

BETTER THAN A MEMORIAL.

The Oregonian suggests that the legislature should not omit, at the approaching session, to address a memorial, in strong terms, to congress, in behalf of The Dalles-Celilo canal.

The legislature of 1891 passed a law authorizing the state to build a portage railroad around the obstructions at The Dalles and Celilo, as well as around the obstructions at the Cascade locks.

It will be remembered that a further appropriation of \$400,000 for a portage around The Dalles-Celilo obstructions was only defeated by a few votes in the house, after it had passed the senate.

Here, then, is a practical way of solving the question of cheaper freight rates for the Inland Empire that we commend to the attention of all who are interested in an open river.

ONE-MAN POWER.

The Portland Oregonian of Feb. 8, 1891, contained the following editorial. It is worthy the perusal and serious thought of every true republican, who desires to prevent his party from degenerating into a mere machine to register the bidding of a boss:

"The proceedings of the legislature fully demonstrate the power of one man—that man is Joe Simon. The republican party is Joe Simon and Joe Simon is the republican party. The time will come that there will be such a revolution among the people of Oregon that the republican party in Oregon will be buried out of sight, if this one-man power continues."

Mr. Scott saw with clear eyes in 1891, but today his mental vision is clouded by his desire to see H. W. Corbett occupy a seat in the United States senate, and for that reason the Oregonian has formed an alliance with the crafty boss, whose character it thoroughly understands and now hesitates to denounce.

The election of Corbett means the complete surrender of the republican party to the dictation of Joseph Simon, and for that reason, and no because he has any honest friendship for the old man, Simon has remained away from the opening of the national congress and is engaged in a desperate and unscrupulous effort to defeat the re-election of his colleague.

Peace in the republican ranks is something Mr. Simon does not wish

unless it is secured by giving him entire control of the party. He aims at nothing less than complete political annihilation of all who oppose him. The constitution gives Oregon two senators and, as this cannot be annulled, Simon intends to see that his colleague shall be a man who, by reason of his locality and great age, will have no influence whatever in opposition to his own.

One senator from Portland, and no more, should be the watchword in Oregon hereafter. If the people of Portland prefer the little boss, well and good; but he should not be permitted to name his own colleague. His influence in the politics of this state has been uniformly bad, and when elected senator he had the hardihood, as president of the state senate, to vote against a memorial to our representative in congress, advocating the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

As chairman of the republican state committee he issued bogus tickets in order to defeat the regular republican nominee for supreme judge; in order to maintain his supremacy in Portland, he (according to the Oregonian) "bought men like sheep;" he, with the other notorious briber, Jonathan Bourne, and H. W. Corbett, conspired to hold up the legislature of 1897, and in the last legislature he secured full pay for the members of the hold-up. This is but a small portion of his infamous record. Today he is working for the man whom two years ago he betrayed in order to elect himself. There is no disputing any of these statements. They are open and notorious facts, known of all men and will not be disputed even by the Oregonian. Should such a combination be successful? It is liable to be unless the people impress their will upon the members of the legislature.

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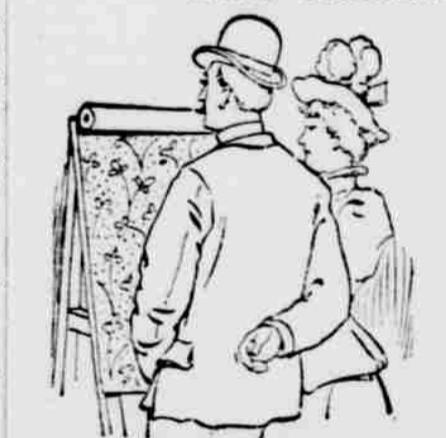
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