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MR. HAMMERSLY VS. THE PEOPLE.

MR. JOSEPH L. HAMMERSLY of Gold Hill, Jackson county, where he is bank cashier, city attorney, postmaster and a leading citizen, is a Republican candidate for member of the legislature, and promises to vote for that Republican candidate for United States senator who received the highest number of votes at the primary election.

This is fair and frank, and we hope some good, capable man—whether Republican or Democrat makes no difference—will run against Mr. Hammersly, and find out whether the people of Jackson county want to have a direct voice in electing the United States senator or whether they prefer that even so good a man as Mr. Hammersly shall do that job for them.

MISTAKEN MR. SHAW.

MR. LESLIE M. SHAW is not nearly so important a personage as he takes himself to be, yet he has been quite a prominent figure, and no doubt speaks for a large fraction of his party. At a recent address before the bar association of Kansas, arguing against the initiative and referendum, he said that we are drifting away from the principles of a republican government and toward a pure democracy, which of course he deplored.

PARTY AND PERSONAL PLATFORMS.

WE ARE informed by a contemporary that a personal platform amounts to nothing whatever, is not worth considering at all, while a party platform is important because binding on all candidates nominated on it or in connection with its promulgation.

"HUMBUG."

THE Republican party of Oregon passed the primary law by the extraordinary vote of 56,850 for and only 16,354 against. That was a tremendous endorsement and it came from the masses of the people party. By compromising with the Beach-Hodson-Bailey reactionaries Saturday, those Republicans who were staunch for the primary law in its every part accepted a plan for which there is neither law, precedent nor reason.

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A principle is a principle, and it cannot be compromised. It cannot be added to or subtracted from, and remain a principle. By any such addition or subtraction, its identity is lost and it is destroyed. This compromise subverts people's choice for senator entirely and substitutes something else. The primary measure provides for selection of the party choice in June. The compromise recommends the crowning absurdity of having the people vote at the primaries for the party choice in April and of going through a ludicrous ceremony of voting again on a selection already made in June.

MALEVOLENCE RAVING.

RECENTLY the New York Sun, which, though not to be taken very seriously, no doubt speaks for Mr. J. P. Morgan and other men and corporations of great wealth and influence, declared that the president's last notable message was an "appalling menace," that trade was still shrinking, that "another panic would probably be required to secure the passage of currency reforms" (the Aldrich bill); and in its ravings went so far as to declare (about two weeks ago): "The same conditions prevail now that were observed before the storm broke last October. The same acute unrest and apprehension are apparent. Uncertainty reigns on every hand."

THE PARCELS POST.

Salem, Or., Feb. 29.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Permit me to notice the speech of the Hon. J. H. Richardson made at the Retail Merchants and Grocers association January 21. Mr. Richardson made quite an extensive speech in regard to the parcels post, and his disparaging misstatement as follows: "The great distributors of products through the United States mails today are causing the express companies to lose more than \$400,000,000 annually in the publication of magazines, 95 per cent of which are absolutely worthless."

Seeking Their Affinities.

Portland, Feb. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Whether a large number of decisions like that of Judge Bronaugh will be a great reform, or, as I say, in restricting the divorce evil, is more than I can say. One thing, however, is certain: We are living in an age where boys and girls are getting a good school education, learn to read and think. Any schoolboy or girl can find out the truth about the "Elective Affinity," by the great and immortal Goethe's "Kreutzer Sonata," by Leo Tolstoy, or by the "Impossibility of the Seas" 50 years ago.

Chief of Police Shippy of Chicago

proved himself a brave man in the presence of an assassin with gun and knife, but his 19-year-old son, who threw himself in front of his father and risked his own life to save his father's, proved himself—even though many a boy would have done the same—a hero. There are a multitude of men and boys, women and girls, who would be heroes and heroines if the occasion to become so arose.

Letters From the People

The University Appropriation. Albany, Or., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In your issue of the 27th H. H. Brooks has an article in which he asks that I answer some very pertinent questions.

It Worries Them.

From the Medford Mail (Rep.) Statement No. 1 is worrying the old-line politicians and their henchmen a whole lot, and the burden of their song is that a Democratic candidate for United States senator is likely to receive the majority of votes in June and that the Republican subscribers to Statement No. 1 in the legislature must perform vote for him. What of it? If the Republican party, with a plurality of 40,000 in the state is unable to nominate a man at the primaries who can not beat the Democratic nominee with a 3,000 handicap it ought to lose, and the senatorial candidate who is defeated under such circumstances certainly has not the confidence of the people and the senatorial candidate who is elected without Statement No. 1, the preferential vote on senator would be a farce. The people might express their preference, but the "experts" would be as good as dead, and the election of United States senator would be done just as it was of yore.

Must Answer.

Mr. F. S. Richardson of Union county having announced his candidacy as a Republican for the legislature, without making any reference to his position on the election of United States senator, a prominent Republican of that county says in the La Grande Star: "This question is one which every candidate for the legislature will be compelled to answer plainly and without equivocation or doubtful expression in the affirmative or negative to the voters of Union county. It is a question in which the people, without regard to political preference, demand to be satisfied. It is a question that permits of no straddle, because it is a simple one and is not complicated by other details; it can be answered by a simple yes or no. On account of its importance as a principle of progressive politics no candidate can escape his commitment one way or the other."

Pursued the Wrong Method.

From the Prineville Review. H. W. Scott seems to have come near falling into a grave his paper dug for some one else, or rather, he has been plentifully bespattered with the mud from this dig. Not that the mud view is rejoicing over it; this paper regrets very much that his little plots, which have been excused by the sacred inside history, should at last have been given to the public by a disinterested spectator. The Review has not a word of censure to utter for his glib campaign for the United States senate. He is well qualified for the position, and if he had gone out in the open after the manner we have no complaint to make on that score. But his posing as an immaculate reformer while being in the mud deeper than any other politician, and his constant claim for "good government," and there are others, too. Sooner or later they will be uncovered.

Let the People Elect.

From the Tillamook Herald. If any candidate for the legislature refuses to sign Statement No. 1 he admits in advance that he does not consider himself bound by the instructions of the voters, and that would you think of hiring a man, if when he applied for the job he would refuse to agree to do what you ordered in any particular matter? Would you employ him? Have you not as good a right to bind your representative to vote for Statement No. 1 as you have to bind your hired man to obey your instructions?

Partisanship, Not Patriotism.

From the Toledo Reporter. Shall we go back to bossism and machine politics? The old range riders and herders of Oregon voters are making a strenuous effort to elect the United States senator by the people under our primary law. Their contention is this: If the people choose a Democrat or a Socialist they should be respected but if they choose a Republican, and the people may have the right to choose—if they choose a man satisfactory to the boss.

May Make a Mistake.

From the Dallas Itemizer. If Republican ringmasters think they are going to override the wishes of the people of Oregon in electing a United States senator, they will find themselves mistaken. It is this rule or ruin policy that causes the reform movements to win occasionally.

Vote for No Legislative Candidate Who Fails to Sign This Pledge.

Statement No. 1 of the direct primary law, which ensures to the people the right to elect United States senators, is as follows: "I further state to the people of Oregon, as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference."

Opinions of State Press

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MUST be a matter of congratulation among ourselves that we are retaining in Portland the Pacific Monthly, which from its inception has been a child of Portland. To have had the publication suspended at this time in Portland and accept an offer of fair support in Seattle would have been extremely humiliating to all who value the higher life of our own fair city. It is quite probable that we have not fully appreciated this publication. Outside of Oregon it is much read. In California it is eagerly bought and sent to eastern friends, yet here in its home the subscription list is small and the newsstand sales do not exceed those of eastern magazines, less attractive in appearance and in pictorial excellence, and which have not the close sympathy with the west which has always characterized this magazine.

The camera catches these truths, which pen is unsuccessful in telling, and the Pacific Monthly has done it. The world, that men may know the wonders which are awaiting them. Pictures, too, speak a universal language. The text is so uniformly unlettered and the speaker of an alien language catch the truths told by photography. If the Pacific Monthly did nothing else, its feat of carrying the wonders of the west to the dwellers in the east would be a sufficient reason why the people of the Pacific should be interested in it. This is not all of its message. It speaks for the higher education of the city where it is published. It stands, as the Pacific Monthly has done, for the west to do with something more than mere bread and butter problems. An intelligent man who carefully selects a city for a residence thinks not only of a place where he may have commercial advantages. He wants to find a place where his children may receive a good education, and where he and his wife will find a social life such as they have known in the home of a magazine which is known from ocean to ocean has spoken a good word for our city.

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