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DON'T BE SECRETIVE.

It seems some members of the city council have made objections to the publication of this paper of proceedings at their secret caucus Tuesday night. They are on the wrong track. It is always legitimate for a newspaper to publish such news when it can get it through honorable means. If there is criticism due anyone in this case it is due the city council for attempting to hold a secret caucus to decide important questions relating to the city government. The councilmen are public servants, why should they go behind closed doors to work out their problems? Why not act in the open so that all may see exactly what the members do and don't do. The people are entitled to know what is going on.

Besides a secret caucus is generally a farce since the secrets always leak out. Sometimes councilmen will tell most everybody but the reporters what has happened and then express surprise and indignation if the caucus proceedings are published.

There is one sure way to prevent the publication of news of secret council meetings. Don't hold secret meetings.

CLOSE TO THEIR HEARTS.

Newspapers throughout the state these days are publishing many communications from people who wish to express their endorsement of Governor West's prison policy. The East Oregonian publishes a typical communication of this sort today.

Such letters as these come from the hearts of those who write them and express sincere praise for the governor. It appeals to people when a

governor is willing to go to the trouble to inquire into individual cases and give meritorious prisoners a show. The return of William Mack to the penitentiary after he had worked a mortgage off the home of his wife's parents showed in a beautiful way the possibilities of the West system and will do much to strengthen the governor in his course.

ENDORSES GOVERNOR WEST.

Editor East Oregonian:
When I read the reflection upon the acts of one of the best governors Oregon or any other state ever had, I was more than surprised. I had just read of Governor West's allowing a life convict to go free for awhile to work a mortgage off his father-in-law's home, so that his wife and children would not be sold out of their old home. I cried out, "Thank God that America has such men for governors!" The man returned as soon as the mortgage was clear to serve a life sentence.

I will ever remember Governor West when on my knees and ask God to bless and keep such a man always as governor.

Last summer I was living in Portland and the Oregonian stated that there was work in Portland for 3000 men and yet the streets were full of men, drinking and spending all they had. A large number were waiting so they could get a free hand out from the people of Portland. Men would not leave Portland to go into the country to work.

I know men that quit work to go to a mission. I have been a miner all my life, am 56 years old and I feel that in nearly all cases it is a man's fault when he is destitute.

I have told men many times that they would drink all they had on or around Burnside avenue and then depend on Christian people in the winter time.

JOHN HAIGH.
Pendleton, January 4.

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HE WAITED.

There was work of importance he thought he would do. But he waited awhile, And another, perceiving the chance, one day, Got busy and carried the honors away In a praiseworthy style.

He sat in a corner and pitied himself, For he thought it unfair That another had done what he might have done And had honor and profit that he might have won, But the world didn't care.

LA FOLLETTE'S WAY.

If Senator La Follette wins out in his campaign for the presidency his success will be due to the frankness, vigor and courage he is showing in his public addresses. La Follette is the chief of the insurgents and in the campaign he is waging he is hitting straight from the shoulder.

Such a course as this is bound to be pleasing to those who are interested in the progressive cause. This time the progressives will want a leader upon whose zeal and courage they can back. They are disgusted with the Taft sort of a progressive.

Discussing Senator La Follette's course the San Francisco Bulletin, an ably edited progressive paper, has the following:

Senator La Follette, in his speech in Cleveland, the largest city in President Taft's home state, dealt boldly with the big issues now before the country. With characteristic frankness he told his auditors just where he stood. He was even brave enough to declare his belief that ultimately the federal government will, in its regulation of trusts, fix the wages and hours of the men who make the trust products. In no other way, he contended, could the government fairly fix the price to be charged consumers. For this reason he rejected Judge Gary's plan of price regulation. Pending the time when protective regulation of wages will be possible, Senator La Follette proposed a commission with powers sufficient to assure prompt relief from burdens imposed on the people by combinations in restraint of trade.

The utterances of the progressive republican leader on the tariff question were also emphatic. For example he said: "The passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill was the most outrageous assault of private interests on the people in tariff history." Thus did he make it plain that he is not wholly in accord with the high governmental official who referred to the Payne-Aldrich bill as the best tariff measure in all our history.

Senator La Follette also made clear his position in regard to the Aldrich money plan. In the proposed national reserve association he saw great power for the trusts and less for the people. "The greatest menace to competition at the present time," he said, "is the control of credit and the concentration of money in the hands of those who control the trusts. Elasticity in our currency is imperative and must be secured, but any plan to secure it, like that of the proposed National Reserve association, which puts control in the hands of the banks and moneyed interests, will strengthen the power of the trusts to get capital and to keep competitors from getting it. Any such plan must be controlled by the people.

In discussing the progressive movement in politics, Senator La Follette, after declaring the cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy, said that the struggle now on has for its object the supremacy of the people over legislatures, over governments, over presidents, over constitutions and over courts.

That is straight talk, the kind the people ought to hear. They have had too much of the timid, plavering kind. It is a vital campaign that is now opening. The people want the truth, and Senator La Follette, progressive candidate for the republican presidential nomination, is going to give it to them, regardless of the effect on his political fortunes.

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