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BEWARE OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The issue has been made by the Portland machine politicians who want to overthrow the direct primary law, direct election of United States senators, and direct legislation under the initiative and the referendum.

The plan adopted to overthrow the extension of popular sovereignty which was enacted by the people of Oregon is by what is known as the assembly plan of making nominations. Unable to amend the laws enacted by the people to secure a purer form of government, having lost the power of nominating candidates, the machine proposes to subvert and overthrow the direct nomination system by holding conventions to be called assemblies in counties, and in the city of Portland for the whole state and select candidates for county offices, for the legislature, and judicial and state offices instead of letting the people make nominations direct. All nominating conventions are forbidden by law.

The Capital Journal wishes to warn the people from this time forth and every day and every hour that if they yield to the clamor for holding political assemblies for such a purpose they will surrender all they have gained in the way of great fundamental reforms in Oregon.

The people are warned—keep control of the nomination power and the full control of the avenues to political power. If they surrender them to the bosses and the old machine politicians at this time they will never recover their control of their own affairs. Having learned to nominate and elect our United States senators by the direct vote of the people they have still to learn how to curb the rapacity of a self-perpetrating machine in the legislature that is extending its functions and literally eating up the taxpayers.

The people have concentrated all their energies on destroying the purchase and sale plan of electing senators by the legislature and must now turn their attention to breaking the strangle-hold of graft in the legislature.

Direct primary laws have been enacted in many states and direct nomination and election of senators has been adopted by some of the great eastern states, and by all the states around Oregon, and Washington and Idaho have not only direct primary nominations but allow all voters a second choice on candidates for important places. Why should the people of Oregon be deprived of their simple right to a direct vote as to who shall be their public servants merely to please the selfish political bosses who have not the general interest at heart as the basis of their political activity?

Again let all citizens be warned to not ally themselves with the movement to call political assemblies to take away from the people their supreme control over public affairs, and a system of government that establishes responsibility to the electorate instead of the political boss and the wornout machine. This is the squarest issue ever brought before the people of Oregon and it has been raised by the representative of the selfish interests that seek special privileges that they are not willing to accord to others in the realm of government.

THE OPEN FORUM

Will Never Catch Up.

It is idle to speculate when women will get their freedom. They tell me it is only a question of time, but, judging by the past, it will be an awful long time. In a thousand years we have passed from real slavery to a fancied social status that is a mingling of toleration and rank injustice.

I will admit that general newspaper reading, magazines, libraries, lodges, churches, schools are helping the average intelligence, so that in the final outcome we may hope to see the fully developed and free man and woman.

The liberation of the man or woman must come through freedom, and freedom in the individual is based on the intelligence of all. But for a thousand years men have transacted business, managed politics and government, made love and carried on war and we are a thousand years behind them in all around development. How can we ever catch up? Admitting that we have equal opportunities now, which is far from being the fact, we are so far behind that we cannot develop equally. It is out of the question. Freedom

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and equality for women is an empty and unrealizable dream. DESPONDENT.

Had Been Reading the Bible.

Ed. Journal: I am not a Scientist, but have been reading their next Sunday lesson sermon. In it I find the visit of Paul to Cornelius. "He that is our God is the God of salvation—(of saving)—and unto this God we are all subject on equal terms. Unto this God of living belong the issues from death."—Ps. 68. Paul refused worship from Cornelius, saying, "Stand up, I also am a man." He declared it was wrong to call any other man names or unclean. Paul said: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, (feareth principle, reverence, truth,) and worketh righteousness, (doeth the deed,) is accepted of him. He (Truth) is ordained to be the judge of the quick and the dead." "The revelations of God and Man, Divine Principle and its iver, are indestructible in Science, and Science knows no relapse from or return to Harmony."—Science and Health, by Mrs. Eddy, page 470, line 32. It seems to me it is this relation that Christian Scientists are trying to establish here on earth and attain to perfect harmony with their fellow men and just with a so-called saved class, and denounce all others as unclean and common in the words of Paul. I am not a member of a Scientist organization, but it seems to me that Rev. Hrougher goes out of his way when he says either Science is wrong or all the Christian churches are wrong. We may all of us have been wrong in our interpretation of the scripture, and if our teachers are afraid of weakening their hold on us by teaching us the higher understanding of celestial truth can they blame us for going where we can get a glimpse of it? I want more of this revelation. If it did come to a woman.

A READER. (The writer for the press had better read a little more and see if it was not Peter instead of Paul who was sent for by Cornelius. It is

THE NEW-OLD RELIGION CLAIMS GREAT RESULTS

"Christian Science Calls Upon Mankind for a Frank and Fearless Revision of Its Own Beliefs," Says the Lecturer in Elucidating His Theme.

(Extract from lecture by W. D. McCracken, who lectures at the Grand opera house Sunday at 3 p. m. in Salem, free):

"What then are some of the chief results of Christian Science, what the principal reasons for its hold upon the gratitude of mankind?"

"First of all, it has exposed the philosophy of despair as unscientific. Its teachings obliterate any supposed reasons for pessimism. If it were really true, as public opinion has been only too prone to believe during the passing centuries, that God, the First Cause and basic Principle, is the author of evil as well as of good, then despair would be justified, for the struggle against evil would be hopeless. If evil could point to impotence as its author, it could not be successfully opposed, for it would have divine sanction. In that case, too, it would be but natural that there should be hopeless sinners and sick persons who are incurable.

"It is difficult to understand what the Christian gospel, or 'good news,' could mean under such circumstances or wherein its usefulness could lie, if it inculcated such views; but when the teachings of Christian Science concerning the goodness of God are understood, the curtain is lifted and the student perceives clearly, for the first time, that Christianity, when scientifically understood and applied,

brings complete salvation to humanity, including what is called physical health. But first must come the correct estimate of 'the things of the Spirit,' the theology of Jesus and its meaning as interpreted by Christian Science; the only can follow the works which Jesus commanded his followers to do, which he did himself, which his disciples and apostles and the Christians of the early church did, and which those Christians who understand his message are doing today.

"It is not possible to reform the sinner or heal the sick in Christian Science by emotionalism. In every instance the beneficent result is based upon Science, upon an underlying conviction and understanding concerning spiritual facts. It is not possible to heal the sick by Christian Science while believing that disease proceeds from God, and more than it is possible to reform the sinner while believing that God is the author of sin. No one who holds that evil is God-created can consistently urge its destruction. No mortal dare lay his hand to the works of the immortal. But the beneficent theology of Christian Science, exposing evil as an outlaw, without divine authorization of God-created existence, places a warrant in the hands of every follower of Christ to expose sin and sickness on sight, and condemn them to oblivion as nonentities."

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best to be accurate when discussing such matters.—Ed. J.

To Whom It May Concern.

Ed. Journal: I will bet all my coat-off clothing, with my entire interest in the Antarctic regions, that oil and high water will not beat N. F. Nelson from being elected the next governor of Oregon, and further, if not so elected, he will be our next president of the United States. Come to Limerick, ye doubting mavericks. Who will take this bet?

JAMES H. MARTHUR, Of Polk County, Ore.

A Siam at Ye Editor.

Marshfield, Ore. Ed. Journal: Perhaps you remember meeting me in this, and again perhaps you don't. I was with Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Peck and that crowd up at North Bend, besides talking to you at different times here in Marshfield. You meet so many it is impossible to remember them all. If I were a lady I know you would remember all about me and my whole damned family.

Well, I am not writing for a donation to the Coos Bay railroad, but I do want to know if you boost as much when you are at home as you do when away installing railroads in undeveloped country? In other words, what can you tell me about "Bethel Heights, Walnut Grove." They are not far from Salem, and I would like your opinion before I go to the expense of visiting them. A BOOSTER.

WOMEN START ON "HOBO" TRIP

(UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.) Wilson Creek, Wash., Oct. 28.—Mrs. A. M. Ferris and her daughter, Jessie, are today on their way to Chico, California, by bicycle. They departed from Wilson Creek on the long trip yesterday afternoon. The proposed route of the two women is by way of Pasco, Walla Walla, then to The Dalles, down the Columbia to Portland, and thence as directly south as possible to Chico. Each carried an equipment weighing about 30 pounds, consisting of sleeping bags, which can be made into a small tent when necessary; blankets and a few light cooking utensils. They will not try to establish a rec-

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X-RAYS AND SMILES

Rex Beach? Wrecks anything. "The Spoilers" were true to name.

Oh! you "Spoilers," but oh! you curtain.

Sometimes one regrets that Seward bought Alaska.

The heroine was almost as interesting as a pan full of cold dish water.

Of course you went to Albany today; that's the reason The Journal man missed you.

Apple Fair at Albany? Of course, and the Oregon peaches gathered there are fair, too. "Fair as a garden of the Lord."

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