

LET US TALK IT OVER

MY FRIEND, Col. Grimes, does not agree with The Times' views on the assembly plan. And the Colonel is something of a politician himself, too. I trust he will not think this is personal, for the Colonel has already charged me with indulging in personalities. If I have done so I hereby publicly apologize and declare it to have been unintentional. I do not believe in personalities at any time, and particularly I abhor them in a discussion of principles, for they are as much out of place there as a Democrat at a Republican primary. I disclaim the charge, however. My reference to Dr. Mingus as being district surgeon of the Southern Pacific Railway was complimentary to his professional standing, for whatever else may be said about the Southern Pacific, it must be acknowledged that they employ only men who stand well in their profession. The mention of Judge Schibred as a politician is also well within the truth. Both statements were within the limitation of facts, and were made merely as matters worthy of record in the discussion. The Colonel, too, as a politician, has a record, like the Republican party, to which he may point with pride. I certainly sincerely regret if there was any seeming spirit of the Pharisee in anything I have written. I think there is no one more willing to grant a greater charity for human weakness and equally willing to admit it than the writer. The attitude of the editor of The Times is not that of one "holier than thou," and thus immune to criticism, but rather one who seeks the fair and common sense view and the "square deal."

The assembly promoters may not lay claim to being "holier than thou," but they do claim to be wiser than the people. That is evident in their effort to usurp the prerogative of the people to name their own candidates for office.

The Colonel's plea that the assembly will be good for the poor man seeking office, will not bear analysis. The inauguration of the assembly means, according to the present plans, that a candidate must first go to the expense of securing the delegates to the assembly to endorse him and later go into the primary and ask the people for their suffrages, thus creating a double expense.

I will also dismiss his reference to the "Assembly" as being above reproach, because of the definition of the word and in which he seeks to justify it by reference to Sunday School assemblies. It might be quickly answered by suggesting an assembly of housebreakers or strong-arm men as being the antithesis of all that is good. The motive and intention of the individuals constituting an assembly and the purpose for which they assemble, are the measure of the morals involved.

The Times would like to ask Col. Grimes, as a Republican, if he believes in and endorses the methods of the assembly, as it has been developed in Coos county.

A call formulated in Portland is issued without notice to any Republicans, even the secretary of the County Central Committee.

Does the Colonel endorse this?

A caucus is called with a short 24 hours notice and a framed-up slate of delegates prepared and printed in advance by the assembly promoters is issued.

Does the Colonel endorse this?

This is not Roosevelt Republicanism. This is not the "square deal." Does Colonel Grimes think it is right for a few Republicans selected by the ring leaders to assemble in Coquille Friday and tell Coos county Republicans who they are to vote for even before any candidates have been discussed or announced?

The Times believes in party organization and an assembly to formulate a platform of principles and bring Republicans together to confer on political topics would be advantageous. But not one in which a few Republicans attempt to dictate to and dominate the party under the guise of "recommending" candidates and thus gaining the power and prestige of the "Republican" name. In the assembly call, nothing is said about the formulation of platform or principles; merely the "recommending" of candidates, the control of the officeholders, the same as prompted the existence of Tammany in New York, the old Ruef-Schmitz machine in San Francisco and many other similar organizations throughout the country. Press dispatches the past few weeks have told the story of Illinois' shame—the bribery and corruption there that would have not been possible under the Oregon primary, yet which flourishes under the old caucus-convention system. Illinois has been fighting hard for the past two or three years to secure the direct primary, but the machine, through the officeholders, nominated, recommended and elected by it, has defeated the Statement No. 1, but it is more than likely that the Lorimer scandal will serve Illinois like the similar scandals did Oregon—give it the direct primary with Statement No. 1.

Harking back to the first principles of our Republican form of government, we may find plenty of causes for justification, if not of gratulation upon the tendency of the day to carry the law making function and selection of law makers and administrators direct to the people; for who has a better right to it, ordinance, conception and administration, than the people to whom the government belongs, first and absolutely.

Its earlier manifestations may be charged with crudities, blunders and irregularities; that goes without saying, because of the newness of the thing, but it does not follow that time and experience will not be corrective and qualify the people to ultimately employ their better wisdom and faculties to devise and execute their codes as admirably as their alleged representatives have ever done in the course of history.

We are not a collection of fools however the foe may berate us.

The political leaders of the past have not absorbed nor cornered the sum of all sagacity in the matter of human government; or, if they have, it has never been demonstrated with any startling and convincing effect during the last quarter of a century, except along adverse lines and preparing and perfecting the art of grafting and in clinching upon the interests of the "interests" until the ringing voice of Roosevelt called the halt and gave the people the auspicious moment in which to swing their authority on high.

The "masters" of political logic and high-caste "champions" of the people have been thrown from their seats in the saddles of prestige; the men to whom the commonality has kow-towed for the past quarter century have been shaken with chagrin at the appalling fact that they have been deposed; they may counsel, but not command. The people are gradually becoming a law unto themselves and are taking over the supreme right they have always had, constitutionally, and have used but tentatively all these years. They have been thoroughly awakened to the travesty of the old system and are going in for the real thing in the way of popular election and government.

Who can blame them?

They have seen the best and greatest of their country's resources deliberately stolen from them by the very men they have charged with the task of saving and protecting them; they have seen the limitless and heartless spoliation of their noblest and amplest prerogatives at the hands of the servants that swore to cherish them; they have come to know the shame and bitterness of a treachery so universal and so organized that the marvel of the day is that the people will take so mild a means to right the huge and vicious wrong and that a more drastic revolution does not show its fearful front. They have listened to the lying voice of trusted leaders so long that the lure of falsehood has worn itself out against the wounded patience of a people deceived, denied and undone.

They may flounder and fail and fall in their new efforts to take up the reins and drive the hard bargains of State and communal control with safety and success, but the germ has inoculated the mentality of the race and the impulses of civic and political redemption are all at work in the splendid task against the forces of greed and maladministration. The carplings of self-ordained critics and erstwhile counsellors, political and otherwise, shall not prevail against the new order of things.

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GOES ON STAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Miss Ramona Radcliffe Joins
Harry Bishop's Players at
Oakland.

Word has just been received here that Miss Ramona Radcliffe, who spent last summer at the home of her cousin, Mrs. E. W. Kammerer in Marshfield, and who won scores of friends here by her charming vivacity, has gone on the stage, joining Harry Bishop's players at her home in Oakland. The Oakland Enquirer contains the following, which will be of decided interest to the young lady's acquaintances here, who will unite in wishing her all the success that can be scored:

"Another of Oakland's charming maids has chosen the stage as her profession. Miss Ramona Radcliffe, the gifted girl who scored one of the decided hits in the 'Night in Japan,' the production of the Kirmess, will appear in musical comedy at Ye Liberty theater, making her debut in the ingenue role of Flora Dora Dean in 'Forty-five Minutes from Broadway,' Monday evening, May 30.

"Miss Radcliffe is the daughter of Mrs. Zoe Green Radcliffe, and is very prominent in a social way, her piquant blonde beauty and lovable personality winning her friends wherever she goes. She is wonderfully talented, and has gained no little mead of success in amateur theatrical work around the bay, no production of the kind being quite complete without her. It was during her performance Kirmess week that Bishop of Ye Liberty Theater, was awakened to her possibilities, and it was shortly after that that he engaged her for his musical comedy season. Those who have heard Miss Radcliffe and know her personally have predicted a very bright future for her, as she adds to her beauty and magnetic charm a voice of unusual sweetness and range. Her opening night promises to be somewhat in the nature of an ovation and theater parties are even now being arranged against the approaching date. Society is planning to turn out in force and set the seal of approval upon this, the latest desertor from its ranks, and the popular young actress will be greeted from below the footlights by an admiring concourse of friends.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Owing to the fact that my son, Warren G. Bessey, is going into business for himself I this day give him his time; and any business transacted by him will be on his own account.

E. L. BESSEY.

Dated May 31, 1910.

The Eagles will give a dance on July 4.

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BIG PROFITS IN DAIRYING

Coos County Ranchers Received \$385,000 From Milk Sold Last Year.

The Coquille Sentinel says:

Milk manufactured into butter, cheese and condensed milk pays the ranchers of Coos county \$385,000 annually. At least that is the sum which was realized last year according to reports of the creameries. This year promises to be even greater for the dairy business and the sum of money received by the ranchers will probably come close to the half million dollar mark.

The manufactured dairy product of last year and the amount of money realized thereby by the rancher were as follows:

Creamery butter, 375 tons..	\$202,000
Farm butter, 30 tons.....	15,000
Cheese, 356 tons.....	93,000
Condensed Milk, 100 carloads	75,000

Of the total of \$385,000 received by the ranchers of the county, \$97,000 was received by the Coos Bay dairies and \$288,000 by the ranchers of the Coquille Valley.

The Norway creamery led in point of production of butter last year, turning out over 100 tons.

Of the 405 tons of butter produced approximately seventy-five per cent was manufactured in the Coquille Valley district. Of the 356 tons of cheese a little less than two-thirds was a Coquille Valley product. The Coos River creamery at Marshfield made a greater amount of cheese than any other individual plant.

Last season the Coos Bay Ice & Cold Storage Company plant at Marshfield, the condensed milk plant at North Bend, the Harris cheese factory at Sumner and the Coos River creamery and cheese factory were operated in the Coos Bay district.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

No poetry was ever written in a dental parlor.

Food prices are so high that it pays to have stomach trouble.

A man can get used to anything except being a good husband.

The few matches made in Heaven do not worry the match trust.

Some Coos Bay people would rather join a crowd than go to Heaven.

Speaking of her callers, a spinster says single men are doubly welcome.

A great man seems to know it a heap more than the rest of the world.

Some things are better in the past or future tense, but kissing isn't one of them.

A man can induce a woman to

agree with him by appearing to agree with her.

If you chew tobacco, do you realize how much of a nuisance you are?

A man's opinions are subject to change—save the good ones he has of himself.

Matrimony is about the only thing that will take all the conceit out of a silly woman.

What seems particularly to please a crowd anywhere is what a lot of idiots it can be.

When anybody is beholden to one person he is just as likely as not to show it to another.

Ideals must spring from reason;

they may be championed with the sword; they can be enshrined only in the heart.

If you know it all, you might as well tell us who it was that named Cupid "Dan."

A girl wears colors for a man till she marries him; then she wears them for other women.

It's a wonder the government bureau doesn't issue a bulletin telling mothers how to raise babies.

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