely the republican legislature would not defeat a wise law, needed badly by the people, because it was proposed by a democrat.

Under its new editorial management the Walla Walla Union shows a broad sympathy for the poor and the oppressed, and abhorrence for injustice and tyranny and a contempt for shams and snobbery that

seem to prove that the editor is at heart a democrat but doesn't know it. It would be hard to find a more severe arraignment of the tariff-foisted coal trust than that contained in the leading editorial of the Union this morning under the heading, "Soulless Corporations." — Walla Walla Statesman.

The republican prosperity which the coal trust is now enjoying, at the expense of keen suffering among the working classes, culminating in sickness and death, is likely to stimulate more fear than pride in the makers of this unique kind of prosperity. Most people must now begin to lose interest in a prosperity that can be enjoyed only by ear.

Five votes in sixty in the house against the fair appropriation bill is a record to be proud of. Yet, it should have been unanimous.

### THE CLERKSHIP SCANDAL.

Under the law as passed in 1899 the senate and house of representatives have 66 clerks, two sergeants-at-arms, two door keepers, and six pages, at a total cost per day, as provided in said law, of \$294, or \$11,760 for the 40 days' session.

Many men who have had practical experience in the legislature claim that this force of clerks and officers is entirely too large; that it can be decreased 25 per cent, and yet have ample clerks to efficiently do all the work of both houses. Ninety additional clerks have been added to the list by the legislature.

If these additional clerks are paid the lowest salary of \$3 per day, it will amount in the aggregate to \$270 additional per day for clerk hire, or \$10,800 for the 40 days, making a grand total of \$22,560. If each of said additional clerks were paid the larger fee of \$5 per day, it will amount in the aggregate to \$450 additional per day for clerk hire, or \$18,000 for the 40 days, or a grand total of \$29,760 for clerk hire.

When it is taken into consideration by men of practical experience that the law as it now stands provides for 25 per cent more clerks than are necessary, this addition of 90 clerks can hardly be regarded otherwise than as amounting to a public scandal.—Dalles Chronicle.

Senator William E. Mason broke all records last spring in securing the passage of the postoffice appropriation bill. Under his astute guidance it took the senate just 56 minutes to make the measure a law which authorizes the expenditure of nearly \$150,000,000.

### OSTRICH LOGIC.

"When I can't see danger there is no danger." That's the logic of the ostrich which hides its head and exposes its body to the hunter. There are not a few people who seem to have gone to the ostrich to learn logic. The most dangerous enemies of humanity are the enemies which can't be seen, the disease breeding microbes which infect the blood. It is harder to get the microbe out of the blood than to keep it out, but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does both, by purifying the blood and then keeping it pure.

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