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The People Will Grow

Our esteemed contemporary, the Oregonian, whacks us over the mazzard for saying that the average voter is as well qualified to act on public measures as the average legislator, and gives the following reasons for showing the superior qualifications of the latter over the men left at home: First, that the voter, although he may be as intelligent as the legislator, does not have opportunity, or take time to study a measure, as does the average member of a law making assembly. Second, that the voter has no means of amending or improving a bill as a member of a law making assembly has. Third, that there is not the discussion of details and particulars in the light of the whole public interest in an election booth as there is in a session of a legislature. Fourth, that voters do not consider the source of a bill, nor the motives of its authors, as legislators have opportunity to do.

When the Oregon Legislature meets its members have forty days in which to consider and pass upon hundreds of bills of whose contents they have but little if any knowledge until they are presented before the legislative body. Much of the time of the legislature will be taken up by debates and wrangles over a few measures, and many bills will be passed by the legislature, some of them backed by special interests, of whose contents and motives the lawmakers can have but little knowledge, through lack of time, even though the lawmaker's intent is of the best. On the other hand, the voters of the state will have three months to investigate and pass upon the merits of a comparatively few measures. There is no reason why the voter will not have opportunity to study these measures, as they will doubtless be published in such a way as to be brought before him. If the voter has no means at present of amending or improving a bill as a member of a law making assembly has, he has only to improve on the present system. It is to be expected that when first the people take the initiative of law making into their own hands they will make mistakes and blunders in their unwonted responsibilities, but if they remain undismayed and are not thrown back upon themselves they will grow in knowledge and a correct use of their power. They will evolve some system, such as an advisory board, the members of which may be chosen from all sections of the state as the members of the legislature are now, which will discuss each measure brought before it in the light of the whole public good, amend and improve them, consider the source of the measures and the motives of their authors, and refer them back to the people to be voted upon after due thought

and deliberation. We believe more intelligent action on public measures could thus be taken, than when left to an overworked legislature. We believe that by assuming responsibilities of law making the people will grow in knowledge, and with passing time will improve and make more perfect the laws, and those whom they select as advisors to draft and consider the measures to be brought before the people, will also become more fitted for their responsibilities, as, being of the people, they will move forward with the people.

Forest Grove's Opportunity

In an interview with the PRESS last week, President Ferrin of Pacific University stated that the offer made by the University for the city to join them in the Library proposition, is still open. In our opinion the acceptance of this offer will do more to benefit the people of the town and surrounding territory in an educational way and will do more to attract new residents to the city, than any other thing of which we know.

Forest Grove now has, through the kindness of Mrs. G. O. Rogers, a building which meets very well the needs of a reading room where the lighter forms of literature may be kept on file, but as a library building such as the city should have if the opportunity offers, it is wholly inadequate; and more, were the building all that could be desired, stocking it with the books necessary to meet the needs of the people must be the work of many years.

Should the city accept the offer made by the college we have the use in the immediate future, of a building which will cost from twenty to thirty thousand dollars, the interest from a like amount for its upkeep, and access to the magnificent library now owned by the college, consisting of over fifteen thousand volumes, which cover almost every known subject and many of them of priceless value because of being now out of print, and whose worth is acknowledged by many institutions of learning which borrow numbers of them.

While the ownership and control of the new library will remain nominally in the hands of the college, to all intents and purposes it will be a town institution. A board consisting of five members, will be maintained to promote harmony and look after the welfare of the library. Two members of this board will be appointed by the city council, and they will have always a voice in its management.

This city has, then, by turning over to the college the present reading-room building, and the levying of a one-mill tax until the assessment shall equal \$1,000 yearly,--after which, as the city grows in wealth, this levy may be reduced, being only such as shall bring in \$1,000 yearly--an opportunity to have all the benefits of a magnificent library building, ideally located, which will contain rest rooms, amusement rooms for the younger people, reading rooms where will be kept all the lighter forms of literature in the way of papers and magazines, and what is of most account, an opportunity for the citizens of the town and visitors here, to have free access to the best in literature and the benefits of the thoughts of mighty minds that have gone before.

We believe the offer made by the college is wholly in a spirit of good fellowship, seeking equally the welfare of the college

and the town. As institutions the traditions and aims of Pacific University and Forest Grove are one. Petty differences should be laid aside, and having only the larger welfare at heart, we should approach the matter in fair-mindedness. A golden opportunity for Forest Grove.

Lets Have a Band

With the first strains of music from the Columbia Park Boy's band Friday evening the citizens hastened from their homes as though being charmed forth by the fabled 'Pied Piper,' and soon the business streets were lined with people who eagerly drank in the sweet strains as number after number were rendered by the boys.

Forest Grove has as high a class of amateur musicians as can be found anywhere in the state, and a number of professional band players to teach and lead them. We have had fine band organizations at different times in the past, and there is no reason why we should not have a band as a permanent institution. The boys have always evidenced a willingness to organize and do their part, when they receive proper support from the citizens.

It is true that the business men and townspeople have given financial support to bands in past years, but the trouble is that such support is not long enough continued. This paper feels sure that if the citizens would look upon a band organization not as a luxury, but as a practical necessity for the needs of the people, and as an advertisement to the town, and would act accordingly, the boys would organize and be glad to give us concerts and music on festive occasions. Then the people of Forest Grove would not have to depend on outside talent for their music.

Consistency, Thou Jewel

The Medford Mail Tribune has broken out into a mournful dirge, other publishers have added their lamentations to the chorus, the jeremiad being occasioned by the fear that someone will enter their territory, stir them up from the lethargy into which they have fallen, and take away from them a large share of the profits that may accrue in the newspaper business.

The cross-roads store keeper, with his few customers, may well view with alarm any new-comer in his line of business, but the progressive merchant in the wide-awake, growing town welcomes competition, as he knows it is the life of trade. If his competitor fails, he has only words of commiseration and cheer for him, instead of resorting to such cheap language as "gambler" and "fool."

So it is with newspaper men who are right spirited. One newspaper that added its swan song to the lugubrious noise, now welcomes with glad hand, a new publication starting in the town where emanated the initial wail. Consistent, eh? But, then, it is in a different town.

A Delaware farmer plowed up something like \$30,000 in gold last week. Washington county farmers plow up gold every year, their method being to turn the sod, plant the seed, harvest the grain, and exchange the latter with the ultimate consumer for the yellow boys. This is a somewhat more indirect method than that followed by the Delaware man, but it is more reliable.

A Roseburg woman has sued her husband for a divorce after 41 years of wedded bliss, because he made her do the plowing. When we were a kid there was a popular song which had for its theme a cranky farmer who complained about his toilsome life, and his betterhalf, thinking of all her burdens, replied, "Oh, you can do the work in the house, and I'll go and plow, plow!"

A young couple was recently married in a boat 'way out near the center of the Columbia river. They are starting married life in pretty deep water.

According to a scientist, dreams are the realization of our wishes; at any rate they are all the fulfillment some of the wishes seem to get.

A resident of this state cured himself of dyspepsia by fasting 40 days. He will never again have dyspepsia or anything.

The man who told a St. Louis convention that husbands are a necessary part of the family, has a great future before him.

The man who marries the girl with the two heads will get his when she becomes angry enough to talk with both at once.

What does the New York news-boy who is going to cross the country on roller skates think the country roads are like?

HILDA THE HELPER

VI.—She Is a Harmonizer

Hilda the Helper organized the Women's Civic Service, and, oh, THE WAY SHE ENERGIZED made Mrs. Slowpoke nervous.



And old Miss Knocker was so mad she wouldn't 'tend the meetings at first, but later she got glad and sent her kindest greetings.

Hilda the Helper, don't you see, was such A SWIRL OF ACTION she made the women all agree and strangled every faction.

Oregon Electric Time Card

LEAVES Forest Grove	ARRIVES at Portland
6:50 a m	8:00 a m
8:40 a m	9:50 a m
10:30 a m	11:40 a m
12:20 p m	1:30 p m
1:40 p m	2:50 p m
4:10 p m	5:20 p m
7:00 p m	8:10 p m
9:45 p m	10:50 p m

LEAVES Portland	ARRIVES Forest Grove
7:05 a m	8:15 a m
8:30 a m	9:40 a m
10:20 a m	11:30 a m
12:10 p m	1:20 p m
2:10 p m	3:20 p m
3:30 p m	4:40 p m
5:30 p m	6:40 p m
8:25 p m	9:35 p m

Saturday Only
Lvs Portland 11:30 p m --Ar. F.G. 12:35 a m
Sunday only
Lvs F.G. 3:30 p m --Ar. at Portland 4:40 p m

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