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**CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST ASSEMBLY**

Pine Grove, Dec. 27, 1909  
Editor News:—While your attack upon the grange two weeks ago called for a reply and our reply has brought another reply from you, yet as we understand the English language you have evaded replying to some of the essential objections we offered against your assembly scheme. You failed to tell us how you are going to prevent such scenes as the one we mentioned, the double-headed state convention, when Senator Dolph was pulled off the stage in the A. O. U. W. hall in Portland. You seem to think that the assembly is all we need to purify Oregon politics. But you have not told us how you are going to bar out from control the three corrupt forces of which we spoke, viz: the political ward heeler, the liquor element and the corporation influence. They always have corrupted our political conventions and we have heard it whispered (?) that their influence is even used in our legislatures in selecting United States senators. It has been proved beyond a doubt that our primary law, especially Statement No. 1, removes the control of these three corrupt forces. We must give you credit for finally admitting that you are opposed to our primary law. Quite a different admission than the one sent out from that notable "smoker" which you attended in Portland a few weeks ago, where a resolution upholding our primary elections was made after they had decided to make a fight for the assembly scheme. Little by little we will find out what you fellows want. You assert that our primary law has proved a failure and to prove it you refer to our state senators and representatives in a very uncomplimentary manner. Oh! you belong to the outs and want in, and of course can only be a political pessimist. You say our Republican senator is a mugwump and the other a Democrat and that neither has any influence singly, and little jointly. Do you mean to say that a senator elected by the combined vote of a part of the minority party and a faction of the majority party are Mugwumps? If so please tell us what percent of our United States senators are not Mugwumps. Illinois was the last one to elect a Republican under this means and he is what you call a mugwump. If you will investigate our silly method of electing United States senators you

will find that Mugwumps are quite popular and that Senator Bourne is only one of the many. Hence his associates are his colleagues. If Bourne is a Mugwump, and Scott (according to newspaper and magazine reports) offered \$25,000 and the support of both his papers for Bourne's support, what then is Scott? Please answer without equivocating. You say that Chamberlain's election caused just as much wire-pulling, just as much corruption and just as much misrepresentation and then you say it was in a milder form and kept from the public view. We can not harmonize the words "just as much" and "milder." Now, Mr. Editor, are you not a little forgetful? Why didn't you tell us who did the wire-pulling and for what it was done? Just say that you fellows were trying to over-ride the will of the people and just because our legislators elected under a pledge to vote for the people's choice for United States senator were honest men and did not yield to the corruption influence used to get them to violate their pledge, you fellows who are now out try to make believe they are unworthy of their positions, and the whole primary law a failure. You think our present United States senators are not what they should be. While they have not done enough yet to be indicted by a federal grand jury, yet we believe them to be serving our people just as well as some others who were elected under convention tactics.

You say that if the elements now opposing the assembly scheme had taken as much interest in good government under the convention plan we would have never had the primary law. Again you are forgetful. For the last fifteen years our state grange has been working in every honorable way possible to get a better form of state government. From 1891 until 1902 there was never a Democratic or Republican convention but that the grange was represented by many warm supporters of direct legislation and other progressive reforms. We worked long and hard and after forcing two legislatures to meet the issue squarely they balked and referred direct legislation to the people, and they, the people, were found to be about 5 to 1 in favor of direct legislation. Do not tell us we were not working for purer laws under your old convention system. Had conventions not become so corrupt and failed to give satisfactory results the primary law would not have been needed. Reforms come from the oppressed and the people of Oregon simply arose to meet the emergency. You sneer at our last legislature's work because a large part of the members were elected under the direct primary law. Now please answer this question. What rating should they have compared with the one that met 40 days and 40 nights and did not organize either house, and compelled us to pay interest on unpaid state warrants for two years? This unorganized mass of legislators were nominated under the old convention system and elected with blood in their eyes. When we stop and think of Oregon's past political history we feel like exclaiming, "ye Gods and little fishes!" How can anyone truly desire to return to such a Punch and Judy system of nominating public officers. Your comments on our desire of conducting our state and national affairs, which you say is a scramble of ballots influenced by money etc., is simply too ridiculous for consideration. Now be honest and tell us who will be the easier bought and influenced, all the people or a few? Your picture of the lion and the lamb sleeping together and Jonathan sitting between Worthy Matron and Miss Labor is no argument. Just causes a smile. But the smile that will not rub off is the one we wear when we think of Lion Harvey and Tiger Joe sitting on either side of Pure Government each watching the other and muttering, "I'll fix you when I get control of these assemblies." J. M. TAYLOR, W. M. J. H. MOHR, W. S.

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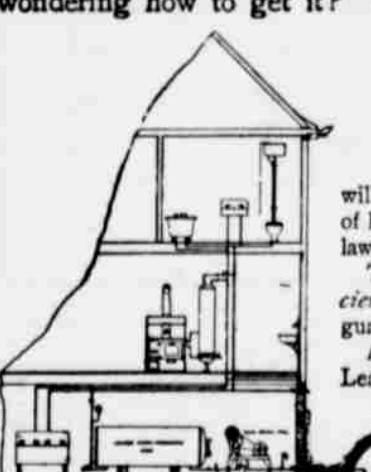
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