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OREGON AND HER SYSTEM.

The following from Sunset, by Walter V. Woodhike, is readable enough to be repeated in the Democrat. It suggests much that the Oregon system has done, and as well contains some criticism.

Whatever you and I may think of the "Oregon Idea," whether we endorse or condemn, whether we regard it as a blessing or as a curse, the fact remains that the introduction of the recall, the initiative and referendum marks the greatest, most far-reaching change in American political thought and action since the nation's beginning. Not even the enfranchisement of the negroes involved as radical a departure from time-honored American standards of political conduct as the introduction and adoption of direct legislation in Oregon. As yet we do not fully realize the fundamentally nature of the new system. So far only the minor ones of the Oregon innovations, the direct primary and the direct election of United States senators, have become integral parts of the nation's political machinery. Though in universal use west of the Rockies, direct legislation and the recall, rebuilt for American purposes on the banks of the Willamette, in the shadow of Mt. Hood, have not yet grown into the organic law of all states. But the responsibility for the new "tools of democracy" belongs to the men who cherished the ideals of the ancient backwoods in the glades and clearings of the Oregonian forests.

It is typical of the backwoods outlook of the early American attitude, that Oregon, despite its political radicalism, was among the last Western states to bestow the franchise upon its women.

From the foregoing it should not be inferred that the people of Oregon have always and consistently been models of political virtue. If Jonathan Bourne, the former United States senator, would write the unbridled, undeleted and uncensored story of some of the old senatorial elections at Salem, the literature of the muckraker would be enriched by several fat and juicy volumes. Nor have the lie-lend-frauds and other unsavory scandals connected with the raping of the public domain in Oregon been wholly forgotten. But the collective conscience of Oregon's population was never dragged by the opiates of the full dinner pail or dazzling achievements. When the senatorial mess at Salem began to smell unto heaven the sturdy yeomanry rallied around the fighting blacksmith of Oregon City and placed the choice of the delegates to the upper house of congress into the hands of the people. By the same token Oregon 20 years ago began the agitation for the conservation of natural resources. When land theft was still considered a perfectly legitimate business, long before the limelight's glare sought Roosevelt's upper incisors, Oregon clamored for the withdrawal of the remaining timber lands to protect them from the grabbers and brought about the establishment of the Cascade National Forest, first of all the forest reserves, by President McKinley.

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Some people need more assassins these days.

If a battle between Russia and Austria will end the agony the sooner one of them whips the other the better for the world. We're all willing.

This is the fashion season of the year, not only in the attire of spring, but in wearing apparel. Some one said one might as well be out of the world as out of fashion, or something like that.

The Dem's auto edition was a neat one everybody said, and it was.

This by the way is some auto center. People come here to buy from near and far.

Have you gotten the egg off your chin yet.

Honest Injun, how many did you "et" yesterday morning.

A Minneapolis paper is kept busy borrowing trouble over the amount of wheat in Russia. According to that paper if it was to get loose it would drown the rest of the world.

The men are busy these days buying spring hats—for their wives and daughters.

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PEACHES ARE SUITED
TO WESTERN STATESThe Government Gives Result
of an Investigation of Department
of Agriculture.

Washington, March 31. Lists of the varieties of peaches that have proved successful in the different sections of the country together with their approximate ripening periods can now be obtained by peach growers from the United States department of agriculture. In order to collect this information the department invited a large number of growers in many representative districts to advise it as to the varieties which had proved most successful with them, and also to give as nearly as possible the average date when the ripening season for each variety began. A large number of responses were received and specialists believe that the information thus collected will be of value not only to commercial growers but to those who wish peaches for their own use. These lists show that in Oregon the following varieties have been grown successfully:

Jackson county (southwest)—Alexander, Hale Early, Early Crawford, Elberta, Muir, Late Crawford, Salway, which begin to ripen from July 15 to October 15.

Umatilla county (northeast)—Arp, Early Crawford, Elberta, Salway, begin to ripen from July 15 to September 30.

The adaptability of different varieties to individual conditions calls for such consideration on the part of the prospective grower. It is true that there are doubtless a good many more varieties of peaches that will develop well under a wider range of conditions than is the case with many other kinds of fruit, but it is of the utmost importance that a variety be selected which will ripen when the markets are not already overstocked. This in fact may be said to be the real problem.

Some districts owe their prominence and importance as peach-growing centers largely to the fact that some of the best market varieties ripen in those districts at times when they usually bring exceptionally large prices, because at those times relatively little fruit is being marketed from other districts.

In the further extension of the peach industry, the selecting of locations with reference to this factor is likely to contribute more to the financial success of the enterprise than the mere choosing of varieties that do well, but without regard to the time when they ripen in comparison with the peach season of other districts.

Thus, a peach grower in New Jersey may know that the Greenboro peach does well under his conditions.

but that he can not market it to advantage when there is a good crop of Elberta peaches in Georgia. Similarly the Salway peach was formerly a profitable variety to grow in some parts of California, but in certain sections of that state it cannot now compete to advantage with the Elberta peach from Colorado. Accordingly, the Salway peach is not found in many of the younger orchards in certain districts of California in which it was formerly a variety of considerable prominence.

AN EASY GOING SENTINEL.

Such a Little Thing as the Password Didn't Bother Him.

An interesting picture of the confusion that attended the anti-Austrian demonstrations in Milan in 1848 is given in "Memories of Youth," by Signor Giovanni Visconti Venosta.

Very early in the morning, says the author, after several hours of heavy sleep in a hammock in an anteroom of Garibaldi college I descended into the street and ran into some people who, with colored shawls across their shoulders, were giving orders in the name of the committee of defense. They were trying to discipline the revolution. Failing into their hands, I was stationed as a sentinel at a useless barricade that shut off Via Durini from the Verriere. The commander, having inspected my pistols and perhaps having found them not murderously enough, placed in my hands a fencing foil. Then he gave me the countersign, "Papa Pio."

A little while afterward another chief came along, who re-enforced the post and gave me as a companion a good old man who was armed with an antique lance. I told him the countersign, and we soon became friends.

A patrol appeared. "Halt!" cried the old man. "The countersign?" "Concordia, concordia," replied the captain of the patrol. "Truly," replied my companion, "the countersign is something else. However, we are all Italians, so pass on."

Anvil Date Back of History.

The anvil was known in the earliest times, being spoken of in the Bible, the prophet Isaiah saying (chapter 47, verse 7): "So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smoothened with the hammer, him that smiteth the anvil." It is not known who first used it, but of course the anvil of antiquity was unlike that of today as perfected by modern workmanship. The anvil still used in the orient, however, is a hoot shaped piece of metal inserted in a section of oak or walnut log. Larger or smaller it is used by smiths, shoemakers, silversmiths and blacksmiths. The anvils used in this country are commonly made of cast iron faced with steel and are of parallelepiped form, with a steel cone or horn at one end and a "handy hole" for inserting chisel or other tools at the other end.—Boston Globe.

The Crimean War.

The Crimean war was in 1853-56 between Russia on one side and Turkey, France, Great Britain and Sardinia, as allies, on the other side. It was called the Crimean war because it was mainly fought in the Crimean peninsula. It arose through the demand of Russia for a protectorate over the Greek subjects of the sultan and was closed and its last ties decided by the treaty of Paris March 30, 1856. By this treaty Sebastopol, which had been captured, was restored to Russia. Russia abandoned her claim as to Christians in Turkey and the Black sea was neutralized.

Lost It.

"There is a good deal of talk about the English being slow to appreciate a joke," said Marshall P. Wilder once. "I have not found that to be the case at all, although one Englishman did come to me for an explanation after I had made the remark that 'I dreamed one night that I was dead, but it was so hot that I woke up.'"

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