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We want to call the attention of the people to the efforts being made by the saloon subsidized press of the state to thwart the will of the majority of the legal voters. When it is considered that machine politics and the saloon are one and inseparable, the action of many of the little monkey satellites of the Oregonian is easily understood. The editor of this paper is not a prohibitionist, nor yet a hypocrite, but he is diametrically opposed to the saloon and all its concomitant evils, among them being the machine politician. The people of this state must unite to save to themselves those laws that were enacted to give them a chance to have a voice in making the laws to govern themselves. Before the enactment of the initiative and referendum, the common people had as much voice in making our laws as a hog has in the disposal of his carcass after butchering time. If the saloon element can succeed in overthrowing Statement No. 1, the next move will be to abolish the direct primary, the initiative and referendum and the re-establishing of the saloon in all the dry counties. Will the better element submit to this? With our legislatures corrupted, our supreme courts subsidized by the corporate interests and our men in high places untrustworthy, what are the people to do? Isn't it about time we quit being blind slaves to tradition and wake up to the fact that we are men and are living in the present? Isn't it about time the people put a stop to decisions of the supreme court based on mere technicalities and have them based on FACTS? If a conviction of a man, high in machine politics, is secured, an appeal to the superior court secures a reversal on one pretext or another, as in the Schmitz case in California. Failing to get out that way they use some of their saloon hangers-on to commit murder as was attempted Friday on Francis J. Heney in San Francisco. We may be one of the republicans that desire to wallow awhile yet in the Populist mire, as one of our contemporaries puts it, but there is one fact standing out prominently, and that is that we are not one of the saloon subsidized papers of this state, nor of this county, nor ever shall be.

The shooting down of Francis J. Heney in court in San Francisco by a hired assassin is the culmination of the graft trials. The law abiding citizens have become aroused and if the courts do not do their duty, there will spring up an organization similar to the one that cleansed that city during its early history. It looks like that is the only way

to get action on such cattle. This nation has become so permeated with graft and bribery that it is almost impossible to bring a man of wealth or political influence to justice. Mr. Heney was the first lawyer of prominence to raise his voice in protest against the universal fashion. He has devoted his private fortune, some of the best years of his life and has placed his life in jeopardy more than once in pursuing what he believes his duty as a man and a citizen of this republic. It is no great wonder that he has been stricken down on the eve of a successful termination of the great graft trials; the only wonder is that he has not been assassinated long ago. Let us hope that his life may be spared and that he may live to bring all his traducers, all his enemies, to justice.

Some progress has been made in the matter of a union high school district, but nothing definite has been done so far as we are able to learn. There seems to be a feeling among some of the people of Independence that the school should be located inside the city limits of that place, but Monmouth will not stand for anything of that kind. The location of the building will have to appear on the petitions that are presented to the people in order to get the matter to a vote at the next regular school meeting and it will also be placed on the ballot so that we will vote not only on the establishment of a union high school, but also on where it is to be located. Independence has but two districts aside from Monmouth that may be called a part of her union high school system, while Monmouth has no less than four, therefore if the location cannot be had at a place fair and equitable to both towns, we do not have to go in with Independence, but can form a union high school district of our own. Let's be reasonable in this matter.

Following the Cat.

"I can write," said a little girl aged five to her aunt when she came in from school one day. "I'm delighted to hear it," replied the aunt. "And what can you write?" "I can write cat and mat and bat," said the child. The aunt gave her paper and pencil. "Write cat here for me," she said, "and let me see." The child wrote the word fairly, but put the letter C with its back to the A. "That is very good," said auntie, "only look, dear, you have made the C the wrong way." The child gazed at the word for a moment. "But the cat was going that way!" she exclaimed.

French and English Tastes.

How far does the great "healthy British public" like to see exhibitions of the horrible? Certainly not like the French, for, although Paris has abolished the publicity of the morgue, a French company like the Grand Guignol can go on year after year, and French newspapers will publish pictures of the corpses and all that sort of thing as English newspapers would not dare to do. To call it "morbid" is begging the question. It is simply different from ourselves.—London Tatler.

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