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WE CAN'T USE IT.

The Observer is in receipt of a large assortment of campaign literature from a concern styling itself "The Progressive News Service." The word "news" in the title of this concern is happily placed. In fact it is most necessary that it be there, as that is the only indication we have of the "news" feature. We are also informed that we may have this service "absolutely free" if we but say so. Well, we didn't say so. The Observer is still of the opinion that there is no excuse for the self-styled "progressives" other than as a Democratic aid society, and a refuge for disappointed office seekers and political has-beens of which its leaders mostly consist. All really progressive movements in this country politically, have been given us by the Republican party and we refuse to desert it simply because a monumental egotist and perennial office seeker asks us to do so to help him into another job.

The progressives served their purpose in 1912. They defeated the regular Republican ticket and placed the Wilson free-trade, elastic currency, anything-to-hold-the-job forces in the saddle. The majority didn't want any of these things, but we got them just the same and we should take our medicine without making any faces. But the country will some day suddenly discover its mistake, just as it has always done before. When it does, it will be the Republican party that will offer a pathway back to prosperity, and development and progress. The third-party movement never can hope to make a showing that will entitle it to serious consideration. It made its best effort in 1912 under the spur of its third-term leader. But Roosevelt today isn't what he was a year ago, or even less, as a modern Moses, and his followers are rapidly finding their way back into the fold. When the people next demand a change in this country, a release from free-trade, rubber currency and all the other "isms" and "panaceas" which Democracy has given us, they will want no further experiments—they will forget all about the "progressives" and will support the political organization that has always, since its birth, given this nation and its people every period of real, genuine and lasting prosperity they have enjoyed. The only periods in history when "third party organizations" may flourish is to assist the people in having a "change." And the people are very forgetful and unappreciative—after they are tired of the change, they'll forget all about the party and the men who helped them, but will vote with the organization which they know will give them what they want.

No, we can't use the "Progressive News Service" paid for by the Munsey magazine trust.

A USELESS EXPENSE.

A. C. Libby, of Jefferson, the moving spirit in the present attempt to prove the Day special election bill unconstitutional, is out with a letter which is published in the Salem Messenger, explaining his action. He is opposed to the Day bill and declares that the "special election is unnecessary and will cost the state \$100,000." In another place he strikes that old, threadbare cry of "striking at the referendum." We admit that the election should have been unnecessary, and it would not have been held, had not a few interested individuals with personal spite to vent, or special interests to protect, attempted to annul legislation which didn't meet with their approval. The Observer asserts that the great majority of the people of Oregon did not want the referendum applied to the university appropriation, the workmen's compensation act, the sterilization bill or the county attorney measure. Yet they have had it forced upon them willy nilly.

This fearful howl that is emitted by certain interested parties whenever anybody has the nerve to insinuate that the referendum needs improvement, or the time worn cry when anything new is proposed that "the referendum is being attacked," has been worked overtime. It has been used to frighten legislators and others until often, if a man honestly saw something that he thought was wrong with the Oregon system, and really believed that a change might make it still better, he didn't dare

mention it for fear that the self-appointed guardians of the "people's rights" might render him limb from limb. With some, the referendum has been held as a plan so sacred that it mustn't be touched, and every advocate of improvement has been heralded as a foe of the common people.

Such stuff is rot. We have often declared that the theory of the referendum is right. It is, perhaps, the nearest approach to self-government that can be found among our laws. Yet, there are many things about it that could be improved, which would make it still more the instrument for the good of all the people. These improvements have been suggested not only in these columns but by many public spirited and honest men. For instance, there should be some change which would prevent the holding up of legislation merely to suit the whim or the convenience of some special interest. There should be some way provided which would permit a more general expression of the real feelings of the people of the state at large, rather than referring legislation on petitions, the signatures of which have been secured in the city of Portland alone. The reforms suggested by Deputy Secretary of State Kozier which were printed in these columns a few days since, were along the right line, and would do much to remedy present defects. It isn't the foes of the referendum who are advocating these changes, but those who are howling loudest about it, and who so often assert that the "sacred referendum" is being attacked, are the very ones who are using it to further or protect their selfish interest. That's the real truth of the matter; and if the provision is to remain as it is, and subject to abuse by scheming corporate interests, the time will come when the people will demand a change or its repeal entirely.

The probable special election in November is a flagrant example of the abuse of the referendum and with the Jefferson statesman, we agree that it is "entirely unnecessary."

The Dallas fire department and the willing workers who assisted it in Sunday morning's fire, are deserving of the warmest commendation. No better work in fighting a hot and stubborn fire was ever witnessed, anywhere. When first discovered the Watson Second Hand store was a seething cauldron and the heat was so intense that it blistered paint and cracked plate glass on store buildings on the west side of Main street, yet the boys bravely faced it, and stood in the street with the heat blistering their faces and kept several streams playing on the blaze. When one would be obliged to relinquish his place, another would immediately take it and thus the good work went on. Much good headwork and judgment was used by Chief Risser and his men in placing the streams where they would do the most good in protecting adjacent property and the result of the good work is shown today in the row of wooden shacks that are still standing. The splendid water system which Dallas possesses met all requirements again, and proved that the supply and the pressure are equal to all emergencies. With four streams playing on the fire for an hour or more both reservoirs were still running over after the blaze was subdued and all danger passed. Dallas is fortunate in her water system and her fire department and should be proud of both.

Comeilman Hayter made one suggestion at the regular meeting on Monday night of last week that should meet with the hearty approval of all interested in the protection of property in the city, when he asked that the city marshal take some action relative to the rubbish in the back yards and the alleys of the business section. Nothing is more inflammable than rubbish, packing cases filled with excelsior and old papers, and should a fire once start, such conditions offer a splendid means to spread the blaze. Burning brands dropped into untidy corners may cause the fire to spread to localities remote from its first location and thus offer a double menace to property. Business men and others may co-operate with the authorities in this matter and, by using proper care, and destroying rubbish and litter remove all possibility of fire risk due to such conditions. It is said that the accumulation of rubbish in back lots and alleys contributed to a very great extent to the spread of the recent conflagration in Sheridan. Dallas should profit by the experience of other communities and "look the barn before the engine shall have been appropriated."

Salem is progressive in one thing, if in no other, and that is in the method adopted there for maintaining a band. The merchants are not asked to subscribe a stated sum for the support of the organization, but all property owners are taxed to pay for the music. Of course the assessment is small, but it is levied equally on the taxable property of the municipality and the fund it provides is used to support the band, and that does away with all subscription papers and soliciting committees. The tax supports the band, employs a leader and still leaves something for the musicians themselves. In Salem the tightwad who enjoys the band concerts, yet never contributes a farthing to support them, has to come through with his share, and consequently the burden is lighter on all. The plan is a most praiseworthy one and should be encouraged.

George C. Mitty's talents ought to

be recognized. It is a shame that an individual so well versed in all that is needful for the good of the youth of the state, and of all other states, should be required to labor in the ranks of the lowly when a high position and fame should be his. Somebody should promote George and lose no more time about it. The office of state superintendent of public instruction should be declared vacant instantly and George should be forced to accept the job. His modesty might cause him to decline but such trifles should be overlooked when the good of the state may thereby be safeguarded.

Just as a warning to autoists and motorcycle maniacs: This "thing of using Levens street as a speedway in open violation of the speed ordinances of the city and state, must stop. It is becoming altogether too common and some day there's going to be an accident there unless the law-breakers are not arrested and fined. And that's just what will happen one of these fine days, if the speeding isn't stopped. The citizens on Levens from Academy to Washington have grown tired of this dangerous practice.

Secretary Bryan says he can't live on his salary of \$12,000 per year. We are sorry for the secretary. Anybody who is compelled to eke out a precarious existence on a measly one thousand per month and can afford to keep but one automobile, has our sympathy. We have tried it and know whereof we speak. A fellow ought to have at least \$12,025 annually to get by without skipping.

Dr. Leach recently banished from Bandon by citizens of that city, accused of insulting the flag and being a generally undesirable citizen, is in Salem and says he likes the place. Well, there isn't anything peculiar about that. Many people seem to like Salem. But, does the doctor mean that he finds congenial spirits in the Capital city?

While it does not follow, speaking literally, that smokers may often find diamonds in two-for-a-nickel cigars, as did a San Francisco fellow the other day, it is nevertheless a fact that more smokers might own diamonds if they cultivated the two-for-a-nickel habit.

"Arcadia" and "Promised Land" are the names of two new additions to Newport. If there is anything in a name, those additions ought to get the home-seekers.

Who says we cannot create a new industry by law? Look at the business of initiative and referendum autograph collecting.—Omaha Daily Bee.

Well, it burned all right.

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COURT HOUSE PICK-UPS

Court Items, Real Estate Transfers, Farm Names Filed and Other News Briefly Told.

Real Estate.

Elmer Martin et ux to Pearl Cooper, lots 7 and 8, block 33, Thorp's Independence, \$150.
Chas. Hanson and Claud L. Conlee to L. A. Bollman, 10 acres in 7-5, \$10.

Sarah Lineback et al to Rida Lineback, land in 8-6, \$75.
B. W. Robinson et ux to Fred Chapin, land in Falls City, \$10.
George Clamfield et al to J. H. Frakes, land in Dallas, \$10.
Broadmead Land Co. to Adolf Lange, lot 3, block 15, Broadmead, \$150.

R. E. Williams et ux to L. A. Bollman, 18.43 acres in 8-5, \$10.
A. M. Brown et ux to S. C. and J. L. Hanna, land in Hill's Town of Independence, \$450.

Probate.

Estate of Benjamin F. Whiteaker, deceased; final account filed and set for hearing Aug. 16.

Estate of Anna G. Lee, deceased; C. W. Lee appointed administrator; letters to issue upon filing of approved bond in sum of \$200. Ed S. Rich, R. H. Butler and W. L. Thompson appointed appraisers.

Estate of Mary Ann Morrow; William O. Morrow appointed administrator, bond approved, letters issued, appraisers appointed, B. B. Knowles, Allen Chase and M. L. Capps.
Estate of N. Fukuda, deceased; D. T. Uchida, B. Nakadate and K. Hibino appointed appraisers.

New Suits Filed.

Betsey Whitney vs. John P. Holmes et al, action for money, judgment prayed for in the sum of \$1500 with interest from September 28, 1912, and \$160 attorneys fees. Heltzel & Heltzel attorneys for plaintiff.
Fluke & Johnson vs. D. M. Duvall and Anna Duvall, action for money; judgment asked for in the sum of \$172.95 and costs. B. F. Swope for plaintiff.

Marriage Licenses.

Jesse O. Craber 23, and Sarah Turpin 24.
Frank Friesen 20, and Anna A. Enns 23.

Advised Letters.

Letters advertised at Dallas, Oregon, July 15, 1913:
Dustan, Mr. Roland.
Hurtill, Mr. George.
Hollen, Mrs. C. M. (foreign)
Matney, H.
Skelley, Mrs. Johnney.
Southward, Mrs. P. M.
Stevenson, Mr. Chas. A.
Stoneman, Henry C.
Strain, Mrs. Johnnie.
C. G. COAD, P. M.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barkus who recently sold their place have moved to Salem.

Mrs. Joe Yates, of Salem, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson last week.

Miss Mae Lynch left Tuesday for North Dakota. She traveled by the way of Salt Lake City and attended the National Educational meeting there.

Miss Ethel and Reta Finley spent Sunday with Rosa Grier.

Miss Lucille St. Pierre is entertaining company from Salem.

Mr. W. T. Daily is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Notice.

I wish to notify the public for my father, R. C. Craven, that he is strictly opposed against the Dallas City Bank leasing part of its new building for a saloon. He was not notified in the matter until after the bank had bought the property, but will do all in his power to prevent same. But as a stockholder, is powerless to act unless assisted by other stockholders of the bank.
(11) R. C. CRAVEN, Jr.

FLY DECALOGUE.

1. Remember thy garbage can to keep it covered, lest thy garbage become a stench in the nostrils of the people and breed flies.
2. Thou shalt cut the weeds in thy vacant lot, lest it becomes a hiding place for old tin cans, which catch water and breed mosquitos; papers and divers sort of trash.
3. Thou shalt bear witness against thy neighbor's rubbish heap, likewise his dirty back yard.
4. Thou shalt clean out the home of thy horse and thy cow frequently, lest the stable fly flourisheth and spread infatible paralysis and the house fly breed by the thousands and millions, and annoy thee and thy beast and produce much sickness in thy family.
5. Thou shalt prevent the breeding of the fly in the springtime, that thy children unto the third and fourth generation need not swear him later.
6. Remember thy back yard and alley to keep them clean. Six days shalt thou labor to keep thy premises clean, and if yet the task is not accomplished thou couldst do worse than continue on the seventh.
7. Thou shalt covet all the air and sunshine thou canst obtain.
8. Look not upon the milk when it comes from the unclean dairy; for the doctor will not hold thee guiltless if thy infant sickeneth therefrom and die.
9. Remember thy cleaning up day and keep it wholly.
10. If thou dost hearken unto these sayings, to do them thou shalt live long in the land.

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