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Between now and the next campaign in this state a mighty effort is to be made by the old ring politicians to overthrow the initiative and bring back old conditions in Oregon, when the political boss was "it". Along with this condition we must accept the domination of the saloon. Will the people submit to it? If we judge the future by the past we must of necessity answer in the affirmative. Every campaign there are large numbers of voters, who for the sake of being called staunch republicans and being patted on the back by the spellbinders sent out from headquarters for that purpose, would swallow a chunk of skunk cabbage and call it fine. This is the class upon which the ring relies to carry them to victory next election. They are playing the vituous act now and will be good until they get the people under their thumbs again and then look out. For all that they have suffered the people will pay and pay dearly. About one third of the voters in this state ought not to be allowed to vote, for if they do not sell out bodily, they do not know enough to vote intelligently. They are like a bunch of sheep being driven to the dipping corral—the bell wether goes ahead and the rest follow. Whatever party they have been brought up to believe is the best, that is the party that will receive their vote, no matter what the consequences may be. Then if they have hard times they lay it onto the other party, no matter whether it is in power or not. If it is in office then it is surely to blame, but if it is out, then it is the fear that it may get in that is causing the monied men to withhold the funds to run the government. It is nothing but confidence of the people that makes times good or bad. If the people let the money gamblers make them believe that money is scarce and thus waken their confidence, then money at once becomes scarce and hard times ensue. If people would demand their money from the banks and put it away in the ground or elsewhere and not invest it there would not be enough to pay one-fifth of the indebtedness of the country. The business of the country is not done with money, but with credit and once you destroy credit then there is nothing doing. Nearly all the business of the United States is done at present with checks on banks, which is nothing more or less than a system of credit and is one of the best ways of doing business. We believe that if all the gold in the country were retired from use and melted into bars and placed into vaults in the different banks and nothing but greenbacks and silver allow-

ed to circulate as money, that the country would be much better off. Then every one that had a few dollars would deposit it in some bank and do his business with checks. A check is double acting, it pays the bill and at the same time is a receipt that can not be denied or evaded. More than that it makes everyone know something of business methods. Stop and consider before you put the country in the hands of those who manipulate the financial end for their personal gain. Knock out the old ring and let the people and common sense run the government for a time and see if we don't have good times all the time. Stop stock gambling by placing such a heavy tax on it that will make it prohibitive. Do away with the saloon and its evil effects on politics and then we will soon be able to say in truth "this is the land of the free."

Don't get an idea that this state is going dry next year. It isn't and there seems to be evidence that some parts that have gone dry will go wet. This is certain to be the case if persistent efforts are not made to keep them in the dry column. We notice a lot of talk being made by some that it is a dead certainty that the state will go dry. This reminds us of the talk we used to hear from the prohibition party people. They would certainly carry the election. Oh yes, certain to do so. Did you ever hear of a prohibition candidate being elected by the prohibitionists? There wouldn't be a dry spot in this state as big as a man's thumb, if it had been left to the prohibition party to make it so. It's the independent voters who desire better conditions, that have made it possible to eliminate the saloon from politics in a portion of this state and it is that element that will keep conditions as they are and extend them, provided harmony prevails and they are kept together. This will not be done by letting a lot of overconfident blatherskites talk foolishness to the public. It is going to take work and lots of it. Persistent, hard work; work that must be done at the proper time and in the proper place to make it effective. Thorough organization must be had at the earliest opportunity and everything should be done to make conditions harmonious.

#### Teaching the Royal Salute.

Crossing the deck of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. royal yacht with a large mug of beer in his hand, one of the sailors was startled by the sudden appearance of his royal master. He made a most clumsy attempt to salute with his free hand, while his anxiety to prevent the beer spilling amused his majesty. "Look here," said the latter, "you didn't do that right. Let me show you how it ought to be done." Telling the man to fancy that he was the emperor, who was to be saluted, the kaiser took the mug and retreated a few paces. Then, coming forward again, stopping opposite to the sailor, he held the mug to his lips, drained it, put it down on the deck and gave the salute with military precision. "That's the way to do it," he remarked to the astonished seaman. "Now go downstairs and tell them to fill the mug up again and give you one for yourself. Say it was I who drank it."

#### Not Needed.

Frank Lincoln, an entertainer and humorist, had been appearing in London for a time in a monologue. One afternoon he had just made his bow and was about to begin when a cat walked in and sat down on the stage.

"You get out!" said Mr. Lincoln severely. "This is a monologue, not a catalogue!"—Success Magazine.

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