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ALL STAND UNITED.

The efforts now being made by the alumni of the Oregon Agricultural college to defeat the university of Oregon referendum, is worthy of the personnel of that splendid institution and shows that the men and women who claim the O. A. C. as their alma mater are quick to understand the menace that now threatens our higher institutions of education and as prompt in rendering assistance.

The action of the former O. A. C. students, however, is only another indication that all classes of people who know and understand the value of safeguarding our university from the attacks of unprincipled and disgruntled envious pettifoggers and cheap political pot hunters, are united, and willing to do what they may to support our most valued and sacred public institutions.

The needs of the Eugene institution are well known. Even Parkinson himself admits that more buildings are an absolute necessity if the university is to go on giving the people value received for the money they have given it. Yet, in the face of this admission, and the further fact that the foremost educational authorities of the state declare that the need is great, this Portland lawyer, piqued no doubt at words uttered in the heat of passion by a member of the recent state legislature, comes brazenly forth and, as on a former occasion, threatens to again tie up the efficiency of the university and render of no effect the money which the people of the state have already expended. But, never before has opposition to the proposed referring of any legislative act found so much determined opposition among all classes. It is admitted that the petition chasers, at so much per name, are experiencing all sorts of difficulties in securing signatures among the intelligent people in the rural communities. In several instances attempts to get signatures in some of the smaller cities of the state have been given up after a few hours work and, as the days go by, it becomes more and more evident that Parkinson and his gang must depend upon the North End of Portland for their salvation. It is no trouble to get the names there. The saloon bums and thugs who infest that locality are willing to sign any petition or anything that is presented if the offer be flanked by a glass of beer or a dram of cheap whiskey. It is undoubtedly true that if the question lay solely with the rural communities of the state, the attempts to embarrass the state university would find short shift. The people generally are behind the institution; they know its value to the state and the great work it is doing and will be able to do with the coming of adequate facilities, and they are opposed to the spending of a large amount of money in a special election merely to defeat the appropriation made for the good of education.

As has before been said, time and again, it is regrettable that the "Oregon system" permits of such abuse of existing laws. The referendum in theory is an attractive proposition, seeming to offer to the people the right to say for themselves what legislation they do, or do not desire, and it could be made the means of much good, if rightly managed. That it has been of value in the past, on several different occasions, is unquestioned, but when it permits one man to hold up legislation indefinitely, it fails of its mission and becomes a black blot on the state's law books. Under the provisions of the referendum as it is now interpreted, it would be possible for Parkinson, if he secures the signatures to his petitions—and the names can be had if there is cash enough available—to hold up legislation indefinitely. Legislative assemblies might enact the same legislation time after time, only to have the referendum applied to it and held up for two years or more.

This is not an implication upon the intelligence of the people of Oregon. The great majority is willing to do right. It wants fair play and honesty. It is willing to support all worthy movements when fairly presented. But the trouble is that many men will sign any petition presented to them without regard to its merits, and when they go to the polls they follow the oft-repeated injunction: "When in doubt, vote no." The Observer is confident, however, if

the present fight on the university shall come to a vote, that the people will thoroughly understand it, and that they will emphatically say by their ballots that Oregon does not repudiate its university and stands ready to give it the support necessary to make it the value to the youth of the state that its founders intended and to place it on an equality with similar institutions elsewhere.

All interests are united in the present campaign and progressive people need have no fear of the result.

WALKING OVER A REFERENDUM.

In his final remarks to the people of California Secretary Bryan said: "You are fortunate in this state in having the initiative and referendum. The initiative spurs you on to do that which your people want done, while the referendum empowers those for whom you speak to put the veto on your acts if you fail to reflect their wishes." But what if these popular votes are ignored or reversed by those who act in a representative capacity, asks the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. By a large clear majority of the total vote last November the people of the United States supported the policy of protection, but the president and Congress are now engaged in tearing down that policy. The figures of this referendum last fall are instructive. For protective platforms 7,694,664 votes were cast, and for the Democratic platform 6,293,120. Protection was no less than 1,311,544 ahead. It was 174,528 ahead of the vote of all other parties combined.

But in spite of this emphatic showing of the opinions of the people President Wilson and his secretary of state are peculiarly active in forcing Congress to more radical action against protection than the legislative body proposed. The Democratic Ways and Means committee had not intended to include sugar and wool in the free list, but the president, with the help of Secretary Bryan, has compelled the Democratic majority in the House to accept the essentials of free trade. President Wilson puts patronage in the scale to push through a scholastic tariff for revenue only. As the people held a referendum on the subject six months ago, and registered at that time a clear majority for protection, the recommendation of Secretary Bryan to California has a hollow sound. A referendum is supposed to be the reference of a question to the people. But if those who suggest a resort to it are at the same time doing their best to pass a law distinctly contrary to the declared judgment of the people the adviser is too shifty to be trusted.

The real progressives in the Republican party—those who place the principles of the organization above mere politics—do not appear to listen to the frantic appeals of Roosevelt who is opposing all movements at reorganization that does not come from the so-called Progressive party. The gathering of the progressive leaders who refused to leave the party at the call of the former president and who are now engaged in a laudable endeavor to reorganize the party and unite all Republican interests in one solid front to oppose the common enemy, Democracy. Every indication gives assurance that they will be successful. That the reorganization of the party must come is paramount, and that it can only be brought about from forces within the party rather than from those who have proved traitors to it, is certainly true. When we want advice regarding the conduct of our affairs we do not consult those who are our enemies. The Republican party is big enough to overcome whatever shortcomings it may have, and the leaders now at the helm are statesmen sufficient to understand what is needed and will do their best to see that it is supplied. The T. R. hero worship that proved so important a factor in the campaign of last year, is rapidly being lost in the shuffle.

A petition in circulation in Dallas the first of the present week asking for the referendum on the new county attorney law which goes into effect early in June, contains the statement that the measure will be voted on "at the special election to be held in November." Inasmuch as the holding of this election depends upon whether any measure is referred, it appears that the statement in the petition is misleading to say the least. The petition in question was circulated by a man with no interest in the matter, except the money he got out of it, and it was signed by some who didn't even know what its provisions contained. This is another evidence of the ease with which the referendum is invoked. In the instance of the county attorney law it is asserted that the men behind the referendum are not unfavorable to the law, but object to the governor being given power to name the different attorneys.

One keen regret that the bar and the people of Polk county feel in the enactment of the new law creating the twelfth judicial district comprising the counties of Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook, is that Judge Percy R. Kelley will be transferred from the district and is now holding his last term of court here. Since his election Judge Kelley has proven one of the most popular and best liked judges who has occupied the Polk county bench, and at each succeeding term his fair methods and

his knowledge of the law have appealed alike to lawyer and layman.

The features of Ellen Evelyn James, a San Antonio girl will adorn the new United States treasury notes soon to be issued. We confess that we don't know Ellen but we are anxious to become acquainted. Come on, Ellen—you will be welcome at this office, especially in the hands of a delinquent subscriber.

What's in a name after all? Miss Failing was recently re-elected president of the Portland Woman's exchange. Of course we don't know anything about it, but, from this distance, we don't see how she could miss failing.

Certainly Dr. Friedman's tuberculosis cure is slow to act. The serum is taken from a turtle. Now if the eminent German practitioner had used a jackrabbit we might expect more rapid results.

It is now declared that all the wine companies of California have been combined in a gigantic trust. What! In the state of Hiram? Impossible.

Don't worry, T. R. won't take that job as King of Albania. The Albanians are opposed to second terms, it is said.

POLK COUNTY NEWS

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town Tuesday. He said his hops look fine.

Green Hastings of Albany, was in town, Saturday on his way to Airlie. R. C. McKeon, of Sutherlin, Oregon, was the guest of W. W. Newman's family Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Marcus of San Francisco are the guests of Professor S. Evington's family. Mrs. Evington, is their daughter.

Warren Guillems has moved to Dixie; he is running a barber shop at that place.

W. A. Geoffrey has been returned to Monmouth by the conference for another year.

Elmer Rake has bought a lot on Main street, just east of the Baptist church and is having a house built on it.

Professor Sheek, of Philomath, arrived in Monmouth Wednesday to visit his daughter who is attending the Normal, going home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. McGee have closed up the Maple boarding house and moved to Independence.

The Skeens and Mr. Ayres, lately of Nebraska, have packed their belongings and shifted to Lebanon where they will make their future home.

Work on the Normal dormitory is drawing to a close, about one more week and it will be finished. If any one wants to see good work and neatly done, call in and see the work for themselves.

President Aekerman made a trip to Portland last week in the interest of the Normal.

INDEPENDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cooper of Grass Valley were in Independence to attend the funeral of I. M. Butler Friday.

Miss Bessie Butler brought the body of her father, I. M. Butler, who died in Los Angeles May 6, to this city for burial. She is stopping at the home of J. S. Cooper.

Miss Maggie Butler, of Monmouth, was down Tuesday to attend the funeral of her uncle, I. M. Butler.

W. H. Weaver, T. C. Swartz, W. O. Ellis and H. Hockett of Dallas, were renewing old acquaintances in this city Monday. When asked what was the best city in Polk county they didn't want to go back on their home town so they refused to answer. Boost your own town boys, that's what makes it grow.

L. L. Conlee, of Dallas, was here on business Monday.

Frank Fluke went to work Wednesday as foreman of the Wiegman ranch south of this place. This is one of the largest hop yards in the world and it takes a man of Fluke's experience to run it.

A small fire broke out in the residence of L. W. Dickinson Tuesday morning but was extinguished before very much damage was done. It is not known what started the blaze. Orders went out May 9 for all trains to run slow between Parker and the 90-mile post, on account of the buckling of the new steel that has just been laid.

Peter Barnett formerly pastor of the Christian church came up Tuesday to attend the funeral of I. M. Butler.

Lindsay T. Eales and wife, formerly Miss Nellie Danon, came up Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Eales' parents. Mrs. Eales is recovering from a second operation and it is expected that she will recover her health again. Mr. Eales returned to Portland Monday morning where he is employed by a large real estate firm.

RICKREALL

Mrs. Frank Regun went to the hospital at Salem last week for treatment.

Grover Beeler was in Salem Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Jennie Jones has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Braden, for several days.

Mrs. James Morton run a nail in her foot and has been laid up for several days, but is some better.

Our school closes Friday with an entertainment in the evening. A program will be rendered and the band will play a few of their selections of music.

Mrs. Orville Price and Mrs. Bud Ramsey were in Salem shopping last week.

The Ladies aid met with Mrs. Bales Wednesday.

Several young men came down Sunday from Independence and Monmouth and played with the Rickreall

band. The music was fine.

The Southern Pacific bridge builders who have been here the past month have completed the bridge across the LaCreole and will leave in a few days for Gaston.

The Misses Mary and Edith Burch were in Salem Tuesday shopping.

Glen Orr returned to Portland this week.

Some parties camping on the old school ground have a very valuable horse sick. The veterinary from Dallas was called.

PERRYDALE

H. J. Elliott and family visited relatives in Dallas over Sunday.

Fred Hedding is a business visitor in Portland this week.

Miss Fannie Keyt was a Dallas caller Tuesday.

Miss Marion Fox spent Saturday and Sunday in Portland.

John Dingman was a Dallas caller Saturday.

Mr. I. J. White has sold his dairy farm near McCoy and has bought the farm of B. F. Flanery west of Perrydale.

The chicken pie supper held here Friday night proved a very great success, the admission fees amounting to \$38.15, which will be added to the fund being raised to carpet the Christian church here.

Mrs. C. L. Bratcher and little daughter were Dallas visitors Saturday.

Mr. Horn of Eugene, who is traveling in the interest of the bible university at that place, occupied the pulpit Sunday morning in the Christian church. His sermon was especially interesting to some in that he was pastor of the church eight years ago. Another good sermon was preached in the evening by the present pastor, Mr. Brook.

EOLA

Ray Ferguson cut his ankle badly with an ax last week while chopping wood. At present he is unable to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh of Chemawa, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Magee home.

Morgan Reese has bought out Peter Cook's store here. Wm. Randle and family who have been running the business are going to move to Salem.

Our school which has become standard since W. A. Fletcher came here to teach three months ago, closed Tuesday, May 13. At the time Mr. Fletcher took up the work there were only six standard school points to our credit and he has succeeded in securing the eight more necessary.

While hauling a load of furniture from Horst Bros., for his son Harry, H. D. Landon fell off the load and hurt his back.

Married—The wedding of David Jacobson and Mrs. Pearl Stanton took place May 1. The couple are making their home near Buena Vista, where he owns a farm and hop yard.

County Surveyor Fred Suver has been surveying the road between Thos. Holman's and the Patterson farm. It is understood the county court is going to have the hills cut down to about a five per cent grade.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. Bouffleur is around after having quite a spell of rheumatism.

Mrs. Glenn is not improving any. A nurse is in attendance.

Wedding bells are ringing for a young couple in this neighborhood. Osie Grace and Madge Thomas of Monmouth, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. Grace.

Mr. Rosenberger is setting out some loganberry, red raspberry and strawberry plants.

Mrs. Joe Yates of Salem, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch are on the sick list. They both have the quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran are the parents of a baby boy.

Quite a number enjoyed the surprise party on Fred Wilson Saturday night in honor of his nineteenth birthday.

A miscellaneous shower was given Beryl Edgar at the Edgar home last Thursday afternoon. She received many beautiful and useful presents.

Albert Bouffleur is the proud owner of a motorcycle.

OAK GROVE

The Grange met Saturday. A good crowd attended and initiated four in first two degrees. Had lots of new business. Talking some of giving a picnic and purchasing a park.

Ira Gilbert was shopping at Rickreall Wednesday.

Walter Vignals was in Salem Monday.

S. L. Coates and sons Fred and Cook went to Portland last Friday morning returning Tuesday.

Mella White has been here from Portland visiting her mother for two weeks to recover in health. She has six weeks of school yet.

Several from our Grange are attending State Grange at Albany this week.

The organized Sunday school class will give a play at the hall Saturday night, May 17, and the Rickreall band will play. Everybody come and bring a quarter.

There are quite a number in this vicinity who have late grain and they are pleased with the big rain just had.

Ewin Huntley from Independence, was down to his ranch here last week looking after his calves.

PEDEE

Mrs. Riley Burbank and family returned Sunday from Buell where she has been visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Bertha Willet.

School was out Friday and every one is glad as well as the children.

Miss Condon and brother visited Ren and Eva Womer Sunday.

There will be a dance Saturday night at Pedee.

Miss Elsie Bash is helping Miss Eva Womer with her homecoming Sunday school at 10 o'clock next Sunday. Every one come.

Wonder when the money prizes will be given out in the Rencher

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How Much Will Your Land Be Worth?

It will not be long until the Panama Canal is opened up and with it will come a horde of people who will have to be fed and clothed.

The demand will be greater then than it is now, for those of us who can, to get back-to-the-land.

All of which means that the best land will be at a tremendous premium.

A Guthrie Acre tract purchased now at, say \$125 per acre (we have them from \$75 to \$200) ought to be worth how much in five years? \$700, \$800 or \$1000? We do not know, of course, but we do know that there is land around here now which is valued at \$400, \$500 and \$600 per acre and it is no better land than you can buy in Guthrie Acres.

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MILLIE M. STAFFIN, M. A. WILLIS SIMONSON, Secretary.

REBEKAHS--Almira Lodge No. 26 meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall. NOLA COAD, Noble Grand. ORA COSPER, Secretary.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD--Dallas Camp No. 240 meets in W. O. W. Hall on Tuesday evening of each week.

R. E. REED, Consul Com. W. A. AYRES, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.--Jennings Lodge, No. 2, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month, in Masonic hall on Main street. Visiting brethren welcome.

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