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## POPULAR GOVERNMENT

Another attempt is on to stab the initiative and referendum. It will appear on the November ballot, and is what is known as the majority amendment. Its requirement is that no initiative measure can pass unless supported by a majority of all who vote at an election.

Its effect is to record as voting against the measure, every person who votes no as well as every person who does not vote at all. It registers as voting against the measure, whether bill or constitutional amendment, every voter who does not care enough about the bill to express his choice. It arrays against the proposition all the forces of unconcern, apathy, non-patriotism and discontent. It would set up a process that would make it extremely difficult to pass an initiative measure at all.

The proposal should be beaten. Its passage would be a knife plunge into the vitals of direct legislation. It is the most serious attack yet made on the system.—Oregon Journal.

The Journal is one of the strongest friends of the Oregon system, and yet in the above statement it acknowledges what The Sentinel has contended—that the initiative and referendum does not give popular government, that we never will have genuine popular government—that the few do the business of the country and run the politics of the country because the many sit back and let them do it.

Probably not more than 60 per cent of the citizens of this country of voting age go to the polls at any election. A majority of this 60 per cent would be something over 30 per cent of the citizens of this great land of the free and home of the brave.

And the Journal acknowledges that it would kill the initiative and referendum if this 30 per cent were required to vote yes to carry a proposition. We are with the Journal in opposing the amendment, but will that great exponent of popular government show us where the initiative and referendum has ever given popular government, or where it is likely to give us intelligent legislation at the hands of a majority of the citizenship of the country?

## HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF

If the election had been held a month after Bryan delivered that political epic, his cross of gold speech—while the dulcet notes of that magnificent oration were still ringing in the ears of the electorate of this great country—he would have been elected by an overwhelming majority.

But with the approach of the idea of November, came a return to reason, hot heads cooled in the autumn atmosphere—and the greatest commoner since the days of the immortal Lincoln went down to crushing defeat and 16 to 1 was buried forever.

If preferential primaries had been held in every state in the union to elect delegates to Chicago, Roosevelt would have been overwhelmingly chosen. Idolatrous hero worship would have won the day.

When the idea of November again approach, there will be another return to reason, hot heads will again cool, the greatest personal advertiser of modern, medieval and future times—the most magnetic personality of the present century—will be crushed and mangled in ignominious defeat, imperial Rooseveltism will be dead to 16 to 1 and the intelligent electorate will have again demonstrated that they can only be fooled part of the time.

In the National Socialist, W. J. Ghent, secretary to Congressman Berger, draws a deadly parallel between the platform of the Bull

Moose party and the platform of the Socialist party, showing that 18 of the planks of the Bull Moose party are identical with those of the Socialist party and one a plagiarism from the Democratic platforms of 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908 and 1912. Thou shalt not steal!

## PUTTING UP THE MONEY

Roosevelt makes a great furore in his denial of the Harriman and Standard Oil contributions to the campaign of 1904. It is quite natural that in his present "moral" imbroglio he should wish such things kept quiet and that he should refuse the demand of LaFollette to tell who put up three millions of dollars to finance his recent "receptive" campaign, but any voter conversant with politics knows from the very nature of things that such contributions must have been made and that to deny them is to tell a bare-faced falsehood.

Princely sums were spent in the 1904 campaign—likewise were benevolently bestowed in the campaign of 1908—and between five and six millions in the recent "contest" for the Republican nomination.

This money wasn't mulcted from the United States treasury—it did not grow on the trees along Pennsylvania Avenue—nor did it come from the pockets of a patriotic citizenship.

It was predatory wealth put up by those who had it to put up, and those are not the only campaigns that have been financed by big business, or that will be financed by big business in the future, none of the predominant parties excepted.

Roosevelt's denial is interesting only as a confession of gross ignorance of those things of which he should, as the great champion of the common people, be most concerned. If he wants to interest us, let him tell us that the steel trust, the harvester trust and the magazine trust are not furnishing the sinews of war for his present campaign and that other like philanthropic institutions are not doing a like benevolent service for the Republican and Democratic parties. Roosevelt seems to be trying to cover up the sources of the funds of his present campaign by the cattle fish method.

## MURDERING THE MURDERER

The exponents of capital punishment persistently misinterpret the motives of those who oppose the taking of life by law.

The Sentinel has and always will oppose capital punishment until more convincing arguments than any yet produced are forthcoming—and in such opposition to legal murder it has no false or maudlin sentiment towards those who shed the blood of their kind. It has no sympathy for the degenerate fiend who robs another human being of life. It is everlastingly disgusted with the sentimental females who carry flowers to such bloody brutes as Beatty, Harry Hayward and their like.

It could calmly watch the murderer of little Mildred Green, who defiled her quivering body while the spark of life was dying out, pitched into the roaring fires of hell, to screech and scream in unspeakable agony while the tortuous tongues of flame from those eternal, infernal fires wrapped themselves about him, their relentless fury increased by feeding on the grease fried out of his worthless carcass, and not feel that he was being over punished.

It could without compunction watch him writhe and curse in his

awful agony, his features distorted, his eyes starting from their sockets as he choked and strangled on the fumes of sulphur and brimstone—his soul doomed to eternal darkness, and not feel that he was being overpunished.

But notwithstanding this lack of feeling it does not concede that the state has any more divine right to take life than have individuals, nor will it recede from its former position just because the terrible tragedy has been brought closer to home.

No one would attempt to justify punishment of larceny by stealing from the thief; punishment of assault and battery by assault and battery upon the person of the offender. We do not feel justified in punishing any other crime by committing a like crime upon the person or property of the deprecator; pray tell us what justification there is for punishing murder by taking another life. Where is the divine authority for such fine distinction?

The murderer may forfeit his right to live, but who has the right to claim the forfeit?

The Goat, the socialist bi-monthly, thinks it is unique as being the only paper published without hope, intention or possibility of making a profit on the business it does. Why, bless your hearts, if that is the only qualification necessary for a Socialist newspaper, they are scattered far and wide over this broad land of ours. There is nothing unique, extraordinary or out of the ordinary about a proposition of that kind.

Others may rip and snort, rip and tear, ululate and fulminate, bull moose and vamoose, cry their virtues to the skies and decry those of their opponents, but William Howard Taft goes about his business, preserving the quiet dignity that befits one who occupies the presidential chair, has occupied it, or expects to occupy it. When the votes are counted in November his position will be endorsed.

They said Taft would not sign the Panama canal bill because the railroads controlled him—and his enemies had it all doped out how they were going to lambast him. But Taft did sign it and the Bull Moosers and other Socialists will have to dig up some other bugaboos.

A telegram from Walla Walla to The Oregonian says that Roosevelt is going to draw more strength from the Socialist party than from the Republican party.

## NEW REFRIGERATORS FOR S. P.

Total Equipment Will Now Be Over 11,000 Cars.

One thousand new refrigerator cars, equipped with collapsible tanks with a capacity of 11,000 pounds of ice, will soon be delivered to the Pacific Fruit Express Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Company. The collapsible tanks will enable the company to use the cars for ordinary freight during the periods that the cars are not required for perishables. The first installment of these cars will be started westward within another month and they will immediately go into service.

This order of 1000 new cars is an increase of ten per cent, and makes the total refrigerator equipment of this company 11,000 cars. The latest refrigeration ideas have been adopted in the building of the cars and a most effective insulation will line the interiors. Five years ago the Pacific Fruit Express Company had 6000 of these cars, but the growing fruit and produce business of Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and other Pacific Coast States has caused nearly a thousand additional cars to be purchased annually.

The equipment of this character owned by the Pacific Fruit Express Company represents an outlay of more than \$15,000,000. This new order will total nearly a million and a half dollars, at an approximate cost of \$1400 each. The unceasing development of the west's horticultural and agricultural resources and the transformation of deserts into green orchards and fields creates the demand for more of these cars each year.

A letter from F. J. Bartels at Ukiah, Calif., says that Mr. and Mrs. Van Allison visited there four days and are now at Saratoga Springs, 22 miles away, where Van is getting along first class. Mr. Bartels is just recovering from a month's illness and says business is fine.

## Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

To keep it in a healthy condition charity needs to be exercised daily, but it need not be done in public.

The man who declares he will wear no man's collar shouldn't neglect to put his monogram on his laundry.

Despite the latest invention of smokeless and noiseless powder, Cupid still sticks to the low and arrow.

One great trouble with the morals of this country is that there are too many jails and not enough happy homes.

Good luck sometimes goes after a man with a search warrant, but the hustler is usually the man it is looking for.

An Iowa girl secured a husband by a message written on an egg. Even matrimony is becoming somewhat of a shell game.

It is said that a diet of sour milk is conducive to longevity. Anyone who had to live on that diet wouldn't care to live long.

An anarchistic St. Louis preacher says that a man who kisses a girl should be shot. They do usually receive a heart wound.

The goose that laid the golden egg is a back-number when compared to the American hen with her annual output worth three billion dollars.

Eastern millionaires are selling their yachts. They probably don't want to be at sea again when a financial storm comes along.

While some say congress does not do its duty, there are some duties that the public seem to be willing to have congressmen abolish.

If we value our lives according to what we pay our life-savers, it isn't worth much to live in this home of the brave and land of the free.

Uncle Sam proposes using slot machines for the selling of stamps. They will be like all other slot machines in that it will be impossible for the public to beat them.

A Kansas preacher says women wear halos in heaven instead of hats. There is no longer any doubt among men folks about heaven being an ideal place.

The modern woman who spends thousands of dollars yearly on wearing apparel isn't much like the first member of her sex, who didn't care a fig leaf for clothing.

Why shouldn't women have suffrage? We let men vote who can't talk the English language and refuse the ballot to women who can talk enough for all of us!

Women must have been less sensitive about their age in the time of Ponce de Leon or he would not have gone further than the first gushing young maid for the fountain of eternal youth.

The St. Paul man who started on a forty-day fast in an attempt to prove that his mind was superior to his body, lost out. A man who would attempt such an experiment hasn't any mind to start with.

Several multi-millionaires have recently been married to young actresses. A young girl must needs be an actress to make one of those money-bags believe he is getting real love in exchange for his filthy lucre.

There is now talk of turning the Philippines into a breeding ground for noblemen for American heiresses. Most any Filipino, even without a title, is the equal of the grand old nobility that carries off American brides.

Rockefeller advises everyone to "be content with what you have." It is the general opinion that if the giver of this sage advice had always felt the same way himself the rest of the us would have more to be contented with.

It does not sound reasonable to say that matches are made in heaven when all the sulphur is in the other place.

A monkey was operated upon at Omaha for appendicitis not long ago. This is one patient that the doctors didn't have to make a monkey of anyway.

An Indiana cigarette fiend is not sensitive to the pricking of needles or pins. Needles and pins have no terror to the person who does not recoil from the coffin nails.

Some delvers into the mysteries of the evolution of man now claim that the human race originally began life in the form of trees. There are a few "sticks" left to bear out the theory.

Many men act as if they were "so many" that we should think their wives would feel as if they had committed bigamy.

A new paper bill is said to be the best thing to clean eye glasses with. Paper bills have often proven a great aid to the vision.

The New Jersey mosquito is said to cure rheumatism. People of experience have always said that it had a peculiar way of inducing animation.

A French doctor says that you are liable to bring on insanity unless you lay in bed fifteen or twenty minutes after you wake up. There is no need of special asylums out this way.

## Gratitude.

Every traveler who has made the trip from Eugene to Mapleton over the regular stage road remembers a little grave on the south side of the road, just beyond the summit of the Coast range. It is enclosed by a neat wooden paling, and is shaded by huge trees. It is in plain sight, and challenges the attention of passerby.

The unpretentious little tomb has a pretty story of the gratitude of man to dumb animal that has done him great service. It is not a human being that is buried there, but an old stage horse whose death was the means of saving the life of his driver and the lives of his passengers. The story is a simple one, but it is touching as well.

A stage driver was bringing a load of people out from Mapleton in the winter time. The great menace to winter travel in the mountains is falling trees whose foundation is loosened by the incessant rain. Their fall is swift, and death to any living creature that is caught beneath their bulk is sure.

Suddenly the stage load of people heard the cracking noise and the swishing of branches in the air that meant that a forest giant had loosened its hold on the earth and was falling. The noise was heard as well by one of the wheel horses of the team, and it reared, pushing the stage several feet back and to one side. The tree in its fall shattered the corner of the stage, and crushed out the life of the rearing horse, but the passengers were safe.

The next day on his return trip, the driver whose life had been saved dug a grave, and in it he buried the body of the old horse whose quick action had saved his master from the ever present peril of the winter roads. Around it he built the little paling that the traveler can still see, and through succeeding years he kept the grave beneath the tree neat and free from branches and weeds.

"Maybe the old fellow didn't know what he was doing," he said, "but it is my belief that he did. Anyway, I am never going to forget that that old horse saved me from being in that grave." Possibly the horse did not know what it was doing, but the world is better for the driver's gratitude.—Register.

## Socialists Endorse Bull Moose.

With thirty-six voters in attendance, including three newspaper men, four confirmed democrats, three old line republicans, and no less than three enthusiastic socialists, the initial county convention of the Bull Moose party convened at the court house in Roseburg at 8 o'clock last evening.—Roseburg News.

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