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THE issue in this state this year is not on National questions. The question before the people in Oregon, irrespective of party, is how do you stand on the Direct Primary and other laws which have made of us one of the most progressive states in the Union? Sudden conversions are always regarded with suspicion by most people, and the politician who gets his nomination in a state assembly, and then goes out on the stump and professes to love the direct primary and everything connected with it, may honestly be viewed with suspicion, if not actual distrust. The thought then occurs: Are these men who have experienced eleventh hour conversions to be trusted in our legislature and in the governor's chair?

The people have secured certain laws in this state which practically have done away with the "old machine" methods in politics, and if they are foolish enough to place the power in the hands of men who as candidates are known to be thoroughly opposed to these laws, they will later on bitterly regret their action. In this campaign there is just one thing to do, and that is stand by Statement No. 1 candidates—men who have come out and said where they stand, as a matter of principle. These are the men who should be supported by the voters who are loyal to the progressive principles of the politically rehabilitated Oregon.

The leading candidate in this state, Mr. Bowerman, ever a cog in the assembly machine, and a political "four-flusher," of much renown, is making a dirty fight on Senator Bourne, because the latter, knowing Bowerman's insincerity, and his penchant for training with the republican "ring" at all times, refused, and very properly, to vote for him. The issue is not Mr. Bourne. He is not before the people for office. The issue, as we said in the outset is whether or not the people are going to turn over the machinery of state government to a lot of assembly disruptionists, and give them an opportunity to scuttle the primary law, and cripple and put out of business the referendum and other safeguards to the masses of this state. That is the issue, and Bowerman's puerile attack on Senator Bourne and other prominent primary candidates, is merely for effect, and to take the eyes of the voter away from his assembly record.

From private sources of information, it is believed that Bowerman will fail to carry his own county at the November election. The masses have no confidence in a man who, after refusing to accept the dictum of the people at the direct primary, proceeds to be nominated by the "ring" assembly at Portland. He now comes out when he wants the votes of the people, and says "he is satisfied with the primary if the people want it," when he all along knew that the people wanted it, and put it on the statute books as a law, which he refused to accept as a nominating factor in politics. As a bundle of inconsistencies, the "boss of Gilliam county" is entitled to the palm.

"EVERY honest citizen of this great state of Oregon has a personal and financial interest in the welfare and prosperity of every section of the state" says the Lane and Douglas Anti-Division committee in circulars sent to every newspaper in the state the past week. The committee is urging the people of the state to vote "No" on the creation of all new counties because proposed Nesmith county, to be cut out of Douglas and Lane counties would mean financial ruin to those counties.

The same is true here in Malheur county in the proposed creation of Otis county. The many people who would be taken in the territory would be brought to financial ruin on account of heavy expenses which would be incurred through the building of a court house, paying of salaries, etc.

The Otis county measure is fostered only by the selfish interests of Drewsey alone. This little hamlet aspiring to become a county seat, is attempting to mutilate this great territory for purely selfish motives. All other surrounding towns, within the territory sought to be created as a county, are solidly opposed to the measure. Brought down to a fine point the issue is Drewsey against the best interests of all the territory embraced within the limits of the counties of Malheur, Harney and Grant. Malheur county people will suffer most as a larger proportion of territory is to be taken from this county. A few Drewseyites, not more than four or five, have seen fit to pollute the purity of the initiative by putting forward their local selfish interests to the voters of Oregon, who have no way of properly understanding the conditions of the people in the territory to be embraced, or who cannot inform themselves of the enormity of this attempted crime.

There is only one proper course to follow and that is for the voters to vote down the creation of all new counties.

IF you believe in the American principle of justice and fair-play, vote an emphatic NO on all county divisions until a law is on the books leaving such divisions to settlement by the people of the territory affected—not by the state at large.

MR. Bowerman, candidate for governor, has made a bad political blunder. After writing and publishing a good letter, from which we quote in another place, he has allowed somebody—either C. N. McArthur or C. B. Moore—to write a letter and has published it, which is acrimonious, ill-tempered, abusive and not germane to the issues. It is directed at Senator Bourne and made entirely personal to him, is in decided bad taste throughout and cannot help but injure Mr. Bowerman before the voters. The letter is not a natural effusion of Mr. Bowerman, but he has allowed himself to be used by bitter and vindictive forces that are not actuated so much by a desire for his success as by a determination to abuse Bourne. Such a course will no longer appeal effectively to the people—in fact, it will arouse animosities and emphasize differences that were in a fair way to be avoided this year. The News, which very much desires the success of Mr. Bowerman, is exceedingly sorry to see this egregious mistake.—Burns News.

POLITICAL parties are no longer the outgrowths of sentiment and principle. They have come under the practical financial methods of the day, and are now stocked and bonded by political leaders. The republican party is the party of privilege and high protection, and operates with its beneficiaries on a profit-sharing basis. It has what is known as a gentlemen's agreement with the trusts. Under this agreement the party is let in on the ground floor and the trusts are let in through the back door. The struggle is no longer between the so-called democratic and republican parties; it is between the progressive element in the whole community and the retrogressive element in the community. The divisions in the coming elections is likely to be not according to principle—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

If the people are to accomplish results in their war against the machines, they must abandon the fetish of party loyalty and vote, not for what is "regular," but for what is right. The machine is merely an expression of the evil of partisanship, and if that evil is to be destroyed the people must forget that they are democrats and republicans and remember only that they are citizens and patriots.

PROF. Shaw, like all knowledgeable men who go there, sees a great future for the Malheur Valley. So did the Hopes, the Mallets, the Higs, the Browns, the Greens and the Johnsons, and other pioneer families who settled there a generation ago and have made yearly demonstrations of their belief and practice—Oregonian.

BOWERMAN isn't fooling anyone with his professions of friendship for the primary law says an exchange. In fact it is making it worse for him. Elected on the assembly ticket he represents assemblyism and the old caucus methods, and the public sees through his game.

THE regulars are after Bourne red hot. That will make friends for Oregon's senior senator among the people.

THAT the politicians are going to support Bowerman is heard from ringleaders. But the masses in the party are not.

Of Local Interest

R. E. Baker of Skull Springs was registered at the Arlington on Saturday.

Mert Thayer, Manager of the Empire Lumber Co. returned Monday from a several days business trip to Boise.

Thos. W. Claggett made a trip to the Owyhee country the fore part of the week.

A. F. Hill of Westfall was in town the fore part of the week.

Chas. E. Besgrove was in from the oil well on Sunday.

A Drewsey visitor in town last Saturday was A. S. Beede.

I. M. Addington the Brogan merchant and J. A. Schutte also of that city were in Vale last Saturday.

A. A. Brown of Ontario was a Vale business visitor the fore part of the week.

J. E. Kelsay of Westfall was trading in town on Monday.

R. E. Reed and wife of Lawen were visitors in town on Monday.

D. E. Kerfoot, democratic nominee for Sheriff, was in town last Sunday meeting friends and voters.

Miss Ninon Oakes, sister of Ivan Oakes the civil engineer, arrived in Vale from The Dalles last Monday. Miss Oakes may spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Oakes.

E. H. Test of Ontario was in town Monday, having accompanied Hon. Sidney Story who spoke at the court house that evening.

Brogan people in town last Saturday were: Miss Iva Lyon, Frank Richter, E. L. Tschirgi and L. C. Bartlett.

L. C. Bartlett of Brogan spent several days in Boise the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Hill of Walla Walla were Vale visitors last Saturday. Mr. Hill is the postoffice inspector.

H. M. Gilliam, the Westfall merchant was in town Monday looking after

business affairs.

Frank Cummins was down from Westfall on Monday.

Jas. Waddell of Baker city, interested in Vale oil lands, is in town this week.

J. R. Weaver cashier of the United States National bank is in Portland this week.

Pete DuFord made a business trip to Ontario last Saturday.

E. B. McConnell of Burns, formerly of this city, was in town the fore part of the week. He was returning home from a trip to Boise. Mr. McConnell is interested with the Coles of this city in the Silvies irrigation project.

Mrs. J. R. Weaver is visiting with relatives in Ontario this week while Mr. Weaver is on a business trip to Portland. Miss Nell Loveland is spending the week in Portland.

Miss Carrie Hopkins was the guest of Miss Blanche Stewart in Boise over last Sunday. Miss Stewart was formerly stenographer for the Malheur Forwarding Co. of this city.

Mrs. Pefferle of Baker City was in the city last Saturday the guest of her niece Mrs. J. R. Weaver.

T. W. Halliday is in Portland this week as a witness in the Clark case.

M. W. Scott was in town from Beulah on last Saturday.

Miss Bohemer and brother of Payette were Vale visitors last Saturday.

Leonard Cole left for Portland on Sunday, having been subpoenaed in the Clark case.

C. A. Logan of Cord was in town this week.

Frank Newman was in from the Harper ranch on Tuesday.

Miss Esther Crossie of New York City was the guest of her uncle Frank O'Neil the fore part of the week. Miss Crossie left on Tuesday for San Francisco. They had not seen each other since 1868.

Agent Ralph B. Hoyt of the local Short line office, who has been enjoying a well earned vacation, returned to Vale last Sunday. The greater part of his time was spent in Salt lake City with his mother.

R. R. Maines who has been substitute agent of the local railroad office during the absence of Agent Hoyt for the last month and a half, left Monday for Boise.

Councilman Thos. Jones returned on Monday from an over Sunday trip in Boise.

W. H. Brooke of Ontario was a business visitor in town on Tuesday.

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Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office, at

Vale, Oregon, September 26 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Elbert C. Palmer, of Vale, Oregon, who, on March 10, 1909, made Homestead Entry, Vale, No. 0356, for E 1/2 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 14, Township 18 S., Range 44 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 11th day of November, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses:
P. H. Bass, D. C. Wells, Herbert Cole and H. B. Pickle, all of Vale, Oregon.
BRUCE R. KESTER, Register.