

UNDER WHICH FLAG ARE YOU?

A Pertinent Query Concerning Present Day Politics.

To the Editor Times:
Did you ever hear of Joe Bailey? I mean Joe Bailey of Texas, United States senator, man of talent, loud of mouth, loud of smell and plerthetic of belly—a humah steam roller, Joe Bailey, boon companion and defender of Lorimer, bulwark of the trusts and strenuous opponent of the election of United States senator by direct vote of the people—Joe Bailey, alleged servant of the people—alleged artist in coal oil and by-products at one and the same time, pay your money and take your choice.
The other day, it is said Joe girt up his capacious loins, tucked in his shirt tail and indulged in a regulation Texas cyclone. In his virtuous wrath and in the execution of this characteristic Bailey stunt, among other things, Joe is said to have spat in his own eye, kicked his own person on the spot where his constituents should have kicked him years ago and sent in his resignation—with a string attached. Wow! Having their attention directed to this raving Texas steer by virtue of all this rumpus, Bacon, with an olive branch, hard pressed by lard and beef and sugar and coal and cotton and oil and wool and lumber and many other loved, tried and devoted friends rushed to the rescue of the ranting, snorting, bellowing, touseled Joe Lackaday! With much crooning, chuckings under the chin and "so Bossies" the animal was finally collapsed and the string drawn in bringing with it Joe's resignation—Ah me!

Upon investigation it was found that the occasion of all this excess of bile and bilge water in the commodious tank of the corn fed maverick from Texas, was the flapping of certain red banners fermenting his shining jowls, labelled "Initiative," "Referendum" and "Recall," protruding from the constitution of Arizona—Geewhilkina! Now really, I wonder why?

Can it be that these things are bogles in the eyes of the stuffed prophet of the unwashed, threatening to relegate him, as citizen Bailey, to that celebrated sixty thousand dollar ranch alleged to have been purchased with unearned increment of the oil trust? Echo answers, "oil trust."

It is claimed Joe said he would not live in any doggasted country where either the initiative, referendum or recall were in vogue. As to whether or not he will be obliged to submit to any such indignities within a short time I am not sure, but after a few fleeting years I am satisfied the senator need not worry, because I think it is pretty generally conceded that the proprietor of the infernal regions is a standpatter of the old school and probably will not tolerate for a moment any initiative, or any referendum, or any recall within the limits of his alleged domain. Joe is perfectly safe.

I have read somewhere, sometime that some one was loved because of the enemies he had made. So also we may know what principles are for our good by their friends and enemies.

We turn now to men of a different stamp. Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, clean of character, both public and private, so far as I know, in January of this year, in a message to the legislature of that state, commenting upon the Oregon plan said:

"I earnestly commend to your careful consideration in this connection the laws in recent years adopted in the state of Oregon whose effect has been to bring the government back to the people and to protect it from the control of the representatives of selfish and special interests. They seem to me to point the direction which we must also take before we have completed our regeneration of a government which has suffered so seriously and so long as ours has here in New Jersey from private management and organized selfishness."

Governor McGovern of Wisconsin in a message to the legislature of that state recently said:

"The great task of the times is how to make and keep the government really representative of the people. Powerful forces are constantly at work to pervert it.

This is initial problem which must

be solved before real progress along any other line is possible.

In the final analysis everything else of a political nature is either incidental or auxiliary to it.

The initiative, the referendum and the recall have been proposed as effective means for accomplishing this result. They have engaged the thoughtful attention of the entire country, and in the recent campaign in this state received the endorsement of all political parties. They are closely related to each other, have a common object and embody really but one idea,—that of placing the people in actual control of public affairs."

Of the initiative among other things he said:

"The initiative is not designed to abolish representative government or even to limit its scope, but rather to perfect and improve it.

The beneficial effects of the initiative may be realized, I believe, by making it, as it is intended to be, a spur and corrective to sluggish or disloyal conduct on the part of public official and public bodies."

Speaking of the Referendum the governor said this:

"Unlike the initiative, the referendum is negative in its operation, acting only as a check or brake upon unwise or corrupt legislative action. It is, nevertheless, a most valuable and highly desirable expedient. More than any other device thus far suggested it is admirably calculated to do away with corruption in public affairs, or at least to put a powerful check upon it. Once this procedure has been authorized, few persons who seek through legislation to obtain a franchise, public contract, or any special privilege, will be willing to spend money in the purchase of votes or official influence, realizing as they will that as soon as the corrupt nature of the transaction becomes known, it may be vetoed by the people and so rendered nugatory."

Referring to the recall the governor said:

"In a certain sense it is an extension of the power of impeachment, with the people themselves as the tribunal. The mere fact of the existence of such a recourse in the case of reprobate or dishonest public officials, and the possibility that it may be invoked at any time, cannot fail to react with tremendous force in inspiring a higher and more disinterested feeling of responsibility to the people on the part of all who occupy official station."

Joe Bailey, U. S. senator from Texas against Wilson, governor of New Jersey and McGovern, governor of Wisconsin.

Whose judgment and whose leadership do you prefer?

GEO. WATKINS.

North Bend News

H. C. Diers went to Marshfield today on business.

Miss Gertrude Arms of North Bend is teaching the Lakeside school at Ten Mile this term.

L. E. Reynolds is down from the Stuslaw where he and Mr. Schillers-tron are putting in a small lumber

mill. He reports good progress on it.

Mrs. James Allen has been very ill for the past two or three days following the birth of a child who did not survive. The little one was buried yesterday.

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