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The best thing we can do, infinitely the best, is to be ourselves true. Beyond all doing of good is the being good; for he that is good, not only does good things, but all that he does is good.—George Macdonald.

A WISE CHOICE.

THE SWIFTS have chosen well. Eternal fitness is a potential force in determining finalities. Than Portland it would be difficult to find a site more perfectly adapted to a great packing house industry. No spot is more accessible from the sea and from the interior. One of the greatest inland waterway systems of the country focuses here. The splendid Columbia and its tributaries reach half a million square miles of excellent livestock country, from which an enormous output will be delivered. By and by these rivers will be unfettered and afford the cheapest of all transportation, and will be the means of moving so stupendous a volume of traffic that there can never be congestion. Joined to this system is the Willamette, which flows through a region unrivaled in its advantages for livestock production. Along the banks of these rivers are water grade railroads, that so far as cost goes, can lay down the output of the region in Portland more cheaply than similar products can be laid down at any other city in the country. As the trained and sagacious minds of the Swift people discerned before the selection was made for their packing house, no other city in the west offered so many and such extraordinary advantages. The interior, with its boundless production, will lie at the very door of the great packing plant. By the sea the north and south halves of the western hemisphere and the whole eastern world is within easy reach. By nature Portland was made the meeting place for this interchange in the industry, a supply point for the nations. This selection of this spot for the packing house proves the sagacity of the Swifts and by their sagacity recognizes and exalts Portland as a maritime and trading center.

HOW DO THEY LIKE IT?

THE MORNING PAPER continues to scold and rail at all Republicans who ever, for any reason, did not vote for the whole machine ticket, or who picked out on one or two occasions an exceptionally acceptable Democrat to vote for. It rants and raves as if every such voter were a traitor to his country, and a criminal deserving of death without benefit of clergy. Chamberlain is the great bugbear. With some 30,000 Democratic votes behind him the Oregonian declares that Chamberlain will carry the June election, in which probably over 100,000 votes will be cast. The Oregonian—though nobody supposes sincerely—gives up the fight four months in advance—says the voters of Oregon will choose Chamberlain. It does this to try to whip Republicans who might be inclined to vote for him into line, and to place party above their wishes, their judgment, their conscience, the welfare of the country. It reiterates claptrap about "basic principles of the party." What have they to do with, or how do they operate with regard to control of railroads, inland waterways, improved rivers and harbors, government ownership of coal lands, revision of the tariff, checking of the power of the plundering trusts, or any other live, up-to-date issue before the people today? What has "basic party principles" to do with land frauds, robbing the state school fund, taxation of franchises, extirpation of gambling, regulation of streams, or anything else in which the voters of Oregon have a present lively interest? All these Republicans who ever voted for a Democrat or in any wise opposed the machine and the bosses are said to be "shapes of men with souls of geese." And this insult is flung at them because they have become tired of boodling, and grafting, and deception, and corrupt trading for offices and spoils; tired of the leaders and officeholders and corrupters and disgracers of this state who have flourished here for 30 years. Votes would be far more deserving of being called "geese" if they did not revolt against these things, and if they should now all "fall in line" and "stand shoulder to shoulder" for the revival of a party ring and the rehabilitation of the party machine. There is no better citizenry in this country than the rank and file of Oregon Republicans. They have stood by their party, because they believed in it, at times and in instances when they would have been justified in going over to the other side almost to a man. The wonder is not that a large number of them have become independent, but that they have so long and so faithfully adhered to their party, hoping for better things. That many of them are not blindly tied to their party, and to everything it does and that its ringleaders propose, but will exercise the independence of free men, conscientious American citizens, is a healthy hopeful sign of the times. And we do not think such men are to be cudgeled into line and induced to repeal the primary law and give up the election of senator by this virulent and persistent abuse of them.

CORPORATE REFORM.

MR EUGENE E. PRUSSIG, an eminent lawyer of Chicago, recently delivered an address on corporate reforms before the national civic conference on trusts and combinations that deserves the attention of all makers of laws and moulders of opinion. It was delivered at the height of the panic, which he said was a "corporation panic," and "is greater than any disturbance of the financial world since the bursting of the South sea bubble 200 years ago." Yet it should have surprised no one, for "from the day of Bryan's first defeat and the election of McKinley, successive debauches of promotion and resulting fits of indigestion of securities have gradually weakened the people's resources and confidence." The \$29,240,000 fine is comparable in its effect to the blast of Gabriel's trumpet. It opened all the graves, and there is walling and gnashing of teeth. The separation of the sheep from the goats by the people is now going on." Mr. Prussig praised the corporate idea, but said it had been greatly abused, and there was need of the greatest publicity and the strictest regulation of corporate affairs compatible with practical operation. A corporation, as between its managers and its stockholders, is simply a trust in the legal sense, and it is or should be so as between the corporation and the public. A corporation should be created only on a petition filed in a local court, setting forth its purposes in detail, and the state's attorney should attend the hearing in behalf of the people. Similar proceedings should be had on every proposed change of the amount of capital stock or investment in other corporate stock or property. The management should be under strict supervision, and should not be left to a single body of directors or officers. The stockholders should have an actual voice in the corporation's control, and it should always be under judicial control. Mr. Prussig went into detail to illustrate his meaning, and compared corporate control in this country and abroad, showing that we are far behind other countries in this respect. Surplus profits, after the payment of reasonable

able salaries and dividends should be at the disposal not of the officers or directors but of the stockholders. In conclusion Mr. Prussig said: "An attempt at federal control of all or most corporations would be so great a step in the direction of centralization of all government and so serious an inroad upon local government and state rights as well as so cumbersome and dangerous in its delays as to arouse universal opposition, though a simple statute forbidding stock ownership by interstate commerce corporations is a different and most excellent thing. Individual state legislation, properly guided, standardized and harmonized, on the larger subject now under discussion can be obtained by a campaign of education and friendly cooperation. "The time is ripe. Throughout this great valley, the struggle is on. Senator La Follette, Governor Denen, Governor Johnson and Governor Folk are standard bearers in the cause. In the east, Governor Hughes has packed more good work into eight months time than anyone thought possible, and has crushed all opposition. Last and foremost of all is Theodore Roosevelt, who has another year and a half in which to complete but to shape and build up the structure for which he has cleared away the rubbish and laid solid foundations on the rocks of truth and right, and reared the first story in the policy of a square deal and no favorites. "What shall the harvest be—all tares and no wheat—all panic and loss and no gain or reform? Let us try to formulate and enact into universal laws a few principles and methods founded on mutual rights warranted by experience and approved by justice, which will meet the present defects, until men shall say of our work as said the apostle: 'We know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully.'"

WHY TRUST THE PEOPLE AT ALL?

SENATOR HODSON and Senator Beach assert that they will oppose any legislative candidate who favors the Oregon method of direct selection of senator. The Fulton men in Marion county will do the same. Their attitude is that the legislature should choose, and that they will fight anybody who favors choice by the people. Why not, then, insist that the legislature elect the governor? Why not have the legislature elect the congressman? Why not have the legislature elect the secretary of state, the state treasurer and the superintendent of public instruction? Why not have the legislature elect the attorney-general, the supreme judges and all the other officers? If their notions of things are right, why not have congress elect the president of the United States? Why not have congress elect the vice-president, the cabinet and the supreme judges? There is not one single reason why a senator should be chosen by a legislature and congressmen and governor and other officers not also be chosen by the legislature. There is not one single reason why, if congressmen, governor and other state officers should be chosen by the people the senator should not also be chosen by the people. Senator Hodson knows there is not. Senator Beach knows there is not. The Marion county Fulton men know there is not. Why not be sincere and straightforward in these matters of vital public moment? If men insist on taking away from the people their right to choose senator, why not also rob them of their right to elect congressmen, governors and other officials?

GOING BACK ON PROTECTION.

NOT MANY years ago the Republican papers were very few and far between that ventured to oppose or in any wise criticize the monstrous McKinley or Dingley tariff law, but now they are numerous. The Republican party still stands for protection, but a large proportion of Republicans perceive and in these comparatively independent times are daring to say that protection has been carried entirely too far. Here, for example, is the Louisville Post saying: "The steel trust has decided to reduce prices abroad, but to maintain prices at home. Having this power, it uses it to oppress its best customers. The 'home market' is handed over to the steel trust to do as it pleases with it, and it is doing it. Cheap rails and cheap structural steel are received with delight, but our masters have decided that cheap steel in no form could benefit the Americans, the greatest builders in the world." Yet we suppose the same paper can "point with pride" and is ready to hurrah for the highest protectionist in the country if he should become a candidate for president.

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The Journal takes pleasure in reprinting and commending these sentences from an editorial in its morning contemporary. But to those who do not read that paper it is necessary to say that what is quoted below is contradicted and combated daily at far greater length: "The day has passed in this country when the people can be led by the nose to the shearing pen. Henceforth, and forever let us hope, the men who do the work and create the wealth of the nation are going to rule it, and political success can be won only by sincere devotion to the interest of the great public. The day of class legislation is almost over."

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By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Copyright, 1906, by American Journal-Examiner.) To the person reared in a home where correct language is used and accustomed to hear the rules of grammar observed, it is an absolute pain, like a blow or a wound, to hear ungrammatical language. Compared with ill temper, or vulgar manners, or vices, bad grammar is, of course, a small offense; but that does not place it among the virtues. It is a misfortune which man or woman grows to maturity without having acquired the habit, if not the rules, of correct speech. The musician with a finely attuned ear might hesitate in the same way at thought of companionship with one who sat out each day and struck discordant chords on some instrument or continually sang out of key. In a case now under discussion, however, the man is keenly alive to his shortcomings as a grammarian, and he declares he will take up the study of grammar with 10-year-old children, if necessary, and continue it for the remainder of his life, until he learns to speak correctly, if the woman he loves will consent to be his wife. This shows an admirable courage and worth in the character of a woman who hardly refuse to give such a man her aid and encouragement along with her heart.

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From the Albany Herald (Rep.) The "old guard" Republicans of Marion county held a meeting at Salem the other night and resolutely decided to nominate the Republican candidates for Marion in the old convention way. It is a pity that the people are so easily led to nominate men the bosses want, but it will be quite another story to tell the day after the June election. Some of the "old guard" Republicans of Marion rank and file of the Republican party to be dampfires.

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From the Albany Herald (Rep.) The Oregonian has through its editorial utterances demonstrated the fact within the past few days that it is thoroughly in sympathy with the plan of doing politics in the old conventional way, where one or two bosses, by juggling and bartering to people can easily manage a campaign mapped out for them by some other "boss" higher up in the procession. The plain people like the direct primary law better than they thought they would. In regard to the election of United States senators State-wide, the essence of the direct primary law.

Letters From the People

Why The Journal Is Popular. Buena Vista, Feb. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Some people are curious to know why The Journal has such a large circulation and is read by so many Republicans in preference to their own party organs. In my opinion the question is very easily answered. First, The Journal is a paper of the common people, and cheerfully offers them a chance to express their opinions on different subjects pertaining to the welfare of the state at large through its columns. Second, The Journal stands for good government and is fearless in denouncing grafters and boodlers, whether they be Democrat or Republican. Third, The Journal has done more toward suppressing crime in the city of Portland than all its contemporaries combined have done. And why? The answer is because The Journal does not live in a glass house and is not afraid to cast a stone at an evil doer. A REPUBLICAN.

Something New.

From the club window they watched the pathetic figure cross the street, and frowning sadly at the gestures, the queer jerks of the head, she starts and backward leaps. Tete de Veau said: "What's the matter with him—St. Vitus' dance?" "No automobile scare," replied a neighbor.

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Patience's Day Games.

The patron saint of lovers, good Saint Valentine, today hides away, and to his shrine come young men and maidens, with the tender thoughts of youth and love. The hostess who is planning to entertain the young people, finds it best to have the entertainment begin with the arrival of the guests, that there may be no icy pause of waiting. Hearts with uncompleted quotations, home made valentines cut in two, or some such easy device will at once make the comparing and talking fun that sets the affair going.

Small Changes

Beach Hargis was "a chip of the old block."
Death lurks along the Harriman tracks.
The council is becoming a public nuisance.
We won't hear of Punta Arenas again till the feet stop there going back— if it goes back.
The man who a few days ago was dictator of Portugal is now scarcely dictator of himself.
Portland is the solidest, steadiest, most prosperous city on the Pacific coast. Tell it out.
Has Representative Ellis any opinion on the primary law and statement No. 1? Of course.
An Iowa paper says Shaw is "the strongest man in the country today." He must pay in advance.
If a donkey properly represents the Democratic party, the Portland council must be radically Democratic.
It is going to be lard sledding this spring for the anti-primary law and anti-statement No. 1 schemers.
Dr. N. G. Blalock of Walla Walla is talked of as a candidate for congress. He would suit Oregon all right.
St. Valentine survives, but he seems to elderly people insignificant compared to what he used to be.
Apple Man M. O. Lowndale's work will not be duly appreciated till he is dead. Try to appreciate it now.
Thompson-Seton says mosquitoes do not bite frogs. That must be the reason why frogs sing so sweetly.
Do the people want to elect their senator? Then they must stick to the primary law and Statement No. 1.
A man can save 25 cents by going to Tacoma to get his hair cut—that is, if it doesn't cost anything to go there and back.
Detroit News: "Prosperity is the issue," declared "Uncle Joe" Cannon in Detroit a year ago. The issue seems to have got it in the neck.
That rheumatism of Admiral Evans will have to be very persistent and chronic if it sticks to him in the summer climate of the Pacific coast.
The trouble with the G. O. P. in Oregon is not the primary law, but the long and small of the "wheat" it was compelled to haul out in its front yard.
When times were good the G. O. P. leaders would not revise the tariff, saying, "It's well enough alone. When times are hard they say, 'Wait till good times return.'"
Winter is almost over. Not more than four months from now we shall have some warm, pleasant weather. Chicago Journal. Serves you right for not coming to Oregon.
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