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THAT PANIC BUGABOO
One of the arguments which is being most commonly used in an effort to coerce independent Republicans into voting for Taft is that of the panic bugaboo. "Elect a Democratic president and the bugaboo will catch you" is the threat which standpat party leaders are holding over the heads of the independents. References are made to "these days of pleasant prosperity" and we are charitably reminded of the panic of 1893.

So far as this argument is concerned there are only two possible alternatives. If big business cannot make good the threat then the people have nothing to fear from the election of a Democratic president. If, on the other hand, the interests are so enthroned that it lies within their power to precipitate a panic at will the sooner the people revolt from such dominance and take their medicine in the way of temporary depression the better it would be.

The threat carries with it the implied assertion that the big interests have the people under their thumb and that if the people presume to wriggle they will be made to suffer. If it indeed lies within the power of men high in the business world to precipitate a panic at will and thus make the people expiate their political sins, then it is time for reasonable men to ponder whether there is not something decidedly out of joint, something which may demand extreme measures to set right. If, however, the powers that be cannot carry out their implied threat it is a bugaboo which should be scared away once and for all.

BOURNE AND THE PRIMARIES
In the fight which is being made against the re-election of Jonathan Bourne to the United States Senate great stress is being put upon the fact that Mr. Bourne has consented to become a candidate after having been defeated by Mr. Selling in the primaries. It is charged that Mr. Bourne was bolted the primary. That Mr. Bourne was defeated in the primaries is true, but whether he was compelled in good faith to abide by the result of primaries in which a fair expression of opinion was not secured, due to the methods employed by Mr. Selling, is another question. An organization of Portland business men made fair expression of a sentiment which is prevalent throughout the state when it embodied in a set of resolutions the following: "Whereas, It is a matter of common report that in Mr. Ben Selling's campaign for the senatorial nomination money was spent far in excess of the amount reported to the secretary of state, we believe Mr. Selling violated the spirit of the corrupt practices act by spending large sums of money in the distribution of a circular letter just before announcing his candidacy, which expenditure was in reality a part of his campaign expense, though not included in his account. We believe that he violated the letter of the law by incorporating in it his attack upon Senator Bourne, the expense of which he did not report to the secretary of state, as required by law." If the charges made against Mr. Selling involving the alleged expenditure of sums greatly in excess of the amount allowed by the corrupt practices act are true, it is a fair question to ask whether Mr. Bourne was not justified in appealing from such a primary and becoming an independent candidate.

THE SINGLE TAX
Amid the deluge of initiative measures upon which the Oregon voter must pass judgment next month probably none contemplates such sweeping and radical changes as does the single tax proposition. So far as the actual operation of the proposed law and its probable effect upon land values are concerned the average voter finds himself groping in the dark. It would be a gamble, nothing less, for the actual workings of the law have not yet been thoroughly tested. However many theoretical arguments may be advanced in favor of trying the scheme, the fact remains that Oregon would be experimenting in a matter of vital concern to every tax payer and the game is not worth the candle. Discretion dictates that the single tax proposition should be defeated.

FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
From every standpoint Clyde B. Aitchison, Republican candidate for railroad commissioner from this district, is worthy of support. In an office which demands special knowledge and strictly impartial judgment Mr. Aitchison has won the confidence of all. His official integrity is unquestioned and his especial qualifications for coping successfully with the complex questions involved in the regulation of the railroads within this state are well known to all who have been familiar with his official record. The people of this district can do no better than to recognize Mr. Aitchison's ability and reward his past services by continuing him in the office.

That the line is now sharply drawn between the people and the trusts is referred to by Woodrow Wilson in commenting upon the result of recent investigations as follows: "We have in these disclosures still another view of the tariff, still another proof that, not the people of the United States but only a very small number of them have been partners in that legislation. Those few have learned how to control tariff legislation, and as they have perfected their control they have consolidated their interests." A surgeon in Paris has grafted an ape's stomach into the digestive economy of a man seventy-two years old, who is doing finely. If he continues to get along all right without climbing trees and demanding a diet of coconuts, the operation will probably become popular. Second hand information and advice should be discounted in voting upon the many measures to be submitted at the coming election. They should be studied carefully by every voter and an independent conclusion reached so far as possible. The late Senator Dolliver's estimate of President Taft, in a speech at Des Moines, Iowa, May 10, 1910, was: "A good man surrounded by people who know exactly what they want." Dr. Harry Lane says he buys clothing of Ben Selling but Ben doesn't doctor with him—otherwise there might be one less senatorial candidate. He says in this respect Ben is wise. It is remarkable to see how the same election news can change its aspect after treatment by two display head-line artists of opposed political views. Some of his supporters are so confident that the Colonel will be elected that they are learning to play tennis so as to qualify for cabinet positions. All parties seeking campaign contributions this year will do well to avoid an embarrassment of riches. Insanity will be the best plea for the Pennsylvania man who married three women in fourteen days.

One of T. R.'s speeches in Vermont was delivered at Bellows Falls, but the linotype made it Bellows Falls. Even the machinery tells lies about the Only Truthful man.

The Pennsylvania minister who resigned his charge with the remark, "A man cannot be honest in the ministry and hold his job," should read the newspapers and take heart.

ANANIAS CLUB FOR CHARLES H. SHIELDS

Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, was regularly recommended for membership in the Ananias Club by A. I. Mason at the meeting of the People's Forum Friday evening. Shields was charged with having inverted the truth in order to avoid meeting Mr. U'Ren in a debate on the single tax to have been held at Pine Grove Grange Hall. Shields promised to do so when here but upon receipt of letters from Mr. Mason and John Mohr of the Grange, he neglected to answer. Upon the matter being made public Mr. Shields denied that he had received any such letters.

Referring to a published letter from Mr. Shields, Mr. Mason said: "For misrepresentation of facts it takes first prize. If he will now agree to meet Mr. U'Ren here as he promised to do, those who heard him make the promise will have no cause to doubt his sincerity, but otherwise we will weigh his sincerity in the same balance as his statement of facts relative to this proposed debate."

COUNTRY RETURNING TO PURE DEMOCRACY

That this country is rapidly returning to a pure democracy in its system of government, was the declaration made by Professor Gibson in a talk given before the People's Forum at its meeting Friday. The statement was made in the course of a discussion of the bill to be submitted next month, which provides for the abolition of the state senate in Oregon. Professor Gibson discussed the measure and declared that although it might have some defects, he thought it a step in the right direction and that he was going to vote for the law. The proposed law was framed by the People's League of Oregon. This league, Mr. Gibson said, had been responsible for the initiative and referendum, recall, direct election of U. S. Senators, and other measures identified with the Oregon system. He thought the popularity of these other measures was a recommendation for the one under discussion. He said he believed it was in line with the present day tendency of giving the people more power to govern themselves. There was far from a unanimity of opinion on the measure. Attorney E. H. Hartwig declared that the proposition of abolishing the senate was only a bait and that the bill contained many jokers. He said it provided for a system of proportional representation which would give Portland supreme control over the affairs of the state and enable that city and county to obtain big appropriations for public buildings and the like. Issue was taken with Mr. Hartwig on the ground that the new bill gave to the Governor the sole power to introduce appropriation bills. It was agreed that this was a desirable feature in that it would prevent the log rolling and passage of unwarranted appropriations which are permitted under the present system. Several present debated the different features of the bill, which involves one of the most drastic changes ever contemplated in this state. As time did not permit of the debate of other measures scheduled for that evening the meeting was adjourned. Next Friday the good roads bills will be up for discussion.

U. OF O. GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT HERE DEC. 30TH

Glee Club contracts for this season have been closed by Manager Genry, including three with Eastern Oregon towns, which allow from ten to fifteen per cent better returns to the club than in former years. The Bungalo theatre has been secured for the Portland concert. The Glee Club's program of concerts is as follows: Astoria, December 27; Portland, December 28; Hood River, December 30; Heppner, December 31; Pendleton, January 1; LaGrande, January 2; Baker January 3; The Dalles, January 4. Albany and Corvallis may be visited on the return trip. Regular Sunday excursion to Parkdale. Pleasant trip for yourself and friends.

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