

## Succeeting Grobham Mindicator, Gresh Mutitumath Recond and Published Every Friday at Gresham, Ore, by the Beaves Srark TIMOTHY BROWNHILL, Emros A×0 Maxaeks. <br> $$
\begin{tabular}{|c|} \hline \multirow[t]{37}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l} A FEW MINUTES W \\ a natonal intitative and referendum \\ Just keep your eye on the movement toward a national initiative and referendum. It is coming. The seed is just rooting. It is gaining slowly, so slowly that its growth is hardly perceptible, but it is growing just the same, and in time a mighty weapon will be in the hands of the people, who will use it to amend that ancient constitution to fit present day necessities; to elect our President and congressmen by the direct vote of the people; to teach congress and the interests that the people have some say and propose to be heard. \\ The wagon is started, it is barely moving now because very few have their shoulder to to the wheel, but men are gradually falling into line and soon the wagon will be at the top of the hill, and then, as usual, every fellow in the country will want to climb in and ride down. It is easy going then. Better give the movement for "a government of the people, by the people and for the people" a lift now. Don't do it though, unless you expect to be called visionary, a fool or a crank, because the self-satisfied man, the trusts and the grafter, will put up just that kind of argument. But remember, every reform movement started with a crank. \end{tabular}
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 Ordinary folk, however, do much longer than one hour, and the sermon, in order to meet this requirement, should be delivered
inside of 30 minutes. TTe average preacher of the old school
will of course demur to this. spiritual will, however, admit
the wisdom of the What is more distressing to the average lay mind than the
long-winded effort of the back woods preacher, well intended more refreshing than a concise, forceful, well-arranged sermon, delivered in a brief, animated, yet simple way? ter heard a minister read a chapter and explain it as he went
along. The one short song at the commencement, a brief prayer, and the reading and ex-
plaining of that chapter took exactly 50 minutes, then another praple, axpected to be dismissed, for it was noon. Up to this point the people had enjoyed the service. The preacher evidently
had no knowledge of time; the audience had. He went right on, announced his text, and con-
tinued that service for another hour, but at the end of that hour the small audience he had in the beginning had dwindled down a much smaller number. and gone home.
Preachers and lay members alike complain of empty pews in our churches. There are reaons long prayers, expositions and

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