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SALUTATORY.

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC:

In assuming the editorial and business management of the Republic, I desire to thank my predecessor, Mr. W. J. Peddicord, for the kindness he has shown me since my residence in Wasco, and at the same time, pledge myself to do all in my power to carry forward the great work which he has so successfully started. Realizing as I do the task ahead, and that "many hands make light work," I earnestly invite the co-operation of all friends of reform. Remember, "in union there is strength."

I shall strive to make The People's Republic a county newspaper in every sense of the name, and, to accomplish this, would like to secure a reliable correspondent in every precinct.

Come in, friends, and get acquainted.
GRANT E. KELLOGG.

CO-OPERATIVE COLONIES.

Many attempts have been made at different times, by socialists and others, to colonize and put their theories in practice. Some of these efforts have met with various degrees of success, but most of them have failed. In most cases the cause of failure has been due to defects in the plan of organization, which permitted human greed and selfishness to interfere with the true principles of equity and brotherly love which are supposed to predominate.

The co-operative colony of Ruskin, Tennessee, however, has been practically successful, since with a few exceptions it is able to supply its own wants independent of the great monopolies to which the people "out in anarchy," as they say, are paying tribute. None but true socialists are permitted to become members, and in this lies the secret of their success.

From the Coming Nation, a paper owned and published by the colony, we clip the following:

There is not a town of 300 souls in the United States that has as many different industries in it as has Ruskin, and, the pretty part of it is, they belong to all of us. We have a wagon shop, blacksmith shop, tin shop, bakery, as fine a printing office as there is in the state, shoe shop, barber shop, small drug store, cabinet shop, suspender factory, saw-mill, with a planing mill and shingle mill, photograph gallery, tailor shop, coffee-making factory, chewing-gum plant, grist mill, large power lathe, store, large poultry yard, dairy, woolen mill (not yet in running order.) We burn our own lime, raise our own hogs, make some of our own furniture, and from now on expect to raise our own food. If we only had a small shoe factory, a tan-yard and small cotton mill, we would be strictly in it—they will come in time.

SAN FRANCISCO LEADS.

By a majority of about 2,000 votes, the people of San Francisco last month adopted a new charter, which contains the most advanced ideas of Democratic government yet embodied in our municipal administration. The charter follows the prevalent tendency of concentrating power in the hands of the mayor and provides for the civil-service system of appointments; but at the same time it establishes a system of referendum, which is described in interesting detail by the Chicago Record as follows:

Upon the presentation of a petition bearing the names of a number of voters equal to 15 per cent. of the vote cast at the last state or municipal election, any ordinance, set forth in the petition shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next election. If a majority of the votes cast upon such ordinance shall be in its favor, such ordinance shall take effect as a law of the city and the same shall not be repealed by the legislative body. Propositions for its repeal may, however, be submitted to the people by the board. Amendments to the charter itself must likewise be submitted to popular vote upon demand of 15 per cent. of the voters.

The provisions in regard to street-railway franchise limit grants to twenty-five years, at the end of which time the track and the roadbed are to become the absolute property of the city, without any money payment therefor. When application is made for a franchise the board of supervisors shall decide whether such franchise ought to be granted. If

so, an ordinance must be framed and published and the privilege must be disposed of at public auction. The bidders must agree to pay the city a percentage for the gross receipts, which must in no case be less than 3 per cent. for the first five years, 4 per cent. for the next ten years, and five per cent. for the last ten years. The vote of three-fourths of all the members of the board of supervisors is necessary to pass a franchise ordinance, a five-sixths vote is necessary to pass over the mayor's veto. After a franchise shall have been granted under these conditions it shall not go into effect for thirty days after its passage. If within the thirty days a petition signed by 15 per cent. of the voters should be presented in opposition to the ordinance, it must then be submitted to popular vote before going into effect.

"The charter declares it to be the purpose and intention of the people of the city and county that its public utilities shall be gradually acquired and ultimately owned by the city and county. To this end provision is made for taking over such public utilities as occasion shall arise for their acquisition, generally with a referendum upon every specific proposition looking to that end."

This charter was prepared by a committee of fifteen elected by popular vote, cities being allowed thus to frame charters under the state constitution. It is stated that the next legislature will have the privilege of a vote on this document, and, if it shall approve, the charter becomes virtually a local constitution for the city of San Francisco, with which the legislature in future will be unable to interfere. It is to take effect January 1, 1900.—Oregon City Herald

A. O. U. W.

D. C. Herrin, of The Dalles, former Grand Lecturer of the A. O. U. W., has been elected Grand Master Workman. No more fitting selection could have been made as he is well and favorably known all over the state, and is one of the most faithful and successful workers the order has ever had in this state. We predict an era of prosperity for the organization. It is encouraging to see that the suspensions for the year have been only 249 against 854 for the preceding year.

The cost for the year has been for the members of the first class \$13.40 on \$2,000; and in the 35 to 39 class, \$16.62; in the 45 to 49 class, \$23.34; in the 50 and over class, \$29.92. 902 applicants were examined by the grand medical examiner of whom 49 were rejected. 65 members died during the year at an average age of over 68.

The grand lodge was almost unanimously in favor of paying the dues and assessments of the members who have gone to war, but the fact that the subordinate lodges had provided for this emergency for their members made this action unnecessary.

The classified plan is proving a complete success.

DON'T SHAKE THE OLD MAN.

John Sherman said after returning from Alaska that her prohibition laws ought to be repealed because they do not prohibit. For this remark the New York Voice says: "And John Sherman ex-United States Senator, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, ex-Secretary of State ought to be ashamed to be giving aid and comfort to outlaws."

Giving aid and comfort to outlaws is nothing new to "honest John," and when you succeed in making him ashamed you may look to see the devil blushing to the roots of his hair. "Tell the truth and shame the devil," if successful, try it on old John, but not till then.

THE NEW PARTY IN OHIO.

The People's, Silver Republican, National, Social Labor, and Negro Protective parties in Ohio have met and united under the name of Union Reform party, under one management, and these five parties have separately gone out of existence in Ohio. Following is the platform of the new party:

For Direct Legislation under the system known as the Initiative and Referendum.

Under the "Initiative" the people can require that any desired law shall be submitted to them for a vote, when if it receives a majority of the votes cast, it will be thereby enacted.

Under the "Referendum" the people can require that any law which has been enacted by a legislature shall, before becoming operative, be submitted to a vote of the people for their approval or rejection, when if such law fails to secure a majority of the votes cast, it will be thereby rejected.

For the honest and effective enforcement of all laws, so that the will of the people, as expressed in the statutes, shall not be nullified by indifference or opposition on the part of the public servants.

For the honest and economical administration of government, to the end that

the people be not burdened with unnecessary taxes.

The above is the entire platform. It is crude in some respects, but it is a one principle platform and a one principle party. The expression will be improved and made clearer in another campaign, but this is good for a beginning. It proves that the reformers are thinking—that they are learning the lesson of wisdom that can be learned only in the school of experience.

The road to success lies always through the desert of failure. As the Romans taught their enemies the science of war through repeated defeats, so the enemies of our people are teaching us the science of politics.

Nail direct legislation to your masthead, all reformers, and only Direct Legislation, for "By this sign we conquer."—Oregon City Herald.

Mr. McKinley has found time, notwithstanding the onerous duties imposed on him by the war, to give Senator Cullom, chairman of the Hawaiian legislative commission, a few pointers on the part of government he wants the commission to recommend for Hawaii. The three American commissioners are going to Hawaii in the course of the next three or four weeks to confer with the two Hawaiian Commissioners, but so far as deciding upon the form of government for Hawaii is concerned the function of the latter will be only ornamental. Mr. McKinley does not wish anything done to create the expectation that Hawaii will become a state. The problem ahead of the commission is somewhat like that which confronted the white people in some of the Southern States in reconstruction times—the commission is expected to recommend legislation that will give Hawaii control of its local affairs and at the same time make it certain that the control is exercised by reputable citizens of the islands. In short, that those who set up and maintained the republic shall continue to be the controlling element. There is likely to be quite a lively time in congress, next winter, when the commission makes its report no matter what sort of a government it may recommend.

The Republican congressional campaign committee professes confidence in the election of a sufficient number of Republicans to keep in control of the House in the next congress, but that committee is not acting up to its professions. If so confident of winning, they should be willing to fight fair in the campaign, instead of engaging in trying to bamboozle voters into believing that all the patriotism is in the Republican party and that the democrats in congress tried to obstruct all war measures that went through congress. Of course everybody who is acquainted with the facts knows that the democrats, and the populists, in congress voted for every war appropriation that was asked for. The Republican committee has a force of expert word jugglers now carefully going through the congressional record for the express purpose of preparing cooked-up documents for campaign use that will misrepresent the position of their opponents in congress during the session just closed. The committee may overshoot the mark and disgust the decent voters who know that patriotism has never been confined to any political party in this country.

One of the questions which every body is asking himself is, "Will Geer take the unconstitutional allowances which both Governors Penneyer and Lord have taken?" The salary of the governor, as fixed by the constitution, is ridiculously low—so low that no governor can live upon it in a manner befitting to the office. But Mr. Geer criticized Mr. Lord very severely two or three years ago for taking more than the constitution allowed him. He denounced the act as high-handed and dishonest; but now what will he say about it? Will he follow the example set him by Governor Penneyer and Governor Lord? Will he live on the \$1,500 a year, or will he step down and take that which he denounced his predecessors for taking? We shall see.—Salem Independent.

The Civic Federation of Chicago have issued a call for a national conference, to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., August 19 and 20, to discuss the features of the foreign policy of the United States. The call is signed by over 1000 men in every state. The question of what disposition the United States should make of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines is one deserving and demanding the serious consideration of the people.

As the harvest progresses in the San Joaquin valley, California, more reliable reports of the yield are coming to hand. Last year there were about 125,000 tons of grain raised, but it now looks as if there would not be more than 50,000 or 60,000 tons, though some

of the grain men assert that this is an outside estimate, and that when the crop is harvested it will be found that it has fallen short of these figures. The Farmers Club of Fresno appointed a committee to secure an estimate of the wheat raised in this vicinity, and, after making a careful inquiry reported that there would be only one-eighth of a crop, being equal to about the amount of seed sown last year.

We are glad to see Gen. Miles taking such strong stand against the use of intoxicants in the army. In his order of July 2 to the army he says, "The history of other armies has demonstrated that in a hot climate abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink is essential to continued health and efficiency." He says of those in the service of their country that it is due to its honor and welfare that "their full physical and intellectual force should be given to their public duties, uncontaminated by any indulgence that shall dim, stultify, weaken, or impair their faculties and strength in any particular." But all this it will do in peace as well as in war. Then why not have a general order to civilians as well as soldiers to discontinue its use?

Kansas and Populism still live. The whangdoodle dirge of the wailing press has been silenced effectually. The Populist state administration was declared by the Democratic and Silver Republican state conventions that met a few days ago, as the best administration the state ever had. They pointed out where the woolly Pops had saved many hundred dollars to the state, and heartily endorse their proposed reforms as well as those put in operation. The Republicans in their state convention had not one criticism to make against the state administration. The administration was in such marked contrast with the late Republican administration of rotten jobbery and profligate extravagance that about the whole state has turned Populist.—Advocate.

The Oregonian of Monday, July 25, contains the interesting statement that the average monthly wages of male school teachers in the state is \$42.95, and of females \$33.75. Multnomah county pays the highest wages, the figures being \$65 for males, and \$45 for females. Lincoln pays the lowest wages—\$31 to males and \$25 to females.

American capitalists are preparing for a grand swoop on Hawaii, Manila, San Juan and Havana, and applications for charters of national banks at the above mentioned places are already filed. What a blessing it would be to the people of these islands, however if the applications were rejected and postal savings banks established instead.

Hot winds are reported in the great corn belt of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, and much anxiety is felt for the crops.

On Saturday last 8000 sheep were shipped from Baker City to Eastern points.

Sherman county's magnificent crop this year will bring many new settlers.

The golden harvest is now in full blast.

Moro Notes.

The boom is on in Moro.

New sidewalks are now in order.

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Sheriff Holder has put in an ice-house and this luxury will no longer be a scarcity in our city.

She Was Prepared.

A certain minister always felt it to be his duty to give each young couple a little serious advice before he performed the ceremony, and for this purpose he usually took them aside, at one time, and asked very soberly of each of them the great importance of the step they were to take and the new responsibilities they were to assume. One day he talked in his most earnest manner for several minutes to a young lady who had come to be married to a bright-looking young man.

"And now," he said in closing, "I hope you will fully realize the importance of the step you are taking and that you are prepared for it."

"Prepared!" she said innocently. "Well, if I ain't prepared I don't know who is. I've got four common quilts and two nice ones and four brand new feather beds, ten sheets and twelve pair of pillow slips, four all linen tablecloths, a dozen spoons and a six quart teakettle. If I ain't prepared no girl in this country ever was."—Ontario News.

A negro blacksmith in Missouri announced a change in business as follows: "Notice—De partnership heretofore existing between me and Mose Skinner is hereby resolved. Dem what owes de firm will settle wid me, and dem what de firm owes will settle wid Mose.—Exchange.

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