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ELECTIONS FOR 1908.

Registration closes for primaries April 7. Primary elections April 17. Registration reopens April 21. Closes for election May 15. General election June 1. Registration reopens Sept. 20. Closes for election Oct. 20. Presidential election Nov. 3.

CAKE OR FULTON—WHICH?

It will be well for Republicans to study, carefully and well, the peculiar situation now confronting them in the selection of a candidate for United States Senator at the April primary. The candidacy of Gov. Chamberlain, on the Cake platform, adds new complications to the situation. If the three were to race for the June election it would certainly add material strength to Mr. Fulton as both Mr. Cake and Mr. Chamberlain are committed to Statement No. 1, or election of a Senator by direct vote of the people, while Mr. Fulton is on record as opposing it. But, at the April primary either Mr. Fulton or Mr. Cake must step aside. We have studied the situation carefully and draw the following conclusions:

1st. Should Mr. Cake receive the Republican nomination it will place Mr. Chamberlain "between the devil and the deep sea," without a platform to stand on, he having voluntarily assumed a non-partisan, happy-go-lucky gait, going the whole hog on Statement No. 1, and telling his Democratic brethren he recently loved so well that he has become infatuated "with most of the Roosevelt policies"—until after the June election—after which time the probationary state will cease and he again be permitted to exercise his conscience by voting for democratic measures in the Senate, if elected.

2d. That as Mr. Cake has firmly stood for, and manfully defended Statement No. 1 for the past two years, there would be no just cause for Republicans to prefer a new convert from the Democratic ranks on this question to the exclusion of all other questions of vital importance to the state and nation which will come up during the Senatorial term.

3rd. That in the light of past history, with legislative holdups, corrupt use of money to "influence" senators and representatives, men seeking election to the legislature on Senatorial years to see the fun; special trains running, with all other corrupting influences in connection therewith, thus bringing shame and disgrace on the fair name of our state, our people will never again return to the old system of election by the legislature.

4th. That a very large majority of the newspapers of the state are first, last and all the time in favor of the people electing a Senator.

5th. That nearly every Grange in the state has declared, by resolution, that they will not support candidates for the legislature who are opposed to election by the people.

6th. That it is a Republican measure, passed by a Republican legislature, and that both Senator Johnson and Representative Carter voted for it, hence to vote against it as Republicans would, to say the least, be casting reflections on their legislative ability, which would certainly be very humiliating to them.

7th. Nearly every candidate that has announced for the legislature has subscribed to Statement No. 1, at least in modified form and those who failed had to come back and take their medicine.

8th. That for this reason prospective candidates for the legislature in our own county have walked up to the fence and looked

over into the green pastures but were afraid to jump on account of the barbed wire.

9th. With 30,000 Republican majority behind Mr. Cake would it be possible for Mr. Chamberlain to jump sideways into the the United States Senate by using a little soft soap on weak-kneed Republicans? We think not.

10th. Should Mr. Fulton be nominated, the conditions would be ENTIRELY REVERSED, thus placing Fulton on the defensive instead of Chamberlain which would at least greatly reduce the republican majority.

In view of these facts, as we see them, we must say that, to our minds, the safest, surest and best thing for Republicans to do is to vote for Mr. Cake for United States Senator.

OUR OWN FAULT.

It should go without saying that most of the ills from which we suffer and of which we complain are those for which we ourselves are chiefly responsible. We are ignorant, careless, indifferent, reckless it may be, and should not be surprised when brought to face the consequences of our own folly.

Whole communities, mainly because of public carelessness and indifference, are made to suffer intolerable conditions and, angered thereby, blindly, passionately strike out at what they believe to be the causes of their troubles.

Anger and passion usually mistake conditions for causes and attack these instead of carefully seeking for causes and removing them. As well might a physician treat the symptoms of disease in his patient instead of diagnosing from these the cause of disease and applying his remedies to this cause.

For long we have seen here in Oregon and elsewhere, a fair carnival of dishonesty, trickery, bribery and corruption in our legislatures incident to the election of United States Senators. Public legislation has been neglected or made impossible by bitter and protracted strife attending these elections. We see many Senators in the U. S. Senate who care less for the welfare of the government of the United States and of the several states than they do for some powerful corporation whose pliable tools they are.

These are conditions, intolerable conditions, justly exciting our disgust and arousing our anger. We undertake to destroy and to make impossible such hateful conditions. We will change the method of choosing Senators. Very well. But are we not mistaking conditions for causes? Are we not treating symptoms of disease instead of the disease itself?

It might be wiser and better if we should find and remove the cause of these disorders. Until we fit and apply our remedies to the cause we may not escape from the consequent conditions.

For eighty or more years we elected United States Senators in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of the United States. We had no legislative holdups, no neglect of other public business, seldom any suspicion of corruption. Pickney, Randolph, Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Benton, and men as truly pure and patriotic, if less able, filled the Senate. Why? Because the people held representative democracy in just esteem; because they did not neglect their duties as American citizens; because they carefully chose from among themselves men fit to represent them in the legislature. These men in their turn selected fit men for the councils of the nation.

The cause of apparent ills is that we neglect, or carelessly perform our civic duties. The real remedy lies in resuming them. All other remedies are worthless because they cannot reach the cause of the conditions now prevailing. Whatever palliative measures we adopt rest assured this is the only specific remedy.

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IN PROPER RELATION. advertisement: 'Over a question which should be discussed calmly and dispassionately and kept within its own limits, men will lose temper and permit their zeal to lead them into a maze of sophistry and angry discussion amid which the real question is carried out of its proper relation. This is so like the conduct of school boys that we are ready to accept the statement true, that, after all, "men are but boys grown up." Why should men say that they will not vote for nor support a man for any office who does or does not subscribe to a measure which relates only to candidates for the legislature? Why should candidates for county office, or for any office whatever, other than for the legislature, be denied support because they do or do not accept statement No. 1? Mr. Chamberlain to the contrary notwithstanding this is not "the paramount issue." There are issues of greater moment and insistency. It is time republicans ceased strife over this minor question and solidify in support of those principles and policies which are distinctly republican. Mrs. F. L. Miller is to return today from Portland where she has been for two weeks taking treatment for an ailment that had affected her hearing. She is much improved. Mrs. Lizzie Robinson, who has been visiting relatives in Benton county for several months, left Wednesday for Portland, enroute to her home at Huriston, Iowa. She is delighted with the country here and thinks she may return here with her family to reside. Portland and Return, Only \$3.50. The Southern Pacific Company and Corvallis & Eastern Railway are selling round trip tickets to Portland from Corvallis for \$3.50, good going on any train Saturday or Sunday either via Albany or west side and good returning either via Albany or west side, Saturday, Sunday or Monday. R. C. LINVILLE, Agent.'

Summons. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton. In the matter of the application of Rebecca Alexander to register the title to the following described premises: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 26 in the County of Benton, for initial registration of the title to the land above described. Now unless you appear on or before the 2nd day of May, 1908, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same shall be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the applicant, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same. To Jesse Owenby, Alvin Owenby, Martin Owenby, Lucy Owenby, Robert Owenby, Daisy Owenby, Lucy Jane Rowley, L. J. Rowley, and "All whom it may concern," Defendants.

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Summons. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton. In the matter of the application of Pervis Jane Lindeman to register the title to the following described premises: Lots eleven (11) and twelve (12) in Block Numbered Six (6) in Dixon's Addition to the town of Marysville, (Now the City of Corvallis), in Benton County, Oregon, Applicant and Plaintiff.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, March 7, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Goran P. Roelund, of Airrie, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14,752, made Feb. 18, 1903, for the S½, NW¼, NW¼ SW¼ Sec. 21, and NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 20, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton County at Corvallis, Oregon, on April 22, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: J. C. Buelow, of Airrie, Oregon, P. A. Sandelin, of Airrie, Oregon, R. R. Liggett, of Airrie, Oregon, L. A. Liggett, of Airrie, Oregon. ALGERNON S. DRISSEB, Register.

Notice for Publication. United States Land Office. Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1907. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Mrs. Bertie Jorgensen of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement, No. 7603, for the purchase of the Northwest quarter of Section No. 22, in Township No. 10 South, Range No. 5 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before Register and Receiver at Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1908. She names as witnesses: Mrs. Minnie Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. Will Mack of Monmouth, Oregon; Mr. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon; Mrs. J. C. Olson of Corvallis, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of April, 1908. ALGERNON S. DRISSEB, Register.

Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, appointed Administrator of the estate of William Thomas, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to me, duly verified as by law required, for payment within six months from the date of this notice, at the office of the undersigned W. A. Buchanan, in Corvallis, Oregon, or the law office of J. F. Yates, in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, this 3rd day of March, 1908. W. A. BUCHANAN, Administrator of the estate of William Thomas, deceased. 21—last insertion March 31.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of Benton county, Oregon her final account as administratrix of the estate of C. H. Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 24th day of February, 1908, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day has been fixed and appointed by said Court as the time and the County Judge's office in the county court house in Corvallis in said county and state as the place for hearing objections, if any, to said account and the settlement thereof. All persons interested and desiring to object thereto are notified to file their objections thereto in writing with the Clerk of said Court and appear at said time and place. ETTA F. LEE, Administratrix of the Estate of C. H. Lee, deceased.

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