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**PATRIOTISM.**

Breathes there the man with soul so dead,  
 Who never to himself hath said,  
 "This is my own, my native land—  
 Whose heart hath ne'er within  
 In him burn'd  
 As home his footsteps he hath turn'd  
 From wandering on a foreign strand?  
 If such there breathe, go, mark  
 Him well,  
 For him no minstrel raptures swell.  
 High though his titles, proud  
 His name,  
 Boundless his wealth as wish  
 Can claim—  
 Despite those titles, power and  
 Pelf,  
 The wretch, concentrated all in  
 Self,  
 Living shall forfeit fair  
 renown,  
 And doubly dying, shall go  
 down  
 To the vile dust from whence  
 he sprung,  
 Unwept, unhonored and  
 unsung."  
 —Sir Walter Scott.

**RESERVATION WATER RIGHTS.**

It is of much local interest to know that the Indian service seems to be winning out in its contention that the treaty with the Indians gives the Umatilla the right to use water from the river for irrigation purposes.

The adjudication of the water rights on the river is a matter of vast importance and the reservation rights are of especial importance locally. The importance of the decisions of the water board will be felt more and more as years go by.

With reference to the reservation, there is almost no irrigating done at this time. But it is inevitable that in time almost the entire reservation will become a great irrigated valley. The land needs irrigating and the water is right at hand if it can only be used.

It is perfectly natural that thus far little irrigating has been done. To begin with the title to the water has not been clear and intending users have had to fight with the Byers milling company. Then the allotted land has been held under such conditions as to almost make development impossible.

But within a short time the Indians will obtain their patents and they will be free to improve their holdings or allow white men to do so for them. Whether they hold their land or sell it is certain that the value of their allotments will depend very much upon their right to use the waters of the Umatilla for irrigating purposes.

In seeking to establish the right of the Indians to the water the Indian department is but doing its duty by its wards. Incidentally it will be only just to Pendleton for the government to protect the water rights of the reservation. This city has suffered through the restrictions the government has imposed with reference to the sale and the development of reservation lands. It would be adding injury to injury for the government through its neglect to allow the Indians to lose their water rights and thus have the reservation opened to development under such conditions as to make any development impossible.

If the Indians are not enabled to water the land in 1911 John McCourt seems to realize this fact.

**USING THE ANCHOR.**

Gov. West's proposal to suspend the use of the anchor in the referendum is a good idea. It is a referendum by providing that all referendum petitions must be left with the county clerk and not scattered among the people. Petitioners who are in a hurry to get their petitions in to the clerk will not have to sign the petition.

There are instances of men who have signed petitions and then they would be strictly responsible for a

little coterie in refer a worthy appropriation out of revenue or for some other ulterior purpose.

Yet should the legislature pass a law that is truly in opposition to the public will it would not be hard to induce ten per cent of the voters to go to their respective court houses and sign the petitions.

With such a system as suggested in pending it would mean the referendum power would be used only when urgently needed. As a matter of fact the referendum should be used only on such occasions. The predominant use of the referendum is a menace and if abuse of the referendum continues in the past good citizens in general may come to look with disfavor upon direct legislation.

Had the referendum been surrounded with safeguards as are now proposed it is safe to say no school appropriation would ever have been held up in this state. Nor would the Malarkey public service corporation regulation bill have been referred.

What of the initiative? It has also been invoked pretty freely in the past and it might be well to throw some restrictions around its use.

**THE CONVENTION CITY.**

On the strength of the argument that Pendleton always makes it a point to entertain visiting conventions in a proper manner the next state convention of the farmers' union has been landed for this place. The convention is to come in December and there may be as many as 2000 people in attendance.

Another big convention slated for Pendleton is the I. O. O. F. grand lodge which is to be held here next spring. It will be the largest fraternal gathering ever held here and in inducing the grand lodge to come to Pendleton the local delegation found their work easier because of the way in which the people of the city have entertained other gatherings in the past.

It will be worth while for Pendleton to maintain its reputation as a Convention City. Get all the big meetings possible and when the conventions are held here see that delegates are not merely provided with good living accommodations but that suitable entertainment features are provided for their benefit. Some street decorations, a smoker, a banquet or an excursion to some nearby point help out greatly in making people feel glad they came.

It pays to be courteous to visiting conventions and it pays in more ways than one. It helps induce other gatherings to come and the local effect when conventions are entertained well is always good. The theory that the giver is also blessed by his gift applies to communities as well as to individuals.

Governor West is showing a spirit of kindness toward the prisoners of the penitentiary. Unquestionably many of the prisoners are entitled to leniency. There are others there for whom the brick walls of the prison cannot be built too high. Naturally the success of the governor's humane policy will depend upon the skill with which he is able to judge between the worthy and the unworthy.

Now we will see what the senate will do with the reciprocity treaty.

It is evident that Dr. McClure's advice to the woolgrowers came rather late.

**THE CALAMITY HOWLER.**

A dog sat out in the moonlight chill and howled at the beaming moon; his knowledge of music was strictly nil and his voice was out of tune. And he howled and howled as the hours went by, while dodging the bricks

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we threw, till the moon was low in the western sky, and his voice was split in two. And there wasn't a fling at which to howl over which a pup should weep, and the course of the dog was wrong and foul, for people were wild to sleep. There are plenty of men like that blamed fool hound, who yell when there's nothing wrong, disturbing the country with senseless sound—the pessimist's doleful song.—Fair Play Flum.

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