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A MUCH NEEDED COMMISSION.

Among the bills to go into the Oregon legislature is one for a commission to save steps. The farmer and the farmer's wife waste a great many steps in going about from place to place. The laboring man, it is estimated by a commission sharp, wastes about one-fourth of his steps. The steps wasted are so much dynamic force lost, and all added together amount to millions. Millions of horse power are wasted and lost by this process and a commission on conservation of steps is wanted. Such a commission, with an appropriation of ten thousand or so, could save the people all this lost force. It is believed that even school children can economize on the steps now wasted that could be put into more athletics. The loss of energy of taxpayers going to the court house and hustling around to raise taxes could be minimized. The primary object of all commissions is to protect the taxpayer, and this grand idea is one of them. Let the Marion county delegation get behind this idea and taxes will come down a whole lot.

A GREAT VICTORY FOR TAFT.

The North Dakota primaries were a great victory for the Taft managers. To be sure Taft did not get many votes to speak of, but there was a grand moral victory. Just what moral principle the machine crowd are representing has not yet appeared. A great agricultural state holds primaries, and the people, about 20 to one, vote for men opposing Taft. Taft managers, it seems, do not need the votes of the people, and will elect some way, if they can only nominate him. That was a great Taft day up in North Dakota, when Taft got about one vote out of three hundred.

SENATOR KELLAHER IS A LIVE ONE.

The appointment of Senator Dan Kellaher, of East Portland, to a place on the Public Docks Commission was a good one. The live senator from Multnomah county will also be a candidate for re-election, and his election is beyond doubt. He is the champion of an idea that means a great deal for the development of Oregon industries and jobbing trade. It is that an American dollar shall buy just as much transportation going east as coming west to this coast. Senator Kellaher is a man of force and original ideas and that kind of men are not hanging on the bushes in Oregon.

IMPROVE SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

A Cottage Grove paper says: "Social conditions in Salem among the young boys and girls seem to be somewhat of a character not to be desired." This is the kind of bad advertising our city is getting as a re-

sult of some of the wild statements made by a transient evangelist here recently. The man may be excused, as he had to have sensationalism of some kind to hold his crowds, and he could attack the character of the children in a mass with safety. His addresses probably poisoned the mind and embittered the life of the woman who killed her children and then herself in the mad fear that they would all be ruined. But the evangelist's wild statements and the woman's wild deed should be taken advantage of to impress people with the need of bringing about better conditions. Those conditions cannot be improved by irresponsible howlings but must be changed by careful constructive work, reaching into the homes and improving conditions there. The extension of industrial education, putting a more serious purpose into the lives of our children, cutting out idleness and get-rich-quick propositions, will help. A closer bond between the school and the home development of the neighborhood center and uplift work will help change things.

THE QUESTION IS WHO SHALL RULE.

In our state affairs the question is whether the legislature shall represent the taxpayers or the taxeaters. In national politics the question is shall the machine element control, or shall popular rule be extended. Party control for purposes not of good government, but of machine rule for spoils and plunder, is the issue. The fight being made by the Taft campaign managers against direct primaries is fully outlined by Judson C. Wellver. Revolt is being stirred, in every section of the Union, against the effort of the Taft campaign management to suppress the demand for popular primaries. Already the question of whether the people are to have anything to do with the management of the Republican party has superseded all other issues in the pre-convention fight. The Taft forces in many states are directing every energy to prevent primaries; legislatures are being dragged, officeholders are being set at work to intrigue against the popular expression being taken, and big business is using its influence at every point.

The situation is critical, the leadership and the following of the national movement for restoration of the rule of the people are just realizing how grave it is.

If Taft is nominated, then, no matter whether he is elected or not, the reactionary crowd will have control of the Republican party's machinery for the next four years, and that machinery will be employed in every state, in every possible way, to prevent the extension of popular government measures.

To secure the support of the most reactionary wing of the party, the president has turned the complete control of his candidacy over to the Cannon-Crane-Lorimer-McKinley element of the party.

To keep control of the party machinery they must nominate Taft.

They will keep that control, if they nominate him for four years more; whether they elect him or not.

They regard 1912 as a very likely Democratic year. The most they seriously hope to save out of the wreck is the control of party organization.

To save that, they are willing to sacrifice the party's chance of electing the president this year.

They know Roosevelt would be elected if nominated, but they would rather have the country go Democratic than see Roosevelt elected.

This kind of talk is heard more and more freely indulged, day by day and week by week.

The increasing bitterness of the pre-convention campaign has induced a measure of frankness not before displayed.

The fight, so far as the reactionary people are concerned, is for control of the party, vastly more than the administration.

If we nominate Taft, these men argue, we lose the administration to the Democrats, but we keep control of the party machinery.

If we let Roosevelt be nominated, we loose the administration to the progressives, and the party machinery goes along.

It is beginning to be questioned whether the president fully realizes the extent to which this disposition amounts to a betrayal of himself.

Even the forces that have been lined up for Taft don't feel any enthusiasm, any real fighting loyalty to him.

He is a figure-head; no more.

They are fighting for party control in 1916.

One of the commonest observations heard among them is that this progressive business has got to be put down, and if the party gets licked in 1912, it will be ready, by 1916, to accept the leadership that promises to bring it back to power, and drop all the progressive ideas and programs.

So the fight of the Roosevelt people for primary expressions of presidential preference this year has suddenly assumed the huge significance of a contest to save the great movement of popular government.

ELLENDALY BANKER WRITES MOST FAVORABLE OF SALEM

NORTH DAKOTA MAN WRITES ABOUT LIFE ON THE COAST—FRANK LETSON GIVES INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE SAW AND LEARNED DURING HIS SIX MONTHS' VISIT ON THE PACIFIC COAST—THE COLDEST WEATHER WAS 30 ABOVE.

Frank Letson who is connected with the Ellendale National Bank, writes for the home paper, the North Dakota Record, about his trip to Oregon, and about Salem. In spite of the damaging statements made by the Portland Labor Council about Oregon there is a constantly increasing number of arrivals from the east and the good opinions of the people who have located their homes in Oregon more than counteract the slanders circulated against this state. But read what the conservative Ellendale banker says:

Editor Record: As you asked for my opinion of the western country after spending the winter there, will give you some of my impressions as a result of experience.

My wife and I bought our tickets over the Milwaukee to Seattle last Nov., and from Seattle to Salem we traveled over the Great Northern. The Milwaukee is a very nice route to travel for passengers wishing to stop at Spokane can stop at Rosalia and take an electric car to Spokane, the fare being paid by the railway. The ride is about an hour and a half.

Spokane is a great city of about 100,000 inhabitants. They call themselves "the inland empire", and the city probably has more millionaires than any other city of its size in the United States. They count their wealth by the amount of the mining

stock they own, and figure it 100 cents on the dollar. They are also credited with selling \$6,000,000 worth of liquor the past year.

Portland is the largest city in Oregon, and has about 250,000 inhabitants, and they are all boosters. They have just started a crusade for a greater Portland, the plan being to sell 10,000 Greater Portland buttons. This is something on the plan of lifting yourself by your boot-strings.

At Portland you take the Great Northern Electric railway for Salem. This road will soon be pushed to points further on. A train runs every two hours to Salem.

Salem is a town of about 20,000 the state capital, county seat, etc. It is located on a river in the center of a beautiful valley. Nature has probably done more for this valley than any other spot on earth and Salem is probably the most beautiful city in Oregon. They can boast of having more good people of middle age than any other town of its size in Oregon.

Salem pays a net profit to Portland companies of at least \$10,000 per month on its street railway, electric and gas lights, water system and telephone companies. If Portland gets as much of a rickoff from the other near-by cities in Oregon she surely ought to be "great". But the good people are waking up. They recently elected a city council which raised

the saloon license fifty per cent. The coldest it got during our visit on the coast during the entire winter, was about 30 degrees above zero. When we left the flowers were trying to bloom.

FRANK LETSON.

STAYTON TO AMEND CHARTER

Samuel H. Heltzel, of Stayton, has been in the city for several days looking after business connected with the proposed amendments to the city charter of that thriving little city. A special election is to be called there soon to adopt or reject the amendments proposed by the citizens, the legal part of which has been attended to by Mr. Heltzel. If the proposed amendments carry it will be possible to make street and other improvements and have the cost thereof made a lien against the abutting and adjacent property, the same as is provided by the Salem charter, under what is known as the Bancroft act.

Should the election carry it is the intention of the city council to begin proceedings at once to improve the streets and during the coming spring and summer there will be considerable street work and other improvements undertaken in that progressive city.

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