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## GOOD ARGUMENT FROM MISSOURI

The Kansas City Star thinks the initiative and referendum suffer because of their high-sounding and curious names. Define them truly as the right of the people to have the final word for their government and everybody will see the justice and right of them. Here in Oregon we have some fault to find with the initiative and referendum system, but on the whole the people are satisfied with it, and would sustain it by a large majority if it were put to a test vote. It has been responsible for some good laws and has defeated some acts of the legislature that were clearly iniquitous. To say the least it acts as an effective brake on legislation.

The Star is right when it says that the people of Missouri ought certainly to vote for the pending constitutional amendment for the initiative and referendum. It does not attempt to do away with representative government. It merely provides that the people shall not be wholly dependent upon the legislature. If they desire certain things done they can get them done, and if they desire to prevent certain other things they can prevent those things. No legislative body of any state or the nation has been so wisely and wholly subservient to the popular will that at some time in its career it has not done things that the people should have had the power to prevent, or that it has not left undone some things which the people should have had the right to accomplish.

The power which the people are now to exercise to pass on these proposed constitutional amendments is the power of the referendum. Is it not a good and just power? Who is so inflexible or wise that he has the right to say to the people, "You are not competent to decide whether laws are good or bad"? Yet that is precisely what is inevitably said, in effect, if not in so many words, by every one who opposes the amendment for the initiative and referendum.

## HOBSON WORTHY OF RESPECT

Captain Hobson drew the biggest crowd of the campaign last night, probably enough to have filled the court room three times if it had been able to get in. And it was noticeable that the ladies were there in great numbers, indicating that the captain is still a hero in the eyes of the fair sex, although he is a married man now and has to be a little more careful than formerly in the distribution of his kisses. But seriously, Captain Hobson is a man worthy of the distinction he receives, earnest and sincere, but perhaps an idealist in some of his notions regarding popular government.

It required an initiative mind to conceive the idea of blocking the harbor at Santiago, and only a man of courage would have proposed to execute the plan and take his chances of coming out of it alive, after his boat had been sunk by the fire of the Spanish guns. No commonplace man is capable of such achievements, and his addresses show him to be a thinker who believes in what he says. He does not deliver a partisan speech but rather a lecture on government that appeals to men and women who take life seriously and are really concerned in the welfare of the country more than party success. He employs few of the arts of the stump speaker and makes no appeal to partisan prejudice, and is probably more effective with the better class of voters than more eloquent and entertaining speakers, since conviction and earnestness are essentials of the true eloquence that really moves men and women to action.

What can be accomplished in abating the white plague, recognized by physicians as the worst disease prevalent in civilized countries, is shown by the fact that the New York health department has accomplished a decrease of 45 per cent in the mortality from tuberculosis in that city in only fifteen years. The medical men of the country are of the belief that the dread disorder, which has destroyed thousands of lives each year throughout the land, can almost, if not entirely, be abolished in forty years. The medical profession has made great strides during the past few years, and diseases which twenty or thirty years ago were considered fatal are now treated successfully.

The Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress voted down the proposition of the parcel post and it seems to be the opinion of the most of the country editors that the congress did just right, unless it is the design of the government to cripple the retail dealers of the country by putting them in direct competition with the big department stores of the larger cities.

The postal authorities, recognizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in the wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 on persons taking mail out of the office other than their own and not returning it at once. This law includes newspapers also. The excuse that it is the postmaster's fault has no bearing on the case.

Ambassador Bryce thinks self-interest plays too big a part in our politics. Maybe so, but we beg to call the distinguished gentleman's attention to the fact that the political workers never get more than two-thirds of the eligible voters to cast their bal-

lots. With self-interest eliminated, there would be no political workers, and—but what's the use?

Why don't Duke de Abruzzi, or whatever his name may be, and Miss Kate Elkins get married and stop all this fuss? On general principles we object to American girls marrying foreign noblemen, but on this particular occasion we will make an exception for the sake of peace.

It has been pretty clearly demonstrated that miracle wheat is a delusion and a snare. But just the same hundreds of farmers bit at the game and invested their money in something that turned out to be nothing but the ordinary variety. The crop of suckers never fails.

From remarks overheard at various times and places, we are about convinced that there are men and women whose idea of "good times" can never be met by anything short of every man's drawing the salary he thinks himself worth, and the maintenance of free dressmaking and millinery establishments by the government.

Oh, yes, we sympathize with poor Howard Gould, whose income has been reduced to \$400,000 a year, but not to the extent of passing the hat for him. By cutting out the actresses he can still manage to live. We know several men who do so on less.

Let us believe that the country is so big and its business interests on such a firm basis that it will make no material difference who is elected president. Be an optimist, with faith in your fellows, confidence in the loyalty of the American citizenship!

Upon a man's judgment in sizing up the knock on his door depends whether he gets kicks or bouquets. If he wins, he gets the latter and knows that it was opportunity; if he loses he gets the former and realizes that it was only hard luck.

The Guard has absolute faith in Eugene's future—that is why it has installed the finest newspaper and printing plant in the state outside of Portland. The best is none too good for Eugene, the Queen City of the Willamette valley.

With so many swell society women nursing and coddling dogs it does seem a little unjust to charge them with being utterly lacking in the mother instinct.

At last the unwritten law seems to have slipped a cog, as the jury in a Missouri murder trial in which it was invoked found the defendant guilty, and he will be locked up for life.

Only about ten days more until election. Then "Bill" is sure to be elected and the country will be saved again.

Yep, they're on the home stretch now, with "Bill" well in the lead and bound to win, unless he breaks a leg.

Don't be content with watching Eugene grow. Lend a helping hand.

### THE EUGENE INVITATION SONG.

Words by Mrs. Wm. Henry Fischer.

There's an Eden of sunshine and roses—

On fruit we can live if we choose;

But the ten-pound potatoes are possible.

And don't come if you want any "booze."

Eugene is the name of the city—

In the Willamette Valley we roam;

'Tis a place of comfort and plenty,

And many a dear, happy home.

### Chorus.

From the East, from the West,

Let us gather on the Willamette shore;

From the North, from the South,

Let us gather on the Willamette shore.

Mid fruit and flowers we wonder,

Our people are robed rich and gay,

Our ranchmen are happy as piglets

Roaming in clover each day.

Our streets are paved nice and smoothly,

There is plenty for each one to do;

Like magic, our buildings rise daily,

Over all floats the Red, White and Blue.

(Chorus.)

Our city is clean as a whistle—

'Tis a dumping we want you to share.

We extend you good people a welcome,

And we will back it with kindness and care.

We are not a bit selfish or boastful—

Electricity charms night and day.

Oh! pay us a visit, ye doubtful,

And the next thing you'll do it to stay.

(Chorus.)

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

October 24.

1538—Lady Jane Seymour died.

1601—Tycho Brahe, the great astronomer died.

1780—John Hancock, chosen first governor of Massachusetts under the new constitution.

1809—Sir James Henry Craig, appointed governor of Canada.

1821—Elias Bondinot, first president of the American Bible Society, died.

1852—Daniel Webster died at Marfield, Mass. Born in Salisbury, N. H., Jan. 18, 1782.

1864—Petroleum discovered in Monroe County, Michigan.

1887—Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, born.

1908—President Roosevelt visited Birmingham, Ala.

### "THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY."

James S. Sherman.

James Schoolcraft Sherman, Republican nominee for vice-president of the United States, was born in Utah, N. Y., October 24, 1855.

He graduated from Hamilton College in 1878 and two years later was admitted to the bar. In 1882 he was made secretary of the Republican committee of his county and in 1884 he was

chosen mayor of Utica by the largest majority ever given a mayoralty candidate in that city up to that time.

In 1886 he was elected to Congress. He was re-nominated in 1888, but was defeated and again was an unsuccessful candidate in 1890. Two years later, however, he was elected, and continued to represent his district until the present year, when he declined nomination to accept the second place on the Republican ticket with Mr. Taft. Mr. Sherman was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1892, and chairman of the New York Republican state convention in 1895 and again in 1900.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little liver pills. Sold by all druggists.



FRANK H. HITCHCOCK.

The chairman of the Republican national campaign publicity has received more miles in the last six months than any other man in the United States. Before the nomination of Mr. Taft he had visited nearly every state in the Union, and now he divides his time between the Chicago and New York headquarters, making the trip from one city to the other as often as twice a week.

### COMPANY C MAKES

TOTAL SCORE OF 559

Results of Shoot on Rifle Range Yesterday—Albany Company Still Highest

The results made by Company C of the O. N. G. of this city yesterday on their rifle range south of the city, was a total score of 559. The team was composed of Corporal O. Shearer, Corporal Geo. E. Wood, Private The. Thompson and Lieutenant Lawrence Jensen. The scores at the several ranges were as follows:

200-yard, slow fire—Shearer, 39; Wood, 34; Thompson, 39; Jensen, 38; total, 150.  
200-yard, rapid fire—Shearer, 38; Wood, 25; Thompson, 37; Jensen, 21; total, 113.  
500-yard slow fire—Shearer, 36; Wood 33; Thompson, 40; Jensen 41; total, 150.  
600 yard slow fire—Shearer, 32; Wood, 42; Thompson, 35; Jensen, 39; total, 148.  
Grand total, 559.

Co. G. of Albany is still higher in the regiment with a score of 601. Co. E. of Cottage Grove, which has held the cup during the past year, is to shoot Monday and Co. D. of Roseburg and Co. B. of Ashland will shoot on the 27th and 28th respectively. Co. E. will probably beat the Albany company if the men of the tea mare in any form at all.

### UNIVERSITY FACULTY.

MUSICAL RECITAL WAS APPRECIATED

In spite of many counter attractions, a very large and responsive audience assembled in Villard Hall last night to witness the musical introduction of Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Grace Campbell.

The program was varied and most interesting. About the only criticism was that it was too short. It did seem short, although of customary length.

Both artists made a most favorable impression. Miss Morgan, with her musically conception and interpretation, which was no where found wanting, and Miss Campbell with her glorious voice and unusually excellent singing. Each was the recipient of scores of compliments, as was also Miss Alberta Campbell, who acted as accompanist to the singer.

### A Healthy Family

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