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FORCE VERSUS PUBLIC OPINION

BIG BUSINESS, in trying to force the hand of the California legislature, and prevent it enacting the anti-trust ownership of land bill, threaten to invade the referendum, and since the legislature refused to have its hand forced, and so passed the bill, Big Business will probably carry out its threat. However, it is a game that two can play at, and the people can proceed to apply similar methods to it. The merchant, the big land owner, the importer, are against the measure, because they fancy it is going to "hurt business." They raise nothing for the people, the farmers throughout the state who are brought into contact with undesirable neighbors by their acts. It is not people, not their own people at least, they are considering, but they are placing business above the man, and their own financial danger of losing trade, over and above the welfare of the entire community. If Big Business prefers the Japanese trade, to that of its own people, why not agree with it—let it have the Jap trade, and so other. If the merchants are willing to force the farmers to do their bidding, why not the farmers give them a taste of their own medicine, by refusing to do business with them? We do not advocate the boycott as a general proposition, but when one is told that his trade is a secondary consideration, that there are others whose trade is preferred, no blame can be attached to such an one if he acts upon the information and seeks another trading point, and others with whom to do business. We do not like the boycott, but at the same time, it is no more objectionable as a weapon than the proposed invoking of the referendum, the taking advantage of the law which permits those in a hopeless minority, to hold up legislation and defeat the will of the people for a time, for in this case this is all those who have the plan in view can expect to accomplish, for they know public sentiment is overwhelmingly against them. The farmers should fight back, make Big Business take some of its own medicine, or at least smack it one or two in the mug with the spoon.

GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

AT AN ELECTION in Portland Saturday, the new charter providing a commission form of government passed by a bare majority of the votes cast and as only 48 per cent of the vote was cast, it will be seen the city adopted the commission form of government not only by a minority, but by less than one-fourth of the actual vote of the city.

It will be seen from this that while women were so insistent upon being given the voting privilege, that they are not so keen to exercise it. They cast, or could cast nearly one-half the vote of the entire city, yet the results show that with both sexes voting, less than one-half the full vote was cast.

The time will come, and it is to be hoped quickly, when every voter who does not go to the polls and cast his ballot, unless he can show good excuse therefor, will be disfranchised for an election or two, and he, or she, should be so disfranchised. The citizen who neglects to vote is derelict in his duty, and the worst of it is, he is the first one to kick against measures passed without his objection. It is a matter of gratification, though to comparatively the valley that the Portland charter passed, and the results will be watched with profound interest. The cities are fast coming to the conclusion that the commission form of government is the solution of the pending problem of government.

ting public work done as well and as cheaply as private work is done, and as this has heretofore proven impossible under our old style of a mayor and a cumbersome council, the Portland experiment will be watched with unusual interest, and if reasonably successful, will be patterned after by Oregon's smaller cities.

COVERS THE CASE FULLY.

AN EDITORIAL in Sunday's Oregonian under the caption "Mental Contagion" is well worth, not only perusal, but re-perusal, for it says much, says it briefly, succinctly and forcibly. It opens by saying "Ideas are catching, like diphtheria and measles, and foolish ones are much more contagious than the wise." After "proving its case," and showing up the follies and foibles of our ancestors as being, in degree, as great as our own, it concludes:

"There are some who scorn facts and despise novel opinions the moment they begin to spread. Such men enjoy being hooped at. The howls of the mob are music to their ears. Rotten eggs are in vogue to their nostrils. They are iconoclasts, cynics, infidels. All sorts of bad names are given them, but they are the salt of the earth. They refuse to worship idols and they spatter triumphal cars with mud, but for that they can be forgiven. The fact that they form little oases of sanity in the midst of the blasting desert of popular madness they store for all their sins."

Here is a wonderful amount of hard, honest and self-evident truths crowded into a remarkably brief space, and comment upon it is necessarily difficult, as nothing is left to be said. It might be elaborated upon, but why dilute language in order to express the same ideas with weakened force!

TRAINING SCHOOL BOYS RECEIVE COMMUNION

Inmates of the state training school who are members of the Catholic faith, received communion in a body Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, at St. Joseph's church. Elaborate preparations had been made to make the occasion memorable for the little fellows. Little girls who were grouped to represent angels, escorted the boys by twos to the front of the altar.

In his sermon Father Moore discussed the sacrament of communion, at some length, pointing out its significance and importance.

They Both Left.

Evidently not satisfied with being arrested and compelled to hear the record of a trial in Justice of the Peace Webster's court on the charge of illicit cohabitation, Chuck McAlister, a young police woman, was lodged in jail again Saturday night on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and this morning Judge Egan suspended a 30-day sentence, upon the condition that she leave the city immediately. She went.

The woman was found on the streets Saturday night in a belligerent state of intoxication. Police Matron Lynch attempted to arrest her, but the woman fought like a tiger. Night Sergeant Pollock took her in charge, and experienced much trouble in holding her behind the bars.

Chas. Malott was also arrested along with the woman, and it was thought at the time he gave the Italian woman the liquor. No evidence as to this could be gathered, however, and the prisoner this morning received the same sentence and conditions as the woman. He also went.

Be thankful you, Jess brings the Rose Festival, if it does bring another election.

A VENERABLE DAINTY LITTLE SHOTGUN

Mr. M. Mitchell Shows It to The Journal Man With the Results You Will Find Appended.

Mr. M. Mitchell, of 918 Pine street, visited The Capital Journal office this morning, bringing with him a venerable little gun, double barrel, the barrels being of 20-bore, and scarcely thicker than writing paper at the muzzle, and was made, so its history goes for a woman. Its appearance indicates this, too, for the stock is inlaid with silver, the handhold being dotted with silver pins, about an eighth of an inch apart. The stock under the barrel is also beautifully ornamented with little silver pins driven into it in groups, the whole forming a very pretty design. The trigger guard is engraved, one figure being the face of a woman, supposedly the pretty little owner, who tripped it over the moors after the moor hens, and then some more, 160 years ago, when George the Second was king, and before the father of our country had become a father to us. It was made about the time Bessie Franklin was learning to fly a kite, and Paul Revere was wrestling with the original dairy supply, instead of a nursing bottle. Speaking of this latter fact, the gun is now supplied with nipples, which were put on after Mr. Mitchell got the gun, it being originally of the flintlock pattern—the kind that you pull the trigger one day and the gun went off the trigger got ready, sometimes the same day. But this is a digression. When the little shotgun was made Patrick Henry had not yet committed his speech to memory, and "Give me liberty or at least an office" had not yet stirred the boards and ambitions of the great American voter. Neither had Susan B. Anthony appeared on the scene at that time, and suffragettes were not clamoring for men's rights, for the simple reason that they had them, being permitted to milk the cows, split the wood, or plug a tufted warrior in the solar plexus with a hay fork, if he got too gay or troublesome. No, the suffragettes were not a necessity—then. However, this is another digression—Mr. Mitchell purchased the gun in Iowa 20 years ago of a man who got it from an Englishman, to whom it descended by inheritance, and who probably parted with it to raise funds to keep his backbone from rattling the buttons off his vest, he being the son of a noble family, and hereditarily opposed to hard work.

The gun was reported as not loaded, so was handled carefully, and avoided accidents, even though we probably lost a good penny from thereby. It is about as handsome a little shotgun as a writer ever saw, and makes him wish he could see the girl for whom it was made. Of course, had he done this, he would be dead now, and the Hon. Gideon Stebbins would miss him sadly. However, this is another wandering from the subject, which is a shotgun.

It is a dandy little gun, much better than the writer expects to be when he reaches its age, though—what's the use, we can't stick to that gun anyway, but still we would like to know—

X-RAYS AND SMILES.

Getfried Palmer sued Mike Tomler, a daywoman, supplying milk to Portland, for \$4000 back wages in 11 years' work. He testified that part of his work was to put half a gallon of water in every three gallons of milk. He got \$338, and he should have got three years in the pen in addition.

W. J. Messenger, of Dorn, has a goat that yielded \$5.75 worth of milk at its shearing this spring. It is a safe bet that who ever gets Messenger's goat will have to put up a good stiff price for it.

Company A, Oregon National Guard.

Company A, Oregon National Guard, of Baker, was disbanded last week, and all its paraphernalia was shipped to Portland. The company was organized in 1888.

With tumultuous joy you rock, on a gladsome man in spring, when the hornet in your sock bedevils you by its sting.

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ans also burst into bloom, and are most in evidence.

Sentiment is largely a matter of cultivation. The poets all sing of the mother and the cooking, dimpling baby, but they overlook and the hustle the old man gets on to meet the bills.

The recognition of the baby Chinese republic by the United States, was appropriate and due. It was fitting that greatest of all republics should be first to welcome the baby.

THE ROUND-UP

The sawmill at Toledo has been shut down, on account of the lack of logs, until May 5.

More than 150 school teachers of Polk county convened at Airline Tuesday, when the regular teachers' institute was held.

Albany has passed an ordinance making all buildings where liquor is sold or kept for sale a nuisance, and providing punishment of the owners of the buildings.

Jackson county's total tax is \$750,000 of which \$300,000 has already been collected.

Mrs. Abigail Scott-Duniway advised all women to vote against the adoption of the new charter at the election in Portland Saturday.

A plea of guilty of murder in the second degree was made Friday by James Hammond, who shot and killed the Bloom, a Portland commission man, March 12. The district attorney accepted the plea, and Hammond was sentenced to prison for life.

The first of the deep sea fishing boats landed her catch at Newport Friday, 1000 pounds of halibut and about 350 pounds of cod.

Judge Gates, in a speech at Portland Friday, said that there are more immoral girls under 21 than above that age. He blames parents and school conditions for much of the immorality, and advocates separate schools for the sexes.

Japs of Oregon are organizing and will urge a new treaty between Japan and the United States, that will permit them becoming citizens of this country.

Change of plans in the bridge being built across the Willamette at Eugene, will add about \$7500 to the cost of the structure. The bridge is of all steel, and will be 320 feet long.

Charles Matson, a tramp, was run over by a train at Baker Thursday night, and both feet were crushed to a pulp. He dragged himself more than a block, on his hands, to get assistance.

The locating of a milk sugar factory at Tillamook is one of the latest bits of news along the "Made in Oregon" line. It is claimed Tillamook county has nearly from its dairies 20,000,000 pounds of whey, and it is this that has induced the milk sugar manufacturers to seek that point. If the matter goes through—there will be three factories built, at convenient points.

That referendum of the U. of O. appropriation is being opposed in all parts of the state. This speaks well for Oregon. The U. of O. should have its money, if for no other reason, because, at least, nine-tenths of the people who pay the taxes want it to have it.

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Sentari and Albania. (New York Times.)

The entrance of the Montenegrins into Sentari may complicate the final settlement of the Balkan question somewhat, but there are reasons why it is not likely to prevent or greatly to defer it. Chief of these is the fact that the European powers have agreed that Albania shall be erected into an independent state, and that Sentari shall be included therein. Another is that among her Balkan allies Montenegro can find none that will give substantial support to her claim to Sentari. Serbia at one time backed that claim with arms, but withdrew, and will not risk being what she can gain with the assent of the powers by opposing their plans as to Albania.

An independent Albania is in some respects an absurdity. It is thinly populated; considerable portions are almost without population; its people are of varied nationalities and religions; most of them are semi-barbarous mountain tribes, often at war with each other; its roads are few and bad. It is difficult to conceive of any really autonomous organization in the country that could maintain order or develop the resources of the land. Provision will have to be made for some degree of European supervision and practical control, and this question will prove a knotty one. But we have the word of Sir Edward Grey that an independent Albania was actually the one plan that saved Europe from a general conflict. Apparently being unable to agree to what Albania should be, the powers concluded to erect it into a state, the management of which was left for future devising. In this way it will block the way of Serbia into the Adriatic, check the aspirations of Russia as the head of the Slav races, and furnish a basis for future American advances if opportunity offers. It is an effort to the general peace which the Triple Alliance has secured from the smacking vicissitudes of the Balkan allies.

Meanwhile the allies are not being a little manoeuvring for position among themselves. That is probably the explanation of the movements, or reports of movements, of Greek and Bulgarian troops about Salonika. It is hardly thinkable that either of the two governments would be mad

enough to come to blows over the spoils of a triumph in which each nation has borne so creditable a part, and in which they have so abundantly proved the advantages of co-operation. Both governments have acted with great courage, energy, skill and loyalty in the hard struggle which has resulted so favorably. As the original alliance was largely the work of the Greek premier, and as Greece has won rich fruits from it, it would be the height of folly to imperil these by a quarrel with Bulgaria. United the allies can settle the Balkan question almost to suit themselves. If they fail to fighting among themselves they will simply invite the powers to come in and dispel them.

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