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## INDEPENDENCE IN POLITICS.

Albany People's Press:  
Undoubtedly, all reformers are working to accomplish the same result. All want a condition established that will make it possible for all to be prosperous and happy. Republicans want this condition to prevail don't you? We do not think you, as a rule, desire a condition to prevail that would make it possible for only republicans to be prosperous and happy. We do not believe that you are that selfish. Democrats and populists, as well as free-silver republicans, you desire this same general happy condition to prevail, don't you? Then let us reason together. All, or a great majority of the people do not care particularly what party is in control of the government, providing reasonable honesty and economy prevails and a policy is adopted that makes these conditions possible. All want good economical government methods pursued, that will treat the millionaire or the pauper with equal fairness, and the abolishment of all unjust class legislation. All of you, if you are honest, desire that the greatest good to the greatest number shall be the making. None of you, probably, would vote for a bad man if you knew it. Then why do it? Why allow your partisan spirit to run clear away with your judgement?  
Will you not be men and assert your manhood when you go to the polls to cast your vote? Will you not have that amount of political independence that is necessary to cause you to refuse to vote for a bad man or one of known incompetency, even if he should be the nominee on your own ticket? Until this base of our political system—party prejudice—is banished, bad men will obtain office, which is, and will continue to be, to your personal detriment. If we would forget that when we come to cast our ballots, we are republicans, democrats and populists, but are American citizens and are, practically speaking, holding the welfare of not only ourselves but that of our fellow citizens, in the hollow of our hands, we would consider well for whom we cast our votes.  
We know that men honestly differ in opinions, but ought to be of one opinion when a bad man, or a good man who supports a bad theory or plan, presents himself as a candidate for office. Don't vote for him simply because he secures a place on your ticket. You say you don't always know, and cannot know without a great deal of trouble. Well it is your duty to know—to take the trouble to find out. If you don't do so, you are derelict in your duty as a citizen, and do not have a normal right to cast your ballots. Let us be brave enough to throw off the chains of party prejudice and be willing to vote for a good competent man, or refuse to vote for a bad or incompetent man, no matter to what party he may owe his nomination. If we will only apply this principle when we vote for any man for public position, whether it should be for school district, municipal, county, state or national office, we will in a very short time purge American politics of the stigma of corruption that now seems to be unalterably attached to them. While political parties are necessary and are probably the best means of bringing about united political action, we should encourage independent individual political action, when exercised from patriotic motives as being the summit of political thought; and the party slave, who is ruled by the chains of party prejudice, as being the very lowest dregs of political action. Men of independent political thought are, as a rule, patriotic, safe and worthy of trust. The party slave, he who votes for his candidate just because he is a republican, a democrat or a populist, is unsafe and unworthy of trust.

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## LIKE THE SHAKERS.

A stranger visiting Florence, could he take a peep into every house and see the inhabitants thereof all at home, might be tempted to ask in surprise: Have the people embraced the doctrines of the Shakers, or is it merely a coincidence that so many are "baching it."  
Be that as it may there are very few places, aside from mining camps, where in so large a proportion of the homes, the cook, house-keeper, and man of all work are persons of the same sex. There are an unusually large number of men here, who are doing their own housework, but when we add that in nearly as many homes, the work both in the house and out of doors is done by women, it seems almost as if the people are practicing the teachings of the Shakers whether they believe the doctrine of that sect or not.

## FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

A house and lot in Glenside. The house is 16 by 24 feet and one story and a half in height. Also a good woodshed on premises. For further particulars inquire at this office.

In this issue will be found a copy of the report of the People's Party County Central Committee of Clackamas county. It contains recommendations for the voters of every party of the state. It seems to us somewhat contradictory in some ways.

## TO OUR PATRONS.

We have made arrangements by which we will furnish the Weekly Oregonian with the West for one year to any address for the sum of two dollars, payable cash in advance.

## GARY INVITES DISCUSSION

Here is a Chance for Everybody to Assist in Securing a Great Reform.

Chicago Record:  
Postmaster-General Gary expresses pleasure at the widespread comment upon his recommendation for the establishment of postal savings banks and invites further discussion of the subject. "If we all put our heads together," the postmaster-general says, "the right plan can be devised, and that is what the country wants."  
It is not often that a cabinet officer manifests such a disposition to learn the desires of the people on matters of legislation connected with the development of his department. Postmaster-General Gary's request for a widespread popular expression of opinion on the subject should meet with hearty response on the part of the people. The newspapers have already preformed their duty in the matter. Labor organizations, too, have very generally given consideration to the subject and with unanimous voice have asked for postal banks. It remains now for other bodies, especially those representing the commercial interests of the country, to give their approval to the agitation, in order that congress may be assured that the sentiment of all classes in the nation is virtually united in favor of the early establishment of these much-needed institutions for the safe-keeping of the savings of persons of modern means. It may be true that the commercial and business classes of the country have not such an immediate personal interest in the establishment of postal savings banks as have the wage-earners. But the commercial portion of the community cannot afford to manifest indifference to the well-being and contentment of the working population of the country. Let them do what they can to promote good-feeling at least by giving consideration to propositions like that for the establishment of postal savings banks, the only object of which is to do something for the people, whose interests are only too rarely the subject of intelligent consideration by law-makers.

## WHEN GIRLS USE SLANG.

They Lose the Esteem and Respect of Refined People.

"It is unfortunate that slang phrases are so easily slipping into our every-day conversation, and taking apparently so fixed a place in our talk," writes Edward W. Bok in the December Ladies' Home Journal "And the worst of it is that so many people are using slang entirely unconscious of the fact that they are doing so. If the common usage of slang were confined to a particular order of girls, it would, perhaps, serve as an indicator of character, and pass unnoticed. It would, at least, not touch the sensibilities of gentlemen-folk. But it is not so confined. Slang is invading the very nicest circles; it is beginning to influence the talk of our most carefully-reared girls. And this is why the habit should receive closer attention. Girls are forgetting that slang phrases and refinement are absolutely foreign to each other. A slang phrase may be more expressive than a term of polite usage, but it is never impressive, except to impress unfavorably. It is high time that our girls should realize that they should speak the English language in their conversation, and not the dialect of the race track, nor the lingo of the ball field. A girl may cause a smile by the apt use of some slang phrase. But, inwardly, those who applaud her place her, at the same time, in their estimation. No girl ever won an ounce of respect by being slangy. On the contrary, many a girl, unconsciously of the cause, has found herself gradually slipping out of people's respect by the fact that her talk was dotted with slang phrases. "Oh, she is so clever," said a woman not long ago, of a girl who could keep a company constantly amused by her apt use of slang. "She amuses me greatly. But I should not care to invite her to my home nor have my girls know her." It is a poor popularity for a girl, which has as its only basis the cap and bells of the jester. The life of the jester is never long."

## REASONS FOR ADOPTING.

The report of the special committee appointed Dec. 4th, by the People's Party County Central Committee of Clackamas county is printed below. It was ordered published as soon as it should be agreed on, and is to be adopted or rejected by the full committee at the next regular meeting in January.

The general features of the report have been approved by many well known leaders of the movement against professional politics, not only as sound principle and a means of gaining favor for the people, but also as a practical plan of uniting in one party a large majority of the citizens of Oregon.

A careful reading of the report shows that the voter who joins a Direct Legislation Club and party based on these lines, whether he be populist, republican or democrat, does not hereby surrender one jot or tittle of his party political principles.

The pledge is absolute that congressmen elected by his party shall vote to submit to all the voters every demand of the populists, republican and democratic national platforms, and that they shall afterwards vote for or against making each proposed law voted on by the people, as the majority at the polls shall be for or against the law. They shall be controlled by the vote of the people instead of by their personal convictions, or their old party platforms. It is a practical move for immediate absolute control by the people of men elected to office.

If this principle is successful in Oregon next June, its effect will be felt all over the United States. Forty-three states hold their conventions after our election. If the people succeed in Oregon on this principle, the independent voters and minority parties in most of these states will unite on a similar platform, and as a result a large number of the new congressmen, if not a majority, will be Direct Legislative men. Then these important questions can be voted on and decided by the people.

It is submitted in the hope that every voter who sees it will read and study the proposal carefully before coming to a conclusion.

Resolved, By the People's Party County Central Committee of Clackamas county, that in view of the facts herein-after set forth, we request our state committees to take such action as may be necessary to make our coming state convention represent the advocates of direct legislation, regardless of present party lines or names.

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Our people have full faith in the principles of the Omaha platform, but with very many other good citizens we despair of law-making and government exclusively by party representatives and as one of many good reasons for our opinion, we call attention to the confessed helplessness of the republican majority and president, who with their gold democratic allies in the senate, are yet unable to enact their banking and currency law.

In common with other Americans we believe in a government by a majority of the citizens instead of the combined political leaders of all parties. This government can be had by giving the citizens direct power over law-making, including the election of United States senators by the people.

To this end we recommend that the members of our party in Clackamas county and elsewhere unite with all friends of direct law making by all the citizens, regardless of previous party affiliations or principles on the money question or any other political issue, and form direct legislation clubs in every precinct, and we are willing to unite with all such in forming a direct legislation party. By this method congress, the legislatures and city councils can speedily be made the servants of the people in fact as they now are in theory and this cannot be done in any other way.

We suggest the following as a general statement of the one principle on which such an organization should be formed.

We the undersigned citizens of— county, Or. hereby form the—People's Party Direct Legislation Club, and declare the following to be our principles:

We favor direct and supreme law making power in the citizens, through the Initiative and optional Referendum, without abolishing congress or the legislature. Until these changes are made in our written constitutions and laws, the men elected to office on our ticket shall voluntarily apply the principle of direct law making by all the people so far as it can be done.

Every candidate on our ticket for any office shall be an avowed and well-known advocate of the addition to our constitutional law making system of this power of direct law making by the citizens.

Any man who is unwilling to trust the people, to learn and obey their will on any question, is unfit to be trusted by the people with any office. Representatives and senators in the legislature and congress elected on our ticket shall, upon sufficient demand, submit to the citizens the question of making or repealing any law. We know the vote of the citizens will be only advice to representatives and senators elected by other parties, but it shall control the action of our members and they shall pledge themselves to obey the majority vote at the polls regardless of their personal convictions, in making or rejecting any law voted on by the citizens.

Our candidates for congress and the United States senate shall pledge themselves to vote for the submission to the citizens of the United States, of the necessary bills to carry into effect every demand of the Omaha and St. Louis platforms of the People's Party, of the St. Louis and Chicago platforms of the republican and democratic parties, and afterwards to vote for or against the enactment of each bill so submitted, as a majority of the citizens voting thereon shall vote for or against the same; and further, that if not fewer than 500,000 citizens of the United States shall at any time by petition demand the submission to all the citizens of the question of making or repealing any law, they will vote for the submission of the proposal, and will afterwards vote for or against the enactment thereof, as the majority of the citizens voting thereon shall be for or against the same.

Every candidate for the legislature shall pledge himself to vote for the submission to all the voters of the question of enacting any state law, which may be demanded by petition of not fewer than 5,000 citizens of Oregon, and he will vote for or against the enactment of any state law which has been submitted to the citizens as the majority at the polls shall be for or against the same; and further, that he will vote for the enactment and submission to the voters interested of any local law demanded by one-tenth of the voters of any county or city in Oregon, said local law to take effect in that county or city only if approved by a majority of the citizens voting thereon. All elections on laws shall be had at regular elections so far as practical.

Signatures to petitions shall be proved as now required by law in nominating candidates by petition.  
W. S. U'REN, Chm.  
JOHN EVERHARD,  
CHAS. A. FITCH,  
Comtee.

## Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Short retirements urge sweet returns.

Avarice is more unlovely than mischievous.

How blessings brighten as they take their flight.

The happiest woman like the happiest nation has no history.

The craving for a delicate fruit is pleasanter than the fruit itself.

Satire lies about men of letters during their lives and eulogy after their death.

Absence in love is like water upon fire; a little quickens it, but much extinguishes it.

True benevolence is to love all men.

Recompense injury with justice, and kindness with kindness.

A man must be excessively stupid as well as uncharitable who believes there is no virtue but on his own side.

Though avarice will preserve a man from being necessarily poor, it generally makes him too timorous to be wealthy.

Those who are unacquainted with the world take pleasure in the intimacy of great men; those who are wiser dread the consequences.

The heart is a small thing, but desireth great matters. It is not sufficient for a kite's dinner yet the whole world is not sufficient for it.

Outward actions can never give a just estimate of us, since there are many perfections of a man which are not capable of appearing in actions.

Natural abilities can almost compensate for the want of every kind of cultivation, but no cultivation of the mind can make up for the want of natural abilities.

The bed is a bundle of paradoxes, we go to it with reluctance yet we quit it with regret; we make up our minds every evening to leave it early, but we make up our bodies every morning to keep it late.

There cannot be a more glorious object in creation than a human being, replete with benevolence, meditating in what manner he might render himself most acceptable to his Creator by doing most good to his creatures.

Whatever is genuine in social relations endures despite of time, error, absence or destiny; and that which has no inherent vitality had better die at once. A great poet has truly declared that constancy is no virtue but a fact.

The society of dead authors has this advantage over that of the living, they never flatter us to our faces, nor slander us behind our backs, nor intrude upon our privacy, nor quit their shelves till we take them down.

Abuse is not so dangerous when there is no vehicle of wit or delicacy, no subtle conveyance. The difference between coarse and refined abuse is as the difference between being bruised with a club and wounded by a poisoned arrow.

We often wish most for our friends when they are absent. Even in married life love is not diminished by distance. A man, like a burning glass, should be placed at a certain distance from the object he wishes to dissolve, in order that the proper focus may be obtained.

Be very circumspect in the choice of thy company. In the society of thine equals thou shalt enjoy more pleasure; in the society of thy superiors thou shalt find more profit. To be the best in the company is the way to grow worse; the best means to grow better is to be the worst there.

It is an argument of a candid, ingenious mind to delight in the good name and commendations of others; to pass by their defects and take notice of their virtues, and to speak or hear willingly of the latter; for this inclination may be little less guilty than the evil speaker, in taking pleasure in evil, though you speak it not.

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With Lightning Rapidity.  
"Wonderful eye that boy of mine's got," said the proud father.  
"That so?" mechanically replied the man who was trying to get away.  
"You never saw such a sense of proportion," cried the proud father. "I bet that boy the cake dish, and he'll spot the biggest piece on it every time."  
Rockland (Me.) Tribune.

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