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IS THE INITIATIVE DOING OVER-WORK?

We hear and read considerable comment about the "initiative" being overworked in the coming election. Perhaps it is, but it is no fault of the "initiative" if it is overworked. The fault lies with the individuals who have invoked its powers.

There can always be found persons who think that the world can be turned upside down, greased, and made to run smoothly by legislation, and this class have an inning, in the "initiative," and through its powers can bring up questions of little or no merit, but even this is not altogether detrimental to the commonwealth and its citizens, as it will cause voters to investigate, and the increase of knowledge will be a gain to those who exercise their faculties and the state at large will be benefitted.

Neither is the fact that unmerited questions may come up an argument of particular force against the initiative, because such propositions are ever present in the transactions of everyday-life and are to be met with every day, hence, they do not bring condemnation to this aid to equity.

The initiative is a safe-guard in the hands of the people whereby they can guard against injustice. It is an instrument by which the intelligence and integrity of the voters of the state can be called to assist those who need it, when their cause is just, therefore let us use it wisely and well, and not betray the trust imposed in us as citizens of a great commonwealth.

Vigilance is the price of liberty, and alertness brings knowledge, and Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. Then, let us strive to be numbered with those who are wise.

A GOOD MEASURE TO KILL

One of the measures coming up for the consideration of voters at the November election is the "Woman's Taxpaying Suffrage Amendment." The Herald is not averse to "Woman's Suffrage" and should the question come up squarely as an issue, under present management, will support it, but we are of the opinion that the present measure, as presented, is pernicious and should be voted down and out.

Property rights have now all the advantages that they should have and, perhaps, more than they should enjoy, while human rights and liberties are in many cases a secondary consideration, and in some instances even more of a back number than that.

There have been periods in the world's history when a man and his family could be imprisoned for debt and held there un-

til the obligation was satisfied.

Oregon now has one law—that in regard to board bills—which verges toward the olden time penalty or condition, and such property-right measures are inclined to drift us away from individual rights.

Humanity deserves our first consideration and if we deal justly in that respect we will not go far wrong on property rights, but to make property the basis of suffrage for women is but a step toward making it the basis of suffrage for men, and the legitimate culmination is property suffrage or representation.

Under such consideration Where will representation of the man or woman without taxable property come in for recognition? or what representation will they enjoy?

During the past week W. J. Bryan's political defeat as leader of Democracy in Nebraska has been the subject of discussion to the extent that it might be said that his political enemies were busily engaged in writing what they consider suitable epitaphs for the deposed leader and statesman. Mr. Bryan took his stand on the side of sobriety and in opposition to manufacturers and dealers in alcoholic beverages, one of the very strongest combinations in existence because the conditions are such that its adherents are bound together by both the love for money and the lusts of depraved and ungoverned appetites, and although he suffered defeat, he went down in defence of a cause worthy the support of every citizen in the nation, and although Bryan suffered the loss of leadership, the temperance cause has not been defeated, as the combatants are only aligning their forces, and the battle will continue until righteousness is dead or reigns triumphant. Bryan defeated under such condition is a man, but had he become subservient to the liquor interests and been carried forward to victory in the ranks of these debauchers of the nation, he would have lost his manhood and become unworthy the respect of a righteous loving people. He deserves commendation for the stand which he has taken; he could not have done otherwise and maintained his integrity.

Don't tell every thing you know, don't tell every thing you hear, don't blister your tongue with backbiting, don't be satan's bellows to blow up the fire of strife in the community. Either cut off a bit of your tongue or season it with the salt of grace. Be quick to work and slow to talk. Think of your own faults ere other people's faults you tell. —Exchange.

It is not the site of a town, but its character that makes it a desirable place to live. A live, prosperous town is a desirable one to live in and a town may prosper and yet be small. Every citizen in a town should be interested in its prosperity. One of the best ways to help a town is to speak well of it. It is true patriotism to stand by your own town, and interests that affect the town should affect every citizen. —Malheur Enterprise.

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A Crushing Retort.

In a certain New Brunswick county, where the councilors served without any sessional indemnity whatever, Councilor C. was defeated in a contest in the parish of X., and at the next session to which he was elected the councilors voted themselves \$5 per day.

Councilor C. supported the resolution. He believed, he said, that his services were worth \$5 per day to the electors of the parish of X. and that if he had not thought so he would not have offered his services.

"Mr. Warden," said a member who was opposing the increase, "there is nothing in that. Three years ago Councilor C. offered his services to the electors of X. for nothing, and they rejected him." — B. C. Saturday Sunset.

Church Directory.

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L. C. HOOVER, Pastor

Morning service at 11:00 o'clock
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
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Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
W. A. WOOD, Pastor.

Morning Service at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

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