

The Party Government

Supplanted in New York By Boss Rule of Odell and Roosevelt.

[New York World.]

In a government of parties the government of the party becomes a matter of prime importance. For the government of the state or nation.

Under the Republican theory, and according to the actual practice in most of the states of the Union today, the government of the party is vested in its voters. They elect the delegates. The delegates nominate the candidates and name the committees to maintain the organization and conduct the campaign. The nominees, when elected, become the servants of the people and the instruments of the party to give effect to the will of the majority.

This is popular government through party machinery.

But in New York today boss rule has supplanted party government. It is boss rule, too, in its most dangerous and offensive form. For the boss is the governor—the chief magistrate of all the people, whose office should lift and keep him above the plane of party management, and especially above factional contests and interference with the right of home rule in localities.

When Governor Odell causes it to be known that a "reorganization" of the Republican committees in New York and Brooklyn has been determined upon—at Washington—and proceeds to carry it out to the smallest details of committees that have not yet met for organization, he takes a step which no Governor of this state of liber party has ever before ventured upon. And when the committees prepare to submit to this dictation without open protest they disclose a depth of subservience which does not exist in any other city or state of the Union—unless it be in boss-ridden Philadelphia. The audacity of this action is heightened when it appears that men selected for Chairman and Secretary of the Manhattan committee are machine politicians of the professional type, formerly closely affiliated with Tammany Hall.

Nor does Governor Odell's arrogation of power stop with this city. He has assumed and is actually exercising the right to any who shall be the candidates of his party for the Assembly, for the Senate and for Congress. As the easiest and surest way to direct the legislation of the state, which he practically shaped last winter, he procures the nomination of "reliable" men through his control of the party organization.

To add to the enormity of these proceedings in abrogation of home rule and in the perversion of party self-government, the Governor's course is taken with the knowledge and approval of the President, and is backed by the irresistible patronage of his office, in his interest as a candidate for nomination.

And where, in this emergency, are the chronic clamorers for "home rule"? Where are the eloquent objectors to "one-man power"? Chuckling over the fall of poor old Boss Platt—apparently

unaware that a greater than Platt has arisen with the President of the United States as his ally.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The boll weevil has not yet been made a party issue.

General Viljoen, the Boer leader, is going to marry an English music hall singer.

Since the Todd-Allee affair, nothing more is heard of the junior Senator from Delaware.

A negro in Texas has been sentenced to a thousand years imprisonment. He will hardly serve his entire term.

Senator Hanna is saying nothing and those who are way off say the wood pile is shaking and emitting a smell.

The Japanese and Russian warship have on their war paint, but neither seems anxious to call the others bluff.

There are still several women in the country who have not signed the petition for the expulsion of Senator Reed Smoot.

Senator Reed Smoot is a cowboy, rough rider, and a Republican. There is slight chance of his being "unseated" by the Senate.

Concerning his Panama policy, President Roosevelt's message is an excellent exponent of the policy that the end justifies the means.

Leader Murphy of Tammany Hall was asked to help kill David B. Hill. He replied, "I am killing Republicans, not Democrats." This is a good sentiment for the party to live up to.

A special session of the Louisiana Legislature is being held over a bug. The boll weevil is a very small animal, but his destruction is very important to the cotton growers of that state.

The Civil Service Reform League has pointed out the fact that not one of the thirteen postoffice officials, who have been indicted for defrauding the government, originally entered the service through a competitive examination.

The war minister of Bavaria, Germany declared that dismissal from the army would not be punishment for the non-commissioned officers who abuse the private soldiers, as most of these officers would regard dismissal good fortune.

Now that she has signed the canal treaty and done everything possible to secure the \$10,000,000, Panama is thinking about framing a constitution. Colombia has had half a dozen different ones, so Panama might get a second hand one.

Senator Tillman has introduced a resolution in the Senate directing the committee on Judiciary to make inquiry as to what constitutes a recess appointment. General Wood, Dr. Crum and others were appointed during a recess which never existed except in the imagination of the Administration.

Senator Hanna is trying to have the naval cadets who were expelled for hazing re-admitted to the Naval Academy. With Perry S. Heath, Major Rathborne, and the Annapolis hazers, the Senator seems to be the champion of those who have fallen from grace the civil, military and naval officers.

Those who desire a parcels post are pleased to see that this innovation is being advocated more and more by the press of both parties, although the Democratic papers are more in favor of it than are the Republican. After the subject is much discussed and the public realizes the benefits of such a system the determined opposition of the express companies will be overcome. The greatest ally of the companies in their fight against a parcels post is Senator Platt, Republican from New York, who is president of the United States Express company.

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[New York News.]

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As representative John Sharp Williams, the new Democratic leader of the House, said in a recent interview, "The chances of a Democratic victory are better with Roosevelt as the Republican candidate than with any other man, and yet I am sorry to see it, as, if he should be elected, it means a threat to the pace of nations. The country distrusts him, the business interests have no confidence in him, and his public acts are reacting against him now."

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