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EDITORIAL

REPUBLICANS BEWARE.

Mr. A. Bennett of The Dalles Optimist, a true, courageous republican, who says what he thinks and means what he says, hands Mr. Bourne a few again last week, as follows:

If a man cannot be safely trusted he ought not to be placed in a position of trust.

Self preservation is the first law of nature; and party preservation is the first law of the party.

Nearly 2,000 years ago the man who spake as never man spake, said: (Matt., 7-16-20) "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." And six hundred years before the utterance of the above truths, the Prophet Jeremiah (chapter 13 verse 23) said: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."

And a great American poet has summed up all this wisdom of the Bible, and the facts and experience of men in all ages, in two lines:

"Shape our actions as we may
Our future lies behind us."

And just what Jonathan Bourne has been in the past he will be in the future. Not a single one of the papers demanding his election at the hands of the legislature pretends to give any fact in the life of Bourne which justifies his election to the United States senate. They do not pretend to give any record of good deeds, any record of useful work, or any record of good character. But on the contrary they are all compelled to admit his unfitness for the high office.

And we now put it to these papers seriously and solemnly; are all the great interests of the new and growing state of Oregon, and all the interests of the Republican party to be wrecked, and the state and party to be dishonored and disgraced in the election of a party traitor and unfit man to the senate, because forsooth we are all bound by the fiction of the primary law which attempts to repeal the constitution of the United States? The Bourne papers call on us to beware how we tamper with the primary law; and in reply we call on them to beware how they disgrace the party and the state by electing party traitors and unfit men over the heads of able, honest, faithful republicans, whose lives and characters are a guarantee that they will ably serve the state and the party and reflect honor on the party and the state which they represent.

PEOPLE, NOT CATTLE.

The man who urges and argues that this is and of right ought to be completely a "white man's government" thinks that Lincoln did not include negroes when he spoke of a "government of the people, by the people for the people." It is curious that some people who want the prestige of Lincoln's name will twist his declarations into absurdities. One of the "white man's government" advocates says this government was not created by the red man nor black men, but white men. Yes, answers a writer in the Indianapolis Star. The South Carolina Tories who fought against this government were not red men, nor black men, but white men. When they led off in secession it was the same. When Lincoln freed the negroes and allowed them to fight against the rebels, did he think they were asses, mules and cattle? Or did he think they were

people? When he proposed compensated emancipation and colonization before the emancipation was it ordinary live stock he was proposing to free? Why is South Carolina the volcano that spews up everything that is retrogressive? Not another state in the world would have sent a Tillman to the senate. True, the Indian has never been a political factor, but he has been a most serious factor that had to be dealt with. He will be a political factor from now on.

PARTY HONOR.

There are about 250 daily and weekly newspapers published in the state of Oregon, says the Dalles Optimist. Of these about a score have spoken in favor of the election of Jonathan Bourne to the senate by the coming legislature. Among the Bourne papers are the Oregonian, Echo Register, Hood River News-Letter, Portland Journal, Arlington Record, Dallas Observer, the E. O., Eugene Guard and Salem Statesman. Those which have spoken out boldly and given reasons why Bourne should be defeated are the Optimist, Portland New Age, Woodburn Independent, St. Johns Review, Polk County Itemizer and Amity Enterprise; and about 225 other daily and weekly papers scattered all over the state so far have expressed no opinion and are presumably entirely willing to see Jonathan elected to stay at home, if he has any legal residence. Of the papers demanding the election of Bourne the Portland Journal and East Oregonian are democratic, and nothing would please them so well as to see the Republicans take Jonathan Bourne, the party traitor and Bryan supporter, as their standard bearer.

A POSSIBLE MAYOR.

There is a good deal of talk among his "legion" of friends of trying to induce Hon. L. Zimmerman, formerly president of the council to enter the race at the proper time for the nomination for mayor, and if he should decide to do so it is believed he could secure the nomination and could not be beaten in the election by Mayor Lane or any other democrat. Mr. Zimmerman is an old resident of Portland, though a comparatively young man, and has always taken an active and earnest part in its upbuilding and welfare. He is thoroughly conversant with the city's situation and needs in every respect, and possesses ample ability to serve it in this onerous capacity. As councilman Mr. Zimmerman made an excellent record, and as a business man and citizen no one could truly bring any kind of reproach against him. The republicans of Portland will soon be looking around for a man to run for mayor and if he has any desire for the office it is not likely that Mr. Zimmerman will be overlooked.

Sale of Mexican Mine.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 11.—News was received today of the consummation of the sale of the two most famous gold and silver mining properties in the state of Sonora. Las Chishas, a famous producer, has been sold to a New York and Paris syndicate for 6,000,000 pesos (\$3,000,000 gold). The Badicancora mines, in the same district, one of the most famous of the Antiguas group, has been sold to D. F. O. Pense, of Chicago, and his associates.

Sampans Sunk in Squall.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—A number of sampans (small harbor boats) belonging to the Japanese cruiser Chitose were sunk in a squall here today while she was returning from a trip. A number of the boats were overturned and 60 men were drowned.

NEW PLAN TO BUY SUPPLIES.

Keep Commission Proposes to Put it on Business Basis.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The committee on department methods, popularly known as the Keep commission, has submitted to the president its report on the standardization and method of purchase of department supplies. The report reviews at some length the present unbusinesslike and needlessly expensive method of purchasing supplies, by which each of the several departments in Washington has its own standards of quality and makes its own purchases entirely independent of others.

Briefly, the report is as follows: Provision is made by which the preparation of the schedules, advertising for proposals and making the contracts for the purchase of department supplies are placed in the hands of a board to be known as the general supply committee, such board to be under the supervision and control of the secretary of commerce and labor. The head of each department or independent bureau to serve as a member. The board thus constituted is hereafter to purchase the department supplies heretofore acted upon by the board of award. The committee, however, makes exceptions in the case of the military and scientific departments of the government.

TWO EMPIRES STARVING.

Claims of Chinese and Russian Famine Sufferers Conflict.

Washington, Dec. 12.—For the present at least no governmental appeal will be made to the people of the United States for aid for the famine sufferers of China. This decision was reached after the State department had communicated with Louis Kloppsch, of the Christian Herald, who raised \$200,000 for the Japanese sufferers, and who regards the Russian famine as infinitely worse, 30,000,000 people or twice the number suffering in China being affected.

According to letters received by Mr. Kloppsch, 40,000 square miles in China, supporting a population of 15,000,000, have been flooded and so great is the destitution that many parents are drowning their children rather than see them starve, and are themselves committing suicide.

Japanese Veterans Coming.

Honolulu, Dec. 12.—Many Japanese laborers wearing war medals arrived here today, on the steamer Nippon Maru, from Yokohama. Labor Commissioner Sargent, who came here from Washington recently, in connection with labor matters, said today that the plantations should pay better wages, and that he disapproved of Filipino immigration. General Harrison Gray Otis, of Los Angeles, was a passenger on the Nippon Maru. He expressed himself as being opposed to Japanese naturalization and immigration.

Company is Badly Managed.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 12.—Senator Rummel, the Socialist member of the state senate investigating committee which has been probing life insurance conditions in Wisconsin, has written a minority report, in which he declares that extravagant salaries are paid, relatives are employed, premiums are too high, policy holders are discriminated against, and private management of the insurance business compares unfavorably with national control of the same line of business in foreign countries.

King of Cigarette Fiends.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Julius Persky, of Hammond, Ind., died last night from excessive smoking of cigarettes. He said that he had smoked 500,000 cigarettes during his lifetime. His only sustenance for three months had been diluted alcohol and cigarettes.

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