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TERSELY TOLD

So far as we can learn The Journal is the only paper in the interior of the state that cannot see the honesty or consistency of enacting more prohibitory laws, and raising hops and barley to make beer with. If Oregon is to remain the leading hop growing state in the Union, and is to grow barley by the hundreds of thousands of bushels, at least those who engage in those industries should not further vote to destroy them. Business men who want the country to prosper and who want all industries to flourish and the state to develop should not vote to kill industries that underlie the prosperity of Oregon. The moral issue involved may induce a man or woman to support prohibition, but if Oregon plowed up all the barley fields and sowed them in grass and dug up all the hop yards and confiscated all the breweries, does anyone honestly believe the evil of drunkenness or the moderate use of beer would be diminished in Oregon. No amount of sophistry will drive an honest man or an honest newspaper to take dishonest and inconsistent positions.

Let us be reasonable about the hop industry. It brings millions to Oregon and distributes most of it among working people and their families. During the hop picking season all are employed and all kinds of business gets the benefit. Let each citizen have his own views about religion, morals and politics, but let us not foolishly strike down industries on which the general prosperity depends, when we would not accomplish the destruction of the liquor business or take away any man's appetite for drink. Let us all be sober and vigilant and right-minded in our religious opinions, and let us not condemn and seek to drive off the face of the earth those who differ from us in habits or opinions or occupations. Surely the Lord in his goodness sends his rain on the just and the unjust, and the Good Book admonishes us to judge no man after the flesh. Hold no man in condemnation. Let us live and let live, and in the end we will have the confidence and good will of our neighbors, whether they are just as good and moral as we are, and we will be able to have some influence with them for good in matters that are important.

Is this a prosperous country? Can a laboring man in this climate pay house rent, buy food and clothing for his family, and schoolbooks for his children, and take chances of getting employment at \$1.50 per day? It is a fact that not many of them are able to make both ends meet and pay doctor bills and drug bills on \$1.50 a day, because at that rate of wages there is no assurance of steady work. Take the additional clothing and food required by a man at hard labor in a rainy climate and the pay is indeed very small. The increase of wages in this city to 25 cents per hour may be due to the dire necessities of a political faction, but it is based on actual necessities of laborers at this time of the year. It is only by taking advantage of the distress of politicians that the distress of the laboring class gets any recognition. The very wealthy man only employs labor when he must. Most of the wealthiest men have made their millions

NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN
The man who begins to save stops some kind of foolishness. Economy means giving up something, and the wise man usually manages to give up that which is bad for him. The young man who begins to save begins as a rule to sleep longer, to drink and smoke less, to waste less time among unprofitable friends. Thus the saving of money not only means independence in the future, but it means better use of time in the present. It means independence of character and freedom from worry about the future. It means success.

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by avoiding expenditures for public improvements that would give the laborer a chance to live. It is a step in the right direction of prosperity to increase wages of laborers, even if it is done to help the bosses.

The Statesman would have the people believe that Alderman Genser is innocent of even insinuating that he is playing politics in the city council. The Journal hastens to reinforce the Statesman's defense of Alderman Genser. He is not the leader of a faction, and he is entirely innocent of politics. His amendment to his own ordinance for Sunday closing was not in the interest of any faction. Having passed a prohibitionary Sunday ordinance, he only wants it repealed long enough to get his friend Croisan nominated for the senate. Then the town can be closed up again. There is no politics in that. As a large employer of labor he favors raising wages, just before the primaries, for the mere pleasure of paying the laboring man more money. He has been in the council many years, and it has never occurred to him that the working man was not getting enough until he needs the workingman's vote badly. Of course, there is not much work being done by the city, but the few who get employment will owe it to a man who was never known to do anything for political effect.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The question of the popular election of United States senators is before the Iowa legislature. A resolution was introduced asking the governor of Iowa to write the governors of other states to name representatives to an interstate conference looking to joint action on the part of the states to secure the calling of a constitutional convention which shall submit an amendment for the direct election of senators. The two thirds vote in congress necessary for the submission of such an amendment can not be obtained, but the legislatures of two thirds of the states may call a convention for proposed amendments, and if these amendments are ratified by three fourths of the states they become a part of the constitution.

The Chicago Tribune expresses doubts as to the advisability of a constitutional convention. The Tribune thinks that the delegates to such a convention will not be inclined to confine themselves to the single subject of the method of electing senators. The Tribune suggests a way in which it thinks a state may have "more of a voice" in the election of senators. It says:

"It is in the power of the Iowa legislature to pass a law providing for the expression of senatorial preferences at the primaries. If any considerable number of voters attend the primaries and express a preference the legislature will act in accordance with it, though not legally bound to do so. That will be the nearest possible approach to a direct election of senators. Such a law can be enacted this year, while it may require many years to get a constitutional convention."

The Tribune's plan has been tried and has not always worked successfully. There is on the Nebraska statute books a similar plan. The Nebraska law provides that at the general election voters may express their preference for United States senator by writing the name of their favorite on the ballot. The legislature is not bound to follow these preferences, and, in truth, has never heeded them even when a considerable number of votes were cast for a particular candidate. As a rule comparatively few of the voters express a preference.

It is difficult to understand why the Tribune says that this plan "is the nearest possible approach to a direct election of senators." It is plain that the people favor this reform. True, they can not secure the consent of congress, as at present constituted, but sooner or later this reform will be accomplished. The constitutional convention plan seems to be practical, although there may be some difficulty just at this time to persuade two thirds of the states to call the proposed convention. It is to be hoped, however, that the Iowa legislature will adopt the resolution and that the proposed conference will be held. That will provide a means for testing the sentiment.

The present method of electing senators is doomed. To bring about a reform will require time, but the senate will yet be made responsive to the public will, and the only way to bring about that desirable result is to make the senators dependent for election upon the vote of the people.

DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS.

Brother Hofer of the Capital Journal objects somewhat to our criticizing the sending of aspirants for office on the stage at the recent meeting of the Willamette Valley Development league at Albany, for purposes of exhibition, in our edition of the News last week. Our opinion has not changed in the least. The mission of the development league is not political in the least degree, and it sphere of usefulness will be destroyed in the degree that politics is allowed to intermingle in its sessions. Of course there could not be the least objection to an aspirant for office participating in league work in the way of a paper or a speech, providing all tendency to politics was eliminated; for the individual is a citizen as well as an office seeker. But to give a man prominence at a league meeting simply because of his political aspirations, no matter what his political sentiments may be, must result in injury to the league. We understand that Governor Chamberlain has been invited to take part in the Silverton meeting, soon to take place. There can be nothing wrong in this providing the governor is invited because he is governor, or in his capacity as a citizen. But if he is invited because of his candidacy for re-election it is all wrong and will result in injury to both the league and to the governor's chances for re-election. Neither would there be anything wrong in inviting Messrs. John Hawley, Withycombe, Geer, Toome, or any other aspirant for office to take part in the league as a citizen. To give the league the least semblance of a political caste will injure its sphere of usefulness and finally break it down altogether.—T. L. Dugger in Santiam News.

While the mission of the development league is not political, the mission of politics should be development of our state. The Silverton development convention was criticized locally and some good citizens did not take part because Governor Chamberlain was invited to speak. It was criticized because a manufacturer of malt and hop-extract discussed how to extend that industry and how to build up the hop and barley industry. Both the governor and the Salem brewery man discussed development of Oregon. Now the plain truth is, development of material and industrial Oregon have little or nothing to do with moral and political propositions.

The simple fact remains, we need men in politics who have more regard for the industrial development of our state. The mere tax eating politician is a parasite—a meaningless extravagance. It is true he fills an office and renders some service. But the time has come when the people demand a greater measure of service from an official than holding down his job and drawing his salary and planning his increase.

It can be said of Governor Chamberlain that few men in Oregon can make a speech so adroitly worded in the cause of development but so completely devoted to his own interests as a candidate. But it should be added that few governors have done more to advertise the state. None have done so much toward building good roads. He has gone pretty much all over the state, and has gone to other states. He has not been a dead-in-the-shell official. He has talked development and has been a factor of development as an official. Beyond this it is not necessary to discuss his administration in discussing politics and development. As president of the development league this writer has tried to have no improper use made of the development league. But he is a thorough believer that the politician should aid development. The official should be a state developer. Statesmanship is state building. State building is the noblest occupation that can engage the attention of its citizens. Hence there is a connection between development and politics.

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