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THE HOME RULE

It is a common saying among local independence voters, who still cling to the great parties in national affairs, that state and national politics could not intrude themselves upon municipal or town affairs. This tells how closely the town or city government—the home government—applies to the taxpayer, and well it is that such is the case. The matter of preserving local order, making laws for the home district, collecting and disbursing taxes and other kindred affairs should be kept strictly within local limits. But the anti-saloon league of Oregon evidently thinks that the home rule law adopted by the people one year ago, is not implied entirely as it was intended and a campaign has been started setting forth a few things that the league claims need changing. The first is congressional action making it impossible for the saloon of liquor into dry territory under the protection of the interstate commerce law. Second, to amend the state constitution that it will be impossible to have a wet city in a dry county, the home rule amendment and recent decisions of the Supreme Court, making this imperative. Third, the selection of legislators who are friendly, that adequate legislation can be expected; and fourth, the enforcement of law through personal effort and also through the selection of men for these offices having to do with the interpretation and execution of the law, who can be depended upon to do their complete duty.

The program seems to be in harmony with the principles of enlightened government, but there are discouraging obstacles to overcome. However, there are some features of the body politic that must be broad-

enough to protect and govern not only the people of one town, but of all towns within the borders of the state. In the same way it is necessary to work for the welfare of the several townships in the same county of the state. We believe that the home rule law was adopted with this wide purpose in view, but there may be some doubt as to its present use being employed for purposes intended by those who made it in vogue.

NO ATONEMENT

Probably entertaining the idea that "confession is good for the soul," Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, former pastor of the Baptist church at Cambridge, Mass., has made a written confession that he poisoned his affinity. Cowardice, as in the McNamara Bros. case, must have prompted the confession and if we are to use the Los Angeles case as a criterion, public sentiment will favor imprisonment rather than punishment by death.

The confession does not make atonement for the wrong Richeson committed, and it was probably not made with that in view, but to abate the mental anguish he has suffered since the awful crime was committed. The same is true with the California case, and why either of these men should receive a ray of clemency is more than we can understand.

Murder is serious in any event, but committed by the hand of God's messenger makes it seem to have a more lasting influence upon the entire world.

BOTH EVANGELISTS

Gypsy Smith and Santa Claus, the two great evangelists who visited Oregon this winter, have both taken their departure, and the fellows now paying the bills probably wish they had never come. The good accomplished in either case seems to have been only temporary. Gypsy's thousands of converts have been reduced to a few hundred and the Sunday school enrollments have diminished since Christmas.

The effort to eliminate profanity from the plays given in theaters, is deserving of success. Such language is not only unnecessary but it is positively offensive to every well bred person. The idea that vulgarity and profanity add to the strength and power of human utterances is wrong. There is a strength, charm and beauty in purity of utterance that is admirable.

Not All Profit

The tremendous profits which the mail order houses have made the past year shows that their patrons did not get the bargains they supposed. To read the catalogues of those houses one would think that they are practically giving away goods out of kindness of heart; but the truth is, taking quality, measure and other things into consideration, the man who patronizes such concerns does not profit as much as if he were to buy of his home merchant. The quality of mail order goods is inferior, and there are often vexations for the man who buys on account of delays and losses.

The fact that one mail order house in Chicago cleared six million dollars last year speaks for itself.

Only An Experiment

Perfection in government is not yet reached in Oregon and with the increasing complexity of life it may be well that experiments be tried out, that their value be determined. Governor West's policy regarding capital punishment may be accepted as an experiment. In this event it is a benefit to have the light which the trying of new methods usually affords. At any rate the governor's friends are satisfied to let the experiment go on until "Friday, December 13." If he will agree not to issue any more pardons until that date there will probably be fewer people to suffer punishment on West's Great Hanging Day.

There are people who will not read a book or paper or argue with anyone who does not reflect their own opinions. They seem to believe that all wisdom and knowledge is centered in themselves and that all of contrary minds are in profound darkness.

A misprint was made in the paper last week in speaking of the tax levy a year ago and the levy now. It is six mills and not sixteen as stated.

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H. Campbell Clark,
Minister.

A HERO IN A LIGHTHOUSE

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven, Mich., a civil-war captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he

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