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A GRATIFYING VICTORY

The State election is over and again has come the verdict from the voters of Oregon, in a very emphatic manner, declaring that the public schools in the state must not be impeded in their progress, but that these institutions of advancement and learning must have opportunity to grow and expand.

It is gratifying that the decision has been emphatic and the more so when we know that the women of Oregon, largely, at their first opportunity to express themselves, by the aid of the ballot, have helped to swell the majority in favor of better and higher educational facilities.

But educational interest is not the only one that has received an impetus by extending suffrage to the women of Oregon. From present indications the temperance cause has received strong support as is manifested by the large percentage of victories won over the "wet" votes in the several places where prohibition was before the people.

Prohibition carried in Salem, also in Springfield and several other places, while we have only noticed two places, Falls City and Bandon, where alcohol won the victory and judging from present indications it will not be long till Oregon will be in the "dry" column.

Gradually Drying Up

It was frequently predicted that the woman-vote would bring dry weather, in the saloon sense; and election developments appear to confirm that prediction.

With Salem as the fighting center of the "dry" campaign the victory there is significant, and to make it more so it is backed up by the result of the voting in a number of the valley communities. Viewing the field throughout, the conclusion is unavoidable that the women did it.

The question is: What will they do further? And it does not appear that one has to be very much of a prophet to answer that question.

In all probability we now see just the beginning of the end—and the end is state-wide prohibition. The signs all read that way, and the most potent of them all is the woman voter.—Portland Telegram.

Only Changed Bosses

Democrats of New York, dominated by Murphy, have been beaten to a frazzle, Republicans are triumphant, so far as the General Assembly is concerned, and now we hear that Boss Barnes is to select the Speaker. Whereby there is the prospect of more trouble, and of the same old sort for the people of the Empire State.

It may be that if degrees of comparison shall be admitted in this business of political bossism, "Boss" Barnes will be looked upon as less pernicious than "Boss" Murphy. But there's little hope in that—not enough to build expectation that direct primary legislation can be enacted, or any other measure put through the General Assembly, which will relieve the state from the curse of machine politics.

The real issue in the New York campaign was not Murphy, but bossism. Murphy personified the thing to be rid of, but to wrest power from him, and turn it over even in part to Barnes, achieves but little that is worth the while.

It may be that New York Republicans will profit from the chastisement Democracy in that state has received on account of Murphy, but that will never appear so long as William Barnes, Jr., is permitted to direct the affairs of the party.—Portland Telegram.

Moving Fast

An electrician employed by the military service of Italy has devised a wireless telephone system so effective that communication has been established between Rome and Tripoli, a distance of six hundred miles. The manager of the wireless telephone monopoly of Germany has also a system and has succeeded in sending the spoken word from Berlin to Vienna. When an amateur was arrested in Albany, N. Y., for violating the laws on wireless it was learned that he had managed to send wireless telephone messages as far away as Charleston, S. C., and down in Tennessee there is an inventor who has a pocket wireless apparatus by means of which he talks with anyone at any time miles away.

The telephone trailed many years behind the telegraph, but the wireless telephone seems a certainty almost before the scientists are through experimenting with wireless telegraphy. The comparison shows you how much faster invention travels than it used to. It ought also to show us the foolishness of hooting the idea that someday there will be such a thing as wireless vision. Before the last hoot is out of us, we may see the announcement that it has been accomplished.—Toledo Blade.

Through Different Eyes

Mr. Charles Schwab returned from Europe a week or two ago, and, responding to the usual question of the press interviewers, expressed dissatisfaction with the business situation. It looked bad to him.

Judge Gary, of the steel trust, faced with the same question, declared the prospects were very pleasant indeed. He felt certain, from his studies and observations, that we were in for a great business revival, a period of industrial extension and an activity in trade that will eclipse all such eras of prosperity chronicled in American history.

Mr. James J. Hill, the patriarch of the railroad industry, told the bankers in Chicago that the country was water-logged with bonds and that "confidence cannot be restored until the

name bond had won back something of its old standard."

Judge Gary seems to be out-voted. But perhaps his digestion was in better order than the digestions of Messrs. Schwab and Hill. What was fair and attractive to him may have looked dreary to the others. Before taking the views of big business men seriously it might be well to have a doctor's report on the state of their health.—Toledo Blade.

There are persons who take peculiar stands on the question of prohibition, for instance, they argue that prohibition does not prohibit the sale of and the drinking of intoxicants in territory where it is restricted, and often the argument is in substance that there is more alcohol consumed and more drunkenness in the restricted districts than in the "wet" ones, and hence they favor the sale of intoxicants by a licensed system. This, however, is a poor argument; even if there is more drunkenness under prohibition, why should I support the saloon by helping to prolong its existence and why should I give my influence to tolerate drunkenness and to make inebriates because somebody else will do wrong?

When we sanction the sale and use of intoxicants we are so closely connected with the evils associated therewith that we must, in the day of final account, shoulder our share of the responsibility and the only way to escape condemnation, is to stand against the use of alcohol for beverages and to oppose the saloon no matter in what guise it comes up.

Subject for debate: Resolved, That the modern girl in a bobble skirt could outrun an old-fashioned girl in hoops.—Toledo Blade.

APPRECIATION

Eugene, Oregon, Nov. 5. Editor of Herald, Monmouth, Oregon.

The friendliness of the Herald in the late referendum campaign and its good influence in the favorable result is much appreciated on the campus of the University of Oregon for which we all feel a splendid future has been made possible.

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