

THE REAL FATHER OF REFERENDUM

Max Burgholzer Best Entitled To That Honor--In Farmers' Alliance Platform--Story of Who's Who! and Why? By One Who Knows From Molalla--River of Many Sources

As many Republicans are blaming Mr. U'Ren with being the father of the initiative and referendum, the public will be interested in reading the following article by George Ogde of Molalla, to show it was the offspring of Max Burgholzer at Washington county:

Seeking to answer the question "Who is the father of the referendum?" one is reminded of the observation of Alexander Del Mar, that "Searching for the beginning of a custom is like tracing a river to its source; we soon discover that it has not one source but many." A like difficulty is encountered in definitely marking the boundaries of credit to be assigned to the so-called discoverers of great scientific or economic truths, for as Robert Rives La Mone has recently pointed out and termed "the law of double or multiple discovery," that "When the conditions are ripe, the new idea always occurs to more than one man, that is, the same upon different minds," and cites, as instances, the simultaneous independent discovery

perhaps nearest deserves the title, and whose writings most influenced the Swiss legislators, was Martin Rittinghausen, a German social reformer, who published in Paris, in 1850, that series of articles entitled "Direct Legislation by the People," which, published in book form, stand today as models of literary and economic merit. But I wander from the text. Come to our own state, who was the pioneer of the Oregon movement? Was it W. S. U'Ren, or Alfred Luelling, or L. H. McMahan, or W. S. Vanderberg? None of these, although each, as well as dozens of others too numerous to mention, rendered valuable service. No real "Father of the referendum in Oregon; who made the first clearly defined effort to popularize the "Swiss system" preceding these others nearly a year and whose name should always be held in grateful remembrance is Max Burgholzer, formerly of Buxton, Washington county, now of Eugene. Proof? Plenty. The files of the "N. W. Reform Journal" published in Portland by T. H. McGill, are evidence that Max Burgholzer antedated by a year those who received their inspiration from J. W. Sullivan's "Direct Legislation" (not published till 1892), and made the first systematic agitation of the Democratic form of government in Oregon.

A sketch of the Swiss system in a California labor paper first set him thinking these lines and he began "hammering away," as he expressed it, on his new hobby; subscribing for Swiss periodicals, translating and adapting to Oregon conditions. One of his first articles, the earliest that I have, was "Defects in Our Constitution," published in the "Reform Journal" of May 2, 1891. July 25, same year, argument for incorporating direct legislation in state platform of Farmers Alliance, also suggestion for equal suffrage, with educational test for voters. August 15 letter on money question. August 29, one on "Referendum." September 5, another "Referendum" letter, giving some Swiss political history, also showing uselessness of our institution of state senates and urging abolition of same. April, 1892, letter on "Land Loans," closing with direct legislation argument and urging his readers to send for Sullivan's book (just published). July 21, 1893, letter on "Banks and Taxes." August 25, same year, began series of articles on "Initiative and Referendum," running for several months. Later he wrote for the "Hillboro Democrat," then the "Missouri World," and other Populist papers, also the "Capital Journal" (Col. Hofer's paper), where he punctured Dr. Driver, who was talking against direct legislation. But his efforts have not been confined to writing by any means, for instance in the campaign of 1900 he made a house-to-house canvass of his county (Washington) distributing literature and talking direct legislation. So that Oregon was permeated to some extent with direct legislation ideas before Sullivan's book was ever published to such an extent that I am informed, was owing to the influence of the Oregon delegation and Nathan Pierce in particular that direct legislation was recognized in the Omaha platform of July, 1892.

So much for Max Burgholzer's

work, now a few words in closing about the man himself. Like Rittinghausen, his illustrious predecessor, in the cause of good government, Max Burgholzer is also of German stock, worthy descendants of those liberty-loving barbarians who stood beside Armenians in those gloomy German forests nineteen hundred years ago, when the mighty Roman army went down to defeat and annihilation before the northern fury. Barbarians? Yes, but free barbarians, those of whom Henry George says "The beams of liberty glinted from the shields of German warriors and Augustus wept his legions." The subject of this sketch was born and raised on a farm in Bavaria, a little more than 50 years ago, and after serving in the German army, took a trip through England, Ireland, Holland, Belgium and Austria, came to the United States in 1881; spent seven years as a flour miller, two years in sawmills and logging camps, two summers on a steamboat and the remaining time farming. This is the story of the pioneer of direct legislation in Oregon. Why in it asked if he has done so much is he not better known? First, because most of the papers he contributed to were not of general circulation; second, because he has not been before the people in a public capacity; third, and perhaps most important, because he has never sought notoriety, "played to the gallery," nor advertised himself in any way, for this soldier, miller, logger, steamboatman, farmer and Tow Watson Populist is modest and, on his Lane county farm, remains content to "hammer away" in the cause and leave the glory to those who care more for it. But, if justice is done, when the historian of the future writes the Oregon reform movement, prominent among the names of the truly great, should rank that of modest, unassuming Max Burgholzer.

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INCREASED PENSIONS FOR MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

Commander T. B. Wait of this city has received following letter from Senator Ankeny at Washington, under date March 9:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult., regarding my bill for the increase of pension for Indian war veterans and beg to say that I have every hope of securing a favorable report on same. You may be assured that I shall use every effort to secure its passage.

I have read the enclosed clipping and regarding same would say that each representative in congress receives a notice from the commissioner of pensions when any resident of his state has received an increase of pension.

"I presume it is from this notification the list was printed."

VENERABLE PRESIDENT MAKES A STATEMENT

Those who have kept in touch with the newspaper accounts of the work of L. T. Cooper and his celebrated remedies, will no doubt be interested to learn that they have been given a trial by residents of Salem and vicinity with the same satisfactory results that have attended the work of Mr. Cooper in the larger cities of the country. Among those who have recently put the Cooper medicine to a test are the venerable Mr. Robert Bascy and his estimable wife, living at 1246 South Liberty street, Salem, Ore., regarding the outcome of which Mr. Bascy says:

"For the past several years I have been troubled with catarrh of the head and stomach. Food did not agree with me, and after meals I tried various remedies in an effort to find relief, but none were effective.

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"I have been benefited so much by this medicine that I have secured more and will continue the treatment. I am satisfied that it will cleanse my system of impurities and make me as well as a man 75 years of age can hope to be.

"My wife has also used the Cooper medicine for stomach trouble with splendid results. We both gladly recommend it to any one in need of such a medicine."

WILLS GOING EAST

Have a Word to Say to Their Many Friends That May Be the Means of Saving Them Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Will have had a long and continuous service in the music and sewing machine business in Salem. Owing to the growth of their business and the length of time they have spent in it they think they are now entitled to a good long vacation and about May 1st they will start for a two months trip in the east.

Before going, however, Mr. Will says "we want to have the largest musical instrument and machine sale ever on record in Salem. We want to reduce our stock as low as possible before we leave and to do this we will make great reductions on everything except contract goods.

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The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company; incorporated under laws of Delaware; capital stock, \$1,500,000; attorney in fact, A. W. Williamson, Portland, Oregon.

Do Not Crowd the Season.

The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sun shine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.

Mr. Geer ought to run well in eastern Oregon. He has not lived there long.

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Fish Wheel Suit in Court Today. A case of great importance to Oregon and Washington in regard to the amount of control each state has over the fishing in the Columbia river is being argued before the supreme court today.

The case, which is entitled the state against Price Neilson, may go before the supreme court of the United States before a final decision is reached. Neilson was arrested for fishing near Astoria in disobedience of a fishing law of this state. It is the contention of Attorney General Crawford that the state has the right to enforce the fishing laws of this state on both sides of the river and that Washington has a similar right to enforce their laws on this side; else, states Crawford, there is no use in Oregon making any fish laws on maintaining any hatcheries, the laws of Washington permitting the fishermen on the north side of the river to counteract the good occasioned by our laws.

The question coming up at this time is particularly interesting because of the possibility of the passage of a law in this state at the election in June, whereby fishweels are prohibited in the upper Columbia; or of the passage of a bill prohibiting fishing on Sundays. Should either one, or both, of these laws go into effect, the probabilities are that the canners will move their appliances to the Washington side, thereby depriving this state of a large revenue and at the same time fall in the attempt to preserve the salmon fisheries. The case will probably go to the United States supreme court in case the state loses before the state supreme court.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

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John A. Collier, of Forest, has his petition for nomination for district attorneyship of the 2nd district, subject to the Republican primaries.

For Representative. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative at the primaries, April 17.

IF NOMINATED AND ELECTED I SHALL ALWAYS VOTE FOR PEOPLE'S CHOICE FOR U. S. STATES SENATOR.

HAL D. PATTON

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination at the publican primaries for county superintendent of schools.

WALTER M. SMITH

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination at the publican primaries for commissioner.

B. E. ROBERTSON

I desire to place my name in the Republican primaries for nomination for County recorder.

D. G. DRAPER

I wish to announce to my friends that I am a candidate for treasurer, subject to the Republican primaries.

JOSEPH G. WATSON

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner in the Republican ticket.

G. B. HOFFMAN

I am a candidate for county judge, subject to the Republican primaries, on the platform of a square deal to all.

W. W. HARRIS

At the request of many friends I have decided to become a candidate for the nomination for Judge, subject to the Republican primary election.

WILLIAM BURTON

For Assessor.

I hereby announce my candidacy in the Republican primaries for assessor of Marion county; my platform is just and equal taxation.

F. J. CHENEY

For County Superintendent. I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Schools for Marion county, subject to the Republican primaries, April 17.

A. C. BARNES

For Representative.

The undersigned is a candidate for representative at the Republican primaries, April 17. If elected, I favor business administration and economy for the people's choice for States senator.

HENRY J. MILLER

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce to the Marion county that I am a candidate for county treasurer at the county primaries; pledging faithful and impartial handling of county funds.

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Max Burgholzer, the Pioneer of Direct Legislation in Oregon.

of the "theory of natural selection" by Alfred Russel Wallace and Charles Darwin, and also the discovery or recognition of the three basic theories of "scientific" socialism by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels.

Although it is questionable if this theory of "multiple discovery" can be elevated to the dignity of a law, certain it is that direct legislation is not the product of one man's brain, but is rather a growth not invented by anyone but aided and directed by many. While having existed in a more or less crude form from the earliest antiquity in the German states and probably in Greece and Rome; direct legislation as now understood and applied is of comparatively modern origin for even in Switzerland, the so-called home of the referendum, the federal referendums date only from 1874 and the federal initiative from 1891. True, the practice was applied somewhat earlier in many of the cantons, or states, but as late as 1860 only about one-third of the Swiss possessed the referendum.

Who was the "Father of the referendum?" Hard to tell, because there were so many, but the one who per-

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