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THE PLAIN OF THE BOSSES.

THE PEOPLE of Michigan are also struggling to get free from machine bosses, and to gain the power of selecting their own public servants, and of making or vetoing needed laws by means of the initiative and referendum; and there, as here, only more outspokenly, there is a great protest of party organs against the "destruction of representative government."

The governor recommended the selection of delegates to the national conventions by direct vote of the people, and the party organs are condemning him as little less than an anarchist. Such a method, they say, would be prejudicial to it not destructive of party organization—and what would the dear politicians do without political machines to work with? One organ wails: "You are going to take the choice of delegates from the party organization and give it to the disorganized electorate." Terrible! that the "disorganized" people should really at last have a voice, and a vote, and actually decide, as to who should represent them in national conventions, instead of turning that business over, as heretofore, to the United States senators and a few bosses. Under such a "disorganized" method, how indeed can a grafting and corrupting party machine get in its work? But, as the Detroit News says, the party is not destroyed because the voters take the party's business out of the bosses' hands, and it continues:

Mistaking the party organization for the party, and a few selfish bosses for the "organization," the machine interests fear the consequent loss of power to name delegates and to control nominations. A blow struck at their peculiar office and at their manipulative top, in their opinion, is a blow struck at the party. Who but the rank and file of the party have the right to choose national delegates, and in what sense would a law permitting them to vote direct without the interposition of county and state conventions menace the right of the rank and file, upset their organization, or interfere with their traditions?

The choice of delegates should, indeed, be the party's exclusive privilege, not the exclusive privilege of the machine bosses in convention. Self-constituted bosses who have mistaken themselves for the party may well squirm at this menace to their sacred privileges, and their organs may well whimper their protest against the promised confusion of their political plans by the entry of the rank and file of the party upon the scene as direct voters.

In Oregon next year, a convention will have to name delegates to the national conventions, but thereafter the people would better take that business into their own hands also. We are beginning to hear the same "whimpering" and see the same "squirming" here that the News mentions as manifest in Michigan; but the rank and file of voters can rest assured that it comes from those who want to become bosses and run a machine, in their own interest and to the people's hurt.

THE THREATENED PHEASANT FAMINE.

THE SPORTSMEN have a plaint. Their unilations are heard throughout the Willamette valley. The reckless use of the shotgun and dog is fast producing a China pheasant famine. Almost every local newspaper records with appropriate dismay the growing scarcity of this most famous and most admired of all game birds, and suggests an intervention of the law, with an entirely closed season for two years or more.

The condition recalls the fact that in 1883 there were but 50 of the China pheasants in the country, sent here by Judge Denny from China. Ten years later, or in 1893, it was the opinion of Judge Denny that there were actually more of the birds in the Willamette valley than in China. That year 14,400, or 1,200 dozen, were shipped to the San Francisco market alone. It was the estimate that 30,000 were killed that year in Lin county.

The figures illustrate the prodigious reproductive power of the birds. They also indicate the great adaptability of the Willamette valley as a habitat for them. Here the climate is ideal, being more favorable for them than their own

native China. The foods are equally well suited, the soil and vegetation conspiring to the growth of bugs and worms so essential to the pheasant ration. The vegetable foods likewise are especially suited to them. They will, for instance, if fed a mixture of Willamette valley wheat and California wheat, eat all the first and leave the hard California grains untouched. Thus, in many ways, the great valley of the Willamette is a paradise for pheasant life, and if the magnificent birds disappear it will be wholly due to the recklessness and rapacity of the hunters themselves. A law, however, providing a closed season for two years and properly manned with punitive provisions might be a wise enactment.

TELL THEM OF OREGON.

A YEAR or two ago it was reported that the rural population of Iowa, a very rich and resourceful agricultural state, was slightly decreasing, and now the St. Paul Pioneer Press makes the same complaint about rural Minnesota, especially the southern and older settled portion of the state. The reason is said to be unwise or careless methods of farming, by which the volume of products has become unprofitable. So a great many Minnesota farmers are either filling up the cities or seeking homes on newer and more productive land—in irrigated districts farther west and in Canada. Minnesota farm lands are lower than formerly, and not so easily sold, and what has happened in agricultural New England is happening in a less degree there.

No doubt what the Minnesota farmers need to do, if they remain there, is to adopt better methods of farming, but the best farming in the world will not prevent winter from holding that region in its frost-grip for five or six months in the year, requiring such a prolonged feeding of stock as to render farming a hard proposition. In the Dakotas there is more room, and the soil in some parts may be richer, but the climate is even more severe. The same "drawback" exists even in the elevated irrigated regions of Colorado and Wyoming.

Under these circumstances it seems to The Journal that too much cannot be said to the people of Minnesota and adjoining states about the climate of Oregon. Detailed facts about the climate of this state, as well as about the productiveness of its soil and other natural resources, ought somehow to be forced upon the attention of all the people of that winter-worn region. Thousands of them, we should think, on reading the facts, would lose no unnecessary time in migrating to these ever-green shores, this equable climate.

MYSTERIOUS HARRIMAN.

IT WOULD be interesting to know just what Mr. Harriman really thinks of the people and newspapers who are criticizing his railroad management. Is he blind to the facts that they see, or to the fact that they see them? Or does he speak ironically, and with sardonic humor, in suggesting that they appeal to the courts and the interstate commerce commission to give the railroads, and Harriman in particular, fair treatment? "The railroads," Mr. Harriman says, "are suffering from unjust agitation of questions unfairly presented, and from the enforcement of unjust and discriminative laws." Is this the voice of blinding egotism, or of taunting defiance?

There is no "unjust agitation." The people's grievances, at least out in this part of the country and especially in Mr. Harriman's exclusive domain, are very real. Urgently needed lines of railroad not built; shortage of cars, year after year, and growing worse every year; great areas kept from development by lack of railroads, and regions traversed by roads poorly served; rates arbitrarily raised, paralyzing important industries and doing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damages; millions of acres of land held contrary to law for decades, retarding settlement and development; millions of money earned in Oregon diverted to speculative or fighting uses in other states; promises made only to be broken; and now a pretense that money is scarce though the Harriman roads are earning vast amounts of net profits and dividends—these are plain facts, not "unjust agitation."

Of persistent and systematic re-bating and other crimes, of the Alton and other skin-game deals, of Mr. Harriman stock gambling methods, we do not speak; the courts and the interstate commerce commission have abundance of evidence as to those things. But it is enough to those things. But it is enough to say that Mr. Harriman's treatment

of Oregon has left the whole people of the state no choice but to denounce unsparringly his system and methods.

A PROPHECY.

IT WAS strange advice that was given by the morning Oregonian to the inquirer who contemplates becoming a candidate for the next legislature. He was advised, if he takes any statement at all, not to take statement number 1, except in a modified form. Yet statement number 1 was the means, in the last legislature, by which two United States senators were elected within 10 minutes, and that for the first time in 25 years that the whole 40 days and 40 nights have not been given up to the task. By the record, is it not strange that a course should be advised that means a certain return to the old regime of senatorial deadlocks, legislative debauchery and state humiliation?

Here is a little more advice for the inquiring candidate: If you are wise and desire to be elected, you will take statement number 1. The people are not fools and are tired of tomfoolery. They want United States senators elected as they were elected at the late session. They desire it done in 10 minutes, as it has been done, and can be done again. They can get this by electing legislative candidates who take statement number 1, and they know it. They cannot get it through legislative candidates who juggle or fool with the issue. They will elect the candidates who take statement number 1, and the subterfugists, jobbers and jugglers will be left at home, as they ought to be.

At last the president, according to a report yesterday, bagged a nice fat bear. This is good and even important news for the country. Think what a roaring, raging temper the tempestuous Teddy would have been in if he had got no bear. The thought is terrible to contemplate. We might have been in a war with Japan within 24 hours, or Admiral Evans might have been ordered to steam up the Mississippi and bombard everything in sight. Or at least there would have been an addition to the message denouncing unsparringly persons who provide bears where there are none to be found. So one bear is under the circumstances a great deal, though several more bears would be much better. Then we would be on good terms with all humanity, and the ursine species besides.

If, meaning Roosevelt, Uncle Joe Cannon did really say, "What the country needs above all other things is a chief executive who will keep on his own side of the fence, attend to his own business and leave the judicial and legislative branches free to discharge their respective duties," he has contracted for a row beside which the Fairbanks cocktails will be as a summer zephyr to a Kansas cyclone. By the time it is ended, if Uncle Joe backs up his statement, there won't be enough fences left about Washington for him to tell whether he belongs in the legislative department or the town calaboose, or whether he hails from Illinois or blew in from Podunk.

Rumor has it that a powerful squadron of German warships will be sent across the sea on a friendly visit to this country and that it will arrive in American waters about the time that our Atlantic fleet is steaming up the Pacific coast. Will not this be suspicious? Should it not cause a panic in New York and Boston? Suppose the kaiser should pick a quarrel about that time, what would those helpless cities do? But stay; the kaiser is our very great and good friend, and the president is a man after his own heart; so may not this visit be a friendly one for the protection of our Atlantic coast while our navy is around here? This is more likely. Hoch der Kaiser!

He is not much of a frenzied financier, or stock gambling fighter who doesn't get a fall once in a while. Look at Jim Keene, for instance. F. Augustus Heinze is a young man yet, a fighter from 'way back, and apparently has had no very serious tumble. The bulls and bears of Wall street, and Standard Oil, and Amalgamated will need to keep an eye on him yet.

That scion of the Vanderbilt house who does not want his sister to marry the Austrian prince, even though he be the head and front of the "black aristocracy," knows when he has got enough. Like Anna Gould and the others, the sister, too, will know it, later on.

A professor of ethnology makes the somewhat remarkable announcement that the further away they get from the Christian religion, the higher are the physical and moral

standards of the Eskimos. Strange to say, he is still outside of a cage and unconnected with a menagerie. Equally remarkable is it that in spite of his earmarks, he is not a Chicago professor.

Only half a dozen out of the 45 governors of states are to be elected this fall—in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi. The two former states are the only ones that now elect governors annually; New Jersey elects for three years and the other states for four years.

Sousa and His Band

After two hours of playing his band last night at the Armory, Sousa remained prominently in the minds of the huge crowd that cheered him the "March King." This was partly because his own encore marches, known the world over, received the greatest applause, and partly because, after the introduction of his other compositions, he proved himself at his best in these popular tunes.

Almost 3,000 people greeted Sousa and his band last night. Applause rang freely and easily, and scores came just to see Sousa and his band. Sousa's audience, aided their memories by having a big placard bearing the name of the Sousa band, and by the fact that the Sousa band was playing and the hall rang with "Stars and Stripes Forever," "The Captain" and other Sousa favorites in their own realm. That is why Sousa is better in his marches than Wagnerian or Strauss. They are not Wagnerian or Strauss, but they don't even pretend to be.

The program covered a variety of Sousa's compositions, and the band's performance was everywhere by sound if not by name, served at once to the Sousa band's range. The Sousa band, "The Land of the Living," is interesting in the same way as a reading with the actions of the "written" Sousa band. A Strauss number was given and proved exceptionally interesting as one of the writer's characteristic though less great works. It was a splendid piece of music, and was admirably done. The Dvorak humoresque was one of the daintiest bits given.

The "Ride of the Valkyries," the great Wagner operatic number, was a splendid climax for the evening and must have been fitting, since about a third of the audience had come to see the ride away during its progress. It was nothing of their missing one of the best numbers of the evening, the slight rustle of moving bodies was slightly disturbing.

As for the soloists, probably Miss Jefferies made the biggest hit. Her violin work was really something of the ordinary. She plays with ease and abandon and a good deal of temperance. Wagner operatic music was a splendid treat for the evening and must have been fitting, since about a third of the audience had come to see the ride away during its progress. It was nothing of their missing one of the best numbers of the evening, the slight rustle of moving bodies was slightly disturbing.

John H. Finley's Birthday.

John H. Finley, president of the college of the City of New York, was born in 1863, and was educated at Knox college, where he graduated in 1887. After graduation Mr. Finley entered at the Johns Hopkins university in the department of political and economical science, and was the most successful and successful work at Johns Hopkins and was then tendered an appointment in the State Charities Aid association of New York. He accepted the position and entered upon his duties in 1892. Three years later he became president of the college, being at the time one of the youngest college presidents in the United States. After seven years in this position he resigned to become editor of the "New York Magazine." From 1900 to 1902 he was professor of politics at Princeton university, and in the latter year accepted the presidency of the College of the City of New York.

This Date in History.

1630—First general court in America held at Boston.  
1675—Hatfield, Massachusetts, repulsed an attack of Indians under King Philip.  
1745—Dean Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels," died. Born November 30, 1667.  
1787—Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia.  
1807—William Gordon, who wrote the "Declaration of Sentiments," died. Born in England, 1730.  
1826—Father John of Conradstad born. Eleven persons killed in panic in London while Mr. Spurgeon was preaching.  
1854—General Sheridan turned defeat into victory at Crook.  
1889—King Carlos of Portugal ascended the throne.

Under Good Control.

From the Chicago News. Mrs. Goodwin: My husband never does anything he would be ashamed for me to know about.

A Woman Ticker.

From the Philadelphia Press. "It's funny how ticklish women are, isn't it?"

WOMAN'S POWER DIVINE WHEN PROPERLY USED

By Professor Emil Reich.

Man is not a solitary but a binary being. One is two and two are one. To be a man is, in the vast majority of cases, to be a married man, a father, a person with grave responsibilities weighing upon him. There is no doubt the responsibilities are one very important thing, and that they stimulate all our resourcefulness in an exceptional manner. If in an infinitesimal fraction of the time that we created the world out of nothing, who is in reality creating it every single moment, we were not, as the Latin said, "There ought to be an ex libito club, consisting only of men who have raised the standard of the quality of command, and greatness by their own efforts. If such a club were made, it would be the most successful of all clubs. Its members are men married to good and energetic wives, whose tact and unswerving love have given to their husbands the force of creative invention. For such is the divine power of women when properly used. They can do many things directly, but they can do many things indirectly. They are the integration of men's differentials, to talk mathematically. Yes, they do—the inventor, as Cornelia did not make the agrarian laws, but the men who made, and as Appian did not invent the Parthenon, but formed the man who had the Parthenon erected, Pericles. As to some modern feminist, or woman rights, who try to give woman a position that for ten thousand reasons is not fit for her, and which would mean the ruin of her nature and indispensable vocation, all that we can say is, let the young man avoid her as he would the plague. She will undo him. Being "independent" herself, she will crack his brains, too. Woman's position is the home, and not the office. It is the home, and it is arranged psychologically, not logically. On this one rock have founded all logic ridden theories of social reforms, and will founder to the end of days. Let the woman of the future, on the Doric column called man, and on the Ionic column called woman. No lapse of time will ever change.

Letters From the People

Protest From Lincoln County.

Toledo, Oct. 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will you please allow me space in your paper to make some sort of an answer to the libelous editorial in the Oregonian of October 15, under the title of the "Land of No." If the writer of that article intended to be humorous, he certainly fell far from the boundary of humor, for it is not humorous, but it is not humorous. For years it has been the persistent attitude of the Oregonian to belittle the people of Lincoln county. All evil reports that might come from here have been greedily seized upon and waved before the world, while every trace of good news has been as persistently denied space in its columns. No longer ago than last March the Oregonian refused space to a purely local communication from its own correspondent in Toledo because the article gave an account of the fire which had destroyed the sawmill here. The attitude of that paper has ever been against this county.

It should it single out Lincoln county on apples, for instance? For the past four years the writer has been busy to send shipping apples from Lincoln county to the coast, and other dealers have been doing the same. In all Lincoln county there is not an orchard that is not producing a crop of fruit. The Oregonian miserably failed in its attempt to destroy the fruit in Lincoln county. The farmers all over the county are and have been delighted with the Oregonian's attitude. There are farmers in the Oregonian county today that haul cream over mountain roads for a distance of 30 miles to get their cream to market. Can the Oregonian show like effort in comparison with any other county in the state of Oregon, when the topography of the country is taken into consideration? The Oregonian's attitude is not only a disgrace to the state of Oregon, but it is a disgrace to the Oregonian's class to vilify and slander us.

It sneeringly speaks of the waiting for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Yaquina. There has been no appropriation for the harbor, nor has there been one asked. What is the sore spot that the Oregonian has about an appropriation? Since when has it ceased its importunities for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Yaquina? There has been no appropriation for the harbor, nor has there been one asked. What is the sore spot that the Oregonian has about an appropriation? Since when has it ceased its importunities for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Yaquina? There has been no appropriation for the harbor, nor has there been one asked. What is the sore spot that the Oregonian has about an appropriation? Since when has it ceased its importunities for an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of Yaquina? There has been no appropriation for the harbor, nor has there been one asked. 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