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*I pledge allegiance to my flag and
the Republic for which it stands, one
Nation, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.*

THE MAJORITY MUST RULE

All free governments—all democ-
racies—are based upon the rule of the
majority of the people. The
minority, by skulduggery or by force,
may rule for a short time, but in
the end the majority must triumph.

Monarchies and kingdoms are
based upon the theory that by di-
vine right of inheritance a certain
class must exercise authority. But
when the majority of such people
become sufficiently educated and in-
formed as to understand what is
just and right, the majority soon
assert and maintain their right to
rule, for they have the necessary
force to maintain their right.

It is too often the case, while the
majority is unorganized and without
competent leadership, the minority
being organized, maintain authority
over the majority and for a time
hold the majority in subjection.

These kings and emperors in the
past have maintained their author-
ity when a majority of their subjects
are opposed to the monarchical dy-
nasty.

Past history of peoples are full of
examples of the minority rule of
monarchs, but happily about all ab-
solute monarchs have been displaced
by constitutions which imply the
rule of the majority of the people,
either directly or through represen-
tatives.

We have now in our United States
senate a demonstration of the rule
of the minority through a combina-
tion of circumstances.

We see a large majority of our
senators being dominated by a small
minority. Senator Lodge and a half
dozen or more of senators who do
not want the league of nations treaty
confirmed, are able because of party
prejudice of various degree to pre-
vent the confirmation of the treaty,
which requires a two-thirds major-
ity to bring that result about. More
than two-thirds of the senatorial
body wants the treaty confirmed in
some form, but Mr. Lodge, by
means of the party lash of partisan
politics, has been able so far to pre-
vent the confirmation, except the
confirmation shall be at his dictation.
He is pursuing a rule or ruin policy.

He is unwilling that the majority
shall rule. What different is he
from the absolute monarch whose
will is law unto the people?

Several times recently the news
came over the wires that a compro-
mise of the contrary opinions was
about to be effected. The next day
perhaps the wire reports were Lodge
refuses to compromise unless his
will is carried out.

He is willing to compromise, but
he demands that the compromise
shall be of his dictation. What kind
of Americanism is this which de-
mands the rule of force by the mi-
nority, whether in the United States
senate, or in the camps of the syn-
dicalists, or the I. W. W.? Wherein
does the principle differ?

The basic principle of democracy
is the rule of the majority. It should
apply in the halls of congress as well
as at the polls on election day, and
any trick, scheme or combination
that defeats this principle is un-
American, un-democratic and is an
enemy to free government.

WILL BE A WINNER.

All indications point to the light
and water bonds question, soon to
be submitted to the people, as a
winner by a good majority. But
small opposition, if any, has been
manifested as yet.

The Tribune is well aware that
most people are opposed to the con-
tracting of a debt by the present
generation to be transmitted to pos-
terity for payment. In a general
sense The Tribune is opposed to such
debts. But the proposed light and
water debt is of a different class.

When you pay your light and wa-
ter bill for the first month after
construction you will begin to pro-
vide a fund for the redemption of
these bonds. Posterity will do no
more than this. Just a small per-
centage of your monthly bill will be
placed in the bond redemption fund
and in the course of 20 years all of
these bonds will have been redeemed
and Scio will then have a property
which will pay the running expenses
of the town. It will be a property
then well worth \$100,000. Nor
will your light bill be increased over
present prices, Mr. User, to obtain
this result. On the other hand, it
will be reduced somewhat when
meters are installed; for when the
juice is being measured to you, you
will not use a light unnecessarily.
Moreover, every light user outside
of the city limits will help pay these
bonds as well as if he resided in our
town.

The man or woman who does not
use the lights in their homes will
pay no part of the bonds other than
as a general user in the way of
street lights, which will be paid for
from the general tax fund in the
city treasury. Also the non light
user will be the gainer in the in-
creased value of his property, due
to the splendid light system we will
then have.

As a matter of fact there is no
reason why the vote for the bonds
should not be unanimous. We all
know that a first class light system
is an asset to a town or community.
Every farm between Scio and Jor-
dan will be more valuable because
of accessibility of electric lights.

Scio was one of the first towns in
Oregon to own and operate her light
and water system. The system has
been inefficient because our power
has been subject to both freshet and
low water in Thomas creek. Now
it is proposed to make it a first class
24 hour system which will supply
power as well as lights. And let us
remember, that the more users we
have the quicker the bonds will be
redeemed and the city government
of Scio be financed from the profits
of the plant.

ELECTRICITY.

Electricity. What is it? From
whence does it come?

Ever since the world has existed
there has been a power in the air
which while turbulent at times, as
in the case of lightning, and des-
tructive as well, people did not know
what the invisible and subtle power
is. They could just judge it by the
effects. They knew the subtle agent
existed. That was all, and that is

all we know today other than we
have learned how to control it in a
measure and convert it to the use of
man.

When old Ben Franklin drew the
lightning from the clouds he origi-
nated the control of the electric cur-
rent in a very crude form. Yet
from this crude control the many
applied uses of today have resulted.

And yet with all of our knowledge
of, and immensely valuable applica-
tions of this subtle power we have
made, we have not yet solved the
problem of "what is it?"

Over at Seattle a boy, or young
man, has invented a machine which
has the power to gather electricity
from the atmosphere and utilize it
for creating power.

When Ben Franklin drew electric-
ity from the clouds by means of a
kite string, he chose a time when
there was great electrical disturb-
ance. This boy seems to be able to
gather it from the air at any old
time. And why not? We use the
electric current through the medium
of certain mechanical devices to
propel our cars, carry messages over
wires or through the air, and then
release the subtle agent in the air
again, and without danger of ex-
hausting the supply. It is wander-
ing about without control, ready to
be collected again for use. Why
may not this Seattle boy have stum-
bled upon a hitherto unknown meth-
od of collecting this agent? Even
our professional electricians are
stumped. When any new discovery
is made we wonder why such dis-
covery was not made before.

We know quite a deal about ap-
plied electricity and have profited
greatly thereby, but we must go
much further to be able to answer
the question "What is it?"

We may yet learn that the spark
of life itself is not a derivative of
the electric current in some form.
At all events electricity promises to
be the most fruitful field of all for
future research.

GRANTS PASS MAN CANDIDATE

By private letter The Tribune
learns that E. L. Coburn of Grants
Pass is a candidate for the nomina-
tion for secretary of state on the
republican ticket.

Mr. Coburn is a native of Oregon
and has served as county clerk of
Josephine county for four terms,
including his present term.

He will have something to say
later on.

Advertise in The Scio Tribune and get
results.

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faction.

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Jefferson Oregon

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the un-
dersigned executors of the last will and
testament of W. R. Ray, deceased, have
filed their final account as such execu-
tors with the clerk of the county court
for Linn County, Oregon, and that the
judge of said court has fixed Monday,
the 8th day of March, 1920, at the hour
of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon as the
time for hearing objections to said final
account and the settlement of the said
estate.

Dated and the first publication hereof
is February 5, 1920.

Mary Edith McKnight, Executrix.
Benjamin Lewis Ray, Executor.
C. C. Bryant, Attorney.

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and new customers, selling
first-class meat at the most
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Hides, paying good prices.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WE do all kinds of amateur kodak finishing, film
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ing. Samples of our work on hand for your inspection.

If you have any trouble in getting good results
out of your kodak or camera, call on us; we can no
doubt help you with suggestions that will help you get
results and good, clear pictures. We have had over 20
years experience in this work so no doubt can do you
some good. So be not backward in asking for help in
this line. Your kodaks examined free.

Our prices are as follows, always cash on delivery
of your work; please remember this:

PRINTING

2 1/2 x 3 1/2, or smaller, 40c dozen
4x5, or smaller, 50c dozen
3 1/2 x 5 1/2, and postcards, 60c dozen

DEVELOPING

Film rolls, any size, 10c each
Film packs, any size, 20c each
Plates up to 5x7, 5c
Plates above 5x7, 7 1/2c

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must be accompanied by cash; any over remittance
will be promptly returned.

We thank you for past and solicit your future
patronage. Yours for good work.

WESELY'S STUDIO

CHANGE OF POLICY

When the Albany Automobile, Truck and Tractor show was first an-
nounced the plan was to give a plain exhibition of motor vehicles, but it
was later decided to make the affair the equal to any on the coast re-
gardless of size, and present an entertainment that will be worth coming
miles to see. For this and other reasons a charge of

25 Cents Admission

will be made. You will not only see the finest display of cars, trucks
and tractors that you could wish to see any place, but you will be enter-
tained by high class talent.

The Multnomah Hotel Orchestra OF PORTLAND

will play every afternoon and evening, and will furnish the music for the
dance in the evening. Their jazz singer is a bear. There will be vocal
and instrumental music, vaudeville acts and other stunts.

You'll Enjoy the Decorations

the most elaborate ever seen in this part of the state

COME EVERY DAY

Automobile, Truck and Tractor Show

Albany, on February 13-14. Two Big Days