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THESE "FOOL LAWS"

WITH the initiative and referendum powers, the people of the state have the right to place on the ballot any kind of legislation they may conjure, providing they get enough signatures. And we all know that few of us take the time to scan any of the multitude of petitions with which we are assailed.

There is no limit to the distance to which some of those law-inventors will go. That was well illustrated in Chicago, recently, during the National Convention of Alienists, in the La Salle hotel.

The discussion that day had been upon the rather "advanced" topic of the desexing of defectives. After the meeting a newspaper reporter interviewed one of the prominent physicians in the lobby. The eminent medical man was asked if he really advocated such ideas as were discussed at the meeting.

"Yes," he replied, "and I would go further. Do you see that beautiful specimen of womanhood over yonder, the lady in the sable fur who is holding the poodle dog in her arms? Well, if I had my way I would compel that woman, by law, to have a baby in her arms."

"And do you see that fine young man speaking to her? He is probably a young man about town, a bachelor, with no responsibilities, no family cares, no home except a bachelor apartment—I would compel that man to marry such a woman as the one to whom he is speaking, and I would compel them, by law, to have children."

If this medical man could have his way, he would provide for the propagation of the human race under police supervision—the plan means nothing else. If he was in Oregon, perhaps he would attempt to have this made a law through the initiative.

And yet, his proposal is no sillier than dozens of others that are proposed every year. In some states these go to the legislatures and—die in the committee rooms. In other states, like Oregon, there is a chance that these may get on the ballot and become full fledged laws, stumbling blocks in the path of the state's progress.

Some of the thirty odd measures submitted to the voters this fall are of this type. Others are of real merit and a benefit to all. Therefore, it behooves every registered voter to make a careful study of the initiative measures between now and election, that he may cast his ballot for laws that will not later be regretted.

Scattered Shots

EDITORS WRITE best stories about economy in the dining room after they have surrounded seven courses at the home of a friend.

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Chief Bender

Eddie Plank

The recent world series was one of the greatest surprises to the baseball world in recent years. The surprises came in many ways, and George Stallings and his Bostonians upset every tradition of "dope" that the fans have been wont to rely upon in judging the merits of a team.

Boston money was hard to get before the series started, as many fans believed that Mack's men would take every game. But it was just the reverse that happened.

Another thing accomplished for the first time this year was the trimming of Chief Bender, the veteran Indian twirler of the Athletics. Since joining the Mackmen in 1903, the Chief has been a big factor in keeping the team well up at the top, and in all of the pennant contests he has competed in previous to this year's disaster, he won every game. This year, the Bostonians not only defeated him in the opening game, but drove him from the box.

Eddie Plank is another Athletic veteran who was handled roughly by the Braves. Eddie has been bumped before in world series contests, but he has always pitched a second game and won it.

Bender is a Chippewa Indian, and is 31 years of age. At Carlisle he played first base, and after that he pitched for semi-professional teams around Harrisburg, Pa., before being signed by Mack.

Plank, who has long been considered the greatest southpaw in the world for steadiness and control, has been with the Athletics since 1901. Prior to that time he pitched for Gettysburg University, and it was his work against other college teams that attracted Mack's attention.

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Bourne Asks the Voters to Compare the Administrations

Father of the Parcels Post Points Out Constructive Policy of the One and the Destructive Policy of the Other

By JONATHAN BOURNE JR.

To the voters of Oregon:

It is frequently remarked, and probably true that "the dollar will vote in the coming November election meaning thereby that voters will be guided chiefly by their economic interests in marking their ballots; yet, to my mind, issues more deeply affecting our national welfare are involved in this campaign. It is inevitable that economic problems shall figure in every political contest. To be guided by self interest is elemental in human nature, and voters so influenced will drive democracy from control of the house of representatives and perhaps control the senate.

The history of the republican party is a record of successful constructive effort. Democratic policies have been destructive. Under recent republican administration the postal savings bank and parcel post were created, the pure food and meat inspection laws were enacted, bureaus of labor and mines were established, a workman's compensation law was passed, the canal zone was acquired, and the Panama canal was planned, authorized and nearly completed, the income tax and popular election of senators amendments were submitted to the states, the Interstate Commerce Commission was vitalized and such transportation abuses as free passes, rebates and favoritism were abolished. Internal improvements were conducted in a business-like manner and American industries were fostered under a tariff law that protected home producers from competition with cheaper labor abroad.

Since the beginning of the present administration congress has been kept in almost continuous session, enacting laws which have proven destructive or ineffective. The new tariff law forced American producers into competition with cheap labor abroad, but did not bring the promised reduction in the cost of living. In a frantic effort to overcome the evil results of its tariff legislation, the administration passed a currency law, the ineffectiveness of which is demonstrated by frequent appeals of high officials for the confidence of the business men of the country and by recent threats of the secretary of the treasury to retaliate upon bankers for taking advantage of the opportunities the law expressly gave.

The depressing effect of these policies has been recorded by business barometers in no uncertain manner. Since January 1, 1913, stockholders in American enterprises have suffered losses of \$104,000,000 per annum, exclusive of deferred dividends. One hundred and forty corporations have reduced their dividends, or passed the merrily. Of these, sixteen were railroads and the balance industrial enterprises. Some \$110,000,000 of corporation securities will mature before the end of 1915, and everyone knows that it is impossible to liquidate the debts or renew the securities at the old rates of interest. Four hundred million dollars of new capital are needed for the normal development of American railroads, but investors are lacking in these uncertain times.

If corporation managers alone were interested in these conditions, it need not concern the average citizen, but every citizen is vitally interested in

the facts I have stated, for in the final analysis the people pay the bill. Employee and employer, producer and consumer, are equally interested, for all business is based upon credit, and credit is based upon confidence in governmental operations, measured by market values of collateral and indicated by interest rates, which are now from 7 to 10 per cent as against 4 to 6 per cent on short time loans, as of two years ago.

Unsound democratic economic policies mean increased interest rates, followed by business contraction and cessation. It certainly looks as though the present administration would pass into history as one noted for receiver-ships, business stagnation and economic waste.

The remedy is the process of elimination and substitution—the defeat of democrats and election of republicans. In recent conversation with some of the leading business men of the country, I have stated that republican success in November—the election of a republican house and a material increase in Republican membership in the senate, would in thirty days thereafter increase the market value of all securities at least 20 per cent. In every instance my hearers have said that my estimate was extremely conservative, and many believed that the result would be even better than I predicted.

But, as I said before, there are stronger reasons why the present administration should be denied the approval it seeks. The whole trend of the democratic party and of this administration is against popular government and for dictatorship under centralized power. President Wilson has assumed and the democratic congress has recognized the right of the executive to indicate measures that shall or shall not be considered, the language in which such measures shall be drafted, and the time in which they shall be passed. The democratic congress has practically abdicated its constitutional function as a legislative body, and the capitol has become but an echo of the White House.

With all other advocates of popular government, I applauded Woodrow Wilson when, as a candidate, he repudiated those of his early writings which condemned the initiative and referendum, but I watched in vain for that vigorous activity which the American people had a right to expect.

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