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### A TEST OF HONOR.

Commenting upon the effort now being made in Oregon to induce legislators to repudiate their pledges and vote for someone other than the people's choice for senator, Collier's Weekly says:

"Oregon adopted a direct primary law for the election of United States senators. It was the first state to do so, and it has now been imitated by more than ten others. Oregon's new law, the first time in operation, resulted in the naming of a democrat, Governor George E. Chamberlain. Six months later, at the recent November election, Oregon went strongly republican. Since then the following has been a favorite slogan on the part of those who want the coming Oregon legislature to evade or defy the mandate of the people through their direct primary law:

"We are convinced that a state which gave Taft a plurality of nearly 25,000 does not want a democratic United States senator."

"Simultaneously in the west, some newspapers of large circulation and presumed influence are running on the editorial pages a series of legal decisions of ancient vintage, evidently collected by the same hand, garbled and expurgated, with the unmistakable design of paving the way for a popular approval of future court decisions which are expected to undo the work of the people. These newspapers overlook the fact that in the last campaign many states whose electoral votes will be cast for Mr. Taft, and which likewise elected republican legislatures, declared in favor of democratic governors.

"The people of Oregon evidently appreciate the fact that one upright democratic senator is worth to them any two or a dozen corporation-controlled republican senators. They are leaders in the universal revolt against conditions which have prevailed in the senate, and not a mob of irresponsible electors. Oregon has been utterly disgusted with the legislative hold-ups and factional fights of the past. In 1901 it took fifty-three ballots and twenty-two days for the Oregon legislature to elect its senator. When Charles W. Fulton was elected in 1903, forty-two ballots were taken and thirty-two days were consumed in the election. Barter and sale and political pulling and hauling were common. The Oregon legislature can now elect the people's choice and go about its legislative work and adjourn.

"The Oregonians have made a long and hard fight for political justice and fair dealing. Either the present law or some equally effective mode of popular expression they are determined to have. If Oregon does not like its present method of choosing United States senators, Oregon can change its statute. But to evade the plain effect of the law, while it remains on the books, would be, on the part of a commonwealth, an unusually saddening spectacle of moral deterioration.

"The choice of the people of Oregon can be undone at the coming session of the legislature only by the acts of six men. These six must come from among thirty-six whose names are known. The six must forswear their solemn written pledges. That it would be necessary for them to flee the state after their apostasy goes without saying. But their ignominy would follow them. There is a precedent for them in the case of three members of a former Pennsylvania legislature."

### OREGON REPUBLICANS' PREDICAMENT.

(Yreka Journal.)

The next session of the Oregon legislature will elect a United States senator to succeed Senator Fulton. By an anti-election pledge, a majority of the republican legislators are committed to vote for the man who received the endorsement of the people in the recent primary election. That man happened to be a democrat—Governor George H. Chamberlain. Now comes the "machine" republican press, headed by the Oregonian, asking the legislators to pledge to ignore their promise and betray the people by refusing to vote for a democrat. The plea is that the state is republican overwhelmingly and should be represented in the senate by a republican. The moral point involved is overlooked.

The people of the United States will watch with interest the outcome of the matter. It will be interesting to see if Oregon has produced a senatorial aspirant who would accept the office at the hands of a traitorous ring of partisans. Should Governor Chamberlain be defamed by the treachery of her legislators, Oregon will lose her standing among the states as one of the most progressive in matters political in the Union.

We sympathize with the republicans of Oregon who cannot bear to see their state represented at Washington, by a democrat, but we think they will agree with us that the party cannot afford to elect a senator at the cost of its self-respect.

### COMMERCE COMMISSION HAS NO POWER TO LOWER RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Campaign assurances to the contrary notwithstanding, Taft's election is scarcely a

month old and business men are confronted with an average raise of 14 per cent in freight rates which was announced by the transcontinental lines last Friday.

And now it is discovered that, though the republican administration valiantly declared before the election no increase in freight rates would be permitted, the interstate commerce commission has no jurisdiction in the premises, nor has any other department of the government.

An official of the commission said today that unless it can be shown that the announcement of a raise in rates is in some way a combination on the part of the offending railways in restraint of trade, there is no remedy. Thus the much vaunted rate bill absolutely falls under test to regulate one of the greatest evils it was designed to abate.

All that the railroads are compelled to do under the law is to file with the interstate commerce commission the proposed new rate 30 days in advance of the date they are to be scheduled to go into effect, and the law is powerless to prevent the added tax on the business interests of the nation unless an unlawful combination can be shown.

In this particular case interstate commerce experts, in the absence of definite data indicating the total tonnage east and west and the annual total revenues of the railroads involved, estimate today that the increase in profits to the railroads will amount into the millions.

Congress alone can afford relief for the future by amending the rate law on the lines proposed in the bill introduced by Senator Fulton of Oregon providing that the railroads must show that proposed increase is just and reasonable before a new rate becomes effective.

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### OREGON APPLES MOVING LIBERALLY TO CALIFORNIA

There is quite a liberal demand for Oregon apples in the California markets for the holiday trade, says the Journal.

A number of fair-sized purchases of No. 2 and ordinary Hood River and Upper Columbia fruit have been reported during the past few days. The movement of valley stock to this market seems to be over; at least the bulk of it.

There is still quite a heavy load of

small sizes in this market and some as low as 75c a box. For ordinary apples the prices are badly mixed, but it takes something exceptional at 15c time to bring over \$1 to \$1.25 a box. The movement, however, to the outside is increasing and the trade is now anticipating higher values in the late winter or early spring months.

### TEDDY HAD NOTHING TO SAY CONCERNING THIS ONE

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 17.—When President Roosevelt deplored what he termed "race suicide" in this country, his remarks were evidently not aimed at such citizens as Levi White, a well known resident of West Roseburg, whose wife gave birth to a son Sunday, December 13, 1908. This event makes Mr. White a father for the first time. It is the tenth child by his present wife, and he had 11 children by his first wife.

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