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"BUNCOMBE"

It was a rather remarkable coincidence that just about the time that Lawyer Hammond of Coquille was lambasting the initiative and referendum statement one and progressive politics in general and the Oregon brand in particular before the Lincoln Banquet, one of his distinguished confreres, Fred V. Holman, attorney for the largest public service corporation of Portland, was doing the same thing to an audience in Chicago, Illinois. The only difference being that lawyer Holman was warning the people of Illinois of dangers to come and Lawyer Hammond was trying to arouse the victims of their own folly to a sense of their stupidity—if that were possible.

The Times printed Lawyer Hammond's address in full not because it believed it or endorses the sentiment but because it is a clever presentation of the position of those Oregon republicans who are opposed to the new order of things. Mr. Hammond was sorely grieved because some enthusiast in the Oregon legislature wanted to go on record to the effect that "Oregon has the best system of government on earth." It is a little extravagant, but if Mr. Hammond has not made stump speeches in his day at the old time campaign rally in which he has said that "We have the greatest government on earth" and followed it with a tribute to the flag that aroused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm—he is not the clever speaker that he seems.

Of course there are weaknesses and flaws in the present laws and system. Nothing perfect has yet been produced by human hands and brains. Even the old order that Mr. Hammond eulogizes was not without its frailties and faults. One thing is certain the entire country is sitting up and taking notice of Oregon's present laws and many of them are being copied by other states. Under the old time order the country also sat up but it held its nose at the debauchery and corruption of the legislators, that Mr. Hammond would have us believe are so much better qualified to make our laws than the people themselves.

We may have changed from the political boss to the bunch steerer. At least it has been an honest effort to escape corruption, dishonesty and debauchery. If in our effort to escape former evils we have been temporarily bunched we will remedy that later. It is certain that the people of Oregon have had all they want of the old time political boss and the old time ring ridden convention. The new organization of the party must be based on better things than a return to old time rottenness. In making a plea for the return of the campaign button and the old time convention, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Holman both forget the experience of the people at the last election along this line. Speaking of this the Portland Journal said:

"Nor did Mr. Holman tell his Ill-

inois audience of the attempt that was made by corporationists in the late assembly to "fix" the Multnomah legislative ticket. He failed to explain how the heads and attorneys of public service corporations held three secret conferences at which they prepared a legislative slate, and that one of those secret meetings was held in the office of the great corporation he represents. Nor did he tell his hearers that the facts about the conspiracy leaked out, that, in spite of the publicity, the convention controlled by politicians and Big Business nominated the slate, and that the indignant people beat it by a vote of more than two to one at the direct primary. All this would have been an interesting side light to Mr. Holman's address as revealing who and what it is that views the Oregon system with alarm."

The initiative has been the implement by which Oregon's popular system has been fashioned. Under it, the people passed a direct primary law which the legislature had rejected, passed a law taxing the gross earnings of corporations which a legislature had rejected, and passed a corrupt practices act which the legislature had rejected. It is legislation of this character that causes men of corporation affiliations to hate the initiative and referendum.

A formidable influence of the initiative and referendum is its effect upon legislatures. With knowledge that the people may review and veto any of its acts, the legislature is cleaner and saner. It hates to have its acts vetoed by the people, or bills that it rejects, passed by the people. The consequence is a studious and patriotic endeavor by most members to legislate wisely and efficiently.

Once the legislature of Oregon failed to organize because of a senatorial election, presenting a spectacle of evil government rarely seen in this country. For 30 years senatorial deadlocks debauched the legislature and distorted legislation. For 30 years, the voter on his way to the polls and hectoring, badgered and bribed by ringsters and heelers. There is none of this now because direct election of senators and a corrupt practices act, passed by the initiative, have relegated such abominations to the scrap heap of the ages.

In the meantime, Oregon, under popular government has grown more than at any previous time in her history. More railroads are building than at any time in 20 years. More industries are springing up than ever before in state history. More immigrants came in during the past five years than in any dozen years before. More capital has sought investment, more building has been done, post-office receipts have grown more and bank clearings have increased more in five years than in any preceding dozen years.

Finally, the Oregon legislature nowadays, has no jack pot legislation. Its legislature elects no senator by purchase. It takes that body but five or ten minutes to ratify the people's choice and the rest of the session is devoted to wholesome and constructive legislation. Its members are not selected in secret conclave. Government is by the people, of the people and for the people, and not by Big Business brigadiers.

SEN. CHASE OUT OF POLITICS.

WELL, well, well! will wonders ever cease? Here is our own Homebuckle and forceful Senator Chase, the famous fighter for the Assembly from Coquille, announcing that he is disgusted with politics. It came unexpectedly the other day at Salem when President Selling in the Senate chamber criticized the action of some of the members in playing politics. A newspaper report says:

"Instantly there was a cluster of voices for recognition. Chase first caught the official eye and declared that so far as he is concerned politics had nothing to do with it. He said when he came in the door politics must go out, and he is thoroughly disgusted with the way politics has been ejected into business of the senate."

Bravo! Chase. Now stick to it.

MEET FRIDAY NIGHT.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday evening, February 17, and all members are requested to be in attendance.

VIOLET HENDERSON, Sec.

LOVETT WILL INSPECT WORK

President of Harriman Railway System Optimistic Over Prospects.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—An optimistic note, so far as a progressive future in railroad circles is concerned was sounded by Robert S. Lovett, head of the vast system of Harriman lines, upon his arrival in Chicago from New York. He made it plain that both himself and his colleagues in the East see many signs for encouragement, and no alarm signals in the financial horizon.

Judge Lovett is on his way to the Pacific Coast on an annual tour of inspection of the numerous Harriman roads and will leave Chicago tomorrow for New Orleans, whence he will go westward over the Southern Pacific system. He declared unequivocally that, no matter which way the pending case regarding increased freight rates for railway lines throughout the country is decided by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Harriman management will not only spend the \$75,000,000 recently set aside for double-tracking to the Pacific coast, but also intends to make many other improvements.

More Improvements Planned. "The business outlook is good, so far as our lines are concerned," said Judge Lovett. "No, the decision on the increase in freight rates which ever way it goes, will not affect our plans. It will be remembered that a considerable number of our rates were reduced about a year ago by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Does the management of the Harriman lines expect to expend a large sum for improvements in addition to the \$75,000,000 set apart for double track work?" he was asked.

"We are always making improvements," he replied. "It is my purpose in making this trip over the lines to ascertain the physical condition of the various properties and learn where improvements ought to be made. Undoubtedly many will be ordered in addition to several that now are under way."

Visit to Oregon in Doubt.

Judge Lovett declined to comment upon country-wide financial conditions. When asked about the pending suit of the government, in which an attack was made upon the consolidation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, he said: "Final arguments were presented last October. It now remains for the judges to announce their conclusions. I have not been advised as to when a decision will be rendered."

He announced that his tour of inspection will consume about six weeks and that he will spend a considerable portion of the time in California. He is not certain about a trip to Oregon at this time.

Judge Lovett was met at the Illinois Central station by President Markham, of the latter road, and went immediately to Mr. Markham's office, where a consultation was held. Accompanying him on his trip to New Orleans will be Mr. Markham, Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman system; Vice-President W. L. Park, of the Illinois Central, and J. C. Stubbs, director of traffic of the Harriman lines.—Oregonian.

COTTON GAMBLING BILL.

Senate Committee Will Not Make Any Recommendations. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Under an agreement that they would vote today on a bill to prevent gambling on cotton futures the Committee on Interstate Commerce decided by a vote of 6 to 5 to report it to the senate without a recommendation.

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