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CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE.

Ten years ago a suggestion that the Constitution of the United States be amended by a general convention which should have for its purpose the making of radical changes in this instrument would have been received as unthinkable. Even to add a single amendment to the Constitution as it stood seemed almost an impossibility. In over 100 years there had been only two sets, as they may be called, of amendments. One set of twelve came within twenty years of its adoption before it had become sanctified by age, when many of its makers were still alive and willing to recognize wherein their work was imperfect. The second set of three was born of slavery and the Civil War and could not in any sense be considered as undoing the work of the "fathers." In the years that followed no amendment came out of Congress. Whenever one was proposed whatever other argument against it was made there was always the cry raised that the Constitution was sacred, that it was a hallowed instrument, that sacrilege was being done, and the proposition was defeated.

The income tax amendment was not open to this sort of attack. It was impossible to know just what the constitution makers had in mind, if anything, on this subject. The Supreme Court which had the last guess thought that they had provided against such tax; the last previous guess of the court was the other way, and that which has become the sixteenth amendment was proposed simply to clear up the doubt that these two conflicting opinions had created.

The discussion of the income tax amendment as well as the political unrest and change that have been noticeable throughout the country for the past four years have brought forth many propositions for changes in our fundamental law. One long agitated was, by the new spirit of the time, forced from the reluctant senate and in record time added to the constitution as the 17th amendment. Many others are now pending and nearly every one has for its purpose an addition to the rights of the people as distinct from their representatives.

Now Senator La Follette has proposed an amendment to facilitate amendments. Tired of obstruction and delay and certain that the people will not be able to rule so long as the laws they regard as necessary are put off as unconstitutional while amendments to remove the difficulty are voted down as tampering with a sacred work, he offers an amendment which, if adopted, will enable the people to get what they want without suffering the heartbreaking delay of senatorial action. The legislatures of ten states or a majority of the voters of ten states may propose amendments and they will become valid as part of the constitution when a majority of the voters in a majority of the states and a majority of all the voters approve. It is a sort of constitutional initiative which is a logical development from the people's present law making power in the states where the initiative obtains and also a natural step in the present advance toward popular government as distinct from delegated government. Sooner or later some-

thing of the sort will take its place in our law. From it there will be but one move to amendment of the whole constitution.

SOME TARIFF TIDBITS.

The sugar growers want a sugar-coated tariff bill.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

What appears to be needed most is a downward revision of the middleman.—New York Press.

If Government expenses could be cut \$80,000,000 a year—Ah! That is a different matter!—Brooklyn Eagle.

Schedule K will soon be able to appear in a hobble skirt without looking ridiculous.—New York Evening Sun.

The reduction of the duty on mirrors is expected to reflect favorably on the Democratic tariff.—Jacksonville Florida Times-Union.

Wood pulp on the free list should reduce the cost of breakfast foods.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

It begins to be evident that the discussion of free wool will reveal a good many black sheep.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The removal of the tariff on typewriters and newsprint paper ought to give the needed impetus to literary art.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The clause in the Wilson Bill prohibiting the importation of plumes may save the lives of a lot of egrets and cranes, but it'll deprive a whole heap of roosters of their tail feathers.—Boston Transcript.

HERE'S HOPING.

Somewhere the sun is shining
Somewhere hearts are bright,
But there is no peace for Will R. King

While that Federal job's in sight.
He thought he had it landed
For he'd worked with might and main—

If they double cross our William
'Twill be a howling shame.

He's been a stalwart Democrat—
Never gave a single ding
For Taft or other leader—

Our royal, uncrowned King.
But we're weary of his troubles
And hope, with all our might,
That Wilson'll hire or fire him—

Then Will R. King, GOOD NIGHT!

WUTE WILLIAMSON CLEARED.
(Madras Pioneer.)

Criminal prosecution initiated by the Federal Government during the Heney trials of land fraud cases, which has been hanging over the head of Ex-Congressman John N. Williamson, of Prineville, for eight years, was lifted last Monday when United States Attorney E. A. Johnson appeared before Judge Wolverton at Portland, and moved the dismissal of the case. Williamson was convicted in the Federal Court on the third trial in 1905, on having paid sundry individuals to take up land claims and then deed them to him for a consideration in violation of the law of the United States. The United States Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Oregon district on the ground that Williamson had always bought the land after the first entry had been made. By a ruling of the Department of the Interior the purchase of this land before the final entry was made was a criminal action but the Supreme Court ruled that there was no authority in the statutes for such a statement. Since that time, 1905, nothing has been done on the case but the charge has hung over the Ex-Congressman's head in the United States District Court here to furnish an example to others. U. S. Attor-

ney Johnson said that he did not think anything could be gained by such methods and that further it was unjust to leave a man the Government never intends to prosecute under accusation.

THAT BUNCH

Of white chickens, have you seen them when passing through Mecca, Oregon? They are White Plymouth Rocks of the highest type. EGGS per setting \$2. E. W. Twiss, Mecca, Oregon. 3-10

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY EXECUTOR.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County.

In the matter of the estate of Anna T. Aune, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the last will and testament of said Anna T. Aune, the undersigned will from and after May 14th, 1913, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, in one parcel, the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to-wit: the W 1/2 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, of section 8, in township 17 S., range 19 E., W. M., subject to the approval of the court as provided by law.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1913.

ANTON A. AUNE,
As Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Anna T. Aune, Deceased. 6-9



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