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TRYING TO POOL THE PUBLIC.

A loud yell, a strong yell and a yell all together offered by the various parrot voices and phonographic agencies of the Bourne-Chamberlain machine yields a great volume of noise, and tends to confuse the public as to the real issue of the present campaign. The genuine issue is to be avoided, covered up, hidden, sneaked out of the public gaze, or the Bourne-Chamberlain outfit is lost. Hence we discover that their plying candidate for Governor sings his little song about himself in one key, Chamberlain pounds away on his tune of "assemblyism" and "convictionism" and the local newspaper organ of the machine jumps from one red-letter production of defamatory invention to another about Howerman with kaleidoscopic rapidity and with a malignant purpose to tear his reputation to tatters. The Great Absentee is gone, of course, but the Bourne-Chamberlain are clicking cheerily away and in a day or two we may look for another grand farewell address of admonition, caution and remonstrance, signed, sealed and delivered (through the mails) by the Mighty Oracle himself. Naturally the public, if it listens to the avvil chorus and tries to distinguish the several voices, is likely to be distracted; and distraction, uncertainty, disturbance and doubt as to what is going on behind the scenes are precisely what the Bourne & Chamberlain partnership is after.

NEEDED THE MONEY, PERHAPS.

As West collected \$233 from the Social Oregonian, "traveling expenses" and \$365.29 from the National Government as "witness fees" for the same trip to Washington and return, also his salary as Railroad Commissioner for the period of this double engagement. Doubtless thinking himself entitled to a good commission on the thrifty business, he pocketed \$50 of the Government money—this after having sworn falsely that he was a resident of the District of Columbia and was making the trip to Portland as a Government witness.

THE BOURNE-CHAMBERLAIN STRATEGY.

The Bourne-Chamberlain strategy is first to beat Howerman and elect West. They will want and must have West. They will use him. That is the deal, long ago worked up between the allies and now to be consummated. Watch the development of the plot if West shall get in at Salem. Watch the stealthy movement for Bourne. Watch the Bourne money poured out where it will do the most good. Watch the activity of the Bourne-Chamberlain in connection with the Chamberlain "push." Watch the energetic and indispensable co-operation of West. Observe the usual Democratic meddling, under the Chamberlain-West guidance and leadership, in a Republican primary, all for the benefit of the Democratic Governor. The Bourne and Chamberlain are the allies, and players take his place and promote the game by playing his assigned role. Notice how beautifully everything will work out—if the first vital enterprise of West's election shall be successful. If West shall not succeed, the conspiracy will fall.

THE CONSUMMATE AND FLOWERING STRATEGY.

That is the consummate and flowering strategy of the Bourne & Chamberlain plotters. It is opposed by the great body of Republicans—and not a few Democrats of principle and self-respect—under the leadership of Mr. Howerman and the Democratic Governor. It is not pretended that Mr. Howerman has all the angelic virtues with which it is sought by the Bourne & Chamberlain organs to glorify his opponent; but the public has had abundant evidence that he is a man of character, confidence, individuality, independence, intelligence and experience. All these qualities he is known to have, and he has besides the gift of a real courage and a genuine self-respect. No man owns him, no special interest guides and directs him. If he shall be elected, there will be no perverted or improper uses of the high office of Governor to accomplish the ends of Jonathan Bourne or George Chamberlain, or anyone else. He will be Governor, and he will do his duty by the public and by all the public. The man will be elected Senator whom the people want elected. No Bourne will be again elected, unless the people through a fair, full and untrammelled expression of their desires, indicate that they want him elected. Of these things the people of Oregon may be absolutely certain.

BY CONTRAST.

A picture among others, submitted in an amateur prize photo contest on Halloween, appears in the current issue of Leslie's Weekly, under the title, "Hallowe'en at the Farmhouse." It portrays "Hallowe'en" in its most simple, enjoyable phase in the homes where young children abide. A wide hearth, on one side the father, on the other the mother, an interested guest, possibly an older member of the family, a tub of water in which apples are bobbing about, with three little heads bent over in eager attempt, with the teeth, to grasp the elusive fruit; the grotesque pumpkin-face on the mantel; tall cornstalks still bearing the harvest ears—who could conceive a more tender, wistful picture of home life, mingled with tokens of Autumn plenty?

In accounting for the strange customs and mysticisms that grew up about Halloween, or Hallowe'en, the vigil of Hallowmas, "the Winter as well as the Summer festival" was from the beginning regarded as a season at which the fairies were both unusually active and unusually propitious. However this may be, the sacred, early traditions of the day have become obscured and the observances of the festival have degenerated in many urban communities, our own included, into a rude roistering that calls for police activities.

PLEASENS BOURNE & CHAMBERLAIN.

"There are some anti-assembly orators and leaders," complains the Bourne & Chamberlain machine publicity bureau, "who were not against assembly before the primary and have utterly abandoned the cause since." In other words, the sworn allegiance of the anti-assembly leaders ought to have been to Bourne and they should have followed the black flag of Bourne out to the Democratic party. There you see the real purpose of the Democrat Chamberlain and his crowd and the pseudo-Republican Bourne and his coadjutors, hangers-on, miscreants and leaders, in mixing up in the Republican primary. They sought and seek to wreck the Republican party, if they shall not control it. Now they roar because the so-called anti-assembly Republicans decline to help them in their ruinous project. The Republican primary made its selections of "capable and trustworthy men" from the assembly and anti-assembly candidates. The issue between them then disappeared, for it had been determined. Now all are candidates of the direct primary.

Is the primary to be supported or repudiated and broken down? How can it be sustained as a rule and method of party action if it shall be assumed that the voters in a primary have not the right to name the candidates of their party, and that members of the opposing party, through their newspapers, shall have the privilege of determining whether these nominations are or are not suitable? The Republican primary has no duty of naming candidates to please either Chamberlain or Bourne. Yet Bourne & Chamberlain would have the public think so.

HOPE AND BEER.

There would be no beer without hops; therefore if Oregon—the greatest hop-producing state—is to prohibit the sale of the other, Oregon would be a fine spectacle, indeed, forbidding its own citizens to obtain beer, yet permitting them to supply beer hops for the people of the rest of the world. If money carries any taint, there would be no taint in Oregon, if it means to go into the prohibition business. It would be easy to prevent "blind pigs" in hops, far easier than in beer. And instead of shipping out thousands of tons of hops, to be brought back in the golden beverage, now making itself victim of the freedom of interstate commerce, Oregon could strike at the very roots of the liquor business.

WAITING FOR THE RETURNS.

The tone of the New York stock market, the weekly bank statement, the ease in all money and firmness in time loans all indicate quite clearly that the financial interests of the country have been bracing themselves for any possible shock which might follow surprises in the election results next week. When gilt-edged security like Michigan Central is forced to pay 4 1/2 per cent for \$10,000,000 in Paris, at a time when all money is dull at less than 4 per cent, there is unmistakable evidence of a leaning toward the tepid or the old stocking as a temporary receptacle for surplus funds. Even time loans were quoted in New York Saturday at 4 1/2 and 5 per cent, and prime mercantile paper could find no purchasers at better than 7 1/2 and 8 per cent. But after all this preparation, there may be no severe storm to follow the temporary calm. Not only the big financial interests, but the small ones as well, have been discounting any possible result of the November elections for so long a period that it is improbable that there will be hysterics of a violent nature. Legitimate business, as well as business of less merit, has been the football of scheming politicians for so long that in many quarters, irrespective of party, there is a growing belief that any change which may happen will hardly increase the turmoil. New York, as usual, is the storm center. While there are large numbers of honest men in both parties, who would like to see the Roosevelt slate broken, they fear for the moral effect outside of New York. Capital in a great many lines has been so temporarily balked by the political changes for the past few months that it has about reached a point where it can view with a fair degree of equanimity almost any kind of a change, although it can never forget that the reputation of the Republicans for safe and sane policies is better than that of the Democrats.

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Five steamships carrying inward cargo for Portland crossed into the Columbia yesterday and five others laden with Portland cargo for California ports crossed out to sea. These steamships arrive and depart with passengers and cargo because this city has built up a big water traffic. In spite of all of the misrepresentation created yesterday, Portland's greatest advantage, the railroads, continue to pour traffic down through the Cascade gorge in steadily-increasing volume, and the ships to carry it away increase in number as the traffic is available. The ill birds that are fouling their own nests by crying down Portland's advantages as a seaport can make but poor headway in the face of such facts as are sent out to the world in the official port statistics. No other port on the Pacific Coast is showing greater maritime growth than Portland, and in no other port will greater increases be secured in the near future. And public docks are as unnecessary now as they ever were.

REASON'S MIDDLE GROUND.

One does not hear so much nowadays about insurgent castigation of railroads. Perhaps there is not so much need of severe treatment, now that railroads are cutting down expenses and investors are withholding funds from railroad uses. Residents of Interior Oregon probably do not relish a political policy that retards railroad building there by shortage of bond-sale money. The situation will right itself after a while, of course, but some lessons will be learned in the process. In Eastern states, where Republicans sorely need votes in order to cope with growing Democratic strength, the spellbinders are less rampant against railroads than last Summer. The heads of the Nation's greatest railroads have testified before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, with fair show of reasoning, that their companies need larger profits in order to maintain service and to secure additional funds for railroad investment; also a more reasonable attitude on the part of the public toward railroad construction cost. On these matters there will be difference of opinion. The question of rates is a complex one, and never will be adjusted to satisfaction of all parties concerned. Any more than can the question of taxation. But there will be approach to substantial justice in regulation of rates. This is the way the American people will deal with the railroads, after they shall have recovered from the political hysteria of the past year or two. It is interesting to note the sobering effect of the present political campaign on the politicians of both parties. They are bidding for the conservative vote in the great States of New York, Indiana and Ohio. They are making very much of President Roosevelt's erstwhile radicalism. The middle course between the two extremes of stubborn stand-pat and rabid insurgency is winning the thought of the country. The middle course universally triumphs in the end. The new times, after all, are very much like the old.

COMMENDABLE SPIRIT IS SHOWN IN THE MOVEMENT TO MARK THE SANDY ROAD FROM THE O. R. & N. CROSSING TO THE COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS.

Democracy are wondering at the inconsistency of the local Democratic organ in Portland, that is now soft-soaping John Manning, after having exhausted its vocabulary but a short time ago in declaring his administration as District Attorney inefficient and disgraceful, to be sure. Heyday, a riddle!

THE SCHOOL EXISTED EVEN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE VENERABLE ABBEY.

The school existed even before the foundation of the venerable abbey, and for centuries its captain has enjoyed the unique distinction of being the first to cry "God save the King" after the coronation ceremony. The school was founded by the boys who first hailed him as such. The boy who will next year enjoy the honor is K. D. Murray, who reads "Vivat Regina!" He is a son of Robert Cunningham Murray, of Norbury.

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From his Indianapolis speech. But nobody is enjoying progressive Republicanism more than I am. I do not think even the progressive Republican gets much more satisfaction out of the endorsement that some of them are giving at a late day and with some hesitation to the opinions that we have been advocating all these years. If you want to find the real cause of our trouble, you need not go to the advertisements of breakfast foods; come to Nebraska. I began to enjoy this some years ago when Mr. Roosevelt first commenced to make incursions into our platform yard. I was in Washington at a Gridiron Club banquet; he was the chief guest and sat on the right of the toastmaster and I sat on the left of the other side. The boys of the club were joking him from the beginning of the banquet to the end about what he was talking from the Democratic platform. I mentioned some of the things, but I assured him that I did not speak complacently; that, while some of the things he was saying were good, I did not believe our platform was made for use and that if we could not get a chance to use it, I was glad to have anybody use it. "Well," he said, "I do not think it good to see the Republicans climbing up on our platform that I was much in the attitude of the young fellow down in Massachusetts, who was being married and courted his girl for a year before he had the courage to propose to her. One evening he told her that he loved her and she said, 'Why, Jim, I have been loving you these many months. I have just been waiting for you to tell me so.' I could tell you Jim was overcome with delight. He went out and looked up at the stars and said: 'Oh, Lord, I ain't got another girl nobody.' The next day he was married. I have been feeling better and better ever since, and I don't know what I am going to do now, but I am feeling much better than I do now."

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INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM MEASURES

Construction and Maintenance of a Branch Insane Asylum in Eastern Oregon. An Act That Merits Approval of Voters—A Local Bill Affecting Baker County Should Be Sustained—Rogue River Fishing Bill Ought to Be Defeated.

Article No. 11.

An act authorizing the purchase of a site for and the construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum to be located in the Rogue River District, Baker County, in addition to the Oregon State Insane Asylum, at or within five miles of either of the following places, to-wit: Baker City, Pendleton or Union, in Eastern Oregon; to be called "The Eastern Oregon State Hospital." 302 Yes. 303 No.

Under a provision of the constitution adopted by the able public institutions in Oregon, not located elsewhere on January 1, 1907, must be located in the county where the seat of government is, unless ordered otherwise by an act of the Legislative Assembly, ratified by the electors of the state.

The act providing for the construction and maintenance of a branch insane asylum for the insane in Eastern Oregon has been submitted to the voters by the Legislature in accordance with the provision of the constitution. It is the only way in which any new public institution can be established outside Marion County.

A clear and concise argument in favor of the measure is printed in the official pamphlet, and so far as indicated no serious opposition to the measure has arisen.

It is admitted that, unless this bill is adopted, it will be necessary for the Legislature to provide appropriations for largely increased facilities for the existing asylum. But the interests of the unfortunate patients who are detained at such institutions it is deemed advisable to have a branch institution located in a section where climate differs materially from that at the present institution.

The State of Washington has two asylums for the insane, one at Stella, near Tacoma, and one at Medical Lake, near Spokane, in Eastern Washington. It has been found in the treatment of the insane that in some cases the dry climate of Eastern Washington is more conducive to recovery than is the climate nearer the coast. In other cases the coast climate is more beneficial. As it is pointed out in the pamphlet, the climate of the Rogue River District is the main object of maintaining such institutions.

In cost of buildings the establishment of a branch asylum would not be materially greater than at Salem, and while in cost of maintenance there would perhaps be an increase in a branch institution over that accruing in new buildings at Salem, the cost of maintenance at the existing institution would probably be offset by the saving in traveling expenses. The majority of the cases arising in Eastern Oregon would undoubtedly be treated at the branch asylum. When a person is adjudged insane and ordered committed to the state institution, an attendant is sent from the asylum to conduct the patient to the hospital. There a round-trip and a one-way fare are both required and must both be paid by the state.

Selection of one of the three places mentioned in the bill as a site for the institution is not now in issue, but the choice of location is such that the board of trustees of the Oregon Insane Asylum would be able to select a site for the branch institution, a satisfactory traffic center in Eastern Oregon. Transportation charges, augmented as they are by the necessity for sending attendants from the extreme western portion of the state to the extreme eastern portion for patients, constitute a considerable item of annual expense. For transportation charges alone the State Insane Asylum the sum of \$15,000.

As a matter of fact the sole issue involved is whether it is better to establish a branch asylum where choice of climate will be possible in the treatment of patients, and to which a large portion of the state is more readily accessible, or to build additions to the existing institution.

"WET" DAYS IN A "DRY" COUNTY

Complaint That Prohibition Does Not Will Not, Prohibit. At the election of 1908 Union County was supposed to be voted dry. Was it true? Is Union County dry? If it is, then why this batch of court prosecutions that are continually before the people? They make plenty of business and the people foot the bills. If the agitators of this great problem are sincere in their support of the prohibition, why leave it on sale for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes? So long as it is used, manufactured, imported or sold at all, drunkenness will continue. There is nothing different in the proposed measures from that which we already have. A restriction is Umatilla County dry? Go and see. That is exactly what we are doing in Union County. Is Union County dry? Come and take a look. There is no denying the fact that Union County is as wet as it ever was.

What difference does it make about a doctor's prescription? There are plenty of doctors who would refuse to give a clandestine prescription for whisky and there are also plenty of doctors who will give a prescription for any quantity of whisky, whether it is for legitimate purposes and then there are our druggists who will sell whisky to their friends then some druggist will come to the town who will give a prescription to any man who will pay for it. What can you or anyone else do about it? Are you in a position to say when a man has a whisky doctor given an order to believe or not believe, place the normals on a pedestal that will make them like a beacon light and not a candle under a bushel. The diploma of a normal is not a sufficient guarantee for a life certificate in any state.

BOWERMAN AND NORMALS.

Pendleton, Ore., Wire. It is hard to grapple with this question because of so much misrepresentation. For political effect, the people have been led to believe our normal is A-1. Yet it is said that California, Idaho, Washington, and even our state would accept the diploma of our normals, but compelled by our normal is an unpleasant admission, but if it is so, let us acknowledge it and change that condition. Let us take Jay Bowerman's advice and through the initiative, not the political, place the normals on a pedestal that will make them like a beacon light and not a candle under a bushel. The diploma of a normal is not a sufficient guarantee for a life certificate in any state.

present institution to care for the growing needs of the state. One or the other alternative must be adopted, and, in view of the recognized merit in the plan of maintaining two hospitals for the insane in a state of large area of such varied climate as Oregon, the approval of the voters should be given the measure.

An act providing for the payment of \$1000 annually to the Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, Baker County, in addition to the annual salary of \$5000 received by him from the state. 314 No. 315 No.

This bill has been submitted to the voters of the state by referendum petition after having been adopted by the Legislative Assembly, voted by the Governor and passed over the Governor's veto.

It is a measure not of general interest to the state and affects only Baker County, and for the same reason that The Oregonian has advised voters to vote "no" on initiative bills of strictly local character it advises them to vote "yes" on referendum measures not of interest to the state at large.

The ordinary voter can have no means of ascertaining the merits of the bill unless he resides in Baker County. No argument is presented for or against its adoption in the official pamphlet. It is reasonable to believe that the members of the Legislature before passing the bill had presented to them, either in committee or on the floor, reasons why the additional sum of \$1000 should be provided annually for the Judge of the Eighth Judicial District by the taxpayers of that district, and also any reasons, if any there be, why such additional compensation should not be provided. The Legislature by a two-thirds vote has decided that the Judge's salary should be increased to \$6000.

The Oregonian has consistently maintained that it is an abuse of the initiative and referendum to submit to the voters of the state at large questions of local or minor importance. Every bill of that character should be defeated so often as it is presented to the end that burdening of the ballot with matters in which but few persons have concern shall be effectually discouraged.

If the affirmative vote prevails on the Baker Judgeship bill the action of the Legislature will be sustained and the referendum thereon defeated, as it should be.

A bill for an act prohibiting the taking of fish from the waters of Rogue River, or any of its tributaries, by any means, except with hook and line, commonly called angling. 348 Yes. 349 No.

The voters at large have no interest in the approval or rejection of this bill, and have no means at hand of ascertaining whether its adoption will work good or harm to the general welfare in the Rogue River Valley.

One argument is presented for the bill and two against it in the official pamphlet. If the voter hopes to ascertain from the arguments whether the bill is of merit, he must elect to accept the majority of one side and reject the statements made by the other side as untrue. Statements made in the arguments are directly contradictory, yet in determining the worth of the bill existing facts must govern. Who at a distance can tell what they are?

It is apparent from the arguments that the adoption of the bill would injure peculiarly one class of citizens and be of value to another set of citizens in the Rogue River Valley. Such being the case it properly belongs before the Legislative Assembly where its merits may be more readily determined and if approved may be so amended that it will work the least possible harm to those whom these reasons the bill should be defeated.

JAY BOWERMAN A GOOD FIGHTER

Never Hunted Soft, Clerical Jobs, and Is the Man for Governor. Capital Journal. The Republican candidate for Governor elicits admiration because he is a good fighter.

When he talks to a campaign audience, he strides telling blows straight from the maul.

He does not spend his time telling funny stories.

To Jay Bowerman life is real, life is earnest.

As a poor boy in Marion County, he was not hunting soft clerical jobs. He mauls rails and hauled cordwood for a living.

He has hands and arms and a physique developed by hard labor.

In the Legislature he was always dead in earnest for or against a proposition.

He has come up from the ranks of the toilers, through hardship, and represents the laborer and the producer.

He has had no lucrative political job, and has not made any easy money in politics.

Three dollars a day for 40 days has been the limit of fat jobs with him in Oregon politics.

He turned down the big transcontinental railroads, and voted for the people's railroad, and he will not be swayed by anything nor will he tolerate any intrusion upon their personal rights just to justify the foolish whim of those who happen to be in power. Men are constituted differently than the general run of animals. They would resort to any means to evade a law that would deprive them of their rights; hence it seems foolish in the extreme for intelligent men and women to take or correct an evil by compulsory methods. We advise our brethren to direct their energies in more commendable channels of activity. Conservation of energy is just as essential to the future welfare of the Nation as the conservation of our natural resources, and unless this course is adopted sooner or later, we fall to where that satisfying portion of misdirected zeal can soothe the aching brow and compensate for future ills.