### 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 Legis-

lation. 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. The following account is the result of first-hand contact with the iniative and referendum in practice in a case of capital importance, which suggests the possibilities of the system and has for the time being at least somewhat cooled the ardor of one devotee in the mad desire "to restore the government to the people" in the sense which reformers use this expression. is my sincere conviction that except in certain broad and simple questions the whole program of direct legislation not only offers no satisfactory solution of our political problems, but on the whole will tend to a reactionary period of social development which will hinder the progress of real reform.

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. It surely will not be taken as a partisan view when the highest court of the great experiment station of pure democracy is quoted on the workings of the system, and the feature of the decision is that it went immediately to the root of the methods by which the working of direct legislation can be judged. Moreover, the case in point is the more suggestive and important because it had to do with a matter which may be supposed to be as far removed from partisan prejudice as a thing could possibly be, namely, public education and, in fact, with the highest educational institution in the state, namely, its state university. Thus a combination of circumstances make this ruling and what it reveals one of the most striking current comments on a question which is agitating the do next.

which will be presented a little later on after the manner of western communities, perhaps all communities, was anx- out while they are doing it. ious to increase its importance and urged the question of the division of the county in order that Cottage Grove might bequestion there may reasonably be differ- health. ences of opinion, the soberest and most capable citizens of the county generally believing that the division at least for likely to be sluggish. the present being unwise, and the proposed division was defeated.

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 life. their metropolitan aspiration to the citizens of Eugene, began to seek out a manner by which they could make re- that which will give good health. prisals upon their offending neighbors. Thinking to hit Eugene in a peculiarly sensitive spot they lighted upon a method which one would think about the last thing citizens with any common sense namely, to defeat the state appropria- through your upper ones. tion for the university. That they could defeat the state's appropriation for the legs, do not imagine you have brought university, it is not probable that they into play all the muscles of those memcould hope, but by petitioning to have the matter placed upon the ballot for your wrists and ankles that need stretchreferendum, they could at least hold the for the university a whole year until a may never think to exercise. state wide referendum could be held

any state would thus take revenge upon Wright's little three-minute book. the young people of an entire state and. to say the truth, the people of Cottage Grove did not find it particularly easy. But even the advocates of initiative and the bondage of our common human na- believes that any apparatus, even dumbto get the required number of citizens they sent to the chief city of the state, this divine agency for upright government to get signatures for them.

No Trouble to Forge Signatures. The result for a state, whose political liberation has been widely heralded and sition. whose lofty devotion to the people, as something absolutely without parallel in thor, and laugh at the doctors. our political annals, is rather sombre reading for reformers who look to this method for political reformation. For the JOLT FOR JUDICIAL DIGNITY high-minded citizen referred to employed fictitious, by the thousands with the result that the case was taken to the courts for adjudication. There were some minor matters as to jurisdiction and the form of the suit which are immaterial here, but at lest the suit was brought in proper form and the final decision is now handed down. On the accuracy of the statements above we may now quote the Oregon, supreme

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 or not. incorporated into a new county with Cottage Grove as its county seat. This was usly opposed by the citizens of the northern portion of the county and particularly by those of Eugene, and the measure was defeated. As a matter of -retaliation or perhaps to convince the citizens of Eugene that their city and its institutions would be better off without Cottage Grove in the same county,

this movement was inaugurated. That there was no general and spontaneous desire on the part of the general public to withhold the appropriation from the university soon became apparent, and He hesitated. the promoters were compelled to employ an attorney to secure the necessary signa- insisted the judge. tures. This in itself was not an unusual course, as it is difficult to find citizens tailor with a sigh of resignation, "if who are so devoted to their principles as you must know, "S. B. L." stands for

without compensation. They employed Mr. Parkinson of Portland, who undertook to procure such signatures for 31/2 cents a name. He employed a large number of circulators, who went forth into the highways and byways to procure signatures. Seven of these at least devised an easy method of earning their money. They would get together, pass around their petitions, each signing a few names in a disguised hand, thus minimizing the chance of detection. These forgeries were clearly proved, mostly by the admission of the parties upon the trial of the case of Friendly against Olcott (the previous suit), the testimony in which case was by stipulation used in TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP the case at bar. In the present case these signatures are admitted by the pleadings to be forgerles though they were filed in Approach of Fall Rejuvenates the the secretary's office as a part of the original petition."

Faked "Demands from the People." Here we have the supreme court of the BIG SALES DURING THE WEEK state of Oregon describing the origin and method of procedure in the operation of The Announcement of Change, in 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. When the community which wants anything held up cannot arouse itself to its work, all it has to do is to send to the large city, get some disreputable politician or attorney to hire forgers to do the dirty work, and you get a "demand from the people" and stop for a year any public work however important, necessary and creditable .- A. A. Berle in Boston Transcript.

### YOU DOCTOR, GO TO! OH.

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From out near the middle of the great state of Kansas comes so fair an offer. R. C. Wright, who lives in the thriving city of McPherson, Kan., has written a book he calls "Brevis," in which he has collected and arranged a series of exercises for the muscles of the body which require only three minutes of each day to perform and which, the author claims, will insure whomsoever does perform them faithfully a lifetime of perfect health.

The secret of good health, according to Mr. Wright, who has made a study of whole nation and should be valuable to the subject for years, lies in good circumany people who, dissatisfied with things lation. Keep the blood coursing through as they are, are wondering just what to your veins and you need never call on the doctor.

The only way to secure perfect circulation is by exercise. But in that very are about as follows: The University of course lies danger. Far too often people Oregon is situated at Eugene, in Lane who recognize the necessity of exercising county. In this same county there is overdo it. They put more and more of a another city called Cottage Grove, which strain on their muscles, making them large and powerful-and wearing them

The exercise, such as Mr. Wright rec ommends in his little book, is just enough and no more to wake up all the muscles come the county seat of the new county of the body each day. By following his thus created. The citizens of Eugene system he does not claim that you will ome a physical giant or a worldvoted against it. On the merits of this famous athlete, but you will have perfect

> The morning is the time when should exercise. Then the blood is more

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

But exercising part of the muscles of the body and not all is far from doing

If you stretch your arms high above your head, all well and good, but do you stretch your legs as well? Yet, when you arise in the morning the blood is just as likely to be flowing more or less slugor patriotism would have lighted on, gishly through your lower limbs as

By simply raising your arms or your bers of your body. There are muscles in ing and pulling and working. Then, too, appropriation up and postpone progress there are muscles in your neck that you

The muscles of your stomach, your abdomen, your chest, even many of the It will hardly be believed in a well- recognized systems of physical culture ordered community that the citizens of forget some of them. But not Mr

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 referendum have not entirely escaped a single apparatus. In fact, Mr. Wright ture and when they found it difficult bells, is harmful. Dumbbells, for instance, serve only as resistance to the muscles, and being inanimate things :t Portland, to a well-known advocate of best they do not know just how much resistance to offer.

Leave the question of resistance to your own strength and to the muscles of your body, which naturally act in oppo-

Get the "Brevis" habit, urges the au

agents, who got signatures, forged and 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 ques-

> The tailor, who was taking his meas urements and noting them on a pad was making a number of mystic abbreviations that puzzled him. He has no sense of personal vanity, yet he couldn't be certain whether they were counted to create a sense of personal pulchritude

> The tailor took his pencil from behind his ear and scribbled on the pad the. letters "S. B. L." Judge Kinkead peered over his shoulder

> and ventured a question. "What's that S. B. L.?" he ventured. "Oh, just a memorandum that I'm making for personal reference," said the tailor in a tone that was intended to

> head off further interrogation. The explanation was enlightening, but Judge Kinkead was not to be satisfied. "What does it mean?" he asked. The tailor was obviously embarrassed.

"Go ahead man, what does it mean?"

"Well, begging your pardon," said the to be willing to circulate such petitions slightly bow-legged. "-Louisville Times.

# THE ME BUILDER PAGE

Trade in Real Estate.

Factory Locations and Erection of Apartment Houses Indi-

entes 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. The last week has seen considerable activity in the purchase and sale of property.

It will not be long until the real estate exchange will feel e demand for returning to its weekl, settings, which are scheduled to begin the first Wednesday of September. About that time is when the real estate market begins to look up.

The great demand for nice apartment houses close to the business district is being seen by builders and taken ad-

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 three additional stories. The lot adjoinwithout children, dogs, singing daughters and quarrelsome wives and husbands. Not a sound, the architect says, can escape from an apartment. Raapke learned this trick of architec

ture during his trips abroad. He has made three trips to Europe on which he has specially studied the architecture of 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. Construction work probably will begin this month.

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

The three-story building which has been pany at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Jackson streets has been bought by the Skinner Macaroni company throught George & Co. The purchase was made after several

months of negotiations on the part of short time. 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, 66x132 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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ing on the west also is owned by the Baker company, which may build upon it in time. The company has been in her only pleasure, the counting over and small quarters east of Tenth street on over of her growing hoard. the south side of Howard street. With the sale of the National Biscuit

company building the two concerns will has been known on the streets for years change quarters. The biscuit company Occasionally, when her quarters became Greece, Rome and Italy, ancient and will maintain a warehouse and stock too small to store comfortably the great room at 1315-17 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 Brandels interests at a cost approxi-

mately 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. Allowing for them over again and again, for the sheer will pay for the building in about fifteen unsettled her reason, according to Dr. years.

One of the good sales of the week was street and Poppleton avenue by Phippen asylum. & Denham. The property was owned by L. H. Korty, who received \$4,000 for it. there, investing \$20,000 to \$25,000.

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### HIS PILE DETHRONES REASON

Beggar Gathers Huge Fortune or 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 \$300,000.

Today she is in an insane asylum. driven mad by constant indulgence in

Not all the \$300,000 was found in the stored treasure of "Old Leota," as she accumulation of small coins, she converted some of them into currency.

She pursued a devious 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 chink of the metal coins as she piled them up and toppled joy of handling and counting them, that Blendin of the county asylum.

Several stores and a basement, however, Every waking hour that she could are planned for the building which will spare from her quest of still more alms no doubt produce its cost within a very she devoted to this worship of the coins themselves. Finally her brain could stand the monotonous counting and the purchase of two and a half lots gloating no more, and Leota's strange at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth actions led to her commitment to the

Arrangements are being made to send her to Oklahoma, where her sisters will The new owners will build four houses be able to take care of her. she is neither violent nor dangerous-just demented on Activities in the sale of property is the subject of counting money. The atrepresented by the purchase of four-tending physicians fear there is little acre lots in Shiloh, on Twenty-seventh chance to restore her reason.-Los An-

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heaven as a place of cool shadows and

cold drinks-and after ten minutes on

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a little story from my own experience.

stories than to his theology.

pulled at my coattail.

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"I was out west not long ago," sain

e, "and was asked to preach in a little

town. The bishop of the diocese cam-

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

"'Don't say any more about divorce."

said he. 'Four members of our choir

have been divorced, and if you tak this

"So I began to talk of the curse of

drink. The Sunday school superintendent

passed a note up to me. 'I approve of all

son is getting mighty restless. He hasn't

our annual picnic.' So I dropped the bot-

tle and hummed and hawed my way to-

ward another subject. I began to talk

warned me off in a whisper.

against the vice of cheating. The bishop

way we won't have any more music."

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ible Evils.

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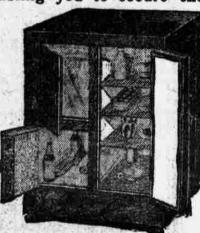
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