

SAYS ASSEMBLY USED FRAUD TO ELECT CANDIDATES

Silvestone in Open Letter Exposes Ballot Stuffing Incident of "Representative" Republican Assembly.

Open letter to M. C. George, chairman Republican State Central committee.

Portland, Or., Sept. 12.—I charge, in reply to your advertisement in the Oregonian of September 18, 1910, as Republican state chairman, that the so-called Republican state assembly held on July 21, 1910, did not "come from the Republican voters of Oregon," nor was it intended by its manipulations that it should; that at the so-called meeting of the Republican State Central committee on February 12, 1910, a resolution was shrewdly adopted, giving a select few of the county central committees of every county, the authority without going to the voters at all, of naming all their delegates to this alleged state assembly; that in pursuance of this shrewd resolution, a select few in three quarters of the counties of the state, picked all their delegates to this alleged state assembly without the least notification to the Republican voters;

All Votes Not Included.
I further charge that the above was in direct opposition to the unanimous resolution of your Portland Republican club, of December 7, 1909, to the effect that all Republican voters should be requested and permitted to participate in the selection of your alleged state assembly;

I charge further that not 4 per cent of the Republican voters of the state participated in the selection of delegates to your state assembly which you loudly boasted "came direct from the people."

No one has ever questioned the right of citizens to assemble; but I claim that under our direct primary law, neither party can or should use the party machinery before the primaries for the special benefit of any one or more candidates.

I charge further that the manner of the use of the Republican party machinery by the state central committee for this alleged state assembly, was a fraud upon many honorable men favoring the principle of an assembly, and that its use in any manner is especially destructive of the equal opportunities which the direct primary law guarantees to all candidates competing in the same party for the same office.

The "Honorable" Meeting.
I charge further, as a spectator at your so-called state assembly, and in reply to your published statement of its honorable character, that the following incident, honorable or otherwise, took place there on the night of July 21, 1910.

There were three ballots and an extra for attorney general.

Hough 341; Hammond 242. Total 1078. Second ballot—Hart received 504; Hough 447; Hammond 145. Total 1097. Showing a gain for Hough of 106, while Hart gained only 9, and it apparently looked bad for Hart for the third ballot. I charge that at this time, 11 p. m., Multnomah county did not have 200 of its 354 delegates present; that the honorable Jimmy Kerthen then arose and announced that Multnomah claimed the privilege of casting the votes of its absentees; whereupon W. D. Fenton arose and stated to the chair that Multnomah could not afford to take any such technical advantage. Did Mr. Fenton mean what he said? If he did, his silence thereafter was, to say the least, inconsistent.

Multnomah's Vote.
Now mark what followed. On the third ballot, Multnomah county delayed announcing its result, and waited until all the other counties had loudly shouted their results to the tabulators. Then I saw our honorable United States census enumerator, S. C. Beach, get busy with the tabulators and the Multnomah tellers to the left of the platform and away from the Multnomah delegation. Prominent and active among the tellers was our City Attorney Frank Grant. After a close confabulation between the tellers, Attorney Kollok announced that Multnomah had cast 368 ballots, 14 more than it was entitled to, even if the full delegation had been present. I charge that some honorable Multnomah delegates had stuffed the honorable ballot box. Was there a riot over this honorable conduct? Did W. D. Fenton or the honorable Judge George, or the virtuous and right honorable C. B. Moores rise and protest or apologize?

Destroyed Ballots.
In the recent Connecticut (legal) convention there was a riot over two measurably extra ballots; but here in Oregon, what's 14 honorable stuffed ballots to honorable gentlemen coming direct from the people?

I then saw our honorable City Attorney Grant, immediately upon Kollok's announcement of Multnomah's honorable 368 stuffed ballots, quickly shoot those ballots into a lot of rubbish under the platform, and poor Hough will never know how many he got out of those 368. Then Multnomah took her extra whack, and Hart, apparently the slated candidate, secured the honorable prize, the total ballot being 1235.

After these honorable and strenuous labors in the interests of the people, this noble assembly adjourned to its honorable and well deserved rest for the night; for they came "direct from the people, and don't you forget it."

JULIUS SILVESTONE.
An open, notorious and continuous so-called insurgent Republican.

WRIGHTS MAY BUILD AIRSHIPS AT PASADENA

(United Press Licensed Wire.)
Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 21.—The Wright brothers may transfer their aeronautical experiments to Pasadena this winter. Members of the Pasadena Realty board have answered a query from Roy Knabenshue, a pupil of the Wrights, concerning the construction of an aerodrome here, and if the financial assistance the Pasadena board is willing to offer is satisfactory a deal with the aviators will probably be concluded.

Knabenshue suggested that the board make a formal offer to the Wrights. The suggestion was followed, but the nature of the proposition is withheld. It is believed, however, that the use of a tract of level land and the construction of sheds to house the Wright airships has been proposed.

LOWELL MAKES APPEAL TO UNITE AGAINST SCHEME

Says Convention Represented Only the Interests; Rank and File of Republican Party Want None of It.

Pendleton, Or., Sept. 19, 1910.—To the Editor of The Journal—In the voters' pamphlet just issued the chairman and secretary of the Republican state committee present a labored argument urging acceptance by the people of the candidates nominated by the late assembly, and therein these gentlemen assume surprise that it is proposed to defeat their proteges because of the manner of their presentation.

If, as a private citizen, and from the ranks of the Republican party, I am permitted to reply, it may be suggested to the aforesaid gentlemen that their appearance on the scene as representing the state organization indicates the principal reason why the mass of the Republican electorate oppose the Bowerman ticket. The fact that all the power of the party machine is being operated to aid the assembly nominees in a primary campaign, demonstrates beyond controversy that the assembly was nothing but a veiled attempt to restore in Oregon the abominable convention system, from which most other states are striving to escape.

Another reason for the strength of the anti-assembly sentiment is found in the fact that the so-called assembly was in fact a convention organized and conducted in accordance with the old rules of the political game. It was not only contrary to both the spirit and letter of the direct primary law, but many of its friends have persistently misrepresented both the personnel of its membership and the number of delegates in attendance. The truth is now patent to every thinking person that the men there gathered from most of the counties represented nobody but themselves, the remnants of the old political machines, or factions of the local committees who appointed them; and that instead of there having been present 1247 delegates, as frequently claimed, the entire convocation probably did not exceed 800, while the remainder were straw votes cast by the several delegations for their absent apportionment. It seems to have been a sort of "I am holier than thou" love-feast.

A third argument against the nomination of the assembly political selections is the very potent one that this is a contest of principles, not of men; the people believe, and have a right to believe, that the assembly candidates, because they are voluntarily the beneficiaries of a discredited political system, are representatives of the reactionary element of the party, and therefore out of touch with the forces of progress which propose to restore Republicanism to its true status as representative of the thought and hope of the plain people.

If the ticket nominated by the assembly shall be successful on the 34th of this month, rest assured the message will flash to every hamlet in the land that Oregon has repudiated the direct primary, and turned her face again toward the flesh-pots of Egypt. It will be a message of cheer to the forces of privilege, but of gloom to the men in our sister states who are forcing the eternal fight of manhood against money.

The great mass of the Republican voters of the state have had no part in, or sympathy with, the assembly movement. They believe it to be wrong in principle, dangerous in effect, and a menace to the progressive ideas of government for the triumph of which the political battles of the age are being waged. The portrait of the assembly presents all the lineaments of the discredited convention of the past, with all its subterranean operations, sharp politics, devious methods and dubious coloring. The rank and file of the party want none of it. They have seen the stripes and scars of two political machines impressed upon the court records and legislation of the state, and desire no repetition of the disgrace. Bitter experience has taught them that Governor Hughes spoke truly when he said:

"The convention as a means of choosing candidates has come to be in most cases a mere farce. It cloaks the responsibility of the real nominators. Instead of being a representative assembly it is in the main a mockery of representative institutions. Delegates are chosen, but leaders decide. . . . It is not those who seek to control party machinery for the benefit of themselves and their friends who give wholesomeness to party life and afford assurances to party success. The party life will be vigorous and its representation faithful to the extent that the rank and file of its membership, representing broadly its intelligence and spirit, have opportunity to make their wishes decisive in party action. This is not hostile to leadership that is worthy of the name; that will be encouraged. It is hostile to that apurposive leadership which seeks through the use of public offices to construct a virtual despotism, whether it be to gratify an ambition for power or to fill the pocketbook, or both."

The contest upon next Saturday will be vital and far reaching. It is within the Republican party, and the defeated will be in honor bound to support the victors at the election to follow. Let



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there be no mistake, no misunderstanding as to the issue or the time. It is popular government against political oligarchy, and the battle cannot be deferred until November. The Bowerman ticket, espoused by the state committee, so far as it touches politics, looks toward the Bourbon past. The anti-assembly candidates face a progressive future. It is a time when men who think alike must vote together. The hope of the assembly votes is in divided opposition in the gubernatorial race and in the congressional contest of the Second district, and these, with the First congressional district, are strategic points on the field of battle. In the eyes of the nation success or failure will be measured by the result of the vote upon these three places. Let me make a final appeal, therefore, upon every rule of common sense, and urge Republicans who believe in a direct primary free and untrammelled, to meet the concentrated vote of the state machine with a united front. We have the votes to sweep the state, if we do not divide our strength. The espousal of

the cause of political decency assuredly does not exclude the utilization of political wisdom.
STEPHEN A. LOWELL.
BOWERMAN APPOINTS MANY MORE DELEGATES
(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Sept. 21.—Acting Governor Bowerman yesterday gave out the following list of delegates named by him for the various congresses that meet during the fall and early winter: Delegates to the National Farm Land congress to be held at Chicago, Ill., November 28 to December 3: I. A. Hansen, Gravel Ford; George Belloni, Coquille; Charles Watson, Coquille, and W. D. Roberts, Lampa. Delegates to the Farmers' National Irrigation congress to be held at Lin-

coln, Neb., commencing October 8: Price Robinson, Norway; L. Sturge, Myrtle Point; Fred Mosier, H. L. Stephens and J. H. Radabaugh, Coquille; C. A. Peterson, Riverton; M. Handelman, Lampa; Thomas Devereux, Parkersburg; P. F. Edgy, Bullards; B. L. Hurst, Bend; and F. P. McMullen, Denmark. Delegates to the American Mining congress to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., September 28 to October 1: F. S. Bailey, Frank E. Pearce, Emil Meiser, W. A. King, H. L. Ross, Sydney C. Love and J. E. Romig, Baker City, and N. M. Inhaus, George H. Foster, C. A. Northey and F. R. Mellis, Huntington. Delegates to the Inter-Mountain Good Roads association, to be held at Ogden, Utah, September 28-30: B. C. Shull, Myrtle Point; W. L. Kistner and C. R. Gabeler, Coquille; J. L. Bean, Lampa; A. Sneed, Parkersburg, and B. R. Thrift, Langlois. Delegate to the Dry Farming congress to be held at Spokane, Wash., October 3-5: Walter S. Thayer, Newberg, was appointed. Journal Want Ads bring results.

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The article by C. E. Rusk, the leader of the Mazama expedition to Mount McKinley, under the title of "On the Trail of Dr. Cook," is not only wonderfully interesting, but is accompanied by some of the finest mountain pictures that The Pacific Monthly has ever had the privilege of publishing.

William Maxwell has one of his vivid and lyrical poems. It will be read with interest by every man with red blood in his veins.

The leading article, "Importing a Population," is a critical analysis of the system being employed by the sugar plantations to secure cheap labor in the Hawaiian Islands. If you are interested in the Japanese question, don't fail to read this story.

Commencing with this issue (October) C. E. S. Wood resumes his department, "Impressions." It was Mark Twain, you remember, who said that it was the difference of opinion that made a horse race interesting. The same thing is true of Mr. Wood's "Impressions." Some people will buy the magazine for this one feature alone, and others will violently disagree with Mr. Wood's personal opinions; but, whether you agree or disagree, you will always find them intensely interesting.

Beginning with the November issue The Pacific Monthly will start the serial publication of "The Narrative of a Shanghaihaed Whaleman." It is intensely interesting, at the same time being a plain, straightforward story of the conditions which prevail in the whaling fleet in the Arctic. It may come as a surprise to some to know that over 50 per cent of the crews that go north each year on the whaling boats have been shanghaihaed. Suppose you went down to San Francisco on a business trip to be gone a day or two. Suppose you disappeared from sight and your family could find no trace of you for a year. This is what is constantly happening in San Francisco—but subscribe for The Pacific Monthly and read the story for yourself.

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