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◆ Are you a trailer or are you a trolley?
◆ Are you tagged to a leader through wisdom and folly?
◆ Are you Somebody Else, or You?
◆ Do you vote by the symbol and swallow it "straight"?
◆ Do you pray by the book, do you pay by the rate?
◆ Do you tie your cravat by the calendar's date?
◆ Do you follow a cue?
◆ Are you a writer, or that which is worded?
◆ Are you a shepherd, or one of the herded?
◆ Which are you—a What or a Who?
◆ It sounds well to call yourself one of the flock.
◆ But a sheep is a sheep, after all.
◆ At the block
◆ You're nothing but mutton, or possibly stock;
◆ Would you flavor a stew?
◆ Are you a being and boss of your soul?
◆ Or are you a mummy to carry a scroll?
◆ Are you Somebody Else, or You?
◆ When you finally pass to the heavenly wicket,
◆ Where Peter the Scrutinious stands on his picket,
◆ Do you think it will do?
◆—Edmund Vance Cook.

THE BLACK FLAG.

At last the plot has been revealed. The assembly machine is secretly flying the black flag and it is out to kill the Eastern Oregon normal—the only state educational institution east of the Cascade mountains and a school located within this county. The proof is indisputable.

Openly the machine has handed out homed words to the people of Weston. To the friends of the normal school they have spoken soft and fair. They have praised the school to get some republicans up there to line up and "vote straight."

In secret they are passing out the daggers and the instructions are to plunge them in to the hilt.
E. W. McComas, temporary head of the republican party in this county, is in unscrupulous business. He is resorting to treachery such as few had dreamed of. This is not politics. It is piracy. It is rule by the knife.

Under the leadership of its chairman the republican organization of this county has been made a black hand brigade.
Who gave this county chairman the right to use his office in this manner? Who gave him the right to say that the republican party of this county stands opposed to having a state normal school within this county? Who gave him the right to fight the public school system of this county and of eastern Oregon? Who gave him the right to job the people of Weston simply because at times in the past the citizens of that town have not voted to suit the assembly bosses and their henchmen?

Are people going to stand for such work as this? If they do then this great county has come to a sad stage. If they stand for this then there is no reward for civic honesty and the ten commandments do not apply in the politics of Umatilla county.
There is little hope for those who are fighting for the material advancement of the county. We cannot build up this county by tearing down its institutions of learning.

The East Oregonian knows the people of this county do not countenance such work as this. This paper knows the republicans of this county do not want to drive a state educational institution out of the county. Then they should repudiate their chairman. They should smash his assembly machine into a thousand pieces.

Smash the assembly machine by voting for the Eastern Oregon normal and not against it. Smash the machine by voting for West over Bowerman and by voting against the three local candidates the assembly-lites are moving heaven and earth to elect. Those men are Burgess, Gill-

iland and Houser. Down those men and down them half.
It is a fight for decency and honor.

DEMAND A CHANGE.

During the past four years Umatilla county has collected in taxes, fees and fines slightly over \$1,500,000. The taxes represent double the amount that was collected for taxes during the four year term of Judge Hartman. Statistics compiled from the county records and which have been published during this campaign show that the increase has been general. It has not been caused by increases in the state tax. The county tax, too, has been doubled.

Practically the only argument made for Judge Gilliland is the claim that during his term the county has paid off an \$85,000 indebtedness. But Mr. Maloney has shown that this indebtedness has been reduced by use of current funds and that when Judge Gilliland finishes his term the county will be as deeply in debt as when he entered office.

It is time for a new deal. It is time for a business administration of county affairs and J. W. Maloney is the man who should be elected county judge. Along with him J. B. Saylor should be chosen commissioner.

A CLEAN FIGHT.

In supporting Senator C. J. Smith for re-election the East Oregonian has made a clean and open fight. This paper has pointed to his splendid record as a legislator. That he has a fine record even his enemies admit when campaigns are not underway. In opposing Mr. Burgess this paper has not resorted to dirty politics. There has been no personal abuse for Mr. Burgess and no mud-slinging at his calling, which is that of a sheepman. This paper has relied upon legitimate attack. Damaging charges have been made against Mr. Burgess it is true. But these charges have been based upon facts and facts that are indisputable. To this day Mr. Burgess has not denied the speech he made the sheepmen at Heppner. He could not deny that speech. Nor can he deny that with respects to statement No. 1 he changed front while under fire.

Do the people of this county approve of clean political fights. Or do they approve rather of the dirty, vicious and wholly unjust methods that have been used against Dr. C. J. Smith. Gentlemen your votes tomorrow will show.

IN THE SAME BOAT.

Bowerman workers have been assailing Oswald West because he advised the last legislature not to pass a particular bill that had to do with the regulation of livestock shipments. But the record shows that Bowerman, who was the president of the state senate, voted against that bill. So did his state chairman, Nottingham. It is hypocrisy for them to assail West upon this point.

Sheriff Taylor was endorsed by both the republican and democratic parties at the primary election. He is opposed by a man who stands as the representative of concentrated hypocrisy. If the people do right they will re-elect Mr. Taylor by a majority of 2000.

"Vote straight" is the assembly plea. Yet the machine openly bolts the republican nominee for sheriff and is secretly knitting the republican candidate for joint senator and the republican candidate for congress. Such a layout!

Home rule does not necessarily mean prohibition. It simply means that cities and towns shall say for themselves whether or not they shall be dry. It is a sound principle and the home rule amendment should be adopted.

Republicans of this county should apply the words of Oliver Cromwell to the managers of the assembly machine—"Give way to honest men."

Vote "No" upon the bill for a constitutional convention.

Vote "Yes" for the branch asylum measure.

A big "No" for all county division bills.

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ELECT A LOCAL MAN.

Workers for J. N. Burgess are making great talk over the fact that their candidate is a relative of Dan Malarkey of Portland, who will probably be in the next state senate. But this is an argument against Mr. Burgess, not for him. Umatilla county wants no senator who will be dominated by a Portland man as Mr. Burgess would be if elected. When Malarkey and Burgess were both members of the house of representatives the latter almost invariably voted as did his Portland relative. Malarkey wrote his bills for him and generally advised him. Why give the senatorship to a Portland man? Multnomah county is already too strong in the political life of this state. Elect a local man in the person of Dr. C. J. Smith.

WE NEED TWO.

Should T. J. Mahoney of Heppner, the assembly anti-statement candidate for joint representative be elected and should the Orchard county bill pass muster tomorrow Umatilla county would then be left with but one member in the house of representatives. This is one of the greatest counties of the state and we need a proper representation. Local people, regardless of politics, should vote for Ben Hill, statement No. 1 candidate for joint representative.

"ABE."

Under which name would we know our "Abe" if he should be elected to congress? Would it be Arthur W. Lafferty, as it was when he registered after coming to Portland three years ago? Or would it be Amidon W. Lafferty, as he was styled in his biography in Bench and Bar shortly afterward? Or would it be W. A. Lafferty, as he was later known in Missouri? Or would it be Abraham W. Lafferty, as he is now known?
When he should rise to address the house, would the speaker say in recognition, "The Honorable Arthur W. Lafferty of Oregon," or "the Honorable Amidon W. Lafferty of Oregon," or "the Honorable Abraham W. Lafferty of Oregon?"
Or would our "Abe" of the many names, by the time he should get to the national capital, have an entirely new sobriquet and be recognized as "the Honorable Arabella Arcthusa Augustus Lafferty of Oregon?"
Come to think of it, what is our "Abe's" name, anyway?—Portland Journal.

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O. F. Steel came up this morning from his home at Nolin.

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