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THE OREGONIAN'S PERFDY

The Oregonian seeks to make a mountain out of a mole bill of the thirty-two measures filed for the consideration of the voters at the forth-coming general election, in order to discredit the initiative and referendum. The antics of the Oregonian in its vain effort to wrest from the common people their present right and privilege to participate in state legislative matters and selection of good and competent men to administer the affairs of our state, are to silly and ridiculous to be amusing. The once great daily is simply making a clown of itself, and by its continual inference that the people or citizen voters are incapable of comprehension and incompetent to read and understand the provisions of these measures and distinguish between the meritorious and the unmeritorious ones, is justly resented by these citizen voters to whom the Oregonian has become an object of derision and contempt. If the Oregonian would know how silly and ridiculous it is making itself in the eyes of the rural voter, let it send a representative to any prosperous community to listen to the sound, unselfish and practical arguments presented by the hard fisted toilers in the field or shop, on the various issues confronting the people of this state, and that paper will soon ascertain whether or not the citizen voter is interested in the well-fare of his state and whether or not he is seeking to investigate and inform himself upon public measures and form an opinion upon their merits. These "campaigns of education" have been carried on until the country voter is just as well, if not better, posted upon the various "paramount issues" as is the city voter, from the fact that he has more time to read and study these questions. We venture that after a little sojourn on the part of the Oregonian wisecracker as suggested, he would go home a sadder and a wiser man, and feeling fully as small and insignificant as the Oregonian is cartooning the citizen voter. Every cartoon and editorial utterance of the Oregonian suggests in a most bold and brazen manner that its greed for gold has prompted it to sell its very soul, to surrender principle, (if it ever had any) self respect, morality and all, for the dollars and become a pliant tool, a mouthpiece and soulless champion of all the corruptionists, rings, combines, monopolies and moneyed interests extant. Judging from the Oregonian's unenviable attitude on questions effecting this state, the people are not to be

blamed for entertaining the suspicion that it has accepted the golden bribe of the saloon and brewer interests, of the old county seat rings who are opposed to the subdivision of the enormous Oregon counties, of the political bosses whose power is threatened by the direct primary, and of all the systems and interests antagonistic to the common people. There is no sensible argument or proof to sustain the Oregonian's contention that a legislature is better qualified to introduce just and wise legislation than is a people. In fact all of the points in the argument are in favor of representative government. It is a well known fact that the first two or three weeks of a legislative session is taken up with organization, committee appointments, junkets, caucuses and theater parties. Then in the last few weeks of the session comes the deluge of bills, when graft measures are advanced on the calendar by the interests and the thousands of bills are railroaded through without more than a casual "reading by title only" on the part of most of the legislators. Then comes the "you vote for my measure and I will vote for yours" and the legislature adjourns and the dear people are skinned again. Now let us consider the present "Oregon way." Two or three months prior to the general election all of the legislative measures, (only an insignificant 32 this campaign) to be voted upon by the people are published in pamphlet form with a full and complete explanation of their objects and aims. These pamphlets are mailed to every registered voter of the state who may set down at his leisure quietly at home and very quickly determine on the merits and demerits of the various measures, which from that time up to election day become the sole subject for discussion and debate at every country blacksmith shop and cross roads, as well as upon the street corners of the larger towns, with a result that by the time election day rolls around every plain citizen voter marches up to the polls and votes his honest, unprejudiced and unhampered convictions upon the various measures and the state invariably is the better for it, the people's rights and interests are protected, and the grafters and political charlatans turned down. Yea, verily, the more power for the people, means less for the privileged. Long live the initiative and the direct primary. The Oregonian is probably working upon the Barnum theory that the people liked to be humbugged, but that day is gone and the big unreliable and deceptive daily will wake up to this fact about next November 8th.

The Oregonian and Eugene Register say that county division matters should be put up to the legislature "where they belong," for settlement. At the last session of the legislature at Salem when the Nesmith county bill was up for consideration we were told by learned (?) statesmen that the legislature had no legal right, or authority by law to create a new county or effect a division of any of Oregon's enormous old counties. If the people of the state are not directly and personally interested in every new county proposed to be created and placed upon the state map, they are not interested in any state legislation proposed by any of the initiative petitions which measures will appear on the election ballots in November.

The new editor and proprietor of the Albany Herald who parts his name in the middle and hails from Eugene changes the broad-minded, practical and liberal view of that paper on county division matters and parrot like, chants the old saw he learned at Eugene that "county division matters should be settled by a vote of the people of the territory effected or else put up to the legislature only." C. Clinton Page displays no originality in his rehearsed anti-county division editorial which bears the Eugene copyright, and it will carry but little weight in Albany and Linn county where public sentiment is strongly in favor of Nesmith county. Give us something new and original auct Nesmith county, C. Clinton!

The Republican assembly for Douglas county was pulled off at Roseburg Saturday in regular old fashioned convention style and a full county ticket was named headed with Hon. J. C. Fullerton for county judge. A sensation was sprung when Hon. B. L. Eddy, ex-register of the U. S. Land Office, proposed a resolution that no recommendations for a county ticket be made, and stated that on the previous evening Roseburg republicans had held a private caucus and put up a slate. This charge concerning the private caucus was admitted, but those in attendance declared no slate was fixed up. The usual convention resolutions and platform was adopted and the county precincts were fairly well represented.

Harry H. Collier, the well and favorably known poultry judge of Tacoma, Washington, will place the poultry awards at the Oregon state fair to be held in Salem, Oregon, September 12-17, 1910. A better or more popular judge could not have been secured and we are sure the poultry department will be well filled in all classes. Mr. Collier will again judge and place the awards in Cottage Grove's annual poultry show the second week in the coming December.

Douglas county is just now in the lime light because of the fact that the school census shows a decrease in the number of school children since last year. It would be interesting to learn the cause. The towns of Douglas claim heavy growth. What is the matter? Of all the counties in the state Douglas is the only one showing a decrease in the number of children.

The south end of the city park, it seems, is infested with poison oak and several cases of poisoning from this plant has come to the notice of the Leader recently. The city should put some one familiar with this plant to work digging it up and burning it, before it spreads and becomes even a greater nuisance.

The Salem Journal says "prohibition would hurt Oregon." That is what they said about Cottage Grove, but we voted her dry and she hasn't done anything but build brick blocks, \$100,000 water work systems, concrete sidewalks, macadam streets and new homes ever since—and now we are going to pave Main street.

E. Hofer in his declaration as a candidate for governor promises to invoke divine aid in one place, and in another places himself on the side of the saloon. Depend upon it God isn't going to help the friend of the saloon in running for office, says the Albany Democrat.

Medford is over a million dollars in debt, an immense load for a little city, and its not a "dry" town either.

Additional Local News.

W. B. Cooper has returned home from a sojourn in the Alberta country. It has been an exceedingly dry year up there and all crops have suffered. Mr. Cooper says the Willamette Valley is good enough for him.

Harry Webber returned home from a week's visit to Roseburg Monday. He says he found plenty to do in his line of work, piano tuning, and was offered much encouragement in the way of patronage on the part of his many old Roseburg friends. He will make his next business trip to Roseburg in September.

G. H. Tyson had the carpenters at work last week building a neat modern barn for his driving horse which he brought up from Goshen recently. During the time he was superintending this work and getting his trotter accustomed to the Cottage Grove driveways, Austin Hampton occupied Mr. Tyson's place in the store, thereby giving him a week's vacation.

Basley Brothers shipped a fine fox hound puppy to a Medford party Monday for which they received \$20. They are offered \$50 for one of their old trained wolf hounds but have not decided to accept the offer yet. They have succeeded in pretty thoroughly clearing the range east of Saginaw of coyotes and wolves since they secured their fine fox hounds.

Harry Short has returned home from an extended visit with relatives and friends in the middle western states. He says the heat was intense when he left Illinois and he is glad to get back and enjoy the cool summer breezes and cool nights of Western Oregon. He visited many places of interest and had a most enjoyable trip. He has resumed his position in the bank of Cottage Grove. He came home via New Orleans and Los Angeles.

"Greater Oregon Home Rule Association," is the new and deceptive name adopted by the liquor interests of this state which will have measure on the election ballot in November, and if carried, will give incorporated towns and cities the right to decide for themselves, by their own vote, whether liquors shall or shall not be sold within the municipality. The voter should have a care and not be deceived by any plausible appearing arguments presented by the "Greater Oregon Home Rule Association." Its scheme, if it should win out in November, is to vote towns wet by means of floating or transient voters in dry counties throughout the state. Vote this proposition down good and hard, as it was two years ago.

New Store Opened.

Goods are beginning to arrive and are being placed on the shelves in the new variety store in the Woodward brick of Mr. Skow late of Longmont, Colorado. Mr. Skow will be assisted in the store by his daughter, a young lady of experience in this line of business. Mr. Skow is a very genial and obliging gentleman and with his estimable family has already been given a cordial welcome to this city with which they are very favorably impressed. The Leader bespeaks for Mr. Skow a liberal patronage. The family were neighbors and old friends of our esteemed townsman H. C. Madsen and wife and C. E. Throne and family, in Colorado a number of years ago.

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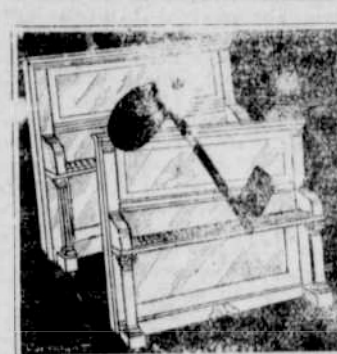
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