

REVENGE BY REFERENDUM

Sample Case from Oregon Foundry of Direct Legislation.

FORGED NAMES A NEW INDUSTRY

Nonpartisan Instance of Manner in Which Community of Envious Boosters Held Up Legislation.

Although we are in the full tide of the Alice in Wonderland epoch of political legislation, there may yet be left a few people who are willing and able to read a plain account of how some of these miraculous cures for all of our political ailments actually work at the great experiment stations of direct legislation and social salvation.

A Hitch in the Reform.

And in making this estimate it is fortunate that the valuable assistance of the Oregon supreme court has been given, in a decision just handed down, which for explicitness of statement and clearness with which it shows the possibilities just suggested is a rather interesting document.

The facts which led to the decision which will be presented a little later on are about as follows: The University of Oregon is situated in Eugene, in Lane county. In this same county there is another city called Cottage Grove, which after the manner of western communities, perhaps all communities, was urged to increase its importance and argue the question of the division of the county in order that Cottage Grove might become the county seat of the new county thus created.

Getting Even with the Referendum. But Cottage Grove was not satisfied with this decision of the people of Lane county, and attributing the defeat of their metropolitan aspiration to the citizens of Eugene, began to seek out a manner by which they could make reprisals upon their offending neighbors.

It will hardly be believed in a well-ordered community that the citizens of any state would thus take revenge upon the young people of an entire state and, to say the truth, the people of Cottage Grove did not find it particularly easy.

No Trouble to Forge Signatures. The result for a state, whose political liberation has been widely heralded and whose lofty devotion to the people, as something absolutely without parallel in our political annals, is rather sombre reading for reformers who look to this method for political reformation.

The origin of the movement to refer the measure in question is not altogether creditable to its promoters. The state university is located at Eugene in Lane county. Certain citizens of the southern portion of the county, including the city of Cottage Grove, were desirous of being incorporated into a new county with Cottage Grove as its county seat.

without compensation. They employed Mr. Parkinson of Portland, who undertook to procure such signatures for 25 cents a name. He employed a large number of circulators, who went forth into the highways and byways to procure signatures.

Faked "Demands from the People." Here we have the supreme court of the state of Oregon describing the origin and method of procedure in the operation of a state-wide referendum. Remembering that this was a matter absolutely apart from partisan politics, that it did actually concern the education of the entire state and the growth and progress of its highest educational institution, there is hardly a more disgraceful illustration of the confusion and disorder in government which is possible under such a system.

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The set of exercises which Mr. Wright guarantees hold in their grasp good health are extremely simple, and many of them are actually performed, unconsciously, by every one each day of his life.

In all, there are exactly fifteen different movements in the "Brevis System," as the author speaks of it. They can all be done in a very small space and without a single apparatus. In fact, Mr. Wright believes that any apparatus, even dumbbells, is harmful. Dumbbells, for instance, serve only as resistance to the muscles, and being inanimate things it best they do not know just how much resistance to offer.

JOLT FOR JUDICIAL DIGNITY

Kentuckian Proud of His Shape Handed One by His Tailor.

Judge Robert C. Kinkead of Louisville, Ky., referee in bankruptcy, was just naturally curious. Besides, he was ordering a new suit and he felt that it was his privilege to ask a few questions.

THE HOME BUILDERS PAGE

TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Approach of Fall Rejuvenates the Trade in Real Estate.

BIG SALES DURING THE WEEK

The Announcement of Change in Factory Locations and Erection of Apartment Houses Indicates Good Market.

With the approach of fall the real estate market has begun to liven up. Real estate dealers, property owners and buyers have about all had their vacations and returned for work.

It will not be long until the real estate exchange will feel the demand for returning to its weekly meetings, which are scheduled to begin the first Wednesday of September.

The great demand for nice apartment houses close to the business district is being seen by builders and taken advantage of.

Among the recent announcements of new apartment houses is that of Thor Jorgensen, Park avenue and Mason streets, who will erect a \$30,000 structure at Park avenue and Harris street.

When completed the building will be one of the best equipped in the city. Architect H. A. Raapke has completed the plans which show a number of innovations in architecture.

Among these is an arrangement of the architect's own by which sound will not travel from one apartment to another, a great advantage to the renters with and without children, dogs, singing daughters and quarrelsome wives and husbands.

Raapke learned this trick of architecture during his trips abroad. He has made three trips to Europe on which he has specially studied the architecture of Greece, Rome and Italy, ancient and modern.

This new apartment house will face ninety feet on Park avenue and extend thirty feet back on Harris street. In design it will resemble the large houses of Florence, Italy, with eaves extending five feet from the sides.

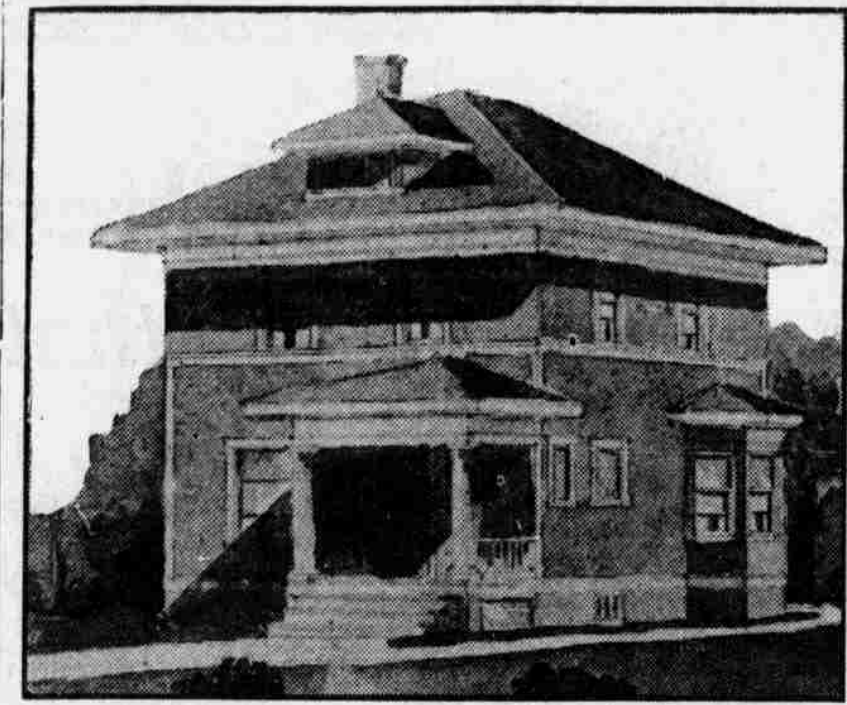
The announcement of new factories for two large manufacturing concerns of Omaha during the last week may indicate lively business in real estate circles.

The three-story building which has been occupied by the National Biscuit company at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Jackson streets has been bought by the Skinner Macaroni company through George & Co.

The purchase was made after several months of negotiations on the part of the realty firm and the biscuit and macaroni firms. The price was kept secret.

The other announcement was of the awarding of a contract to W. J. Creedon to construct the new warehouse of the Baker Manufacturing company on the lot, 6612 1/2 feet, on Douglas street at the end of the bridge approach, west of the O'Brien candy factory and one lot east of Ninth street.

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three additional stories. The lot adjoining on the west also is owned by the Baker company, which may build upon it in time. The company has been in small quarters east of Tenth street on the south side of Howard street.

An idea of how well investments in Omaha business property can be secured by cost of construction is the amount of rental on the building now in course of construction east of the Hippodrome theater, Eighteenth and Douglas streets.

The structure is being erected by the Brandeis interests at a cost approximately of \$12,000. The second floor is to be a dance hall and already has been leased by the drill team of the Modern Woodmen of America for a number of years at \$400 per month.

Several stores and a basement, however, are planned for the building which will no doubt produce its cost within a very short time.

One of the good sales of the week was the purchase of two and a half lots at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth street and Poppleton avenue by Phippen & Denham. The property was owned by L. H. Korty, who received \$4,000 for it. The new owners will build four houses there, investing \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Activities in the sale of property is represented by the purchase of four-acre lots in Shiloh, on Twenty-seventh street, north of Leavenworth street, by

HIS PILE DETHRONES REASON

Beggar Gathers Huge Fortune on Street Corners and Winds Up in an Asylum.

Hoarding nickels and dimes and pennies and the occasional coins of larger denomination which rewarded her street corner begging, Leota Seybold of Los Angeles succeeded in a long life in amassing a fortune of \$30,000.

Today she is in an insane asylum, driven mad by constant indulgence in her only pleasure, the counting over and over of her growing hoard.

Not all the \$30,000 was found in the stored treasure of "Old Leota," as she has been known on the streets for years. Occasionally, when her quarters became too small to store comfortably the great accumulation of small coins, she converted some of them into currency.

She pursued a devoted course on this errand, getting one or two bills in exchange for coins at each place she visited.

These bills, in turn, she sent to Oklahoma, where two sisters live, and there they were converted into land. Now Leota owns large and highly valuable tracts of farm and suburban real estate.

It was the constant tink of the metal coins as she piled them up and toppled them over again and again, for the sheer joy of handling and counting them, that unsettled her reason, according to Dr. Blendin of the county asylum.

Every waking hour that she could spare from her quest of still more alms she devoted to this worship of the coins themselves. Finally her brain could stand the monotonous counting and gloating no more, and Leota's strange actions led to her commitment to the asylum.

Arrangements are being made to send her to Oklahoma, where her sisters will be able to take care of her. She is neither violent nor dangerous—just demented on the subject of counting money. The attending physicians fear there is little chance to restore her reason.—Los Angeles Times.

HARD TO SUIT ALL TASTES

Perplexities of a Preacher Who Attempted to Pound Visible Evils.

There are people who do not like the Rev. William Wilkinson, the "bishop of Wall street." But even these admit that he is unusually interesting as he stands on his little stool on the broiling asphalt of Broad street and talks godliness at 1:18 hours.

"No use trying to talk religion to you boys today," said he abruptly. "You're in no condition to appreciate it. I have no scriptural authority to represent heaven as a place of cool shadows and cold drinks—and after ten minutes on Broad street today you will have little fear of the other place. So I'll tell you a little story from my own experience."

More brokers will listen to the bishop's stories than to his theology.

"I was out west not long ago," said he, "and was asked to preach in a little town. The bishop of the diocese came to hear me. I took divorce as my topic, and began to lambast those who dared to cut asunder the matrimonial tie. A moment later the rector of the church pulled at my coattail.

"Don't say any more about divorce," said he. "Four members of our choir have been divorced, and if you talk this way we won't have any more music."

"So I began to talk of the curse of drink. The Sunday school superintendent passed a note up to me. 'I approve of all you say,' he wrote. 'But Colonel Jenkins is getting mighty restless. He hasn't been sober in eleven years, and we're depending on him to pay the expenses of our annual picnic.' So I dropped the bottle and hummed and hawed my way toward another subject. I began to talk against the vice of cheating. The bishop warned me off in a whisper. 'But the

leading man in this parish spent a term out in the penitentiary for wrecking a bank, and another prominent church member is running a mail order real estate game."

"I rather flattered me for a moment, but I flatter myself that I keep my head pretty well. And so I turned and gave that congregation a talk on the difficulty of making a good Christian out of the South Sea Islands, and I've had three invitations to preach there again."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

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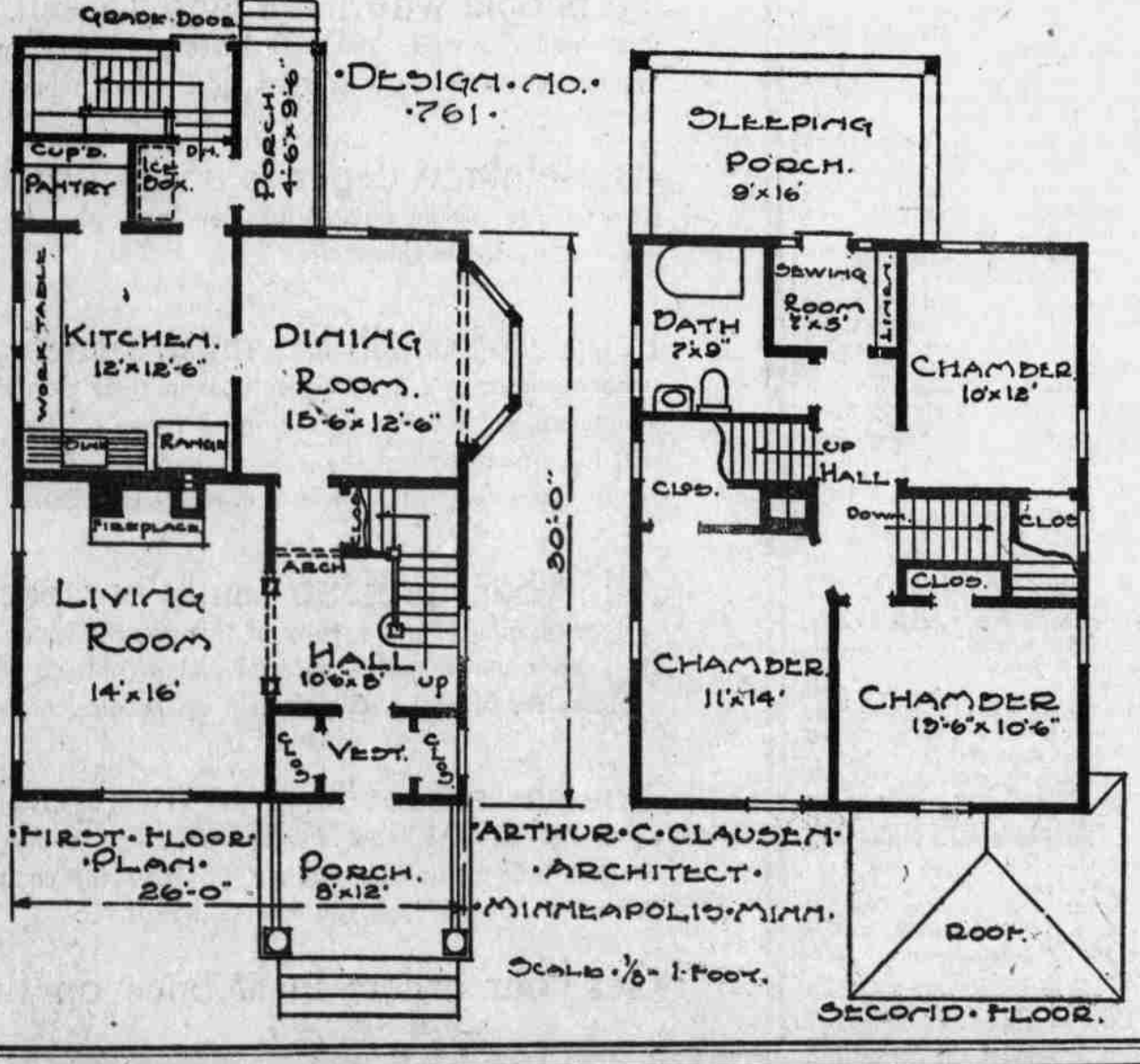
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