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Jack Johnson, the pugilist, is finding out that he cannot mingle with white persons of the gentler sex too indiscreetly nor too indiscreetly. Strange what an inferior set of brains some young women seem to be endowed with.

A warning to tobacco users appeared in Monday's daily papers when the account was given of a man, who had been a heavy tobacco user practically all his life, dying at the age of 110 years. Had he not used tobacco he might have lived until he was 150 years old.

H. L. Powers, the principal owner of the St. Johns Water Co., has made the first overture to the city authorities to purchase the plant. He has made it plain that any cut in the rates at the present time would cripple the service, and this is surely what the people of St. Johns do not want. The only alternative is for the city to purchase the plant. And why not? If a reasonable price can be agreed upon, why should not the city of St. Johns purchase and manage the water utilities? If there is only half as much in it as many citizens profess to believe, the city would be vastly the gainer. It cannot possibly lose on the proposition, no matter from what standpoint it might be viewed. Then this city is greatly favored over a corporation. It can borrow money at a much smaller rate of interest, have no rent to pay, no light or fuel bills greater than is now expended. Viewed from a selfish standpoint, it need take no heed to pay any portion of the principal, nor provide a sinking fund therefor. Portland would necessarily have to assume that burden when annexation takes place, which surely will happen within the next quarter of century. All further extensions could be bonded for, which also Portland would have to stand for in the end. The cost of maintenance and interest on the bonds is all the city of St. Johns need concern itself about. No city ever had a better proposition presented to it, and it is inconceivable that any one could object to purchase of the plant, provided a reasonable price could be obtained. It is the only true solution of the water problem.

When the big dailies get down on a candidate, they certainly make mountains out of mole hills in an attempt to besmirch the one they are gunning for. They have brought a most serious charge against A. W. Lafferty, the energetic candidate to succeed himself as Congressman. The enormity of the charge is so great, they contend, that it has discolored the entire map of Oregon, and while he is representing the State, all citizens must needs hang their heads in shame and humiliation. This appalling charge, and the only one they seem able to advance is, that this man Lafferty, who is a bachelor, by the way, did seek to become acquainted with a graduate of the Washington high schools. Not that he sought to blacken the character or harm the young lady in any way, but merely sought to make her acquaintance. This little incident has so horrified the Portland press that it sits in sack cloth and ashes, and with lamentations that would make Jeremiah of old sit up and take notice, deplores the injury, ruin and woe Mr. Lafferty has wrought to the state by this one act. With an overwhelming sense of shame the lament is made that other states of the Union are holding Oregon up as a spectacle of disgrace because a bachelor member of Congress from Oregon had the temerity to seek the acquaintance of an attractive young lady. Isn't it awful? Will the state ever survive? As a matter of fact, Lafferty made good in Congress. He has tried to get more things than any Congressman ever sent from this district. He has lit a light that cannot be hid under a bushel of metropolitan papers. The people realize that he is a good man, and that is the reason they are striking to him. It is true that he is a poor man, so far as worldly goods go, and therefore, is poor picking for those who are in the picking business. But if he is re-elected the burden of shame and disgrace will be so overpowering to the metropolitan papers that it is doubtful if they ever recover from the shock.

Mrs. Shepardson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Wright on South Hayes for several weeks, has returned to her home at Catlin, Wash.

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One point I want to make clear, the County Coroner's office is established for the purpose of investigating all mysterious or violent deaths of any nature that occur within its boundaries, to ascertain if a crime has been committed. If there is evidence of a crime, then the Coroner has full power to act in whatever manner seems to him best, but if he finds no evidence of crime, then his duty ceases, and he has no more right than I have to tell you that your loved one's remains must be taken to Portland or any other place. It is the family's right to say whether or not they want their dead left in their own homes. I have been compelled to take this stand because of past experience with the firm of Dunning & McEntee, deputy coroners under Norden. These men have come into our city and bluffed and bull dozed our people, when they were half crazed with grief and distress, into believing they had the right to remove to Portland the remains of any one who had met with violent death, whether an inquest was necessary or not,

thus working a hardship on the relatives, and making it impossible for anybody to maintain a first class undertaking place in your city, if this is to continue. I understand if Dr. Slocum is elected Dunning & McEntee will continue to manage the Coroner's office. So I appeal to you to vote for Dr. Biersdorf and a public morgue, and prevent any graft in the Coroner's office.—A. H. Blackburn, of Blackburn, Chambers & Lowry. Paid advt.

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Adopted by the Council October 22, 1912.

Approved by the Mayor October 22, 1912.

A. A. MUCK, Mayor.  
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### Finds Bourne Wrong

Commenting editorially on the independent candidacy of Senator Bourne, the press of the state almost unanimously agree that the very life and permanency of the Oregon system would be imperiled by the re-election of Bourne. Especial emphasis is made of the fact that if the voters should indorse Bourne's repudiation of the direct primary by electing him, the precedent might be urged by members of the State Legislature as an adequate excuse for absolving them from Statement No 1 or any other pledge to the people.

The situation presented by Senator Bourne's independent candidacy is being frankly discussed by nearly every newspaper in the state. Republican and Democratic publications alike uniformly censure Bourne for his repudiation of the direct primary of which he has been the professed friend and advocate. The Republican papers are generally just as enthusiastic in commending the candidacy of Ben Selling, the Republican direct primary nominee.

Senator Bourne is also charged by the country press with an inordinate desire to hold office. Attention is directed by some of the editors to the fact that if elected as an independent, Bourne would be without party identity and would be unable to retain his committee places which he urges as the chief reason for his reelection.

The following are some of the comments from the country newspapers:

Senator Bourne has repudiated the primary plan to such an extent as to present himself as a candidate for United States Senator. He was defeated at the primary and now cries fraud. Did this Oregon statesman ever hear of a defeated candidate who was not ready to cry fraud when the vote was against him? Jonathan's excuses are too thin to be considered. He wants the office and that's all there is to it.—Sheridan Sun.

The most objectionable thing to Bourne's present candidacy is that in disregarding the primary election he sets the direct primary law at naught after having long posed as a special champion and defender of that law. Should Bourne be successful in his present fight the direct primary law will be weakened. Very likely legislators will try to use his action as a precedent to justify them in disregarding the Statement No. 1 obligations. The people should not open up such possibilities.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

The Observer has ever maintained that Bourne's re-election would be a calamity to the State of Oregon and it reiterates that declaration with the addition that he would be doubly so if elected as a political misfit, without affiliation with any political organization. He still would continue to be a political outcast. There is no excuse for any Republican to vote for Bourne and mighty few of them will do so.—Polk County Observer (Dallas).

Jonathan is having a hard time trying the people. This is the second appeal from their decision. Politically, he was a creation of the direct primary and he has done more howling in its favor than any other one man in Oregon, but as soon as it turns him down he bolts and affiliates with the Bull Moose until horned out of that camp. He had also congratulated Ben Selling and promised him his support. The next thing for him to do will be to contest the seat of whomever the Legislature may elect. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.—Silver Lake Leader.

The first plank put forward in Senator Bourne's platform is the substitution of the direct primary for the caucus and convention. Yet his own candidacy, announced on the eve of the election, is a repudiation of the principle of the people electing their own candidates. After ante-primary statements, a pretense that he would make no campaign, and assuming an attitude from which none but a knave might recede, that he was the only real dyed-in-the-wool exponent of the Oregon system, he now comes forward with a petition to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the office for which he was beaten at the primaries. He left it to the people, and, to the tune of 6000 plurality, the people said they preferred Mr. Selling. Bourne's long platform is superfluous. He might more properly come out in the open and say that he wants the job, through regular channels if he can get it, but get it anyway. The independent predicts that the things Washington County will do to this non-resident Senatorial candidate will be plenty, and it has faith that the other counties of the state will do likewise.—Hillsboro Independent.

Jonathan Bourne has finally "butted" into the campaign for reelection to the United States Senate from Oregon, notwithstanding his defeat at the primary election by Mr. Selling in a fair fight. Bourne has been mak-

ing great claims to prominence as the father of the Oregon system, yet proves to be a poor loser when the votes under the system are against him and like the spoiled child, says the other fellow didn't play fair. Mr. Selling received the nomination at the primaries in a fair and honorable way, and is entitled to the support of the party and every fair minded citizen, and will receive it.—Moro Observer.

Bourne went down before the people on his record and was defeated. As a man, he should stand by the people's decision. By coming out now he places the lie on the direct primary as he has been interpreting it. Bourne eliminated himself when he came out as a Republican and said: "The people are on trial, not I."—Independence Monitor.

Senator Bourne was the great apostle of the Oregon system and went into a fair fight with other candidates for the nomination on the Republican ticket for United States Senator. The vote showed, that in accordance with the Oregon system, the sovereign will of the people gave the nomination to Ben Selling. Not willing to abide by the will of the people as expressed in the primary election an effort was made to obtain the nomination for Senator Bourne in the new party. Here again he was defeated. Republicans who believe in fair play in a political race must admit that Ben Selling is fairly entitled to their support. If not, then the Oregon system and the sovereign will of the people in a primary election don't amount to a row of beans with a certain class of office seekers.—Tillamook Headlight.

Bourne cannot resist the temptation to "run." Defeated for the Republican renomination and failing to secure the indorsement of the Bull Moosers, Jonathan intends to make the race for the Senate independently, and terms himself a "popular government" candidate. Bourne's decision to enter the campaign is nothing less than a flagrant slap at the primary law, a part of the Oregon system, if you please, which this political incubus used in Eastern speeches to mould himself into a little tin god. But Oregon has had enough of Bourne, and the voters will be content to cast ballots for men who are at least residents of the state. Bourne wants office for Bourne's sake, but Bourneism has had its day in Oregon.—Athens Press.

Mr. Bourne was defeated squarely on account of his votes in the Senate upholding the present high tariff on cottons and woollens, the attitude of the corporations with which he is identified at Lawrence, Mass., towards union labor and the fact that he is practically running sweat shops in the New England states. He poses as a friend of the Oregon system, but in a fair fight he was defeated and now wishes to run again. In all fairness to the system with which he has been identified, Mr. Bourne ought to withdraw or else tell the people that he is only in favor of the Oregon system when he is the selected candidate. Such fooling with the primaries and the conventions as Mr. Bourne is doing at this time makes our Oregon system a delusion and a snare.—Freewater Times.

Jonathan Bourne, the father of the direct primary system, went before the people of Oregon, relying on their intelligence to re-elect him to the United States Senate. But the people by 6000 plurality voted for Ben Selling. Bourne apparently acquiesced in the decision of the people and telegraphed Selling congratulations and promised his support. Later, Bourne tried what he had always denounced in others, a convention. Here his defeat was pronounced. As a result he has discredited the people both in the primary and the convention, as he is running independent. Who is trying to break down all confidence in the primary law? Jonathan Bourne.—Yaquina Bay News (Newport).

Aside from every personal and partisan claim Ben Selling has upon the electoral good will of Oregon, the bad faith of Bourne and his co-tent for public expressions as recorded, should move all men to support the former without regard to politics, if only to signify their loyalty to the state and enforce the will of the electorate which is at last the greatest and best power reserved to them.—Astorian (Astoria).

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