

CURRENT POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

The Questions at Issue Before the People of Oregon Today.

JUDGE BENNETT WRITES.

He Gives Mr. Fulton's Attitude Toward Railroad Employees.

The Dalles, May 26. (To the Editor.)—I notice in the Oregonian of today an article headed "Campaign Lie Exploded," in which extracts from a speech of Judge Moreland, of Pendleton, are given, dealing with the charge made that Hon. J. N. Williamson, candidate for congress on the regular republican ticket, was opposed to the employers' liability act in the last legislature.

In the speech referred to Judge Moreland is quoted as having given the history of house bill No. 80 and showing that that bill never came up in the senate but was defeated in the house.

I think the statement of Judge Moreland as to house bill No. 80 is true, but it is, it seems to me, only half the truth, for there was also an employers' liability bill presented to the senate. That is, there was a senate bill as well as a house bill on that subject.

I do not know whether M. Williamson ever voted directly upon the senate bill or not, and I have no personal knowledge as to how he stood upon that question, but I do know that the senate bill in favor of the railroad employes was CHOKED TO DEATH IN THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS, appointed by Senator Fulton, who was president of the senate, and of which railroad committee Senator Brownell, of Clackamas county was chairman.

I also know that the railroad boys who were there representing the measure, tried every means possible to get the bill reported back to the senate by the committee which Senator Fulton had appointed, and I myself, among others, went before the senate committee to try and obtain a favorable report upon the bill, but it was found impossible to obtain any report whatever, and the bill was finally held back and, as I understand it, never reported to the senate.

I also know that Senator Williamson made no protest and no attempt to secure a report by the committee, so that the bill might come up in the senate to be voted on; and it seems to me that if Mr. Williamson and Senator Fulton had really desired the passage of the bill, they were in a position to have very easily secured its report back to the senate, and action of the senate thereon.

I write this not because I wish to make any attack on Mr. Williamson,

but because I do not like to see men dodge and shirk responsibility in relation to important measures of this kind, or try to claim friendship for a measure for which they never attempted to turn a hand, when they were in a position to have effectively done so.

ALFRED S. BENNETT.

Record of the Measure.

House bill No. 80 and senate bill No. 54 were identical, the one a copy of the other, and they were entitled, "A bill for an act regulating railroads and protecting employes."

J. M. Poorman, of Woodburn, introduced it in the house, and Alex. Sweek, of Portland, in the senate. It was supported by the following members of the legislature, who are now candidates upon the citizen's ticket of Multnomah county: John Driscoll, for sheriff. Frank Heitkemper, for representative.

R. D. Inman, for mayor, gave the measure his hearty support in the senate, and has the gratitude of the railroad men who were asking that the bill be enacted into a law. They will no doubt give substantial recognition of their appreciation when the polls open on June 2.

C. W. Nottingham, nominee on the republican ticket for joint representative, opposed the measure.

OFFICE STATE PRINTER.

The Question is Asked, Godfrey or Whitney for State Printer, Which?

Some one, signing himself a "Union man," writes as follows to the La Grande Chronicle:

In the din of battle for the governorship and local county tickets there is one office in the state of Oregon that has not received the attention that its enormous disbursements of finances, merits, the state printing office being the one referred to. First, the office costs the state \$40,000 a year. Second, there are two candidates seeking the office, J. E. Godfrey, democrat, and J. R. Whitney, republican.

Now let us see what the claims of these two men are to the position they seek.

J. E. Godfrey, of Salem, is one of the oldest members of the typographical union in the state; has been foreman of the state printing office, is a practical printer, a union man, believes in living wages and a decent number of hours as a day's work; is thoroughly competent to run the office and handle the large number of men necessary to turning out the work promptly and in a satisfactory manner; is a plain working man, not a politician, and his selection on the democratic ticket is a recognition of the Typographical Union.

J. R. Whitney, the republican candidate, is merely like hundreds of other good citizens of Oregon, the publisher of a small country paper, with no experience in the management of such institutions as that to which he aspires, and experience is something that costs money in a printing office.

Do the people of Oregon want to pay for the acquiring of this experience? Whitney is not a member of the typographical union. In fact two members of the union were turned down to give the position to this country politician, for certain influences in the state convention. Mr. Whitney is entirely unfitted for the position. Last, but by no means least an effort was lately made to form a typographical union at Albany, the home of the republican candidate and his paper was the only one that opposed it.

The state printing office is a union concern from top to bottom. Now we ask, can any member of a union no matter of what organization, vote to put over members of the typographical union a boss who is a rat, a believer in long hours and small pay? This is the situation: One a believer in union, J. E. Godfrey; the other opposed to union, as shown by his actions, J. R. Whitney. Although he may capitulate, owing to election demands and to catch the labor vote, yet his action has already spoken louder than words. In the name of organized labor you are asked to vote and work for J. E. Godfrey, the democratic nominee and upholder of unionism and a member of one of the greatest labor organizations the world has ever seen.

Again, the cost of the state printing office, as stated, is \$40,000 per year. Too much money for the necessities of the office. This is knowledge by Mr. Godfrey, and he makes the proposition to the people to accept the office on a salary. Can there be anything fairer? Again we ask organized labor to stand together and recognize one of their brothers in the ranks.

A UNION MAN.

Former United States Senator Geo. W. McBride, of Oregon, and Mrs. Laura Walter Schwellenberg, of this state, were married in New York last Saturday.

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