

**CITY DADS REJECT PETITION**

(Continued from page one.)  
means to drain off the floodwater it must find a way to meet the difficulty different from the one proposed by the petitioners, and that the petition should not be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,  
**PARNISH & REMBOLD.**

**WHY TRUST THE PEOPLE AT ALL.**

Senator Hodson and Senator Beach assert that they will oppose any legislative candidate who favors the Oregon method of direct selection of senator. The Fulton men in Marion county will do the same. Their attitude is that the legislature should choose, and that they will fight who favors choice by the people. Why not, then, insist that the legislature elect the governor? Why not have the legislature elect the congressmen? Why not have the legislature elect the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the superintendent of public instruction? Why not have the legislature elect the attorney-general, the supreme judges and all the other officers? If their notions of things are right, why not have congress elect the president of the United States? Why not have congress elect the vice-president, the cabinet and the supreme judges?

There is not one single reason why a senator should be chosen by a legislature and congressmen and governor and other officers not also be chosen by the legislature. There is not one single reason why, if congressmen, governor and other state officers should be chosen by the people the senator should not also be chosen by the people. Senator Hodson knows there is not. Senator Beach knows there is not. The Marion County Fulton men know there is not. Why not be sincere and straightforward in these matters of vital public moment? If men insist on taking away from the people their right to choose senator, why not also rob them of their right to elect congressmen, governors and other officials?—Portland Journal.

**THE PANACEA.**

Maxwell's Talisman, one of the leading irrigation and homeseeker publications of the country, has formulated a plan by which national poverty will be eliminated and by which every American child will be given a home on the land where he can become a self-supporting, independent, educated citizen.

The Talisman is an idealist, yet in its civic creed are found many excellent precepts. While this creed may not furnish a world-wide panacea for poverty, misery and ignorance, yet its recognition by society and its adoption by the government would alleviate many of the ills and wrongs of civilization. Here is the creed of the Talisman:

The people of the country must be awakened to the need for united action for a great constructive national policy, irrespective of political or partisan or sectional considerations.

We must have a postal savings bank.

We must have new forests planted that will furnish enough wood and timber for national needs for all time to come.

We must stop the stealing of public lands under existing laws framed to facilitate such theft.

We must store the floods and levee the overflowed lands, reclaim the arid lands and drain the swamps.

We must control and regulate the flow of the streams and rivers for water power and navigation.

We must stop the overgrowth of the great cities and spread the population over the land in home-crests.

We must build up the social and commercial importance of the small cities, towns and villages.

We must have no unemployed, and we would have none, nor paupers either, nor financial or commercial or industrial depression, ever at any time, now or hereafter, if the people at large would unite on and put into operation the whole national policy advocated by the Talisman.

**TROUBLES OF OUR OWN.**

Don't ask the editor to write up every evil in the town or community, but when convinced that such duties need attending, write an article for the paper yourself and sign your name to

it for publication, remarks an exchange. The man who is too big a coward to thus express his opinion is the very one who will stand on the corner and talk loudly about the cowardice of the editor. The world is full of moral cowards, men who see evil and are afraid to grapple with it. Probably if the shoe tracks of nine-tenths of the people who come to an office to teach the editor could be traced home the tracks would be found to lead to the homes of men who never go to a circus or interest themselves in the candidacy or election of a county attorney or attorney general who would enforce the law.

The world is full of men and women who like to play to an audience, who like to sit in the galleries and cheer the man who is losing his hide and most of his respiratory and digestive apparatus in the arena fighting the beast of evil. Not one in ten thousand climbs down and helps. Every newspaper receives enough unsigned communications in six months time to keep him in trouble the rest of his lifetime if he would publish them. All newspapers get them. Let the editor stand up for decency as per instructions of the old valued subscriber; let the editor denounce the evil which his friend is afraid to hint at over his signature, and when in the stores and offices of the town the devil is fighting back, accusing the editor of double motives, calling him a blackmailer and abusing him generally—who is the little man drawing his head down under his collar like a turtle? That gentle reader, is the chesty gent who pranced into the newspaper office the day before and said:

"Sometimes I wished I owned a newspaper just for one day, to denounce the evils of this town; why don't you sail in; denounce that gambling house in the Johnson block; get after that joint in Jones' block; run those women out of town; go after this and that fellow whose every day life is rotten?" and so forth for five thousand words. As a rule men behind newspapers have as much courage as other people in the community; they need it every day in the week and develop it by constant practice.

They are used to public criticism, and are hardened to abuse. They don't care what people think of them. So they are easy prey for men with axes to grind. But how the Lord, if there be one, hates ax grinders.

Better hurry your order for one of those incubators before the rush—W. T. Smith.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, BURNS, OREGON, February 1, 1895. Notice is given that John Stevens, of Burns, Oregon, has filed his application to take up his homestead in the State of Oregon, in the name of Clifford Cleveland, deceased, his son, and that the same will be made known to the Register and Recorder of the Land Office, Burns, Oregon, on March 10, 1895. All taxes and expenses incident to the filing of the application have been paid by the applicant. Paul Burns, Paul Finken, and Fred Haines, of Burns, Oregon, are witnesses to the filing of the application.

W. M. PARKER, Register.

**APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE.**

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Clifford Cleveland, deceased.

Takes Notice that the undersigned was duly appointed Executor of the Last Will and Testament, and of the Estate of Clifford Cleveland, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Day, Feb. 21, 1897. All persons leaving claims against said estate are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to said executor at Narrows, Harney County, Oregon.

Dated January 14, 1898.  
MAY CLEVELAND.  
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