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TRYING TO BEAT THE PEOPLE

LAST JUNE, at a popular election in which most of the voters of Oregon participated, a United States senator for the ensuing six years from March 4, 1909, was selected. It was a fair, square, honest choice of the people of Oregon.

The Republican voters in a preceding primary election had selected their candidate; the Democrats selected theirs; and the Socialists and Prohibitionists each had a candidate on the ticket.

But already, five months before the legislature will act on the election, there is devising and plotting, running to and fro, and various sorts of secret and devious scheming, to overturn the people's work, to defeat their will, and to elect a senator some tool of the trusts and enemy of the common people of Oregon.

And in this nefarious, disgraceful work it is rumored and commonly believed that Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee is taking a hand. If this be shown to be true, if he is joining in an effort to overthrow the will and work of the people of this state, it ought, logically, to cost Taft thousands of votes in this state.

They know what they have done, and why, and are in no mood to be brushed aside and trodden under foot by a political machine that is in alliance with the trusts and railroads, whatever party name it may be branded.

We do not think the unscrupulous would-be boss politicians can reconstruct a machine in Oregon that will successfully override the people, but if by any possibility they should succeed in doing so next winter at Salem, there will be a long spell of dreary cold weather in Oregon for the party in whose name this is done.

It will not only result in failure but will accentuate the necessity of further control in the interest of the public. When the great carriers of the country use their powers in this way it is time some protection was given to the men against such tyranny.

Small Change

Good roads will pay. How sad to have to go to work again. Oregon people must help themselves more.

At least Jim Ham Lewis 'swept' Chicago. Hard roads to travel are just what are needed. Country and city should pull together for good roads.

At least Harriman doesn't tear up any Oregon railroads. Whoever is elected president, there will be a big crop of Willie babies this fall.

Of course the monopoly railroads would pay a good deal to beat Chamberlain. Isn't Mr. Inman of Looking Glass going to run for president again this year?

Keep your eye on Republican politicians who are trying to dislodge the people. It is said that a popular piece for summer resort orchestras is "O, Promis' Me."

The great quadrilateral game of fooling or scaring the workmen has fairly begun. Chairman Hitchcock doubtless indorses the Oregonian's opinion that Oregon people are fools.

Willamette valley farmers should think a little at this season about what irrigation would do for them. Uncle Adlai Stevenson has again demonstrated the fact that he is liked by the Democrats of Illinois.

The late Senator Allison had served nearly six full terms in the senate, besides four, previously, in the house. Why should the farmers and workmen of Oregon want to vote the same way that Rockefeller, Harriman, and their like do?

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Taft and Guaranteed Deposits

From The Commoner
deposits would "bring the whole banking system of the country down to ruin."

What does "guaranteed deposits" mean? It means that the savings of the masses shall be secured so that when men and women deposit their hard-earned money in banks, institutions, they need not worry for fear it will be lost through the recklessness and carelessness of the officials of the government.

It is proposed that the plan "would bring the whole banking system of the country down to ruin." Why seek to confuse the people on a simple proposition? We are supposed to have government supervision of national banks now.

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The Forest Grove News remarks: "The legislature had better look a little into the fact that in other elections are bound to come." Every effort to beat Chamberlain is an effort to beat the people.

Portland wants all the rest of the state to go dry, says the Salem Journal. Portland, or at least a large proportion of the people, want the rest of the state to do as it pleases.

Now the Portland morning paper is so mad at the people, or so devoted to party, that it is opposing improvements of the Columbia river. But it has always really felt that way.

President Roosevelt used to be in favor of woman suffrage, but that was when he was a good deal younger. The "New York Times" says he is to receive a delegation of woman suffragists.

Fairbanks helped pull a waitress out of the water. Taft came near to helping rescue somebody a few days ago, and Sunday Judge Parker helped stop a runaway team, and says a man they were dragging. Moral: If you are going to have an accident, have it when some great man is near by.

Betraying the People

From The Medford Tribune.
Machinery leaders are making a strong effort to induce Statement No. 10, Republicans to repudiate Chamberlain for senator on the ground that in voting for a Democrat they are "betraying the people."

Which is the worst, this so-called "betrayal of the people" or actual betrayal of the people? Is government supposed to represent the political party or the people? Whose will is law, the "party" or the "people"?

Who is the political party? An organization of office-seekers, financed usually by corporations, which expect to spend a great deal of money to elect a few at the expense of the many, and so secure an unequal distribution of the profits of labor.

The political party is merely a means to an end, an evolution of politics to suit the need of the hour. When parties die, as the old whig party did, and new parties, with leaders who grasp the wishes of the people, take their place.

There is nothing sacred about a political party. In a big city the organization of ambitious office-seekers, big business interests wanting special favors, dicekeepers and toughs, in the center, and the voters, in the periphery, is a fact of life.

Back of the boss, the corrupting corporation—what is there sacred about a party? It is a mere tool, a mere instrument, a mere machine, to be used by the people to fulfill their pledges to the people, and wear the mantle of dishonor to please the corporations in the back-sight.

When a political party is faithless to the people from whom it obtains its existence, it is a mere machine, and then that party is doomed. And if the discredited Republican party leaders of Oregon, led by the foolish and unscrupulous editor of the Oregonian, do not cease their counsel of reaction, repudiation and dishonor, their unscrupulous betrayal of the people and the Republican organization in Oregon is doomed, for the people will have none of those who flagrantly betray them.

Looks Like Prosperity. From American Industries. The general aggregate of the crops promises to be greater than ever before. The result of the elections in 1896 and 1900 stands an excellent chance to be repeated in 1908.

While the country's population has increased 24 per cent since 1896, the wheat crop this year is 10 per cent greater than it was then, the wheat crop is 40 per cent larger than it was in that year, and says a man they were dragging. Moral: If you are going to have an accident, have it when some great man is near by.

Running Shots

Written For The Journal by Fred C. Denton.
The dominant party in the Australian state has introduced a bill which provides for the taxing of cities and towns of unimproved land values exclusively if the taxpayers so desire.

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The REALM FEMINE

The Dance of Death.
SOME day our grandchildren will look back upon a certain kind of amusement that is made to pay much money to those who enter to a debating public taste, and will wonder what kind of people those were who tolerated it.

A peculiarly yellow variety of this sort of entertainment was given in this city not long ago when the Venetian production of "The Dance of Death" was given at Multnomah field. A particularly accomplished performer in the crowd, a young man, was seen to walk down the spine of his specter, over a rope stretched at a frightful distance in the air without having the slightest tremor or perceptible wobble.

How to Pack a Trunk.
By making a bottom layer of books, boxes, photographs and such uncompromising articles. Wedge these in very tightly, fitting them together nicely, like a mosaic.

Benjamin R. Tillman's Birthday.
Benjamin Ryan Tillman, United States senator from North Carolina, was born in Edgefield county, that state, August 21, 1847. In 1864 he quit school to join the Confederate army, but was stricken with severe illness which caused the loss of his left eye and kept him an invalid for several years.

Need a Railroad.
From The Burns Times-Herald.
Portland business men frequently refer to the big meat packing plant now being erected in that city and are constantly talking of the great benefits which will be derived from the great benefits such an establishment is to them as it furnishes a market for the live stock product.

This Date in History.
1782—British evacuated Savannah.
1787—First bishop appointed in Nova Scotia.
1794—Poles defeated the Prussians at battle of Wlona.

The effective life and the receptive life are one. No sweep of arm that does some work for God but harvests also some more of the truth of God, and sweeps it into the treasury of life. — Phillips Brooks.

OUR WATERWAYS MUST BE IMPROVED.

JUST why the Oregonian is so desirous of preventing the improvement of the rivers is not apparent. For years the people of the northwest have been struggling against all kinds of obstacles to secure water transportation, and now when success seems assured the Oregonian not only belittles the efforts being made to forward and expedite the undertaking, but is all but openly opposing it.

Apparently the only question involved from the standpoint of the Oregonian is transportation from Portland to the sea. It entirely overlooks the fact that the producer and consumer are vitally interested in the rates of freight they pay. The effect on Portland as a distributive center is apparently of no moment.

Working on the necessities of the men, the alternative is placed before them that if rates are not advanced and state or government regulation not limited, wages must be cut.

The first result appears in the organization of the employes, for the purpose of exerting their influence in such directions as may be found necessary to prevent wage reductions. The men are not to be blamed, but what must be thought of those in charge of the railroads who through such means seek to control elections of legislatures?

The men in the mills and in the forests by the thousands were thrown out of employment by an advance in rates. Another advance would have the same effect. The net price the farmer receives for his products is fixed largely by the freight rate. It is fair to assume he would not view with unmixed satisfaction any advance that would reduce his returns.

The Journal has published many columns of editorials in support and commendation of President Roosevelt. It meant them all, and has nothing to retract. He has been in speech, and in many respects in action a great moral uplifting force in this land, and his good work is established and its fruits are appearing and will appear, in spite of these contradictions, inconsistencies and divergencies.

When the biggest railroad figure of the world comes 2,000 miles of Oregon to spend his vacation, other rich eastern people should "take a tumble."