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PRIMARY PLAN IN DOUBT

Eastern states, and reformers generally, have their eye on Oregon. They are watching the working out of certain political problems here. Opinions differ greatly as to the wisdom of these measures. Any way, Oregon is getting the reputation of being progressive. Certain methods are referred to as "the Oregon plan." Other states are trying to adopt this plan, usually with some modifications. The matter is being tested practically and constitutionally.

The Oregon plan has certainly received a temporary setback in Iowa at the hands of Governor Carroll. The legislature passed a bill known as the Oregon primary plan bill, which provided for an indirect vote of the people for United States senator. Governor Carroll vetoed the bill. He said that such a law would be unconstitutional; that the measure is an attempt to accomplish indirectly what cannot be done directly and that it is an invasion of the Constitution of the United States. He asserted that the measure abrogated the provision of the Constitution, which provides that legislatures shall elect United States senators. The measure, says he, has no bearing on the proposed amendment to permit the election of senators by direct vote of the people, since one is a contravention of the Constitution, while the other is a change in the Constitution itself. It will be interesting to watch the effect of this on the movement for more direct government "by the people."

OUR EXCHANGES

The Polk County Itemizer is the first outside exchange to reach us. We shall be glad to look it over every week. It has a very substantial, businesslike appearance. In size it is eight columns, six pages, with colored supplement, and prints a raft of local news. The Itemizer is a weekly. It has a twice-a-week rival and this may be one reason it has such a fine array of news.

Do not worry, eat three square meals a day, say your prayers, be courteous to your creditors, keep your digestion good, steer clear of biliousness, exercise, go slow and go easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these, I reckon, will give you a good lift.—Lincoln.

Farmers in Oregon do not have much time for dreaming, but if anyone has been indulging in that useless pastime it is now time to wake up and get busy. The time of sowing has arrived and as one sows so shall he reap.

Isn't there something farsical about our ways of making laws when many poor measures are passed by our legislature and so many good ones vetoed by the governor?

A fashionable woman sent for the doctor to come quickly and treat her sick dog. The husband met the doctor at the door and said to him: "Your fee will be larger if the dog doesn't get well."

There is a movement in the Church of England to shorten the ten commandments. Our observation is that most people make them short enough.

GRESHAM BUSINESS MAN TAKES EXCEPTION

Gresham, Ore., March 11, 1911.—Editor Gresham Outlook, Gresham, Ore. Sir: Herewith please find check for \$1.50, in payment for the Gresham Outlook for one year. I read the last three copies of The Outlook and am indeed very much pleased with it, noticing in particular that it gives the news and all the news of this part of the county, which we are directly interested in.

I notice an item in the last issue of what was our leading weekly (on account of its being the only one) which I hope was inserted for a different cause than what as casual readers we would judge from its wording. One extract from this article reads, "as long as boys are willing and the subscribers and advertisers are disposed to furnish the meal tickets." How any person can hope to gain prestige by "knocking" and casting insinuating reflection on his competitors is beyond my power of comprehension.

Personally I am very willing to help furnish you the aforesaid "meal tickets," as I will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you are citizens of the town, residing here with your families, and will spend at least a small portion of the "coffee and doughnut" money with your fellow citizens.

In conclusion will say that when as "employees" you left your former positions you not only took with you the friendship and best wishes of the entire community, but their most hearty support as evidenced by your rapidly growing subscription list and advertising patronage.

Yours for success,
AN OUTLOOK SUPPORTER.

The editor of The Outlook read with a great deal of interest the article referred to in last Friday's Herald. Like others, we read it several times to try to understand its meaning fairly. We are disposed to take it as well meant. Its inuendoes seem to be directed more toward the Gresham business men in general than toward the editor or any individual. Personally, we take it as a genuine expression of good will. It says: "Here's the fraternal hand to The Outlook and a wish that the paper may assist in making Gresham grow," etc. We publish the above letter as showing the view of a Gresham business man.

We are living in the age of steel. Steel buildings are the order of the day. Steel cars will one day be the rule. The postoffice department has made provision that hereafter the postmaster-general shall make no contracts for any mail cars other than those built of steel. It is also provided that after January 1, 1916, no wooden car shall be used in the railway mail service.

If there are any loose dollars around Gresham not needed to "buy meal tickets" for the editors it might be well to send them to the starving Chinese.

Of all the improvements made on automobiles in the last few years we don't notice any improvement on the smell.

Those who call life dreary and not worth living generally do all they can to make it so.

The best of us will hardly measure up to our ideal; therefore we had better set it high.

It is only the optimist who extend the frontier of civilization.

Different Points of View

"What you want to do," said the good roads man, "is to fill up that mud hole in the road."

"That just shows," replied the farmer, "how little you reformers know about the local conditions. I put my high paid off the mortgage on the farm with the money I've made haulin' automobiles out of that mud hole."

Most of the smiles you get from others

Are the reflections of your own; You may think the world at pleasure

With you, but when wiser grown You will find 'tis but responsive To the giving you bestow;

So 'tis well to give your kindness If more kindness you would know
—Selected.

CITY ENGINEER WANTS TO KEEP INFORMED

The following from our city engineer, Mr. Kelsey, is a sample of very similar letters coming to The Outlook from those who are interested in this locality and wish to keep informed:

Portland, Ore., March 13, 1911.—Editor Outlook, Gresham, Ore. Dear Sir: Believing that it will be service able in keeping in touch with affairs at Gresham to receive regularly the Gresham Outlook in this office, I request that my name be entered as a subscriber to the new semi-weekly Gresham Outlook, commencing with the first number. Payment of the subscription price will be made in due course. Wishing you success in your undertaking, I am,
Very truly yours,
L. C. KELSEY.
404-5 Selling Building.

BONDS FOR SALE

Town of Gresham, \$15,000 Water Bonds and \$5,000 Sewer Bonds. Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until 5 o'clock p. m. on the 4th day of April, 1911, for the whole or any part of \$20,000 of the bonds of the Town of Gresham, in denominations of \$1000 each, payable twenty years after date, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum payable half yearly, principal and interest payable in United States gold coin, at the office of the treasurer of the Town of Gresham.

The above described bonds are issued for the following purposes: \$15,000 of said bonds being issued for the installation and construction of general water works and a water system for the Town of Gresham, and \$5,000 of said bonds being issued for the construction of a sewer and drainage system for the Town of Gresham.

The authority for the issue of said bonds is granted by an amendment to the charter of the Town of Gresham, adopted December 7, 1909, by the voters of the Town of Gresham, and entitled "An Act to amend paragraph 22 of section 12 of chapter 5 of the charter of the Town of Gresham, entitled An Act to incorporate the Town of Gresham, in the county of Multnomah, Oregon, and to provide a charter therefor, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith; filed in the office of the secretary of state February 11, 1905.

All bidders will be required to submit unconditional bids except as to the legality of the bonds, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on either of the banks in the Town of Gresham, or on any responsible bank in the city of Portland, Oregon, for an amount equal to five per cent of the face value of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Mayor of the town of Gresham, to be forfeited as liquidated damages in case the bidder shall withdraw his bid or shall fail or neglect to take and pay for said bonds, should said bonds be awarded to him. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. All proposals should be marked, "Proposal for Sewer and Drainage Bonds," "Proposal for Water Bonds," and addressed to D. M. Roberts, Recorder of the Town of Gresham.

By order of the Common Council of the Town of Gresham, Oregon.
D. M. ROBERTS,
Recorder of the Town of Gresham
Date of first publication, March 3d.

Lodge Notices.

FAIRVIEW UNITED ARTISANS No. 178—First Saturday evening and third Saturday evening is social evening. Master, E. E. Heslin; secretary, F. H. Crane.

ROCKWOOD UNITED ARTISANS No. 206—Meets fourth Saturday night. Master, Mrs. Rich Tegart; secretary, H. H. Johnson.

ROCKWOOD I. O. O. F. No. 213—Meets in Maccabee hall every Thursday evening. N. G. J. R. Cavanaugh; secretary, J. H. Schram.

K. O. T. M. No. 61—Meets first Saturday and third Friday nights. Com., Ed Spath; R. K., W. Quisenberry.

FAIRVIEW GRANGE—First Saturday at 10 a. m. and third Friday night, 8 p. m. Master, Cedric Stone; secretary, Roy Stone.

ROCKWOOD GRANGE—First Wednesday at 8 p. m. and third Saturday at 10 a. m. Master, F. H. Crane; secretary, Viola Lovelace.

L. O. T. M. CHARITY HIVE No. 38—Meets second and fourth Thursday afternoons. Com., Mrs. John Brown; R. K., Mrs. Mary Turner.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE No. 348—Meets fourth Saturday at Pleasant Valley hall. H. W. Snashall, master; E. Butler, secretary; Jennie Kronenberg, lecturer.

FAIRVIEW LODGE, No. 92, A. F. & A. M.—Regular meetings Saturday night on or before full moon. Masonic Temple, Troutdale.

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