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GRAFT AND CORPORATIONS.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, in an address at Boston recently treated the graft and corporation question in the following manner:

"There have been great reform movements of a political nature in days gone by, but they were merely local. The present reveals a situation of brighter promise to lovers of good government. Reform shows signs of becoming universal, instead of local and transitory. Unless this idea of civic right now abroad in the land dies out, we will pass from the age of sordid commercialism to the age of high ideals. Even now wealth is not worshiped with the same devotion it used to be. A new standard has been established, new, yet old—just honesty, that is all.

"There is nothing a corrupt man or those who make a business of violating the laws fear more than publicity and an aroused public conscience. The prisons might be filled with grafters, yet, if people were indifferent grafting would go on just the same. On the other hand, very few might get where they belong, yet, if the people are awake, grafting can be stopped through the force of public sentiment.

"The grafters who would make money at the expense of the common good do not know good from bad—all they know is whether it pays or not. They are being taught that official grafting, insurance grafting, trust grafting and private grafting does not pay, and when this lesson shall have been thoroughly learned, the revolution will be victorious and representative government will be enthroned.

"The greatest enemy to representative government is lawlessness. The trust magnate defies the laws of the state against combines and monopolies, and then calls for the protection of the state for his property. The dram-shop keeper wants the law enforced against the man who robs his cash drawer, but thinks he has a right to break the law requiring the saloon to close on Sunday. The burglar detests the lawbreaking of the trust but considers the law against house-breaking an interference with his personal liberties. The hoodler has no use for the pick-pocket, but thinks the statute against bribery is a blue law. Every law looks blue to the man who breaks it.

"The people do not oppose wealth; wealth in itself is a blessing, but they do object to the abuse of wealth. Graft cannot be exterminated fully this special privilege be the form of with and the doctrine of equal rights is recognized. It matters not whether this special privilege be the form of a tariff so arranged as to foster monopoly or a commission to control the price of necessities, or rebates to favored shippers. Some special interest is at the bottom of every graft. Corporations are the chief corruptors of our public life. The honestly conducted corporations would have nothing to fear from the publication of their expenditures—reporting to the state their expenditures with the proper vouchers. It would then be difficult to conceal the use of corporation moneys for corrupt purposes.

"In securing a representative government the influences of special interest in the legislative halls must be curtailed. The free railroad pass is a prolific breeder of corruption.

"True to the principles of republican government, we shall be the most powerful of all the nations of the earth; forsaking these, with a government of and by special interests, national and private, prosperity can only be temporary and we must finally go as old nations have gone during the flight of time through the ages."

Men like Roosevelt, Deenan, La Follette, Weaver all take similar views of the corporation and graft question. Judge Grosscup, of the Federal bench in Chicago, is even more outspoken. The honest American citizen, who is the backbone and reliance of republican institutions throughly agrees with these men. The time has come when action must be taken and while the corporations will try and maintain their attorneys and agents in places where rightful legislation may be enacted, the honest American citizen is

becoming throughly aroused and will insist that the grafter be ousted from the legislative halls in every state in the Union.

Now is the time for Oregon to take action. Every schemer, corporation or otherwise, will try to land his agents in the legislature. Corporations in doing this do not travel with a brass band but if their work is silent it is none the less effectual.

Eternal vigilance is the price required to procure honest and clean government. If the people of this county expect to have representatives in the next legislature rather than the corporations and grafters having representatives there, they must awake to the situation.

The corporations are making such an effort as they never made before, and no stone will be left unturned to land their man.

Of course the corporations do not want George C. Brownell! ! !

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Until this year the voters of this state have merely ratified the action of political conventions in the naming of candidates for public office and meekly have submitted and observed such legislative acts as might be enacted by the state legislature.

But the year 1906 marks a new epoch in the political annals of this state. With the people themselves is now vested the rights that have been heretofore exercised by political conventions, sometimes somewhat arbitrarily. The people now have the privilege of naming candidates for office as well as electing them and can also initiate and enact laws for the legislature or have objectionable legislative acts referred back to the people.

With this power goes individual responsibility. Blame for poor government, incompetent officers and bad legislation, now rests entirely with the electors themselves. Criticism cannot be directed against the convention and machine methods that may have dominated in the past. It is now up to the elector himself.

Are the voters of Clackamas county then going to assume this responsibility and perform the service they owe to themselves, their country and their state? Except they do and exercise all the rights conferred, they are derelict in the performance of their duty and are alone censurable for any dissatisfied conditions in the government of the state and county affairs that may hereafter prevail.

The primary election that will be held in April is the people's nominating convention. It is then that the members of the Republican and Democratic parties will nominate their candidates for the various offices to be filled at the election in June. The Prohibitionists and Socialists will nominate their candidates by conventions and petitions.

It is the duty and the privilege of every member of the two leading parties to participate in the Primary election. Failing to do so, he must not complain with the result. He has an equal right in the premises and should interest himself to the extent at least that only good, clean men are named for office by his party.

In order, however, to vote at the Primary election the voter must prior to April 19, register and declare his party affiliation. The voter must register or he forfeits the right to participate in the Primary election. Thus far there has not been shown a disposition on the part of Clackamas county voters to register. Such should not be the case.

Get out and register and be prepared to take an active part in the naming of your party candidates for the office to be filled at the general election in June.

A SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT.

A reader of the Enterprise suggests that the city proceed immediately and complete the Seventh street stairs to correspond with that part of the improvement that has been made by the Southern Pacific Company. That the improvement so far made by the railroad company is a good one is apparent but with the city's present condition of finances it is doubtful if this improvement can be taken up just now.

But when the condition of the upper part of Seventh street requires repairs, then it will be well for the city to proceed with installing of the iron stairs. But in the meantime and until the city has a little more money in its purse, we will probably have to content ourselves with the present more or less dilapidated stairs.

In the way of public improvements, however, the building of these stairs would be most commendable.

AN EFFICIENT SERVANT.

It is to be regretted that J. H. Reid, of Milwaukie, finds it necessary to give up the work of fruit inspector for Clackamas county. A more efficient servant could not be found. Most throughly and impartially did he per-

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form his duties. But his private interests demanded his attention and he had to surrender the place he was filling so faithfully. A. J. Lewis, who has been recommended by the Clackamas County Horticultural Society as Mr. Reid's successor, is a practical fruit grower residing near this city.

Fruit growers of this section of the Valley have awakened to the necessity of doing something towards exterminating the different kinds of vermin with which practically every orchard in the county is infested. The diseased condition of these fruit trees and their product is the result of inattention on the part of the growers themselves. The spray pump will now be called into service.

MAKE IT UNANIMOUS.

Registration of voters to date in this county shows about ten Republicans to one Democrat.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

If not another point in the Direct Primary law is generally understood, it would appear that the voter must know that it is absolutely necessary that he register if he proposes to participate in the primary election in April.

This being true, why not register? Voters in this county do not seem to be interested in the situation sufficiently to register. Call at the clerk's office the first time you are in town and comply with this feature of the law. It is only to save yourself and your friends a lot of trouble if you would vote at the general election, besides having to forfeit your right to take part in nominating your party's candidates at the April election.

This is too important a matter to put off any longer. Register!

Representative Burton says that the River and Harbor Appropriation Committee should be "both discriminating and economical." The complaint most localities make is that they are more economical than discriminating.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The papers and the people who are criticizing the Administration for sending a delegate to the Moroccan conference must have very short memories. It is true that our interests in that part of the world just now are comparatively small, and were it merely a question of helping to act as a referee in a squabble between France and Germany, this country would not have entered into the question at all. But people ought to remember that this country took part in the conference of Madrid as far back in 1880 and we then pledged to send delegates to the later conference whenever it should be called. That pledge was made to the Sultan of Morocco and had this country not lived up to its promise, the Sultan as well as the other signatory powers may have felt that they had been slighted. This is no new launch into world politics that we are taking, but merely fulfilling a promise made more than a generation ago. The sending of delegates has been surrounded by all the safeguards that it was possible to give. They are to sign no agreement pledging the United States to anything without first consulting the State Department. And anyone who knows Secretary Root knows that he is not likely to commit himself or this country to anything in the nature of an "entangling alliance." It is just as well for all parties concerned that the United States has delegates at the conference. They will not be suspected of any ulterior motives by any of the parties to the conference. Especially by Morocco. They also will help to hold the balance of power with Germany. We have no special leanings toward Germany, especially at the present juncture. But Germany herself cannot suspect us of having any covert leanings toward

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France, while Great Britain is an avowed friend of France, more avowed perhaps that actual. But still she is prepared to take the part of France if need arise in the present controversy. The bulk of the other influence in the conference, barring always the United States ought to act as a useful flywheel to the convention. As to practical results so far as our interests are concerned we probably will have more commercial interests in North Africa in a few years than we have now. We have already made overtures of friendship to Abyssinia, and the while of the North African country is destined in a few years to be a center of greater trade than it has ever been since Carthage ceased to ship her gold and ivory to Rome. We will want to be parties to that trade development, and it is just as well that we should have representatives on the spot to watch our interests at such an important juncture.

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