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THE GANG.

Senators Bourne and Chamberlain, operating in politics together, sit for their portraits, which they send out to such newspapers throughout the country as they think are worth sending to print them. We see the joint picture in the Detroit Times—the two statesmen looking with an admiring squint towards each other and winking the other eye at the public—like little John Adams and John Quincy Adams, pulling out the plums and crooning his tune, "What a smart boy am I!"

Over the portraits is the legend, "Will Lead the Fight to Save Oregon From Gang Rule." Now, if you are in search of something to jar you, here you have it. From "gang rule!" The Bourne-Chamberlain gang is the only organized political gang in Oregon. As a combination, it is at once unprincipled and detestable. It is out for the spoils, without regard to the principles of any legitimate political party.

Identification of Bourne and Chamberlain, by these methods and analogies, may be thought to be a trifle pictures thrown together (sarcasms, ambo) certainly will do something for promotion of the Republican assembly-convention plan, and for cementation of Republican organization. It is a happy coincidence that the political Democrats to bunch together—each as a political actor and adventurer and counterpart of the other. On the other hand, it is altogether proper and satisfactory that the gang members are following one of these statesmen. You are following the other, and following both.

It makes little difference whether they go abreast or tandem. Whether they follow "the gang" or "the gang," but holds to Taft, because he wishes to have "his say about the office," and thinks he will have better chances by pretending to be a Republican than by coming out directly against the gang. If there is or could be anything in politics more contemptible than this business—anything of the gang more gangy—words couldn't paint it, nor could the actors suggest it.

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But now, in the name of a party when there is no party, and there can be no party without a party, let us revive and restore party organization. It is silly and useless to pretend anything in the name of a party when there is no party, and there can be no party without a party.

The Republican party of Oregon will make an effort to put itself out of the mud and mire of defeat. It will form an organization. It will hold conventions and recommend candidates for the primaries. They who may not like it, of course, will be at liberty to act with "the gang" of Jonathan Bourne and George Chamberlain, and "the gang" of the Republican party.

Why not avoid the discrimination of adopting the Lafan bill? There are several reasons. In the first place, the Oregon package as it is, with its present size and shape, is desired in every market at a high price. Any change in the appearance of the box means a possible loss of selling capacity. The change in the box means to purchasers. Doubts will arise, competition already overcome must be fought anew! In the end, the market would be reconquered, but the effort and expense of doing it will be a wholly unnecessary waste. This is not a case where some dishonest trader practices is sought to be reformed by legislation. It would require a good deal of hard work to accuse Oregon apple-growers of trickery or deceit of any kind. The reason is, in almost any other case, the purchaser of a box of Oregon apples knows what he is getting before he has opened the package. He knows the number of ap-

"the gang" hitherto, who, it is believed, will act with it no more. Besides, if Oregon is to be a Democratic state, let it be so. But let us have no false pretenses about it.

HIGH AND LOW PRICES.

They who were vociferous for silver a few years ago were rabid then also in their denunciation of low prices. The reason they were so, followed as a consequence of the refusal to give silver "its rightful place" in the monetary system of the country. These persons now are prominent among those who demand high prices, and some of them intimate that the gold standard is responsible for this condition, because the monopolists control gold and products and prices, and "have the whole game in their hands." Where prices are high, the theorists are busy in accounting for them, and when high equally busy in accounting for them—in such case with but slender knowledge. Prices were low in 1897, and they were high in 1907, because credit had been destroyed, because money had been hidden away and actual cash was exceedingly short. Prices are high now, for many reasons. One is abundance of credit and abundance of money in circulation. It is the general extravagance that springs from this condition; a third is the disinclination of increasing multitudes to work at productive industry; a fourth is a high and general organization of labor, which is demanding yielding unusual, excessive and in many cases unconscionable profits to combinations.

It is a tendency resulting from conditions that must run their course. The only remedy is to let them run. The law of demand and supply alone can change them. This law often is slow in its movement. But, after all, which is to be preferred—an era of low prices or an era of high prices?

THE FOURTH DIMENSION.

The fourth dimension of space is a purely hypothetical or speculative subject. It may exist or it may not. Our senses have been evolved in a three dimensional environment, and are not adapted to perceive the fourth dimension. It is, however, a matter of pure speculation. At that it is necessary to assign four rectangular cartesian co-ordinates to every point in space instead of the usual three, and proceed to manipulate our equations. Certain results will be obtained which are mathematically, or at least methodologically, true. Still there is no way to verify them by means of our senses, and they are of no practical importance. The study of the fourth dimension does not belong to the higher mathematics particularly. It is neither proper nor difficult, and it may be pursued by means of a pencil and a ruler. If the ten-year-old boy, William James Sidis, has been lecturing upon this subject at Harvard, his feat is wonderful of course. Any mathematical skill in a boy of ten is wonderful. But that he has advanced nothing new and nothing which makes it necessary for such men as Pierce and Byerly to ask him for elucidation.

STANDARD APPLE BOX.

The Lafan bill, which seeks to establish a "standard" apple box, is a package for apples is not devoid of commendable features. The provision that the correct name and address of the packer shall appear legibly on every box, is a highly commendable, since there is no other way to protect those whose names have earned a substantial market value through intelligent and honest packing. It is also an excellent requirement of the bill that every box which is packed up as an old package and makes a new out of its contents shall label it with his own name and address. No packer ought to be held responsible for any work but his own, and nobody ought to be held responsible for the work of another. The Lafan bill is the product of a better man.

A PROGRESSIVE COLLEGE.

If the enlargement of Willamette University's board of trustees signifies that this pioneer institution is about to make its escape from sectarian shackles, there is every reason to believe that the move is a good one. Escape from sectarian shackles does not mean escape from denominational good will, influence and fostering care. These are excellent things for a college, but sectarianism is something altogether different. Willamette University never will and never ought to cast off its relations with Methodism, but it may very properly assume much broader relations with the world. It is a progressive scholar-ship that it has hitherto lacked. This is the significance of the additions to its board of trustees is only a guess of ours. It may or may not be true, but we hope it is. All the so-called "secular" colleges are moving in the direction of the world-ship and more catholic teaching, albeit some of them go rather slowly. In the process they have sacrificed nothing that is valuable in denominationalism, while they have gained in liberality and in financial resources. Moreover, the movement is in harmony with the spirit of our times, which grows impatient of sectarianism and seeks the universal both in scholars and in religion.

CHANCE FOR AN AMERICAN SHIP.

The British bark Poltaloch was sold in this city yesterday by the United States Maritime Commission for \$17,000. This figure was the best that could be secured, because the vessel is under the British flag. Foreign sailing ships are a drug in the market at any old price. The sale, however, has brought to light an interesting point in connection with the registry of the vessel. The Poltaloch was seized by the United States Marshal and sold to satisfy debts contracted in San Francisco and this city. The sum realized from the sale was insufficient to cover the amount owed by the ship, and there was accordingly nothing left for the foreign owners. The Marshal, acting for the Government, took com-

plete possession of the vessel and sold her and will give title to her.

TO SERVE SEVERAL ENDS.

To Harmonize Party and Bring Men of Common Political Principles Together. Morning Astorian. The Morning Astorian, along with the majority of its Republican friends in Oregon, believe in and endorse, the proposed rule of assembling on its party platform of taking counsel upon its party candidates this year, for the reason that the system will serve several very important ends; among which may be mentioned the commanding opportunity it offers for the getting together of the Republicans of the state; locally, on a large and unifying one more with a common and urgent interest that shall contribute to the obliteration of all divergent and narrow party interests; and, in the fundamental idea of the party assembly with us, because of its primal and notorious necessity. That accomplished the right and power of Republicanism in Oregon will be restored, and the party will be able to continue in place and prestige, barring forever the wiles and chicanery that prevailed during its long period of distraction and practical dissolution. It is of the commonest, recognized and admitted rules that a party may, indeed must, hold conference on its own and issues that belong to it and which are to make it or break it at the polls. It is an entirely normal and acceptable theory and operates tentatively, even if there are no proposals to make it conspicuous and effective; men naturally tend to get together as far as they may under all conditions and it is part of their freedom to do this; nor is freedom violated if the party, for its own distinct finds larger expression with the many.

They are not anxious to see this thing achieved by the forcing of the "machine" to the forefront and the re-encouragement of the responsibility for the subsidence of Republican strength and vigor. We would like to see the assembly plan used for rejuvenation and new blood, and to give the party a new lease of life along with the rest of us, and let things take their course for the elevation of true men and good, and the operation of the new principles we stand for, to reinvest the old leaders with the power, or patronage and dictation at the outset of the new movement were to crush it in the infancy and leave the party to the fate it has been moving upon for the past 10 years. This is our position at this stage of the game, and we are willing to stand by it, and to fight for it from such a program while fighting for its maintenance.

PINCHOT'S BLUNDERS.

The President Simply Was Compelled to Remove Him. New York Evening Post. No newspaper, we are sure, has more frequently than the Evening Post recognized the admirable motives which have actuated Mr. Pinchot in his campaign for the preservation of our natural resources or recorded more gladly the noble principles he has espoused for the Nation. It is with the sincerest regret, therefore, that we state our opinion that in his letter to Senator Dooliver, read in the Senate yesterday, he has gone so far beyond the bounds of what is proper in an Administrative official as to leave Mr. Taft no alternative but to separate him from the public service. In his words: Senator Dooliver, Mr. Pinchot admits that two of his subordinates transgressed the rules of the service by drinking on the floor. But in this same epistle, whose admirable style shows that it was written calmly, without undue haste, Mr. Pinchot himself commits the most serious offense: (1) He deliberately transgressed the President's rule that subordinate officials should not communicate with the members of Congress. (2) In advance of the scheduled, unbiased investigation by Congress he laid information that body of the party to prejudice it against the other party to the inquiry; and (3) he deliberately slung the Chief Executive's face by attributing to the President a course which Mr. Taft has removed for cause and stigmatized as unworthy of employment. "The most vigorous defender of the law," he writes, "has been removed from the property loss which has been exceptionally heavy."

HE HELD HIM FOR AWKWARD.

Reheated Sunday Herald. The dapper little traveling man glanced at the menu and then looked up at the waiter. "Nice day," he said. "Yes, it is," she answered, "and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella. I have a very nice dress on, and I have pretty blue eyes, and I've been here quite a while and like the place and don't think I'm too good to be here. I'm a hotelier, and I did it quit my job, and my wages are satisfactory; and I don't know if there is a show or dance or anything on, but I'll be glad to go with you, and I'm from the country, and I'm a respectable girl, and my brother is a doctor in the city, and he weighs in the right kind, and last week he wiped up this dining-room floor with a fresh \$50 a month traveling man who tried to make a date with me. Now what do you think of me?" The dapper little traveling man said he was not very hungry and a cup of coffee and some hot cakes would do.

DOMESTIC TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

London-Chronicle. The proposal which has been set forth in Germany to compel all girls to undergo a period of training as domestic servants was forenooned by George Gissing in his novel, "The Women of England covered with schools of cookery than with schools of the ordinary kind, the issue would be infinitely more helpful. Little girls should be taught cooking and baking more assiduously than they are taught to read. Think of the glorious revolution that could be wrought in our troubled England if it could be organized on a mad, or whatever rank, might become a woman who had proved her ability to make and bake a perfect loaf of bread."

THE PRESIDENT AND THE INSURGENTS.

Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier. The "insurgents" have determined to put Taft out of business, if they can, and from this it is not deducing in any way to say either yes or no to them, we hope they will fall. We shall be glad enough to say that they are better off than they are. We believe that it is better than his party, and we take no stock whatever in the so-called insurgents. They are out for the money, and they want to make themselves sold in their several districts and they want Taft to help them. We hope that he will do nothing to help them. He can't do it. What he ought to do is to tell them this is what I have recommended and you can do as you please.

NOT THE PLACE FOR BRUNAS.

New York Herald. Western woman holds that large feet are evidence of great brains. Maybe, but it's no place to carry them.

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THE MUTINEER.

New York Sun. A Remark or Two About Gifford the Pinchot. In dealing with the new intolerable Mr. Gifford Pinchot as common sense and self-respect prescribe, the President should have the courtesy of approval and support of all good citizens, no matter what they think of the President's political services. Mr. Pinchot is not an officer of the government, an example tending to the destruction of the administrative system of which he is a member, and he should be treated as such. The longest winded patience, the most delicate consideration, the most