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HAVE YOU READ IT?

The commercial Club of Portland gave a dinner a few evenings since at which a number of addresses were made. The principal one was by H. W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian. The subject under discussion was the use made of the Initiative and Referendum. The speaker clearly and correctly stated the conditions out of which this constitutional amendment grew and the evils incident to our former methods of legislation which, it was believed the introduction of this legislative principle would eradicate.

Speaking of the adoption of the initiative and referendum, Mr. Scott said: "I doubt whether it would be now accepted by so large a majority; possibly would not be adopted at all. For experience with it certainly has not been all that could have been desired." He then proceeds to show that a small body of men may "invoke the initiative on matters of special interest to themselves or to their thinking, but which cover no wide purpose; or appeal to the referendum to defeat; or uphold certain measures which for one reason or another a portion of the people may dislike."

Every one knows this is true. Two years ago the general appropriation bill passed by the legislature was held up in this manner, and an expense of \$20,000 saddled upon the taxpayers because a portion of the

people disliked some features of the bill. Just now a few people are holding up the appropriation for the State University, and that institution is greatly hampered in conducting its work. The speaker referred to the primary law for making nominations and showed how it, too, like the initiative and referendum, was liable to abuse. "In my opinion we shall not, as a rule, obtain a very good class of nominations under the primary law," he said. And he backed up his opinion by the most cogent and convincing reasons.

Continuing, he showed how our "constitutional changes have virtually done away with the constitution as it was, and largely with the idea of representative government also." Of this innovation he says: "We certainly shall tire of it if ill-timed and ill-considered initiative and referendum continue to be forced upon the attention of the electorate." Earnestly does he plead for the exercise of prudence, judgment, clear information and knowledge and entire unselfishness on part of the electorate, lest those measures which were intended to preserve our rights and enlarge our liberty shall destroy both. The whole address is a masterly, clear, concise and logical presentation of questions of the gravest portent. No one is better qualified than Mr. Scott, perhaps none so well qualified as he, to give a calm, dignified, philosophical and statesman-like presentation of these matters. We most heartily wish every man in the state might read and carefully ponder upon the wholesome truths set forth in this brief address.

PRESERVE IT.

Government of a people by representatives chosen by the

people from among themselves, and direct government of the people by themselves are but two forms of democracy. The latter is described as pure democracy; the former as representative democracy.

We have had but few and no long continued examples of pure democratic government. The early New England town government and possibly some later pioneer adoptions of it have given the only illustrations of this form of government our history records. As population increased it became manifestly impossible for all the people or even a majority of them to come together for the purpose of enacting laws for their government. Government by representation, or representative government was then resorted to. This is the form of government adopted by the several states and by the United States. Never before in human history had the idea of representative government been so widely, earnestly and intelligently applied to conducting the business of human government.

Europe stood aghast. Political economists, philosophers and statesmen predicted our early fall. We emerged from the bloodiest civil war of all history. The unity of the nation, the constitution and our entire governmental machinery were preserved. Those who predicted that our fate would be that of ancient Greece and Rome, where mob government made demagogical, autocratic rule so intolerable that men gladly welcomed a despotism, found they were mistaken. They had failed to comprehend the strength of representative government.

For more than a century and a quarter the United States has endured without a change in the form of government. The representative idea embodied in our constitution has

proved to be strong enough to guard our liberties against assaults from enemies without and mischievous passions within.

We believe it will do so for all time. Certain it is that we should be cautious how we modify the representative feature of our government lest we remove or impair the strongest safeguard of our political and religious liberties and expose ourselves to the deceptive attacks of our own unreasoning passions. Let us see to it that we preserve this basic principle in our government.

A rag published in the western part of the county prints this: "G. W. Denman, County Supt. of schools is being urged by a few of his intimate friends to be a candidate for County Clerk in the next election." Being born of such parentage this sounds like a false accusation of Mr. Denman's friends.

Additional Local.

Disappointed at inability to secure convictions in the two cases thus far tried, officers in charge of the prosecution of alleged violators of the local option law in Albany have announced that no more cases will be tried in the Justice Court until after the term of State Circuit Court which convenes Monday, October 28th. E. F. Zimmerman, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, who has been in Albany directing the prosecutions, returned to Portland Friday afternoon. W. L. Pason, the detective who worked up the cases, also left for Portland, where he is employed in Lou Hartman's detective agency. It is understood to be the plan of the Anti-Saloon League men to have no more complaints filed except in the Circuit Court, where they hope to meet a jury of farmers.

This is a good time of year to rake up and burn the dead leaves and any other accumulations of trash along the side walks in the business part of town, as well as in private yards and in alleys generally. A few persons are seen occasionally raking up trash and sending it up in smoke but they are like angels' visits—"few and far between." Let everyone take a hand in it.

A Good Trade.

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