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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

A few days ago we received a communication, signed by W. S. U'Ren, Thomas A. McBride, H. E. McGinn, J. N. Teal and some fifteen other prominent men, in the interests of eight proposed amendments to our state constitution. Our constitution is, certainly, an admirable instrument; but it was made to fit the conditions of nearly fifty years ago, and it would be quite strange, indeed, if it was not found wanting when applied to the conditions of the present time. For instance: Last winter petitions were circulated successfully all over the state, the object of which was to hold up the big blanket appropriation of the last legislature, in order that the people might have an opportunity to vote for or against the same at the election of June of next year. Now the people are not opposed to needful appropriations for state institutions; but the requirements of our organic law are such that in order to defeat any portion of an appropriation bill, the entire bill must be held up. Amendment No. 1, as proposed by Messrs. U'Ren and others will enable the people to veto any one item of an appropriation without interfering with the other portions of the bill.

Amendment No. 2 proposes to give the people power to discharge any public officer whenever he may be found inefficient, dishonest or in any way failing to do his duty as required by law. In fact it is what old time Populists denominated, "The Imperative Mandate."

Amendment No. 3, will empower cities and towns to make or amend their own charters, subject of course to the state and national constitutions and laws.

Amendment No. 4, has for its object the enabling of the people to elect officers, especially legislators and city councils, on the basis of proportional representation. To explain the provisions of this proposed law: Suppose two-thirds of the people of Linn county were Democrats and one-third Republicans. We elect three members of the lower house of legislature. Under the proposed amendment the Democrats could elect two members and the Republicans one.

Amendment No. 5, will empower the people to regulate the state printer, or abolish the office altogether. Under our present law the price to be paid the state printer is fixed and cannot be changed while he is in office. It is well established that we pay our public printer \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year over and above what the office expenses are. This extravagance should be curtailed in some way and this amendment provides the way. Our present state printer for instance never earned a salary of more than \$1000 per year before he was elected to his present office. It is simply extravagance of the rankes kind to pay him fifteen or twenty times what he is worth. The present state chairman of the Republican central committee is said to be worth \$100,000. This was all made during the eight years incumbency of the state printer, for he was not worth a dollar when he was first elected.

Amendment No. 6, will authorize the people to erect and maintain public institutions at points elsewhere in the state than at Salem. We do not now in violation of the present constitution, notable in the Soldiers Home at Roseburg and all of the state colleges. These were all built and

are supported in direct violation of our organic law. The amendment will enable us to do lawfully what we are now doing unlawfully.

Amendment No. 7, will enable our legislature to propose an amendment to the constitution. Whereas the law now requires that an amendment shall be proposed by two separate legislatures. This amendment will also enable the people to prevent the calling of a constitutional convention.

Amendment No. 8, will prohibit the giving of classes to public officers, by railroads, steamboats, etc. We have been requested to give an opinion upon the foregoing amendments, a brief synopsis of which has been stated. We can only say that every proposed amendment has our unqualified approval and we hereby pledge them our support. It is only the taking of power from the hands of officers that have notoriously abused it and place it where it primarily belongs, in the hands of the people. Especially do we favor amendment No. 2, which enables the people to vote a man out of office if he fails to do his duty. We like that. If a public officer knew that if he was subject to losing his job if he did not do about right, he would, at least, think twice before he took the wrong step or neglected his duty.

Nor can any of the proposed amendments be seriously objected to by any honest minded man. It simply returns power to the people from whence it originated. We can safely trust the people to do about right, whereas we know that individuals when they have power as often do wrong as right. The people may under great stress of excitement do a rash or wrong act but when the sober second thought comes, they will rectify the wrong.

We are working more and more towards a pure Democratic method of government. As our government now stands it is purely representative. That is to say our laws are made and executed by representatives and officers elected by the people. Of course owing to the vast extent and condition of our national government a pure Democracy is out of the question. But in states, counties, cities and towns, government can get very much nearer the people than it now is.

Probably as long as governments stand, public officers will occasionally go wrong or be dishonest and neglect their duties. Let us make it difficult and hazardous for the wrong doer in public position as possible. These amendments are steps in the right direction.

So Brother U'Ren and associates, go ahead! We are with you body and soul. You were the leader in the fight for the Initiative and Referendum, and in the end won out. We hope you will be equally successful in amending our state constitution. You can rely upon all old time Populists to aid you in the fight.

Now that the foreign war has been brought to a close and the Lewis and Clark fair will close in another month, there will be nothing for newspapers to talk about except to boom their respective localities. So let Seaside get a move on and let the outside world know that about the very best part of Oregon lies in the forks of the Santiam and that Seaside is the business center of the forks and in the near future, will be a station directly on the Woodburn-Natron branch of the Southern Pacific railroad. We can make our town and community grow if we simply get a rustle on and let prospective settlers know what we have.

October 12 is the date set for the Republican levee at Portland. At this time the "faithful" are supposed to assemble and with due solemnity, bury the hatchet so deep that no disaffected aspirant for office can resurrect it on the first Monday of next June. This meeting of "infidential" Republicans, among which number will be found all the bosses great and small it is earnestly affirmed, will not be in the interests of any candidate,

nor for the purpose of providing a plan to circumvent the Direct Primary election of next spring. But, then, who believes this will be the case? It would be utterly impossible for this gang of professional politicians, to get together and not put up some kind of a scheme. Of course the political conditions of all sections will be discussed. If not, why call this meeting? At this time the most available man for governor and the rest of the candidates for the state ticket will be discussed. If an agreement upon who would be the strongest candidate for the various offices can be reached, instructions will go out to every county in the state as to whom to vote for at the primary. By this means boss rule will maintain as surely at our next election, as it has in the past.

Congressman McCleary, one of the leaders of the Republican party, has proposed a plan by which the deficit in the public treasury can be overcome. He does not propose to interfere with the present tariff schedule, in the least, but to return to the war method of raising revenue. He does not propose that, what amounts to a prohibitive tariff, shall be modified so that commodities that now produce but little revenue would, become larger revenue producers. McCleary's plan is to put a tax upon coffee—a practically necessary commodity. Of course this would supply money to overcome the deficit. There is no doubt about that. But why should every man, woman and child in the land that drinks a cup of coffee, pay tribute for doing so, when these trust barons continue to pile up fabulous fortunes because of the protection they get from a prohibitive tariff. The NEWS thinks the American people have learned a thing or two about the tariff. If the Republican party endorses the McCleary idea, it will simply write its own death warrant; for the people will depose it from power just as quickly as election day comes. The people are getting weary of paying from one-fourth to one-half more for what they consume, just to enable a few men to become fabulously rich. They think it is about time that they shall have fair and just treatment—a chance for larger enjoyment of the fruits of their labors. Mr. McCleary and all other leading Republicans, unless they give heed to the wants and needs of the people, will hear something "drap" and when they recover from their astounding surprise, they will find themselves in the heap that "drapped."

Editor Hofer of the Salem Capitol Journal is authority for the fact, that the railroads have made a clear profit of \$15,000,000 in the northwest in the past 8 years; and, he thinks, it is about time we were getting some of it back in the way of railroad development. The colonels head is certainly level on this subject.

Our next political campaign will practically coincide with the new year. Three months will be little enough time for prospective candidates to get themselves before the people.

When the Panama canal is completed if it ever is, and the whole inland history of its construction made known, it will be the most colossal grafting in the history of our country. It will be exposed. Too many people who expect to get a great deal of money and render but very little service have gone down and will get there.

With no Lewis and Clark fair to spend money for, the normal school graft reduced to a minimum and no postage railroad to build, the next Republican legislature can hardly fail to establish a name for economy in the expenditure of public money.

Every body that attends the Lewis and Clark fair, has nothing but good words for it. It is proving to be a splendid success and reflects great credit upon the managers.

The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads have united in building a line down the Columbia on the north side. The Columbia will be bridged at Vancouver and the Willamette just north of Portland. When this line is completed, Portland will be the greatest transcontinental railroad center on the Pacific coast, being the terminus of three great railway systems.

The Republican party will pride itself on its own funeral whenever it resorts to "fixing" the everyday necessities of the people and refusing to reform tariff to a basis that will produce revenue.

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REVISION OF THE TARIFF.

The Pittsburg Gazette advises tariff revision by the present Congress, rather than wait until the people shall elect a man who will make a real and honest revision. With brutal bluntness the Gazette, a protectionist organ, says, in effect, that if a pretense is made now at a revision of the tariff, the people can be fooled and robbed for ten years yet by a "revised" tariff.

This is a notable expression of the policy of "revision of the tariff by its friends"—that is, by friends of the protection interests, every one of whom, and others, stand for special privileges to special men, corporations and interests, which policy costs the people hundreds of millions a year.

The Gazette remarks "there is no doubt that the protective tariff is the basis of national prosperity." Spoken for yourself. It never created a grain of wheat, a hop, a grape, a particle of sugar, a drop of fruit-juice or a grain of gold—let alone coined dollars. All it ever did was to enable the few to make money of the many. It is a grafting machine.

There is no "principle" and never was, in a protective tariff. The very word "protection" is a misnomer. The men who least need protection always get it all. The common laborer was never protected by any excessive and monstrous tariff. For every extra dime of wages—if it admit that an excessively high tariff gives them higher wages, which we don't—they pay a dollar to the trusts.

The protected people are those who sell their labor to the workman, and rob him every time he makes a purchase. His loaf costs him 20 cents a pound—because there is a protected loaf trust. His clothes, that stand the manufacturer 47 cents him \$17, because the manufacturer must be protected.

We want railroads. To build them requires steel rails. They cost 30 per cent or more to American consumers than they do to purchasers in Russia or Brazil—and every consumer and producer pays the extra price, and few of them ever get any appreciable portion of it back. The same is true of structural iron. We pay \$400,000 to build a bridge in Portland, 40 per cent of which is tariff, and not a workman can ever get a nickel of the tax back in a thousand years. So of almost all necessities.

The protective principle is a favorite phrase. It is, always was, and always will be, legalized graft for the benefit of the few at the expense of the many—the few having their tools in congress, the many being unprotected.

Protection creeps in and steals under the guise of taxation. To tax people unequally, and to tax poor people more in proportion than rich people, is a great moral crime. Taxation, raising of the revenues to carry on government, is purely a business matter. The only "principle" involved in it is "equal rights to all, special privileges to none"—"a square deal." There may be "incidental protection," it is true, unavoidable protection; that in the difficult problem of raising revenue may be necessary; but protection for protection's sake is legalized robbery. In the nature of things it can by no possibility be anything else.

Now the source of this great country's immense wealth and prosperity lies no more in a protective tariff law than the source of light and heat lies in the glass pane or smooth cheek on which the sunlight falls.

This country's prosperity is due to soil, skill, ability, effort and enterprise—to, to nature, which never heard of a protective tariff, and to a race and generation of people who improve their opportunities. Thus the land has been filled with gold. The "protective principle" creates no gold; it only makes an unjust and vicious distribution of it—Oregon Journal.

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