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headedness. The big men of business seldom desire to be displayed before the public. And whatever Mr. Harriman says of railroad building, the public will get through The Journal.

TAFT AND SCOTT!

THE morning paper, apparently having received a "hunch" from some quarter, remarks: "Should Taft be elected there is much probability that Chamberlain will not be. Should Bryan be elected to the presidency it may not be thought worth the while of Republicans to contend about the senator."

What difference can it make to the members of the legislature who are committed by Statement No. 1 whether Taft is elected or not? Is not their promise just as binding in either event? There is no condition in that pledge about the presidential election. The pledge is absolute, unequivocal, unconditional. Taft's election or defeat should have no more to do with their action than the success or failure of the sultan of Morocco.

But what is the inference to be drawn from such a remark? That if Taft be elected the national administration will bring such potent and irresistible influence to bear on Statement No. 1 Republican members that they will be induced to violate their solemn pledge and turn traitors to the people of Oregon. The Republican national organization will somehow see to it that the will of the people of Oregon is not carried out, but rather the will of the party bosses, who are in the service of the trusts, railroads and other "interests."

This is presumably the program, but we shall not believe that the requisite number of members of the legislature can be bought by the predatory plutocrats until we see from the result that it has been done. If the Oregonian were worthy of any credence in any such matter, as it is not, the plain inference is that the Taft organization will actively endeavor to overturn the result of the election in Oregon last June, defeat the people's choice for senator, and substitute for him some tool of the predatory plutocracy. This being the scheme, what do the Oregon people, the rank and file of Republicans as well as of Democrats, think of it? How do they like it? Are the Wall street and corporation interests, instead of the people of Oregon, to send an Oregon man to the senate? And we are told by the Oregonian that this will result if Taft be elected. Assuming this to be true, why should the people of Oregon vote for Taft, whose success would render them politically powerless and leave them unrepresented in the senate, so far as the new member is concerned?

The balance of the morning paper's paragraph is simply ill diluted with sophistry. It says "every one knows that the vote of June was no indication of the people's choice." It was "merely a juggle." This is very nearly unadorned falsehood, and "everybody knows" it to be so. It was as much of a people's choice as we shall ever get, and was infinitely preferable to the "juggle" by which the interests would if they could secure a senator from Oregon. "No majority or plurality wants Chamberlain," it is said. Then whom does a majority or plurality want? Harvey Scott? Ah! this name explains it all.

REGULATING THE TRUSTS.

WHILE the Republican party press and speakers are and will be disposed to ignore the trust question as much as possible this fall, saying at most: "Don't worry; the Republican party will attend to the trusts all right," it is yet a question upon which millions of voters are doing more or less thinking. And many are wondering what if anything will be done or can be done about the growing trusts.

Mr. Bryan proposes, in brief, that no license be granted to corporations that control less than 25 per cent of a product in any one line of industry; let such corporations alone. Those that control over 25 and under 50 per cent are to be licensed and regulated. Those that control over 50 per cent are to be suppressed as unlawful monopolies. There are objections to this plan, of course; any plan would be objected to as impracticable. But it is at least a suggestion; who proposes anything better?

Mr. Taft would have all corporations doing an interstate business register and submit their accounts to a federal officer, for publication if he deemed this necessary, and all would be subject to prosecution, if they violated the law—though this is so now. The Bryan plan would leave most corporations free from regulation or official notice, because they are not in the nature of trusts or monopolies, while the Taft plan would create another great federal bureau with an army of clerks, and in all probability would accomplish nothing. The Springfield Republican, a very independent newspaper that is inclined to support Taft, makes these suggestions:

"Let interstate corporations controlling more than 25 per cent of the product be required to take out a federal license in order to engage in interstate commerce. Then apply the Roosevelt plan of publicity to such corporations with restrictions upon their capital, and let the Bryan plan of using this license."

Mr. Harriman will come to Portland not as a great railroad magnate—that is, without pomp or display, though of course he cannot throw off his importance—but as a private business man, so far as a public reception is concerned, and he will be exhibiting his usual level-

headedness. The big men of business seldom desire to be displayed before the public. And whatever Mr. Harriman says of railroad building, the public will get through The Journal.

CANDID SENATOR HEYBURN.

SENATOR HEYBURN, addressing the Republican convention of Idaho, argued against the primary law, and against the election of senators by the people. The declaration, "The people will govern," he declared to be "a silly Democratic catchword," but his whole argument shows that he does not believe in government by the people, that he thinks them incapable of and unfit for government.

He would say in reply to this that he believes in representative government, but the trouble is that if we ever had that we have largely lost it. The men who control the actions of congress, and of many legislatures, are not true representatives. They don't represent the people, but in a large proportion of cases represent interests, combines and organizations that are operating against the people, in one way or another, swindling them. This is notorious.

And these mis-representatives get into office by the present organization machinery, through party caucuses and conventions, which Senator Heyburn desires to maintain intact, allowing the masses of people to come no nearer governing, to have no greater part in government than they do under the party machine system.

Senator Heyburn has, as he has shown on former occasions, the merit of candor. When he differed with President Roosevelt he did not go about talking semi-privately, but stood up in the senate and said what he had to say in the face of all the world. So he does in this case. He doesn't believe in primary nominations, or in instructions by the people to their representatives, or in the election of senators by the people, nor in the transfer of political power from the "leaders" and the organization, to the people at all, and says so. But in Idaho he has only the legislature to rely on. Some day the people of Idaho will show that they disagree with Senator Heyburn.

FORAKER AND TAFT.

BEHOLD the sublime triumph of "principles" in Ohio. No two eminent statesmen like Taft and Foraker could be kept apart when both were so full of Republican "principles." Each despises the other yet, all right, but personal sentiments must be subordinated when the "principles" of a grand and glorious old party make their appeal.

Mr. Taft says he stands first and most of all for the Roosevelt policies. Foraker hates and derides those policies. Taft knows that Foraker has always been a devoted servant of the corporations and special interests that Roosevelt has attacked, yet Taft needs votes in Ohio and so will help to send this enemy of Roosevelt and his policies and of the people back to the senate. Foraker regards Taft as a trimmer, a mugsump, a political mollusc, and would rejoice at his defeat, but he is very anxious to continue to serve the corporations in the senate, and in order to do so he must give at least a nominal support to Taft.

There is nothing new or strange in this. It is a frequent occurrence. It shows how patriots will sacrifice personal feelings and ideas and opinions and convictions in order to support and maintain the ever-glorious "principles." And the beauty of it is that a man who is for the Roosevelt policies and one who is against them can at once unite like two affinkies on the "principles."

Mr. Chafin, the Prohibition candidate for president, is no doubt a very sincere man, but the patent fact is that local option laws throughout the country are gradually and even rapidly, doing away with what ever need or excuse for the Prohibition party that there may have been years ago. Since the country is going dry pretty fast, what more do the Prohibitionists ask?

Sallem Statesman: Who are the men who get under the hood of that stolen motor? The thing can be done. It will take only a small sum all around, if all will chip in. No man will be fined on the building of that line, by local capital, and its operation by local people if they will notice filed on all the world when he is in the motor. The lines, if outsiders are slow about building and extending them.

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Small Change

Probably Mrs. Caruso had reason to do so.

Can't the campaign be pried open now in Oregon?

Devotion to "principles" has reconciled Taft and Foraker.

What's the Haystack? The New York G. O. P. machine moans!

Baseball is one business that is not affected by the presidential campaign.

Mr. Taft fishes for bass, but he really expects to catch several million suckers.

Governor Johnson is up against it this time—running against another Scandinvian.

It is enough to disgust the best of temperance reformers when money gets tight.

The governor of New Jersey acts like a man who in an emergency would hold the fort.

Chafin and Higgen are both coming to Portland, but we hear nothing from Tom, Watson.

Oregon would probably survive if there was no prolonged and elaborate "campaign."

What is a Democrat? The man who chaps in a dollar or more to the Bryan campaign fund.

Mr. Williams of Polk county is getting anxious. But the people generally are quite serene.

It is said that Mr. Taft addresses Senator Bourne regularly as "Old Second Elective Term."

Jefferson was a demagogue, says the morning paper. The world owes a good deal to its "demagogues."

Having done so much—produced both prosperity and a panic—the Republican party deserves a vacation.

Voters are nearly as distrustful now of campaign spellbinders as they used to be of lightning rod men.

Who says the government isn't going after the lawbreaking railroads? It has sued one of them for 35 cents.

For an educated man who understands the use of language well, Mr. Geer is curiously misunderstood on numerous occasions.

We're not going to spend a dollar unless we are set against a dollar, says the people to yield to such insolent threats?

If Artist Earle beat his affinity after only a few months' life together, what are the other artists who lived with him for years have suffered?

It is to be hoped that the law will not pick up that runaway ex-city employee's salary to loan shark instead of the deserted wife.

Senator Heyburn is opposed to the election of senators by the people. Possibly the people of Idaho will indicate their opinion by electing a candidate for senator who feels that way.

Oregon Sidelights

Lane county has a large crop of excellent pears.

Young full-grown grouse are now plentiful in the Blue mountains.

The Southern Pacific ticket agent at Salem is named Jonathan Bourne.

One Douglas county man has sold 150 tons of Bartlett pears to a cannery.

Douglas county is destined to be one of the greatest fruit producing regions in the world.

The Lost Cabin mine has been found again for the 1,700th time, this time near Lakeview.

A Eugene young man walking with his girl was held up by a highwayman, but didn't have a cent.

For the second time the people of Medford have voted down a proposed trolley line franchise.

In the past five years the postal receipts in the Medford postoffice have increased from \$5,384.40 to \$19,019.90, an increase of \$7,665.50, or 156.6 per cent.

The oak trees on Dutch flat in Wasco county are heavily laden with acorns. The acorns are in the best of condition as a premonition of a hard winter. The oaks everywhere are full of acorns, but acorns and where somewhat isolated the acorns are eaten by bears.

Astoria Budget: The high boat on the river during the best fishing season was that of Fred Williams and his crew. For years has been within the first four or five. His catch was over 4000 lbs. an amount which has beaten several times and therefore considers that it was a poor season.

Redmond correspondence of Bend Bulletin: We have to report the arrival of two important personages, Miss Smith of Spokane, who will make a somewhat extended visit with her parents of the Hotel Smith, and Count von Hulke, who came into the interior to look after some business.

During the forest fire south of Bend Frank Kelley became lost, and for many days he was in the hands of the timber, tortured with the agonies of thirst and with death staring him in the face. When he was rescued he had a swollen face from thirst that he could swallow only with great difficulty, and his neck was swollen nearly even with his chin. He was in semi-demented condition, and had killed a bear and a cub, and had carried the latter awhile, until he became weak.

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