

ELOQUENT PLEA FROM IDAHO TO OREGON

The Boise Statesman, one of the most conservative and well balanced republican newspapers on the Pacific coast, replies with splendid ardor to the frivolous and flippant statement of Portland business firms that equal suffrage will be detrimental to the development of Oregon. The reply of the Statesman is so full of logic from actual experience with equal suffrage in Idaho, that the East Oregonian prints it in full as follows:

An astounding statement appears in a late issue of the Portland Oregonian on the subject of equal suffrage bearing the signatures of a large number of business men of that city, says the Statesman. This is the theory of the effect of equal suffrage to which those business men of the Oregon metropolis subscribe:

"We, the undersigned, believe it would be injurious to the general welfare and development of Oregon, and, therefore, unwise to adopt woman suffrage at this time. We believe further that a large majority of the women of the state do not want it. We take this means of recording our opposition to the proposed amendment to be voted upon June 4, 1906."

If any one of those signing the statement can bring forward a single fact or a single tenable argument in support of that declaration it would be interesting for him to do so. The fact is that the assertion equal suffrage would "be injurious to the general welfare and development of Oregon" or any other state is utterly unfounded, and it is past understanding how men of Portland could permit themselves to be led into signing such a statement.

Results in Idaho.

That theory is disproved by every fact of experience. In this city, where we have had equal suffrage for 10 years, not only do our business men agree unanimously that it has not only not been detrimental, but, with practical unanimity they state it has been directly beneficial to the business and development of the city and state.

Practically all the business men of this city will subscribe to that statement, as shown by a recent canvass, and there is not one, so far as could be discovered, who would indorse the assertion to which those people of Portland have attached their signatures.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL TO BUSINESS IN IDAHO BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A POWERFUL FACTOR IN ESTABLISHING BETTER CONDITIONS. MOREOVER, IT GIVES AN ASSURANCE OF MAINTENANCE OF SAFE CONDITIONS AND THEREBY INCREASES THE CONFIDENCE OF INVESTORS.

But, merely as a theory, the statement issued by those business men of Portland is absolutely vulnerable in the mind of every person who gives the least thought to the effect of the ballot upon the welfare of the state.

Character of the Citizen Counts.

No subject has been more fully exploited in the past three or four years than the influence of the ballot. Ever since President Roosevelt donned his armor and set out upon his campaign against graft, corruption and deception, the people have been securing a clearer view of the importance of the ballot in dealing with all questions that affect the state. Nothing has been more firmly established than the plain, unvarnished fact that it is character at the ballot box that counts.

If we wish good laws we must have good ballots. If we wish conservative, economical administration, we must have good ballots. If we wish to have the state's welfare promoted by good legislation and good administration, we must have good ballots. We must have character at the polls if we are to secure the greatest possible benefits from our government. When the average of character at the polls declines, the state is injured in every feature, including its business and development; and when that average rises higher the state is benefited in its general welfare and development.

Now, you men of Portland, how can you take the position that admission of your women to the right of suffrage would be injurious to the general welfare and development of your state? You libel womankind when you put forth such an assertion as that.

An Ennobling Influence.

Equal suffrage promotes the general welfare and development of any state because it raises the general average of character represented by the ballots cast at an election, and it would be just as true in Oregon as it has been in Idaho.

To assume that such would not prove true would be to assume the average of the character of the women of Oregon is not higher than the average character of the men of the state. Perhaps those men of Portland who signed that statement are not ready to admit that such is the case, but it nevertheless is true that the women of that state average higher in character—far higher—than the men.

The difference is so great that participation of women in Oregon elections would raise the average of character represented in the ballot boxes to such an extent that the general welfare and development of the state would be directly and powerfully promoted.

Women or "Bums."

Those who take the ground upon which those Portland business men have placed themselves do not understand, or willfully ignore; what constitutes the fundamental value is a ballot. Of what earthly value is the ballot of a whiskey bum from the slums of Portland compared with that of a person of character? There are enough bad ballots—there are far too many of them—and equal suffrage is highly desirable to the state in order that the general average of the ballots may be improved.

MEN OF PORTLAND, MEN OF OREGON, DON'T IMPLIEDLY MA-

LIGN YOUR WOMEN BY TAKING THE GROUND THAT PARTICIPATION BY THEM IN ELECTIONS WOULD BE INJURIOUS TO THE GENERAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR STATE. THE FACTS OF EXPERIENCE IN IDAHO DISPROVE IT, AND, AS A THEORY, IT IS UNSOUND BECAUSE IT IGNORES THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE THAT THE CHARACTER OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR GOOD OR EVIL UPON THE GENERAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE ARE FIXED BY THE GENERAL AVERAGE OF CHARACTER OF THE ELECTORATE.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Oregon Voters Are Urged to Remember the Rights of Their Women.

The following "open letter," stating briefly the hope of the women of Oregon, has been issued by the Oregon Equal Suffrage association, signed by the pioneers and leaders in the movement:

To the Voters of Oregon, Greeting.

Gentlemen: The undersigned submit to you a few of our reasons for asking you to ratify, by your affirmative votes, the amendment granting equal rights to women, which has been placed before the voters through a petition numerously signed by the men of Oregon under the initiative and referendum.

This movement has grown under your management from the small beginning known as the Married Women's Sole Trader bill, enacted by your legislative assembly in 1872, until it has reached such vast proportions as to attract the attention of the civilized world. A constitutional amendment proposing women's enfranchisement, submitted to you in 1884, brought us an affirmative vote of 11,223.

This amendment was again submitted to your suffrages by legislative initiative in 1899, bringing us a vote of 24,245. Although the population of the commercial centers had more than double in 16 years, the "No" vote was only increased by 225, while the "Yes" vote was augmented by 15,642.

This, to us, is a palpable augury of the triumph which we confidently look to you to consummate for us on the fourth day of June by placing "X" between "302" and "Yes" on your ballots. Do this and you will honor our flag of truce, the only power we can offer in our defense against the balloted forces of the opposition. Do this, and you will honor Oregon, your mothers and yourselves. And your petitioners will ever pray:

- ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY, Honorary President Oregon Equal Suffrage Association and State Federation of Women's Clubs.
- MRS. HENRY WALDO COE, President Oregon Equal Suffrage Association.
- CHARLOTTE M. CARTWRIGHT, President Woman's Pioneer Auxiliary Association.
- SARAH N. EVANS, President Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs.
- ESTHER C. POHL M. D., President Women's Medical Association.

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYED LEGAL RECORDS

Edward H. Hamilton, a special writer on the San Francisco Examiner, reviews the confusion of titles and the destruction of legal records caused by the San Francisco disaster, in the following entertaining manner:

Just look at a few of the facts and then try to imagine a time when the lines of meum and tuum shall be drawn as they were at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 18th of April.

The insurance companies think they have a hard task before them. Many of their records have been destroyed. Many of the policies have been lost. There are questions as to where the lack of ability for earthquake damage ended and where the liability for fire loss began. There are quibbles as to payments for damage by dynamiting when the efforts were made to stop the conflagration. And the insurance men are so much at sea that one will figure the total insurance loss at not over \$150,000,000, while another will add an entire \$100,000,000 to that figure.

But the troubles of the insurance men are trifles when compared to the general chaos of business affairs. Begin with the land titles. Some of those are apt to be as unstable as was mother earth when she shivered so fearfully in the cool of that April morning.

Everything in California dated back to the Spanish and Mexican land grants. The early records regarding San Francisco were in the United States land office. That office was in the sub-treasury building. The sub-treasury building is a heap of cooling bricks. Not a record remains. The maps and recorded grants are ashes. Out in the Hall of Records, in the badly shattered City Hall, many of the title records are ruined or missing. Very likely San Francisco will have a reputation of the long litigation over "squatter titles" that followed her original upbuildings, for the original deeds have gone by tens of thousands and it is conceivable that some of the owners of property may never be distinguished or identified in the broken and blackened stumps of men that will come from the miles of tumbled brick and stone.

When you turn to personal property you enter a domain without marks or charts for guidance. It is believed nearly all the bank vaults are all right and that their contents will be very little damaged. At best this is a belief, for no bank vault can be opened for many days yet.

UMATILLAS ABROAD.

Twenty-five Members of the Tribe in Portland.

Twenty-five dinky braves and squaws from the Umatilla reservation are sojourning in Portland, having the best time they have known since that memorable day in 1896, when they all slipped away for one grand feast of delectable dog, says the Oregon Daily Journal. They never knew until this visit just what a splendid place Portland really was and what a hospitable lot of citizens she harbored along some of her darker streets.

Most of these bucks and belles are filled to the brim with liquor of the hardest kind. Most of it is whiskey of illegitimate parentage, and is raw enough to file scars on even the patent medicine-hardened throat of the Indian. Throat scratching is the supreme test of good whiskey, according to the best Indian authorities, and the braves are supremely happy over the brand that has been served them in Portland.

The 25 Indians came down as witnesses, interpreters and onlookers for the trial of Orton Wheeler, accused of assault. They arrived in Portland last week and have been here ever since. One day Wheeler's trial had to be postponed because of a whiskey-fueled slumber which had taken possession of the prize witness. Today an interpreter was dismissed because his tongue refused to work as his booze-besotted brain tried to dictate in the back of the court room, where sat the 25, the atmosphere was highly tainted with fumes similar to those of a burning drug factory.

The condition of the Indians has angered the government officers and it will go hard with the man who has been disposing of liquor to them. It is against the law to sell liquor to an Indian and the officials propose to find out the guilty parties and punish them severely. In the meantime the case of Orton Wheeler wheezes boozily along and the bucks and belles are praying that their visit will not soon be ended.

LARGE BEET ACREAGE.

Union County Will Grow Largest Crop in Her History.

Many of our readers will be glad to know that the sugar beet acreage this year is almost double that of last season and by far the largest in the history of the industry in the county, says the La Grande Observer.

Many of the beet first planted are up and a good stand is reported. The beets are strong and show better color and more vigor than at any time in the past. Some patches are already thinned and the thinning will be in full blast by the middle of next week.

General Manager F. S. Bramwell states that the outlook for tonnage is better at this time, by far, than at any time in the history of the factory. "Our acreage being so very much increased we may consistently hope for a heavy harvest."

The following detailed statement gives the acreage of individual holdings and the average planted by the sugar company and where situated:

At La Grande—Farmers, 541 acres; beet company, 1938; total, 1579. At Union—Farmers, 721 acres; company, 1395; total, 2116 acres. At Albee—Farmers, 249 acres; company, 218; total, 467. At Cove—Farmers, 280 acres; company, 80; total, 350. Grand total in Union county, 4512 acres.

BAD BLOOD WEAKENS THE SYSTEM AND INVITES DISEASE

Every part of the body is dependent on the blood for nourishment and strength, and when from any cause this vital stream of life becomes impoverished or run-down, it invites disease to enter. No one can be well when the blood is impure; they lack the energy that is natural with health, the complexion becomes pale and sallow, the vital energies are at a low ebb, and they suffer from a general broken-down condition of health. The system is weakened and unable to resist the diseases and disorders that are constantly assailing it. The Liver and Kidneys, failing to receive the proper stimulation and nourishment from the blood, grow inactive and dull, and the waste matters and bodily impurities that should pass off through these channels of nature are left in the system to produce Rheumatism, Catarrh, Sores and Ulcers, Skin Diseases or some other blood disorder. When the blood is in this weakened and diseased condition it should be treated with a remedy that is not only thorough, but gentle in its action. S. S. S., a purely vegetable remedy, made of roots, herbs and barks, is just what is needed. It not only cleanses the blood of all impurities and poisons, and enriches and strengthens it, but gently builds up the entire system by its tonic effect. S. S. S. reinvigorates every member of the body, gives tone and vigor to the blood, and as it goes to the different parts, carries robust health and strength. S. S. S. acts more promptly and gives better results than any other medicine. It cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Sores and Ulcers, Skin Diseases and all other blood disorders, and cures them permanently. Our Medical Department will be glad to give advice without charge to all suffering with blood or skin diseases. Address

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TO GRAFT THE STATE

OREGON DON'T WANT THE BARLOW TOLL ROAD.

Attempt by Private Company to Graft the State in the Sale of a Road Which it Does Not Own—Bill to Pay \$24,000 for the Alleged Road Will Be Passed on by the Voters at the Coming Election — People Should Vote it Down.

Recently the East Oregonian published a letter from a committee of persons said to represent farmers living in the vicinity of the Barlow toll road across the Cascade mountains.

That letter which urged the purchase of that road by the state was not published because the East Oregonian favors the purchase of this road at an exorbitant price, but merely to be fair to all interests concerned.

The following letter from Will G. Steel, the well known guide of Mount Hood, who is perfectly familiar with all the facts, will set the people of Oregon right in this matter and the East Oregonian urges the citizens of Oregon to vote against the purchase of this road by the state. The matter will be voted on at the coming election on June 4.

The letter of Mr. Steel, addressed to the Portland Oregonian, is as follows:

Portland, May 18.—(To the Editor.)—Permit me to call the attention of the people of Oregon to the fact that they will be called upon at the election in June, to vote for or against the purchase of the Barlow toll road for \$24,000. My interest in Mount Hood for the past generation is well known throughout the state, and I feel that a word from me will not be out of place at this time. I do not know who is interested in this proposition, hence, I can speak without personal feeling in the matter.

It is currently reported that a combination of some sort has been formed for the purpose of selling this property to the state for the price named, and an option taken on it for \$5000. As to the correctness of this report I cannot vouch, but I have reason to say it does not much exceed that figure.

Sixteen thousand dollars seems like a pretty good margin for private individuals to make on a little \$24,000 sale to the state. Particularly is this true when the fact is considered that for many years there has been bitter opposition in the legislature against maintaining or in any manner improving state roads, and for this reason they have never been built nor purchased. It will require many thousands of dollars to put this road in first-class condition. Under such circumstances, where is the money to come from?

Inquisitive persons may raise the question as to what is offered for this money. Has the road company any rights or privileges that are not conferred by the state or county through lease? The company never purchased the road, did not build and does not own it. Then what is offered for sale? If a lease is held, when and from whom was it obtained, and when does it expire? It extends principally through the Cascade range forest reserve. On page 52, "National Forest Reserve Regulations and Instructions," the following language occurs:

"Reg. 48. Wagon roads and trails may be constructed, changed, widened, extended, or repaired upon forest reserve lands when needed, but permit or right of way must first be secured. Permits will not give the right to exclusive use or to charge toll or against future disposal of the land by the United States."

To defeat this proposition it is only necessary that voters understand conditions.

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