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**Restore Our Constitution**

Isn't it about time to try to restore a constitution to the State of Oregon?

With two of the worst freak constitutional amendments pending, with a record of 18 per cent of the registered voters having amended the constitution in the past and with the condition of unrest and uncertainty which now prevails, is not now the opportune time to try to safeguard the organic law of the state from further hasty amendment?

A vast amount of statutory matter already has been injected into the constitution, making it almost unrecognizable as a fundamental charter. The constitution may be amended by popular vote just as easily as a statute can be enacted, with the difference that a blunder in a statute can be corrected by the legislature while a blunder in the constitution cannot be corrected except after a costly campaign to create enough public sentiment to get a correction made by popular vote.

It ought not to be as easy to change the constitution as to pass a mere law. Either a two-thirds majority of votes cast on an amendment, or a straight majority of all the registered voters, or a mere majority twice in succession ought to be required before the organic charter of the state can be amended.

The people are becoming more and more concerned with the importance of having a stable form of government. There is no stability in Oregon until we have a constitution that cannot be amended as a passing whim.—Oregon Voter.

One rich lawyer is a monument to many fools and obstinate men, says the Marshfield Times.

**Wood As a Statesman**

Because public sentiment seems to be crystallizing to demand the nomination of Major General Leonard Wood for the presidency, there is naturally a desire to know something in detail of his civil achievements.

This man is more than a military officer. He is a civil administrator second to none in this generation. Great Britain regarded Lord Cromer as the greatest of her colonial administrators, and when he retired from the Egyptian field, he was invited to name his own successor. His reply is said to have been in substance, "Unfortunately the best man is unavailable, since he is an American citizen named Leonard Wood."

That is a high compliment, whether true or false, and it probably reflects the opinion of the statesmen of the world.

After the Spanish war General Wood became governor general of Cuba, and his constructive statesmanship reconstructed the civilization of that then unhappy island. He established a public school system. He modernized the marriage laws and election systems. He developed the Cuban transportation system. He harmonized the strained relations between the government and the church. He transformed the ancient notions of the people touching hygiene and sanitation, and gave health to a nation. His work there astounded not only Cubans, but America as well.

Appleton & Company have just published a volume upon the "Career of Leonard Wood," by Joseph H. Sears, and therein the writer quotes an officer who served under Wood in the Philippines as follows: "When I took my troops into the jungle, I was satisfied if I accomplished my mission and brought my men home safely. General Wood was never satisfied unless he took along with him a geologist, a zoologist and an ethnologist, and could bring back a complete survey of the country through which he had traveled, as well." Wood's record in the Philippines is a proud one, almost equal to that which he left in Cuba.

General Wood is a physician. He graduated from the Harvard Medical

school in 1884, and entered the army as a surgeon in the Indian wars of the southwest. He is not a West Pointer. He is now a major general but he has earned every promotion. He is the ablest commander in the western world today, but he is above all the petty redtapism which belongs especially to military educated men.

He is great as a soldier. He is greater as a civilian.

Long the intimate of Roosevelt, he was the originator of many of the Roosevelt ideas. His place in the army made it sometimes impossible for him to proclaim his opinions, and then he and the modern American commoner cooperated. Wood was undoubtedly the originator of the Roosevelt preparedness campaign, as he was of the training camps. He possessed vision, and sensed the impossibility of this republic remaining aloof from the travail of Europe. As the dead president loved him, so the millions of Rooseveltians love him for his friend's sake.—Pendleton Tribune.

To leave an egg stain on your chin is no longer slovenly. It's an indecent flaunting of one's wealth, says the Bend Bulletin.

**Words of Commendation**

Many compliments have come to us as a result of the Xmas number of the Gazette-Times, all of which are highly gratifying to us. It was with extreme pleasure we read the following complimentary lines from the pen of Mr. Pattison, our competitor over in the Herald office:

"It gives the Herald pleasure to commend the enterprise shown by its contemporary, The Gazette-Times, evidenced in its splendid 28 page Christmas edition which appeared last Friday. Such an edition is a credit not only to the publishers, but to the town and community as well, whose business men so liberally patronize its advertising columns. Every evidence of enterprise and progress such as this on the part of the newspapers of a community, no matter who is the publisher, is a benefit to every interest of that community and the Herald would be petty, indeed, if it failed to give credit for meritorious work of a contemporary because a contemporary is, perforce, a competitor. We congratulate our neighbor and wish him the degree of prosperity such enterprise merits."

A lawyer in a court room may call a man a liar, a scoundrel, a villain, and no one makes a complaint when court adjourns. If a newspaper publishes such a reflection there is a libel suit or a dead editor. This is owing to the fact that the people believe what an editor says.—Banks Herald.

Lots of people can "whistle in" but need a tug boat to bring them to a landing, opines the Malheur Enterprise.

**Branch Line Needs Improving**

Of course while the railroads are operating as a Government owned utility, we cannot expect any improvement made in service. In fact it has been one deficit after another since Uncle Sam undertook to run the lines. While railway employees have been the recipients of substantial wage increases and fair working hours, increased efficiency is not noticeable to the public, and on the whole, matters seem to have gone from bad to worse.

The present condition of the Heppner branch of the O.W. cannot be laid at the door of the United States Railroad Administration, however. Every little high water down Willow Creek for years past, has raised havoc with this line. Dinky trestles have gone out, bents have become weakened until, in one instance at least, human life has been lost.

Time and again it has been said that the Heppner branch is one of the best paying roads in the entire system, yet the service is undeniably rotten. Dangerous curves and a soft soggy road bed make transportation difficult, uncertain and in many places, risky.

We would like to see sufficient stress from some quarter, brought to bear upon the management of this system which will result in quite a few dollars being spent in making some far-reaching improvements in the road. Improvements that would place the track high and dry from these wash-outs.

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The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.  
—United States Senator Cramer.

**Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"**

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads — in England and France, the best in Europe — and in other continental countries — and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world — we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings — and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen — in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men — the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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**Martin Luther Petelle**

is coming to

**Lexington**

Will begin meetings at the

**Christian Church, Dec. 28th**

You must hear him or miss a treat of a lifetime.

*He Preaches the Plain Word of God*



**Miss May Morris**

will lead the song service at these Gospel Meetings.

If you like good singing, come and hear her.

Some of the themes to be discussed

- "Will the Old Book Stand?"
- "The Battle of the Ages"
- "Campbellism Exposed"
- "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"



**REMEMBER:**

**Beginning Dec. 28th, Lexington, Ore.**