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SHALL WE GO BACK?

George C. Brownell has turned "state's evidence" and is disclosing some startling things that occurred in the days when Oregon nominated candidates in conventions and when legislators elected United States senators. Here are a few "incidents" to which he has referred:

A legislator received \$3500 to remain out of Mitchell joint assembly in 1897.

A legislator received \$4000 for changing his vote for senator on last night of legislative session.

A legislator received \$100 and given whiskey every time he voted for certain senatorial candidate.

Five thousand dollars was given to go between for purchase of legislator's vote for United States senator.

Nominee for governor paid \$10,000 to one man and \$15,000 to quiet another faction.

Nominee for state printer was forced to divide profits of his office with two others before the convention would nominate him.

Of course the average man did not know that such corruption existed in the "good old days" before the direct primary was adopted. Now that the rottenness has been disclosed by a man who was a typical leader under the old system who would have Oregon go back into the slough of political corruption?

THE BANKERS.

On Friday and Saturday of this week the state bankers association will hold its annual convention in Pendleton. It will be one of the most notable gatherings ever held in Pendleton. Not in point of numbers of course, but because of the immense influence wielded by the men who will be here. The bankers are the chiefs of the business world.

Plans are now being made to entertain the bankers and to entertain them in a pleasant and appropriate manner. Aside from courtesies that will be shown them in this city the visitors will be taken upon an auto trip to Wenaha springs where they will be treated to a trout luncheon given under the auspices of the entertainment committee and the sportsmen's association. This should appeal to the financiers and at the same time it will show them that eastern Oregon is not the dry and desolate land some outsiders believe it is.

A HIPPO INVASION?

According to reports a scheme is on foot to transplant some hippopotami from the jungles of Africa to the swamps of Louisiana. It is the theory that the hippos would clear the swamps and bayous of much noxious vegetation. At the same time the hippos, or at least the surplus stock, could be used for table purposes. The steak of the hippo is said to be tender, nourishing and palatable. It can be sold for two cents a pound. Whether that price is f. o. b. New Orleans or is an east African quotation is not disclosed. Which ever it may be it is safe to say that the hippo invasion will not lessen the demand for alfalfa fed eastern Oregon beef.

In freedom of discussion there is safety and benefit should result from the discussion of the assembly by such men as Judge Lowell and E. W. McComas. The East Oregonian is glad to serve as a forum where these men may meet and express their respective views. Both men are prominent and are well qualified to speak upon the subject that is under discussion.

Theodore Roosevelt has just reason for being proud of the great reception that was tendered him. American never welcomed a returning citizen as it welcomed the ex-president. And there's a reason.

The petition for the Eastern Oregon normal school has been filed. Now let us get ready to roll up a monster vote in favor of that much needed institution.

All things come to the man who goes after them. This applies with particular force to business men who are seeking to expand and secure new trade.

Do the people of Oregon want to name the officials who will govern this state or shall we leave that matter to the public service corporations?

It is becoming the time of the year when filtered water is the safest.

Look over the list of the world's great failures and see why Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon came each to Had they added religion to their talents and their conquests, what empires of welfare would they not hold in fee. Without it the greatest man is a failure. With it the smallest is a triumph.—Theodore Parker.

REPLY TO MR. M'COMAS.

Pendleton, June 20, 1910.

To the Editor:
I have read with interest the attempted answer of the chairman of the republican central committee to my recent communication, and trust that he will reply to this rejoinder. Discussion will be a good thing. Let us turn the light on the dark places. The people are interested and if the assembly is a good thing publicity will not injure it. I hope, however, that in his future letters the chairman will use his own originality and not present the worn and wabbling arguments with which the Portland Oregonian has regaled us for a year, and that he will not again attempt to drag to his support the honorable name of Governor Hughes, because every intelligent man knows that the New York fight is against a bi-partisan machine so strongly entrenched that a direct primary with an assembly adjunct would be a long step forward. The governor is willing to take half a loaf rather than no loaf at all. Rest assured, however, he would welcome and support the Oregon system if he deemed it possible to attain in a state where lurid, professional politics have held sway for nearly half a century. Let me ask, too, that in future discussions the chairman will be fair with us and publish his so-called minutes. It is understood that they contain some things which will be of interest as throwing light upon the underlying purpose of the recent meeting, and disclosing the fine Italian hand of the man behind the scenes. It avails little to say in claiming a majority of the committee present, "our minutes show there was a majority," when men who were in the room assert that there were but eighteen, and that part of these were proxy holders. There are forty precincts in the county. The chairman's reflections upon me personally are unimportant. I have been called almost every name available to my political opponents, whether reactionary republican or democratic, and am yet in fairly good condition, and able to give, as well as receive, blows awhile longer. Suffice it to say that I stand today exactly where I have always stood, for the people and against the domination of wealth and power, and for that reason I am a Lincoln republican and am opposed to the assembly, which is called because the privileged classes believe that they can control it, as they have always controlled conventions, and they cannot control all the people. It is the last charge of the Black Horse Cavalry in Oregon. I am fully aware that the assembly will be held, can conceive about who will constitute its controlling forces, have a fair idea as to the personnel of its candidates, and now venture the prediction that the people at the September primary will defeat the most of them as a just rebuke to the party reactionaries.

Does the chairman believe that the people are incapable of self-government, and that they cannot select their own candidates without the assistance of a few self-constituted advisors? Does he believe that the elect are born to rule, and that the assembly Bourbons are the elect? If so, of course no answer is possible from me because he is a royalist and accepts the doctrine of the divine right of kings. I suppose that under the assembly system they will be "invited" to become candidates, but that is too childish for serious consideration by anybody except a toy editor. Every sane man knows that men who desire public preferment will seek the same. Under the existing system they go directly to the people, while under the assembly system they will go to the boss and pay the price for the nomination.

Will the chairman tell us where the assembly can improve the direct primary? If he says that it will give us better candidates then I answer that it never did in Oregon. Chamberlain was elected governor under the new system, Penneyer under the old, both democrats in a republican state. Bourne was elected senator under the new system, Simon under the old, and I apprehend that the chairman is not especially proud of the political record of either. Had the men who are now howling loudest for the assembly been loyal to Henry M. Cake at the polls, he, not Chamberlain, would now be senator from Oregon. It is a notorious fact that Cake was beaten by the very people who now seek to destroy the principle of popular nominations in this state. By so doing they thought they could control the election in the legislature, but the people had elected men honorable enough to keep their political pledges and the scheme failed; then the assembly idea began to burgeon, and it found support as does every monopolistic movement, in the brilliant pen of Harvey Scott, hence the situation today.

Does not the chairman know that the old nominating system became so monstrously corrupt that it was a stench in the nostrils of every decent man? Can he not recall when primaries were controlled by cash and conventions dictated by a single man who represented the interests? Is he not aware that delegates to state conventions in those days traveled on free passes furnished either by the railroads or by candidates, voted as they were directed, and were played in the game as pawns in chess? I am sure that he will not deny the fact

THE IMMUTABLE.

The homely truths we knew of old
Still follow us upon life's path;
The simplest warnings that were told
Re-echo in the tempest's wrath;
Defiantly, in some proud hour,
We fling the ancient laws aside,
And then, too late, we learn their power,
That they are not to be denied.

The homely truths we knew of old
Still make or break us through the years;
Strange gods shall offer dross for gold,
But we shall yearn, through bitter tears,
For simple ways and simple creeds,
For simple joys that now we lack,
And, to those lives of simple needs,
The homely truths shall lead us back.
—Denver Republican.

FOR CIVIC REASONS.

The stock excuse of the Oregonian and of other defenders of the assembly plan is that in the past the democrats have been holding assemblies. To begin with the excuse is lame, because the democratic assemblies, if such they may be called, were very different from the one that is soon to be held in Portland. The democrats met to bring out candidates. The republican assembly has been called with a view to eliminating all candidates save those acceptable to the assembly manipulators.

But what if the democrats did hold assemblies and what if those assemblies were antagonistic to the spirit of the direct primary law? Would that excuse republicans in going wrong? Because one man may break a law is that sufficient reason for another to commit a crime?

Most advocates of the assembly are so steeped in partisanship that they imagine all opposition to the assembly scheme is prompted by democratic influences. It is not. As a matter of fact the adoption of the assembly plan by the republicans should aid the democrats of Oregon.

The most earnest opponents of the assembly scheme are republicans who know the baneful effects of a tag rule and do not want to return to it. Judge Lowell is a splendid type of the independent republican who opposes the assembly. So is Judge Henry E. McGinn who denounced the scheme in unmeasured terms when it was first sprung. These men are true leaders in their party. They stand in the open and place principle above office. They do not rely for success upon jobbery and manipulation as do men of the type of Simon and Bowerman.

The East Oregonian is opposing the assembly and this paper owes no allegiance to either political party. It cares nothing for the success of either the republican party or the democratic party because the party alignments at this time are farcical and meaningless. This paper opposes the assembly because it is a reactionary move and if successful will take this state back into the hole of bossism and corruption. If that scheme is carried out it will mean that governors, judges, and legislators will be named, not to serve the public in a fair and disinterested manner, but to do the bidding of the men who named them for office and who will have strings upon them. It will mean that the people will lose their hold on their officials and that governors, judges and legislators will be mere "Punch and Judy" characters who will squeak and strut when the wires are pulled by the men behind the scenes.

The East Oregonian is opposing the assembly not through partisan prejudice but because the scheme is in-

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that those were times when a man could rarely secure a nomination to an important office without first mortgaging his opinion and appointments. Such was the condition from which the direct primary emancipated this state, and it is the condition from which the people of other states are struggling to be free.

Will the chairman inform us what he means by organization? If it is the union of men for common interests, of candidates for common success, and so far as I can see that is the only honest organization possible, what need can there be of an assembly to nominate candidates? If an assembly were to be held as it is in Iowa and Wisconsin, for the purposes of conference, the adoption of platforms and the maintenance of party organization, no one would object. We would all favor it. The trouble with the assembly movement in Oregon is that it is a devious attempt to restore the discredited and abominable nominating system of the past. The fact is that organization, as the chairman uses the word, means the political machine, and I think that he will not seriously try to controvert that fact. Organization is the pet word of Cannon and Hale, as it was with Platt and Quay. It means that the machine will run for the men who oil it. The boss will be at the head, the boss-lets will obey orders, and the products of the grinding will belong to the corporation and to those who demand special privilege. Privilege always seeks greater privilege, and is willing to pay the price. If a voter believes that money is more important than men he belongs at this time in the ranks of the assembly people. If he holds man above the

dollar his place is with the men who are sustaining the direct primary, and who will oppose the assembly and all its purposes. It is the old contest of money against manhood. The chairman may not realize this. Indeed, I think that he is out of place in the crowd with which he is training.

This state was boss-ridden for a quarter of a century, and the resultant stripes and scars adorn our court records, and disgrace the history of our legislatures. I want no revival of it, and regret that the chairman looks with favor on its restoration. I am for the maintenance of the direct nominating system, and against any scheme which tends to weaken or destroy the power and authority of the whole people. All political history teaches that human liberties are safe with the many and in grave danger in the hands of the few.

Respectfully,
STEPHEN A. LOWELL.

NOT AFRAID OF SLIPPING.

Michael Dugan, a journeyman plumber, was sent by his employer to the Hightower mansion to repair a gas leak in the drawing room. When the butler admitted him he said to Dugan:

"You are requested to be careful of the floors. They have just been polished."

"There's no danger iv me slippin' on thim," replied Dugan. "I hav spikes in me shoes!"—Lippincott's.

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