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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Showers, thunderstorms; cooler except near the coast.

F. A. SEUFERT HERE.

The coming of Mr. F. A. Seufert to the mouth of the Columbia river, after all that has been said and done in the recent fisheries contest in this valley, is very significant and must be construed as of distinct importance by every man down here.

Mr. Seufert is no narrow-gauge experimentalist; he is not given to idealizing and standardizing everything he is interested in; he is given to taking things as they are and bettering them as they prove susceptible to change and improvement; and while it is said that he intended to cut Astoria out of all his future calculations and enterprises, as centered at the mouth of the Columbia, he will find he has too many friends in this city to make so harsh a policy practicable; and he is too politic to adopt such a course even if it were.

He has been here; he has gone over the north shore ground, to Megler, to McGowan's, to Ilwaco, to Altoona, with a view to selecting a site for his new cannery; he has received overtures from one or two owners of plants already for his purposes; he has intimated nothing, to anyone, as to what, where, nor when he will close any deal; but the assurance is out, with his authority, that he is to come here, and set up a distinct and valuable adjunct to the salmon fishing industry, and Astoria, with every other community on the lower river has the right to be glad of it and to proffer, and do, what she may toward making Mr. Seufert realize that he is coming among friends and people who will adequately appreciate his pluck and public spirit, while cherishing the comforting assurance that such men as A. B. Hammond and F. A. Seufert have not come to the mouth of the Columbia primarily, nor peculiarly, for their health, and that their investments hereabout mean something of certain and unqualified value to the whole country, and the two great industries they stand for.

THE PUBLIC WANTS RELIEF.

There is nothing at all ambiguous about the present status of the telephone question in Astoria; the people want early and distinct relief and a service vastly nearer the demands of the day and more nearly compensating for the money they are paying out. The issue has been clearly drawn, frankly stated, and has the absolute and unanimous endorsement of the whole community, including the rural service end of the business.

All the public agencies for discussing and disposing of such affairs in Astoria, are deeply interested in the outcome, and the people are squarely behind them in the work of compelling relief. There need be no hesitancy at any point; the work of the council and the Chamber of Commerce will be readily met when it is known that the old conditions are to be set out and new and equitable returns made for the money the people are paying for telephonic communication, no matter who shall furnish the amended service.

There is one feature that, alone, will raise an obdurate phase of opposition, and that is the introduction of a dual system. We do not want this absurd, costly, and troublesome con-

dition at all; and those in whose hands the course of securing the new service lies, will do well to eschew all propositions leading up to such a contretemps, for it is certain to add to the complexities and general dissatisfaction if it is thrust upon the community, especially in the matter of the double and unessential cost.

We believe, with everybody else, that the matter is going to work out happily and successfully; and along with all others, we are not caring who shall contribute the relief, the old, or a new, concern, so long as it comes, and comes quickly and soundly.

CASE OF MUTUALITY.

The Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Electric Railway Company has been carefully routed through, and out of, the city by a line of gradients that conduce to its safety, comfort, despatch and utility, and one that does not, so far as can be determined at this writing, interfere with nor invade any private or public right, and which has, undoubtedly, the approval of those whose money is behind the project; and all things being understood and appreciated in a civic sense, there is a chance for the development of the mutuality existing as between this enterprise and the municipality, in the matter of ordaining, at the proper and propitious moments, such street improvements along the line of that route, as shall contribute, without extra cost to property owners interested, to the early success of the project.

We do not know that the company has anything to ask of this sort, and broach the matter as one of live interest and general concern, in expediting the completion of a sorely needed enterprise and materially assisting it in a fashion that means something to all concerned. There may be points on the proposed line, within the limits of the city, that will need exploitation and improvement by the city at some later day, and if these are anticipated by a few months or by a year or more, no one will be the loser, and the community generally will be radically aided by accelerating the big task of the company, either in whole or in part, by permitting the earlier use of the organic system of street improvement where it shall become essentially contributive of this particular enterprise.

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STATEMENT NO. 1

A Political Critique Worthy the Reading of Every Voter in Oregon.

The following article by Joseph Gaston, is reproduced from last Sunday's Oregonian, for the supreme excellence of the treatment given to one of the liveliest questions before the electorate of Oregon, and in the fulfillment of a plain duty the press owes to the people to extend such enlightenment to limits not covered even by the great paper in which it originally appeared:

It is apparent from the correspondence of the Oregonian that the "statement" is arousing more discussion since the election than before. It is equally apparent that the situation is misunderstood by the friends of the statement. Well-meaning members of the Legislature find they are pledged to elect a man Senator who is opposed to their political principles. They never dreamed this was possible. How has it been brought about?

The primary law provides that the voter shall declare his party affiliation on registering; and at the primary election he gets the ballot of the political party thus declared; and he swears to his statement. It was assumed that no honorable man would make a false statement. But what are the facts? Disregarding all honor and fair dealing, a large number of Democrats falsely declared themselves to be Republicans in order to get the Republican primary ballot and vote for a Republican for Senator that would be obnoxious to his party, one that George E. Chamberlain could defeat at the polls.

How do we know this? While the registry of voters in this city was proceeding leading Democrats openly denounced the fact that Democrats were registering as Republicans, and it was so published by The Oregonian. Since the election the Grants Pass Observer has estimated that 200 Democrats registered as Republicans in that town, and that 10,000 Democrats falsely registered as Republicans in the state. Immediately after the election the Oregonian declared that Cake's majority over Fulton was due to Democrats voting for Cake. None of these statements have ever been disputed by Democrats or anybody else.

Now for the record. The total vote cast for the two Republican candidates for Senator in the primaries is 48,940, while the total vote cast for the Republican candidates for Representative in Congress is 46,953; showing that 1987 voters marked Republican ballots for Senator that did not vote for the Representatives. Where did these 1987 votes come from? Nowhere in the world but from Democrats falsely registering as Republicans. Their interest was wholly in the Senatorship. They could have no hope of electing a Representative. No Republican would have voted for a Senator without also voting for some man for Representative. So that it is a dead moral certainty that at least 1987 Democrats falsely registered as Republicans, swore to the lie, then went to the primaries and marked the Republican ballot with the name they thought Chamberlain could defeat; and then went to the polls and voted against the man they voted for in the primaries.

What is the plain English of this business? The Senatorial primary election was corrupted by Democratic ballots falsely sworn in as Republicans. The result is a barefaced fraud and swindle without a single element of legitimacy, honesty or fair dealing to support it. For more than 1000 years every court in every civilized country has uniformly held that fraud vitiates and annuls every transaction founded upon it. Suppose the Democrats had broken into the polls, stolen out of the ballot boxes 5000 votes cast for Fulton and put in their place 5000 votes for Cake, what an uproar there would have been all over Oregon. But what is the difference in stealing the ballots and replacing them with spurious other ballots, and in falsely swearing that the voter is a Republican in order to give him a secret opportunity to vote for a man he don't intend to support at the polls; and which vote was cast for the sole and only purpose of confusing and defeating the man who relied on that ballot, and the party which honestly acts upon such a ballot? There is no difference. One crime is as bad as the other. If the 1987 Democrats who voted for Mr. Cake in the primaries had stuck to him to the poll as they were in honor bound to, he would have beaten Chamberlain by 465 votes. They not only deceived and humiliated Cake by their treachery, but they mis-

led him into expending a large sum of money on the election in a hopeless race for the office.

But whether these perjured Democrats voted for Cake or Fulton it makes no difference. They intended to vote for the weakest man, and their offense is not in voting for one or the other, but in falsely pretending to be Republicans and thus corrupting the ballot-box and destroying the integrity of the primary election by turning traitor and voting against their own nominee. If this is not a fraud then there is nothing that can be fraudulent. And if this crime against the ballot-box is condoned the Statement members of the Legislature might as well dispose of the Senatorial office as public auction.

What words can truly proclaim the dishonor and infamy of such a transaction? Throughout the lengthy letter of Judge Lowell recently printed in The Oregonian, this fraud is spoken of as the "game" of politics. Other letters printed in The Oregonian demand that the fraud be carried out by the election of Chamberlain to the Senate. It is possible that there are respectable citizens who think politics is nothing but a "game"; that we are now down to the ethics of the race-track and the card room on vital questions affecting the very existence of a republican form of government? For years angry protest has gone up against the alleged crimes of the bosses. In former days when the voter deposited his own ballot there is no doubt that bosses bought and sold voters like cattle, and stuffed and robbed ballot-boxes in desperate straits. But that was in violation of the law and with open prison doors staring the offenders in the face. But here is a case of ballot-box stuffing through perjury and fraud directly in pursuance of the very letter of the primary law, and no criminal prosecution can ever reach the malefactors, if you doubt it read the law.

But we are told that the people must rule, that Senators must be elected by the people. "Vox populi, vox Dei." But the primary law does not secure election by the people. It is in its present form a scheme to cheat the people every time; and that is why it is opposed. Under this law anybody can compete for the great office of United States Senator. A few dollars expended in the saloons will procure names enough to get on the ballot. There is no limit, no standard, no safeguards, and no co-operation among voters. Every county has its favorite son and he must run; every selfish interest has its advocate, and he must run; the saloons can nominate the Prohibition ticket; the trusts run their lawyers; the city outvotes the country, the grogshop outvotes the church, and money sweeps everything. In the melee—the "game," the plain people are confused, divided, cheated, and a man nominated by a fraction of the party vote that nobody wants. This "game" has been thus worked twice on the people already. Bourne was a minority man, thousands of Democrats voting for his nomination, and he got the election as a choice between two evils. Gearin could have beaten Bourne as Chamberlain has beaten Cake if he had made a canvass. He would have done so had he not been assured by interested parties that a Republican Legislature would not elect him. It would not do to have Gearin elected then, for such a result would have raised such an uproar that there would have been no show for Chamberlain now. And Chamberlain is a minority man too, not getting a majority of the votes for Senator as stated by Judge Lowell. The total vote for Senator was 112,364. Chamberlain got 52,421 votes nearly 4000 less than a majority. If the people are to elect, the gross defects of the primary law must be amended so as to secure a square deal and not have honest voters cheated by the ballot-box stuffing of corrupt schemers. Mr. Swinford, of Eugene, has suggested a very good plan. But in the meantime what is to be done with Chamberlain?

The Republican "Statement" members of the Legislature feel the embarrassment of their position. If they vote for Chamberlain their party will damn them. If they turn him down a lot of people who don't know the defects of the primary law will howl "traitor." Is the Republican party such a pack of helpless idiots that it cannot rescue its Legislature from the humiliation of electing a mousing Democratic politician to the United States Senate? The only safe course for "Statement" Republican members

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is to place the honor and welfare of the state above all other considerations and promptly, openly and fearlessly repudiate the whole infamous fraud that secured Chamberlain's election, because it was a corruption of the ballot box, and then elect an honest, square-deal Republican without delay. To vote for Chamberlain is to ratify the fraud, become an accomplice in the crime and go over to the Democrats. To hesitate, equivocate, palter or compromise is ruin to good names. Courage, backbone and a clear conscience are the stuff for great emergencies. No man is bound by a fraud. The deceit practiced by the Democrats at the primaries has released every member of the Legislature from his pledge. If the pledge is maintained under these facts, then corruption will go on from bad to worse, until fraud and perjury become the rule in politics, and every election a market vile. If the ballot-box is corrupted, political power is poisoned at its fountain head, and every evil will follow in its course. Beware of the insidious beginnings of evil. Legislators sworn to maintain corruption and keep on the safe side, the law cannot temporize with To excuse one crime only leads to the commission of another. To condone any violation of law is a corruption of the public conscience. In vain do we teach our youth to emulate the noble examples of the founders of the Republic; in vain do we proclaim our devotion to the uncompromising principles of Lincoln and Roosevelt if we consent to the corruption of the ballot-box. The current of history is strewn with the wrecks of mighty nations founded and defended by men equal to our greatest heroes. They all teach the same moral—first freedom, then glory—when that fails, wealth, vice, corruption, barbarism at last. The only imperishable foundation for freedom and justice is a pure ballot-box and the unswerving enforcement of the law. Croly puts into the mouth of Cataline a fearful picture of the fall of the greatest nation of antiquity—a lesson to all succeeding times and men. When laws were silent, conscience dead and vice supreme, despair hurled back the awful truth: "For there henceforth shall sit for

household gods Shapes hot from hell—all shames and crimes; Wan treachery with his thirsty dagger drawn Suspicion poisoning his brother's cup, Naked rebellion with his torch and axe, Till anarchy comes down on you like night, And massacre sals Rome's eternal grave." It was all true of Rome; and like causes will produce the same results in America. Then let a mighty protest go up from every true Republican from Clatsop Beach to Steins Mountain and from the golden sands of Curry to the rock-ribbed hills of Wallowa, that the frauds upon the ballot-box at the primary election must not and shall not succeed; and that now and hereafter unscrupulous politicians must be shown that they can gain nothing by such dishonorable scheming. Portland, July 13

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