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JUST A FEW WORDS WITH COOS COUNTY VOTERS

The members of the legislature for the state of Oregon will be called upon to elect a United States senator next winter to succeed the present incumbent C. W. Fulton, but, we, as voters, in compliance with the present law, are directed to express, by our votes at the election next Monday, whom we prefer to succeed Mr. Fulton; before we are called upon to express our wishes in this matter, it is well for us to consider the merits and the qualifications of each candidate, viz, Cake and Chamberlain.

In the case of Mr. Chamberlain, we can judge what he would do in the future, if elected, by his past record; first of all, he has at all times been a strong exponent of Statement No. 1; that is he believes in the rule of the people, the rule of the majority regardless of any political party; as a proof of this, we call your attention to the fact that he appointed a Republican judge to succeed the late Judge Frazer in Portland a short time ago; in the eleventh judicial district, he appointed a Republican to fill that office, and also appointed a Republican district attorney in the same judicial district; these are only a few instances in which he has tried to show to the people that the judicial system should be removed from the political influences, and that the rights of the people should be adjudicated by a non-partisan judiciary.

At the June election of 1906, a law was passed by a vote of the people, prohibiting railroad companies from issuing passes, but was inoperative for the reason that the enacting clause was defective; a similar bill was introduced at the legislative session of 1907, but the same was defeated, and the same legislature passed a law requiring the said railroads to issue passes to state and county officials, but Governor Chamberlain, ever mindful of the wishes of the people, vetoed this bill; did he do right in protecting the people?

The corporation license law recommended and approved by him as Governor, enriched our state treasury about \$720,000 and by the firm stand taken by him in relation to our public school fund which was deposited in the bank at Portland a short

time ago, saved to the children of this state several hundred thousand dollars.

By his persistent efforts, Governor Chamberlain forced the O. R. & N. Co. to allow the Portage railroad to pass over its right-of-way at The Dalles so that river transportation could be utilized in competition with said railroad, and relieve the farmer in the eastern part of the state from paying exorbitant freight rates on their products.

Through his instructions, a suit was commenced against the corporation owning the locks at Oregon City, and the supreme court has just affirmed a judgment against said corporation in favor of the state, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars; these are but few of the many things that Chamberlain has done for the state of Oregon, notwithstanding that he has had the legislature in opposition to him on many of these subjects.

When he was inducted into the office of Governor, he promised that he would do these things; has he done them? as a candidate for United States he would do these things, has he done them? as a candidate for United States senator he has promised that he will secure appropriations for the improvement of the several waterways along the coast of Oregon, and work for the interest of the people, regardless of the locality; has he not fulfilled his promise as governor? and if elected as United States senator, will he not be faithful to his trust in the future, as he has in the past; is he not in the position to know the wants of the people of this state?

If you are a Republican, you will doubtless say, that as a Democrat, Chamberlain would have no influence in the United States senate; did he have any influence with a Republican legislature? Will you, as an honest American citizen, admit that the Republicans in the United States senate would oppose a good measure presented by a democrat? if so, you are not true to your country, if you vote to keep such men in office. Whenever any political party will defeat the wishes of the people, to advance the interests of that party, they are traitors, and should be dealt with accordingly.

A FEW FACTS TAKEN FROM THE OFFICIAL RECORDS

A representative should possess the same business qualities, the same systematic qualities of system and carefulness that make the successful business man.

Do we want our laws made after any such patterns as the following extracts from the Coos county records would indicate the "Major" adopts in his business.

To begin with L. D. Kinney and F. B. Waite contracted the sale of 100 lots to H. Sengstacken recorded in Vol. 44, page 210 of Deeds, then Kollock and Waite made a straight deed to C. H. Kopf for several blocks, which deed took in the 100 lots contracted to H. Sengstacken, this deed is recorded in Vol. 44, page 528. Now, note carefully: Both the contracts and the deed covered lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 57, Plat B. Then Kinney makes a blanket deed to the Belt Line Railway Company of a lot of property in which said lots 1, 2 and 3, block 57, Plat B are included which deed is recorded in Vol. 48, page 638.

C. H. Kopf comes in now and deeds a one half interest to John K. Kollock to several blocks which deed includes said lots 1, 2 and 3, block 57, Plat B, and this deed is recorded in Vol. 49, at page 304. After all this, Kinney, on March 3, 1908, makes a contract of sale to Geo. W. Winkler, reciting the receipt in first

payment of \$450, the balance to be paid in a year. Recorded Vol. 50, page 206, which contract with Winkler covers said lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 57, Plat B. Then, the next day, after the contract with Geo. W. Winkler, to wit, on March 4, 1908, Kinney made to E. M. Ward a warrantee deed to several parcels of property, including said lots 1, 2 and 3, block 57, Plat B; in this deed he gives full warrantee covenants that they are free of incumbrances and that he is the owner in fee simple of said lots, which said deed is recorded in Vol. 50, page 217. The Belt Line Railway also quit claims said lots to E. M. Ward, the deed being of record in Vol. 50, page 218.

Another blanket deed for all timber on Coos Bay, Plat B, Seaport and Pony slough properties from Kinney to Geo. W. Everett is recorded in Vol. 49, page 142.

In a deed to the Belt Line Railway Company, with no reservation of timber, he conveys 160 acres more or less of property, situated on Pony slough, and in his deed of all? timber to E. M. Ward, a few days ago, he sells all the timber on this last mentioned property.

Taking the most charitable view of the transactions shown by this record, it indicates, at least, great confusion of mind and careless not to say reckless business management.

REPRESENTATIVE CHASE AND HIS LEGISLATIVE RECORD.

The only definite statement that "Major" Kinney has made regarding bills that he would introduce, if elected, is that he would repeal the laborers lien law.

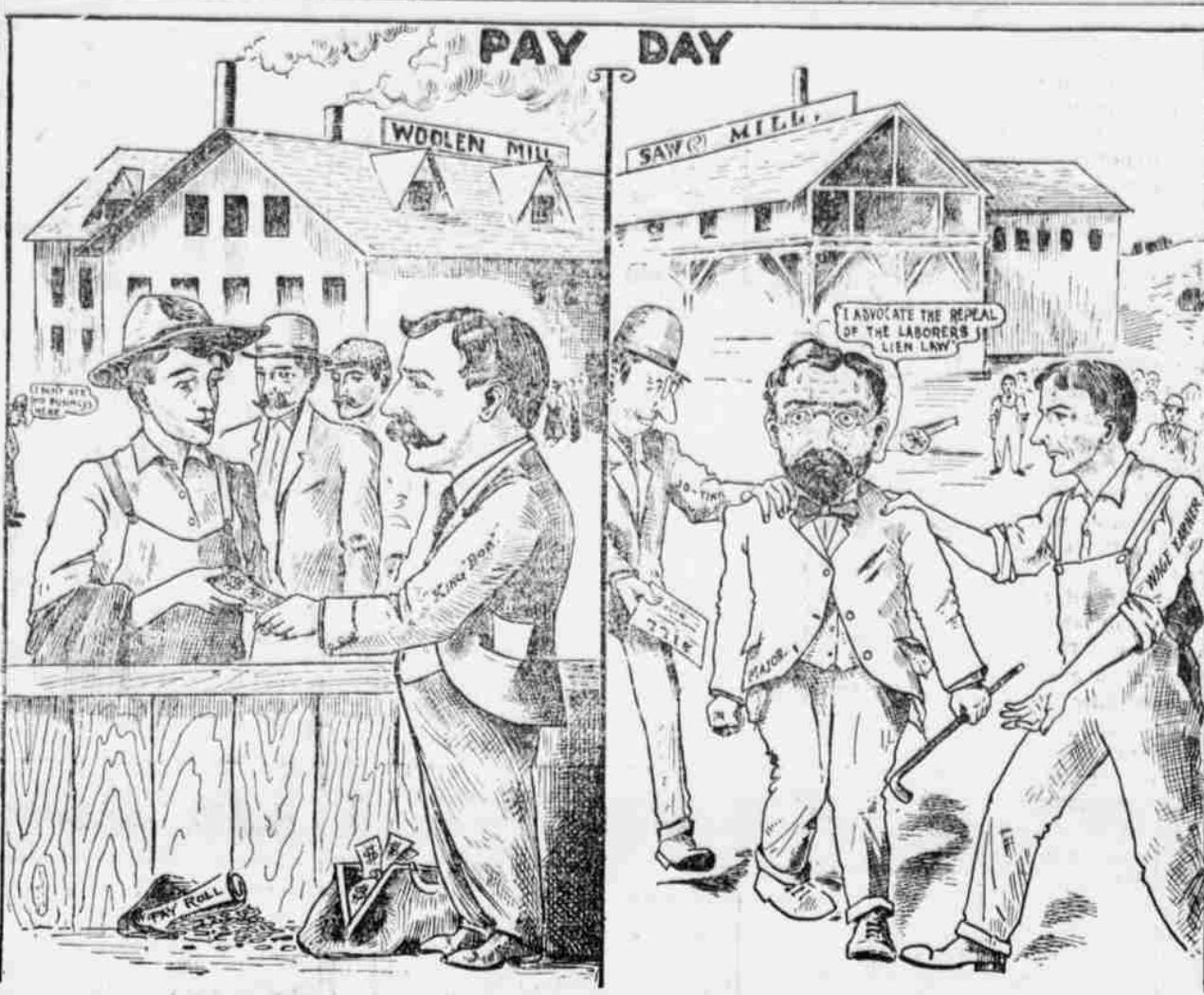
The only definite statement that Chase has made regarding bills he would introduce, if elected, is 000.

We have had one trial of Mr. Chase in the house and what did he accomplish? Does the record show any public speech of his advocating any measure that became a law?

Does the record show any speech of his opposing any measure that failed to become a law?

Ask any other member of the legislature what Chase of Coos, amounted to, and he will smile indulgently and ask you if you are a friend of his, or will express himself in a way to hurt the feelings of any friend of that gentleman.

Do the voters of Coos and Curry counties relish being laughed at? A community is judged at the capitol by the legislators it sends there; do you wish to be considered a community of wooden men?



VOTE ACCORDING TO YOUR BEST JUDGMENT

A prominent Marshfield citizen said, I would vote for a yellow dog on the Republican ticket before I would for the best man that ever lived on any other ticket. There are some men like him in every party, they are the main stay of the boss, the grafter and the corrupt corporation for, they will blindly vote the party ticket regardless of the nominee and will swallow any nauseous measure provided it bear the party label.

Parties exist for the purpose of electing men to office and every voter should vote for the men who most nearly represents his views, his wishes and his ideas of public policy and administration.

As a public spirited citizen it is your duty to thus vote and to inform yourself as to the character, record and views of the candidates in the coming (June) election.

That you may, the more readily do so, let us make a few statements about some of the candidates and ask you to investigate and if you find the statements true to give them

such weight as your honest, unprejudiced judgment dictates.

For joint senator for Coos and Curry counties the three most prominent candidates are:

W. C. Chase, nominated as a Republican, but repudiates the measure passed by his party, Statement No. 1, and in effect says that his judgment is better than the peoples in such matters and he will vote as he pleases. Mr. Chase has a perfect right to take that stand, and if you agree with him and can find anything in his record that convinces you that you would prefer to trust to his judgment, inclination, or caprice rather than to rest upon your own opinion—vote for him. Mr. Chase has served one term in the legislature and if upon examination you find a single piece of effective legislation introduced by him, a single law passed by his efforts or through his advocacy,—let that be in his favor. (We have found none.)

Hugh McLain is a contractor, Mr. Chase a lawyer, yet with all the advantage of his professional training

he refused to meet Hugh McLain in debate on Statement No. 1.

R. D. Hume is a free lance and will represent himself and his own ideas, if elected, and will represent them ably for he is a successful business man, a thriller, a wisher and a man of force, but he refuses to be bound by Statement No. 1 or by any party obligation, and his ideas are so unconventional as to be almost revolutionary. If you agree with him and prefer his selection of a United States senator, to your own United States senator, to your own, vote for him.

Hugh McLain is a contractor who has spent fourteen years in active with all its needs and conditions further with all its needs and condition, furthermore he is unequivocally for Statement No. 1, and if you believe in having the people choose their senator, on principle you should vote for him.

For Representative your choice must be between Major Kinney and R. E. L. Bedillion.

FOR CORONER.

Hayes Temple of North Bend, Independent candidate for coroner, is a Statement No. 1, Republican, a straight forward enterprising citizen and worthy of the support of the people.

Will, if elected, discharge the duties of the office with credit.

FOR SHERIFF.

W. W. Gage, candidate for sheriff, on the Democratic ticket, has been a resident of Coos county for the past twenty years, during which time he has been engaged in logging, farming and fishing. He served as sheriff for six years from 1894 to 1900, he was elected sheriff again in 1906, and at the time of his election the taxes for 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 had only been partially collected. Mr. Gage immediately proceeded to the question of delinquent taxes and had collected something over \$10,000 and today there are much less delinquent taxes than have ever been known in Coos county. No prisoner has ever escaped Mr. Gage, but during his predecessors terms of office it was a usual thing for criminals to escape and large bills to be presented to the county to pay for their recapture. Such a thing has never occurred in Mr. Gage's administration. He has run the sheriff's office with less expense, considering the amount of work done, than any other sheriff in Coos county.

FOR ASSESSOR.

T. J. Thrift, candidate for assessor, on the Democratic ticket, is the present incumbent. Mr. Thrift's record speaks for itself prior to this election the corporation and timber lands were assessed at about one-third of what an individual would be assessed for the same. Mr. Thrift has changed this condition of affairs. Instead of the assessed valuation of Coos county being \$3,000,000 as it was prior to his election it is now about \$13,000,000, and individual and corporation are assessed equal.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

I. T. Weekly, candidate on the Democratic ticket for commissioner, has lived in Coos county for many years. Mr. Weekly served one time as commissioner of Coos county, he is a practical road man and we believe it is for the interest of the people of this county that he is elected commissioner.

FOR TREASURER.

J. J. Lamb, Democratic nominee for Coos county treasurer. Lamb is a resident of Coos county, was county clerk eight years from 1884 to 1892. He conducted the office in a business like manner, was conscientious and honest and if elected treasurer the office will be conducted properly and economically.

HERE ARE THE FACTS FOR THE FAITH THAT IS OURS.

Why Hugh McLain would better represent the counties of Coos and Curry in the state senate than his opponent.

First—He stands for Statement No. 1, and the people's choice.

Second—He has for fourteen years been actively engaged in developing the resources of this section.

Third—From actual experience he knows the conditions in its mines, in its lumber woods and on its ranches.

Fourth—As a workingman and as an employer of workingmen he understands labor conditions and needs.

Fifth—As a contractor and practical road builder he has sound ideas on roads and road legislation, the great need of this new country.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.

For joint representative of Coos county you have on the one hand "Col" I. N. Muncy, whom it is really hard to take seriously, a wandering aspirant for political honors, the origin of whose military title is shrouded in the same mystery that envelops his livelihood. He opposes Statement No. 1. If you think that a man would make a good representative because you know of nothing else he is fitter for, vote for him.

But on the other hand you may vote for Mr. Doyle, a substantial rancher, a pioneer, an old soldier, a type of our best settlers, an out and out Statement No. 1 man.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

Everyone knows Major Kinney, many to their sorrow; vigorous, vain glorious, visionary, the major will not be bound by Statement No. 1 nor by anything else. He will hitch his chariot to a star and rampage through the firmament. His legislative performances would doubtless be as spectacular and diverting as his business ventures. He would be as useful at Salem as a bull in a China shop. Would this voluble, capricious dreamer of dreams and speculator fitly represent Coos county, if you think so, vote for him.

Mr. Bedillion on the other hand is a real business man who keeps his feet under him and keeps them on the government; who shows common sense in his conversation, good judgment in his business and a decent regard for the opinions of others in his politics. He is squarely pledged to Statement No. 1. If he represents you and your views, vote for him.

THE PUBLIC LOOKING-GLASS.

The people of a community ought to be represented in the legislature by the man who best represents their own characteristics.

A community of loafers should be represented by a rounder.

A community of grafters will be represented by a grafter.

A community of thieves will be represented by a thief.

A community of confidence men, bunco steers and gold brick fakirs will be represented by the most spectacular exponent of their art when they can find one.

A community of pirates should be glad to have Captain Kidd represent them and no doubt would, if he could be induced to come ashore and try his methods in business.

A community which is decent, honest, stable and worthy will want a man in the legislature who reflects decency, honesty and stability.

Who do the people of Coos Bay want? Are they sure that all of the candidates who are seeking legislative preference have qualities such as will best represent them personally? Let every man ask himself if he is thief or bunco steerer, grafter or gold brick man, pirate or gentleman, business man or apostle of confusion.

Vote for your own characteristics, voters, for the legislature is your looking-glass.

Where did the major and the colonel get their military titles.

VOTE FOR R. E. L. Bedillion, Democratic candidate for representative from Coos county. He stands squarely for statement No. 1 and pledges himself to vote for the people's choice for United States senator regardless of politics or personal preference.

VOTE FOR I. T. Weekly, Democratic nominee for county commissioner. He is in favor of good roads and equal apportionment of road funds for each and every district.