| SOIIE PRESS HUMOR $\qquad$ <br> Budget and Astorian Becomes Slightly Mixed. <br> CAMPAIGN FUND THE TEXT <br> Genial State Chairman for the Republicans Confuses Newspaper Titlep-Explenations Ensue and the Humor of the Thing Comes to Light. <br> The Daily Budget lately became very much excited over a dream it had about a. big state Republican campaigu fund; it even put a limit on it, $\$ 20,000$, or something of the sort. At all events, it published a goody-goody homily about the deadly $\sin$ of eampaign funds in general, and this visionary one in partieular, just as though funds of that sort and purpose were brand-new, and whelly interdicted by law and every other canon of human regulation. And the beauty of it all was, it had reprinted the entire screed from the Pendle, ton Tribune without crediting it. <br> The funny part of the Budget's moral outburst, (which was funny enough in itself, considering the abnormal quiesence with which such enterprises are accepted by all political parties of whatever persuasion) developed a little later, as will be seen upon reading the following letter and its attendant communication to the Oregonian; and, be it borne in mind, this entire allusion to the whole thing is made only in behalf of the sheer humor of it: <br> "November 15, 1905. "My Dear. Mr. Dellinger: <br> "I owe you and your paper an apology. Yesterday afternoon quite late my father handed me an article from the Budget. But I thought it was the Astorian that it was taken from. On page ten of this morning's Oregonian appears a reply from me to that article, and in that reply I introduced the subject by saying that "The Astorian of November 11th says," etc. <br> "I humbly beg. your pardon for not heeding that bit of unprecedented ad vice enunciated by Daniel Boone. <br> "Yours very truly, <br> "FRANK C. BAKER." <br> Mr. Baker's letter to the Oregonian, <br> was as follows: <br> "Porthand, Nov. 14-(To the Editor.) <br> -The Astorian of November 11 says that I have arranged to raise a bir cam- <br> that I have arranged to raise a big call- paign fund for the coming year-"not less than $\$ 00,000$ "; that I have "written to prominent Republicans, telling them of the great need for funds," and them of the great need for funds," and that "it is understood that Chairman Baker addressed one R. Alexander, of Pendleton, a letter, in which the situation is described as imperatively demanding liberal contributions, and that if Mr. Alexander would send him half a thousand dollars, the cause of good government would be advanced." And equally authentie (sic) is the statement that Mr. Alexander did not buy a draft for $\$ 500$ and mail it to Mr. Baker. <br> "The truth is that no such eampaign fund is being raised at all. After the Republican reunion of Oetober 12, many Republicans desired to have the proceedings of the gathering printed. To do this would have required consider- able money, and at least $\$ 1200$ for postage. A number of Republicans outside of Portland, among them Mr. Alexander, purpose. He and others readily assented, but we afterwards gave up the plan and returned the money. Besides Mr. Alex- ander were S. B. Houston, of Hillsboro; Claud Gatch and Frank Wrightman, of Salem; Dr. Withycombe, of Corvallis, and others. <br> "I beg to hand the Oregonian herewith a copy of the letter addressed to "one R. Alexander," to-wit: <br> Otober 26, 1905.-My Dear Mr. Alexander: The Republican reunion and conference, held in this city on Oetober 12, directed the state commitlee to perform considerable work beween now and the opening of the campaign next year of has authorized the publication of the proceedings of the reunion and conference for general distribution. These and other unavoidable ecpensef connected with our work impel us to call on a few friends for assistance, and a contribution from you, Mr. Alexander, will be greatly appreciated. Your obedient servant. FRANK C. BAKER. (Continued on page 8.) |  |
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