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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

OREGON'S POLITICAL OCTOPUS.

In a recent editorial the Oregonian says that "every republican candidate for the legislature who takes Statement No. 1 pledges himself to vote for George E. Chamberlain for the United States Senate." In face of the fact that Oregon is known to be largely republican, this seems queer logic. Is it possible that republicans have so lost their loyalty to party as to vote by choice for a democratic senator? Not at all. It has been done and will be done only for self-protection. When the political machine of Oregon draws in its tentacles, ceases its nefarious measures, and lends its strength to nominating clean men for office, nomination and election of republican candidates will be assured and not till then.

But some, more honestly inclined than others, may doubt the existence of a republican political machine. If so, just watch the columns of the daily press and there will appear sufficient evidence to convince any and all doubters of its existence. We know of no better way of describing this republican political machine than by comparing it to the octopus. As is well known, the octopus is a sly, cunning, subtle, insidious monster. Hence it is more often called the devil-fish. One of its most useful weapons is its ink-sack, which enables it often to conceal its real purpose until its prey is gathered into its deadly suckers and tentacles and escape is impossible.

For years the Oregon Legislature was within the grasp of the republican political octopus. Its tentacles reached out, and, protected by the good work of its ink-bag (the subsidized press), its suckers fastened themselves onto and stifled everything honorable in the world of politics. Nothing was too good or too large for its capacious maw. Poor men went to the legislature and came away rich. Votes and men's honor were bought and sold like cattle. Every phase of political and social life was blighted and prostituted by it.

At length, through the efficient work of the Direct Primary Law, and especially Statement No. 1, one or two of its tentacles and numerous deadly suckers were cut off. True to its name the devil-fish dies hard. So also does the machine. It realizes that it is now or never. Hence the political octopus of Oregon is more fully alive today than it has been for years. Every indication points to this. In fact, a slate is already made up, a plan of campaign is outlined, and, unless the people of Oregon awake to their danger, honesty in politics will be known no longer and the producer, the breadwinner, the very foundation of our government, will have lost, and "the interests" will have won the biggest victory in their history.

THE SCHEME,

outlined by the machine and discovered by one of Portland's most prominent citizens, is to down Senator C. W. Fulton. This it is sure to accomplish. While doing this the plan of the octopus is to so darken and befog the issue by the use of its "ink-sack" (the money-muzzled press) as to insure the defeat of the republican candidate for senator who has the temerity to stand pledged to Statement No. 1, thereby insuring the election of a democratic senatorial candidate at the June election.

A majority of republican legislators will be pledged to disregard the will of the people and enough money poured into the coffers of the machine to insure the downfall of Chamberlain and insure the election of the man "the interests" can handle the easiest.

Will the Oregon voter permit it? Not if he knows it.

GEER IN FAVOR OF MACHINE METHODS.

HON. T. T. Geer is what might be called as a good mixer, and, as far as public officials go, managed to keep a pretty clean record while in office. Statement No. 1 has of course no terrors for him. He is only running for congressman. But Geer acknowledges that he has no sympathy with that precious morsel of senatorial safety, Statement No. 1.

More than this, the Pendleton Tribune, one of the largest and most widely read and far-reaching daily and weekly papers of Oregon, is Geer's own property and its policies are dictated by friend Geer. This organ, strange to relate, is one of the few that has the nerve to set the opinion of the legislature of Oregon as a higher authority than its creator, the people, hence is loudly proclaiming the foolishness of Statement No. 1.

These facts being true, it proves Mr. Geer in sympathy with and fighting through his organ for machine methods, which should be sufficient reason for every voter of Oregon to cast a vote in favor of his retirement from public life. It is not the machine but the people just now and the quicker the politicians realize this the better.

CRITICISE LESS, ADVISE MORE

The occupation tax recently passed by the Gresham town council seems to have met with a great deal of adverse criticism. There is much to be said in favor of the tax or license and of course some will have a good deal to say against it. One thing, however, should not be lost sight of. Property interests are better protected from fire and theft, and order more fully maintained where an efficient night watchman is employed to patrol the town.

Knowing that his property is under constant vigil, the average business man will rest more easily. Business concerns looking for locations are more liable to look upon the town with favor if it is properly patrolled. To do this costs money. The just way to raise necessary funds for this purpose seems to be through a city license. This of course can never be accomplished to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Some have suggested that rents collected from business houses should pay at least five per cent of their gross monthly rentals and all lines of business carried on in the town, though not maintaining an office, should pay a license. The Herald would suggest that the tax is necessary, but that the ordinance should be amended so as to classify the different lines of business carried on in the town, enumerating same and not forgetting to add to the list of resident business houses such concerns as laundries, insurance companies, peddlers, solicitors and commission men of every description, whether delivering the goods or not. These people are now taking out hundreds of dollars out of our town annually. Why not make them pay a por-

CONCERNING STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORMAL SCHOOLS.

Brother Hurley of the Oregon Oriano disagrees with The Herald in advocating the abolishment of normal schools west of the Cascades. He says very truthfully, "Every teacher reaches the taxpayer directly with results because they are scattered everywhere and the taxpayers have the benefit of the trained teacher in their local school." He further says that "There is a movement from near Portland to do away with a good part of our state school system that has the backing of some people who have stolen the name 'granger' and expect the average farmer to call it good."

As to the first statement, The Herald endorses the Oriano's doctrine of a well-trained teacher. That is the very reason The Herald advocates fewer but better schools. One normal school, properly equipped and supported, is sufficient for the needs of Eastern Oregon for years to come. The location of the present school (Weston) is pretty near the north line of the state, yet, considering the population, is central enough to answer every practical purpose and should be well supported.

As long as we have a state university as central to western and southern Oregon as the Weston normal is to eastern Oregon, that is capable of giving a teacher a better education and training than can possibly be had at a lower grade school, where is the philosophy of continuing these normal schools at the expense of the university? Why not take the money asked for the three normal schools of the valley and use it in giving us a better equipped state university? Concentration is the ideal to-

ABOUT STATEMENT NO. 1.

Should a United States senator be elected by a direct vote of the people or should he be elected by the legislature? The Post believes that the only way by which the people will ever own the United States senate is to elect these senators by the direct vote of the people.

The Direct Primary law was passed by the people of the state of Oregon; it does away with party conventions and allows the individual electors to nominate the party candidates; this law provides that the individual electors of all parties that at the last preceding election cast 25 per cent of the total vote, shall nominate the candidates for these parties for United States senator in congress. This allows the individual voter living out in the country to have just as big a vote for United States senator as the hired lobbyist at the legislature. It is a good law and its provisions ought to be enforced by the individual electors of the State of Oregon, this year requiring each candidate for representative to sign Statement No. 1.

What is this Statement No. 1 that the Oregonian claims is all humbug? Its fairness will be better seen by a careful reading of it. Here it is; it is the promise to the people that a candidate for the legislature is asked to sign:

STATEMENT NO. 1.
I further state to the people of the state of Oregon, as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress, who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference.

Candidate for the legislature.
Now, if a candidate for the legislature doesn't like Statement No. 1, the law allows him to sign No. 2. And here it is:

STATEMENT NO. 2.
During my term of office I shall consider the vote of the people for United States senator in congress as NOTHING MORE THAN A RECOMMENDATION, which I shall be at liberty to wholly disregard if the reason for doing so seems to me to be sufficient.

Candidate for the legislature.
The Post believes that the Statement No. 1 method is the nearest way we will ever get to elect these haughty senators by the direct vote of the people.

What possible objection could a candidate for the legislature have to signing Statement No. 1? Do these candidates that won't sign it think that they know more about who should be United States senator than the people?

If a candidate for representative is not willing to trust the people to elect a United States senator, then why should he expect the people to trust him by electing him as their representative in the legislature?—Jacksonville Post.

A friend living at Everett, Wash., upon receipt of a copy of Beaver State Herald says, "I was gratified with the general appearance of your paper and congratulate you over results achieved under the very shadows of the city press with its severe competition."

PRICELESS TREASURES

The voters of Oregon should learn that the initiative and referendum are measures to be used only on the most important affairs. They should not be used until all other means have failed. They are economic provisions of priceless value. Time and patience are needed.

Time was when it was popular to make fun of prohibition. That day has passed. It has passed for two reasons: First, because prohibitionists are a more dignified and unified body than ever before. Where once the temperance army was accustomed to use more ammunition in shooting at its fellow soldiers than at the whiskey enemy, there is now co-operative fighting against the common foe. Naturally, the fight is going on more successfully.—Rouge River Courier.

Irving S. Bath has sold the Bandon Recorder to The Record Publishing company, comprised of a number of business men of that city, who have elected G. T. Treadgold manager and editor. Mr. Bath owned The Recorder but a year, but because of his efforts in that short time, "Bandon by the Sea" is a much better known city today than it was a year ago. The good work commenced by Mr. Bath will be enlarged upon by the new management.

The directors of the Portland Labor Press made a wise choice in the selection of R. A. Harris as editor of their official organ. Mr. Harris was formerly editor of the Mount Scott News.

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EAST BOUND		STATIONS		WEST BOUND	
7:20	7:30	Portland	Ar.	8:45	8:55
7:30	7:40	Golf Links	Ar.	9:05	9:15
7:40	7:50	Linnemann	Ar.	9:25	9:35
7:50	8:00	Brainer	Ar.	9:45	9:55
8:00	8:10	Keary	Ar.	10:05	10:15
8:10	8:20	Troutdale	Ar.	10:25	10:35
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8:30	8:40	Keary	Ar.	11:05	11:15
8:40	8:50	Brainer	Ar.	11:25	11:35
8:50	9:00	Linnemann	Ar.	11:45	11:55
9:00	9:10	Golf Links	Ar.	12:05	12:15
9:10	9:20	Portland	Ar.	12:25	12:35

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Troutdale Branch Between Linnemann and Troutdale

EASTBOUND		STATIONS		WESTBOUND	
8:05	8:15	Linnemann	Ar.	8:45	8:55
8:15	8:25	Brainer	Ar.	9:05	9:15
8:25	8:35	Curtis	Ar.	9:25	9:35
8:35	8:45	Davis	Ar.	9:45	9:55
8:45	8:55	Keary	Ar.	10:05	10:15
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