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TO NESMITH BOOSTERS.

Don't get discouraged by one failure; a failure or two often makes a grand success. Don't forget that the failures of this year may next year bring great successes. Boost for Nesmith!

"IF THIS BE TREASON MAKE THE MOST OF IT."

An Oregon Legislature might have refused to pass an "Oregon Dry" bill, but no legislative assembly would have ever dared to pass such an unfair, such an iniquitous, and no doubt unconstitutional act, as the so-called "Home Rule Measure," recently endorsed and adopted by "the people" of Oregon in a general state election. "Let the people rule" and continue to vote down schools and vote in booze in Oregon and thereby attract to this fair state all the prize fighters, tin horns, poker sharps, dive keepers and men and women of infamy, of the whole United States, while the investor in legitimate enterprises, the manufacturer, the home seeker, the student and all good and worthy citizens from the east and middle west flock to Washington and California. Make Portland a second Reno and Oregon a counterpart of Nevada. Stop the wheels of progress, obstruct and delay state development, inconvenience and heap upon thousands of citizens unnecessary burden and expense by forcing them to travel great distances to transact county business over unimproved country roads in

the great unwieldy, undeveloped and poorly governed counties of Oregon, that a few hotel and shop keepers and petty fogging lawyers in some old selfish, grasping county seat town may wax fat, and the tax tribute wrested from these remote overburdened citizens may be used to pave the streets and build macadamized automobile boulevards about these old county seats. By all means let "the people" ordain that no new counties shall ever be created in Oregon. That state progress may be more effectually retarded, let some wild eyed, selfish and grasping land holder draft and submit an initiative or referendum measure providing that there shall be no more sub-divisions of the expansive donation land claims and great unimproved and uncultivated pioneer homesteads in Eastern and Western Oregon, which measure "the people" would no doubt give their loyal support and unqualified endorsement at the next general election, that these lands may make millionaires out of a few corporations and land grabbers.

Pass a few more "employers liability" measures, so radical as to drive labor employers out of the state completely. Perpetuate a system whereby a community, county or section of the state may wreak its vengeance upon some worthy candidate, or other locality or section of the state for wrongs imaginary or otherwise, by voting down these candidates, or measures advanced by such localities, counties or section of the state. For instance, since the other fellows turned down Nesmith county, it is in order that we vote down all measures presented by them regardless of their merits two years hence.

In the language of a brother editor, we went into this campaign believing the people of all parties were interested in maintaining such an institution. We are ready now to admit, while we believe as

firmly as ever in the principle, that a majority of the people do not care what kind of a primary they have or whether they have any at all. This was first indicated by the lack of interest in the primary election, and is confirmed by the election returns of last week.

Thirty six members attended the recent meeting of the National Association of Mexican War Veterans in Indianapolis. Their ages ranged from seventy-eight to eighty seven years. At the end of the last session the secretary announced that they would part "to meet again on that beautiful shore," and asked all present to rise and declare the association adjourned forever. It will not be many years before the Grand Army of the Republic will be compelled to draw its life to a close with a similar touching ceremony.

Talk about publicity—all of Oregon has been strenuously advertising Cottage Grove with Eugene the head publicity office. Home seekers and investors should bear in mind the freak admission of Eugene that Cottage Grove and South Lane is the "cream" of rich old Lane county. Also remember the Eugene real estate dealer, Prasier's sworn statement, that taxes have doubled and trebled in Eugene in the past year. Come to Cottage Grove, the "heart of Lane and Douglas county."

We predict that two years from now the direct primary will be a dead letter, and that candidates will be named practically as they were under the old convention system, and further than that, that the next United States senator from Oregon will be elected by the legislature in the old fashioned way, and not by vote of the people: If this should come about the people will have no one to blame; because their votes indicate that they wish it that way.—Eugene Guard.

The valuable publicity given Cottage Grove the past year free would have cost thousands of dollars in the usual way of conducting local publicity campaigns. The benefit to be derived therefrom by Cottage Grove and South Lane cannot be foretold. It is already being realized in the crowds of investors and home seekers coming this way.

Editor Baxter, of the Creswell Chronicle, agreed to give the Nesmith booster a dollar a head for every voter found in the Creswell precinct favorable to Nesmith above the original solid and loyal 15. Creswell gave Nesmith 48 votes, so its up to Editor Baxter to send along his check for \$33, and we will promptly receipt him for the same.

The Leader man is getting used to defeat in county division matters. We put up just as hard a fight for "Mineral county" through the Leader 20 years ago, as we did for the late lamented Nesmith county with the same result.

The Portland Journal says the election of West as governor has killed assemblyism. When one studies the returns carefully it is difficult to see where there is the slightest basis for this statement.

Oh, well, we didn't expect to carry Nesmith county anyway, but Cottage Grove was in need of the free advertising. They are all coming this way now.

Voting out the normal schools and voting in booze should be a great advertisement for Oregon—to the riff raff of the country.

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HOME RULE MEANS NOTHING.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The people of Oregon on Tuesday emphatically rejected prohibition. They appear also to have adopted the constitutional amendment providing, or intending to provide, that incorporated cities and towns shall have the right within their limits to control, regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors. It is known as the Greater Oregon Home Rule Act. Its provisions are so extraordinary that the Oregonian thinks it worth while to set them forth in full.

"Article XI, section 2. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the Legislative Assembly by special laws. The Legislative Assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter subject to the constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon and the exclusive power to license, regulate, control or to suppress or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors therein is vested in such municipality shall within its limits be subject to the provisions of the local option law of the State of Oregon."

No two persons agree upon the exact meaning or interpretation of this amendment. No two persons will agree probably, until it shall be construed by the supreme court of the State of Oregon. The Greater Oregon Home Rule Association informs us that it was the intention of that organization to exempt incorporated cities and towns of Oregon from the operation of the local option law, to the extent that each municipality was to be vested with power to decide the liquor question for itself.

If this was the purpose, which doubtless it was, it seems remarkable that the measure could not have been framed in language less confusing, conflicting and ambiguous. It was frequently charged during the recent campaign that the framers of the Home Rule amendment, though they made no question of their purpose to exclude cities and towns from the arbitrary requirements of county prohibition, unless such municipalities should expressly consent, permitted the measure to go forth in terms which no one could understand. Its phraseology gives color to the accusation that it was deliberately intended that no one should understand it. What ingenious lawyer or assembly of lawyers drew it? A 10-year-old boy ought to have been able to frame in plain language such an amendment as the Greater Home Rule Association desired; but these lawyers could not or wouldn't.

The first two sentences of the foregoing section are contained in the constitution as at present. The final sentences constitute the proposed change. Observe the wording of the last clause—"But such municipality shall within its limits be subject to the provisions of the local option law of the State of Oregon." The local option law of the State of Oregon provides for county prohibition. Prohibition by counties is its essence. Its vital purpose and absolute intent. If each municipality of the State of Oregon shall hereafter, under the foregoing amendment, be subject to the local option law of the State of Oregon, why does it not necessarily follow that they shall and must be subject to all provisions of the law including the particular provision that enforces county prohibition upon all the territory within a county?

The Home Rule amendment runs around in a circle. In one clause it vests in cities and towns the right to control, prohibit or suppress the liquor business and in the final clause it makes, or seems to make, an express proviso (since the local option law is to be in full force and effect) that that right or privilege shall not be withdrawn from the county. The Greater Home Rule amendment, in the opinion of the Oregonian, doesn't

mean anything, or if it means anything, it is that the framers of the measure have lost themselves in a wilderness of conflicting and tautological verbiage and may thereby themselves defeat the cause of Home Rule. Why didn't they put the word "otherwise" in the last phrase?

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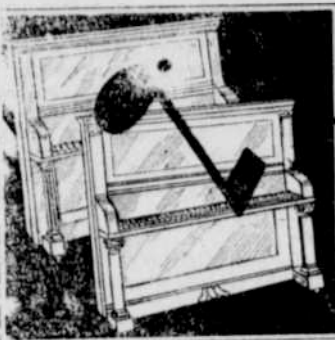
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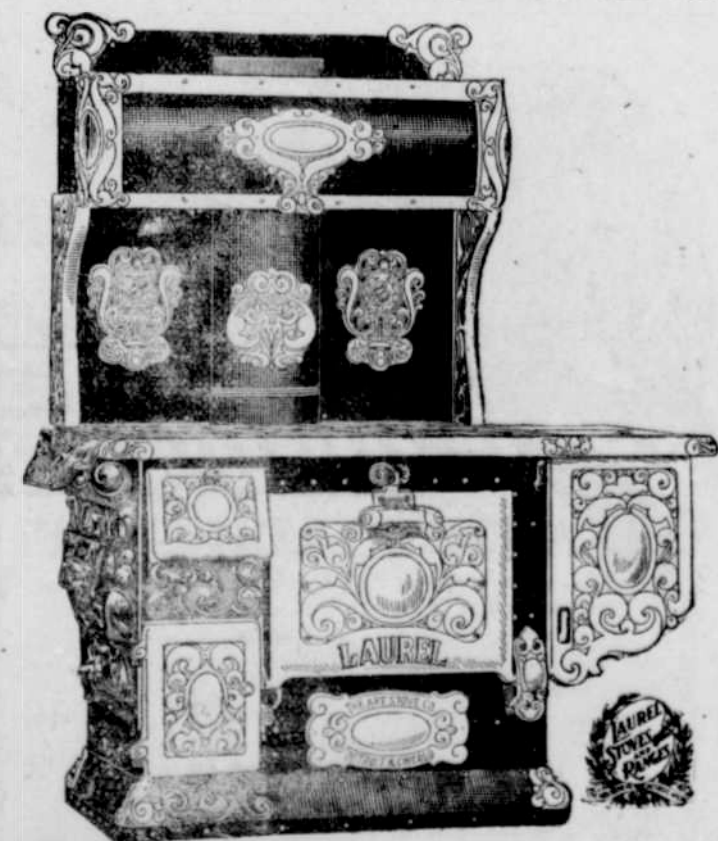
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