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TRIUMPH OF POPULAR WISD.

Election of George E. Chamberlain as United States senator from Oregon is important in that it marks the triumph of popular will, the carrying out of popular desires and the fulfillment of the pledges in a senatorial action. It is the first time that a state controlled by one party has sent to Washington a leader of the opposition. It is the first successful effort for popular election of senators.

There is no reason why United States senators should be elected by direct vote of the people, save that the original constitution adopted 120 years ago provides for their election by legislatures. The senate, filled by men elected through corporation influence, for fifty years has refused to heed public wishes and pass the amendment necessary to insure popular election, so that the Oregon plan, direct primary and a pledge for legislative candidates, is solved the problem.

Triumph of people over party, decay of partisanship, improvement of corporation control, disintegration of the political machine, and the growth of a better and broader citizenship are signified in Chamberlain's election. It is now "the Oregon plan," but will soon be the universal plan, for the people of other states are demanding it and direct primaries are the order of the day.

PRIMARY LAW A BOOMERANG.

Senator Fulton's frantic but futile efforts to thwart popular wishes in the senatorial election are amusing, as he himself is as much to blame for the people's having a primary as anyone. The direct primary law, initiated by a party as come back striking down those who like to strike down a rival faction.

Some years ago the republican party of Oregon was split into rival camps, one led by the late Senator Mitchell, the other by Senator Simon. Mitchell was popular with the people. Simon was a great wire-puller, strong with politicians, but unpopular with the masses.

The Mitchell faction—and C. W. Fulton was one of its leaders—favored the direct primary law so as to destroy Simon's political power, figuring that Simon's unpopularity and Mitchell's popularity would insure the triumph of the latter's faction. It did, but once started, the movement for popular government couldn't be stopped, but is gone on destroying also the power of the Mitchell-Simon faction—smashing both political machines and actually forcing a republican legislature to elect a democrat.

Wails from the predatory authors of the direct primary law, because the punishment they devised for others has in turn visited upon themselves, arouse but little commotion from a callous public, which is reveling in its st taste of power.

AGAIN URGING THE GUILLOTINE.

That humanity has not as yet reached a sufficiently advanced plane to abolish capital punishment is shown by the experience of France, which has gone back to the use of the guillotine after several years' disuse as a means to suppress the crime wave which has swept Paris recently. Last week four murderers were publicly guillotined amid a cheer of the crowd. All had been convicted of brutal crimes.

Ever since President Fallieres took office he has opposed capital punishment by committing death sentences to life imprisonment, but the infamous crimes of Sollelland and the Pollet gang and a score of others caused a reaction, and the chamber of deputies decided by a huge majority against the abolition of capital punishment. The executive has since approved the death penalty in eighteen cases.

Certain American states have had the same experience—abolition of capital punishment increased crime. The frequency and ease with which murderers escape the gallows, as in the Thaw and Hains cases, also has increased the number of such murders.

The Morning Fake neglected to mention that Murphy and Mundy also have an option on the earth, and are planning a railroad to the moon.

LION DOLLAR SAINT CROWNED BY CATHOLICS

MEXICO, Jan. 18.—The Virgin de la Soledad, Oaxaca's million-dollar patron saint, was crowned today in the presence of what was probably the most notable assemblage of dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church ever assembled in Mexico. Pope Pius X. is represented by Monsignor Jose R. Ferrer, apostolic delegate in Mexico, who formed the set of canonization, assisted by Archbishop Willard, of Oaxaca, several bishops and archbishops, hundreds of priests and thousands of the faithful witnessed the ceremony, which took place at the Soledad church, the site of the virgin, which was canonized in 1853 and now, nearly a half

million dollars. The site of the canonization was a covered walkway, surrounded by a massive wall, with a large archway in the center. The Virgin de la Soledad is a figure of the Virgin Mary, standing on a globe, with a sword in her hand. The ceremony was a grand affair, with many guests and a large crowd of people. The Virgin de la Soledad is one of the most popular figures in Mexico, and her canonization was a significant event for the Catholic Church in the country.



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