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**PARTY MISGOVERNMENT**

Government of the people by party, and of the party by a few bosses, was illustrated when the great majority of the people of this country wanted to ratify the league of nations. A few bosses, men of mediocre ability at that, controlled the republican party, which is the majority party ordinarily, and steered it in opposition to the league. The masses of the party voted the ticket and indorsed the platform which would have been different if they had had any voice in its making.

The result was that the bosses secured defeat of the league in this country, but in doing so they smashed their machine in the collision with public opinion and now they are frantically struggling to patch it up and head off a progressive avalanche that is in danger of sweeping both old parties off the track.

Should a born leader of men arise among the pygmy politicians of today, as Lincoln arose in his day, and lead a new party to succeed the decadent ones, as he did, we might again hope for "government of the people by the people for the people," instead of government by a party which is itself governed by a few narrow-minded, selfish bosses.

**A FUTILE STRIKE**

The railroad shop men struck against a reduction of wages which the railroad board decreed, after investigation.

The board told them that it had nothing to do with strikers. While they were workers it was ordered by law to investigate differences between them and their employers. When they struck they ceased to be employees and the board had no authority to meddle with them.

Then a howl arose that the board had declared them outlaws and was trying to force involuntary servitude on them in violation of the constitution, and gallons of ink were shed in their defense against this man of straw.

Nobody has denied that the shop men have a right to quit work for any reason or for no reason. Any man who chooses has also the right to take up the work they have laid down if the employers want him.

In this case it appears that the wages and conditions were attractive enough to draw now men to fill the vacated places.

Since the railroad unions, in the time of the nation's peril in the war, used the strike as a club to force congress to pass a law at its behest things have changed. Mr. Gompers and other leaders have tried to control elections in several cases and have failed. They threaten to continue the effort. Such efforts may scare some timid lawmakers into voting against their convictions, but it is not probable that they will ever again be able to bully congress as they did then.

That action was just as reprehensible as that of the capitalists who at times have bullied and bribed lawmakers.

That method of fighting the devil with fire will never purify politics nor further the ends of justice.

Steadily the female rises superior to the male. In Berkeley, Cal., 300 students, who say the crowing of roosters interferes with their studies, have signed a petition to have Chanticleer barred from the

city. Miss Gertrude Charny circulated the petition. She says: "Hens are all right; roosters crow too much." Perhaps when the subjugation of mere man is completed the old hens will do all the crowing.

Alcoholic liquors are higher in Berlin than in parts of dry America, yet there were 847 arrests for drunkenness last month. Show that statement to the "wet" who reiterates the silly assertion that there is more drunkenness under prohibition than under license. And to him who claims that beer promotes temperance. Berlin is beer headquarters.

The United States and Japanese authorized representatives have signed the Yap treaty and it is hoped both nations will stop yapping about Yap.

Yes; the state of Oregon killed Kirby and Rathie. It did so with full justification. They helped to kill Til Taylor without justification. It was their fault, not the state's, that their relatives were left mourners. It was their fault, too, that Taylor's relatives were bereft. They got what they deserved, but not half quickly enough. The hope of legal delays, reprieves, commutations and pardons encourages reprobates to commit murders. Prompt punishment would save many families from mourning for innocent members murdered. There are a lot more murderers who ought to hang. The more of them to hang, and the quicker, the safer will be our homes.

The Calapooia fair at Brownsville is to be without horse racing. Probably it will be all the more successful for that, though a few gamblers will make less money.

Debs has entered a sanitarium to take the rest cure. His jaws must need it.

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**Newspapers Must Condense.**

A paper in a little town like Halsey is constantly confronted with the problem of giving the largest possible number of local news items and yet keeping the cost of typesetting within the income. The person who has written a few rhymed verses wants them printed so his friends can see what he has done. Another has written an account of some current event and feels proud of the construction of his sentences. The editor cuts down his half-column to two inches and he feels aggrieved. None of them thinks of offering to pay even the cost of setting the type.

Meantime the publisher is struggling to secure enough advertising to pay the surplus cost, over subscription receipts, of publishing the paper and clothing and feeding his family.

Hiram E. Thomas, city editor here of Portland Oregonian, in an address before the U. of O. school of journalism said, among other things:

Concise writing is at a premium in every office. The reporter who saves words is performing a real service for his employer. When it comes to eliminating trivialities the editor gets no help from the public. There is a constant pressure to obtain the publication of items in which some individual has a personal interest. "Please print this obituary in full, just as it is written;" "Kindly run this four-generation picture, our family would be so glad to see it;" "Won't you publish this account of my trip, as I want to send papers to my friends in the east"—Time after time these requests are being made in a newspaper office. You want to be courteous to the public and to accommodate them whenever possible, but in self-defense a newspaper must refuse to print material that does not meet the acid test of general interest. What to accept, what to decline and how to do it without making enemies for the paper are problems of the editor.

**Routed by Mosquitoes**

Balf Bond and party cut short their vacation trip and came home Friday, after traveling 800 miles and visiting Crater Lake, Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grant's Pass and the Oregon marble caves, which they explored for over half a mile

and saw some of the most wonderful formations.

But the party gave up the further Oregon attractions they had planned to enjoy and fled for home before the assaults of a bloodthirsty army of American mosquitoes. They declare that the work of the pests amounted to tortura and they were glad to get home with whole (but extensively punctured) skins.

**Paving Going in Fast**

The Smith paving machine was put into operation last Thursday afternoon and spread about 300 feet of pavement that day. It spreads approximately 500 feet a day of concrete and puts it in a fine condition. The contractors say that the concrete pavement in California that is complained of as crumbling under heavily loaded trucks was improperly made and that what is being laid here will be more durable than asphaltum.

The complaint against asphaltum pavement that it is slippery and causes horses to fall and cripple themselves in wet weather is answered by the claim that coarser crushed rock than formerly is being mixed with it and this makes it softer for horses.

Paving north of town, with asphalt-concrete, is going ahead fast and is completed half way to Shedd.

Another contractor is spreading the "dope" southward from Albany toward Tangent.

Both Albany papers refer to the cold concrete that is being laid on the Halsey-Harrisburg road as "hot stuff". Force of habit. They are accustomed to telling of asphaltum paving.

The pavement to Albany, when completed, will make the ride there by auto a pleasant one, summer or winter, and in that will be a misfortune for Halsey business men, for it will make it as easy in winter as in summer to slip down to the county seat to do shopping.

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loads a day are being hauled out to the paving projects from Shedd. Running night shifts to get out may speed up paving some, but working by moonshine is proving a drawback. There appears to be a difference between moonlight and moonshine. The laying of "dope" on the Halsey-Shedd road has been held up several days by the non-arrival of asphalt.

**Skirvin Buckhorn Mill**

T. J. Skirvin last week installed in his seed warehouse a Skirvin buckhorn mill. This machine is the invention of his brother, D. E. Skirvin of Albany, who manufactures the machines there. They are also made in Chicago under his letters patent by parties who pay him a royalty.

The buckhorn mill will separate clover from buckhorn (narrow-leaf plantain or plantago lanceolata), Canada thistle and other weed seeds and will make a perfect separation of oats and wheat.

It might be added that the man who has Canada thistle seed to separate is liable to prosecution for letting the thistle go to seed.

Much clover that in an ordinary year would have produced a crop of seed will be cut for hay this season because the drought prevented the production of a full crop of good seed.

At Holdman, fifteen miles north of Pendleton, 26 cents has been added to the value of every sack of the farmers' wheat by the opening, with state and federal funds, of a new road to the Columbia river. The cost of hauling was 34 cents a sack. Now it is 8. Similar benefits could be derived from market roads all over the state and the increase of taxable property would soon pay the cost, for new homes would be built where there are none and those now existing would increase in taxable value.

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