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LONGER PRESIDENTIAL TERMS

The presidential campaign has aroused, all over the country, interest in the proposition of making the presidential terms longer and restricting the chief executive to but one term. As suggested by President Taft, the most popular plan appears to be to extend the term to six years with but one term in office for each official.

There is much to commend the adoption of such an amendment to the constitution, and but little to be said in opposition. The quadriennial national struggle for succession in the presidential chair, is disconcerting. It always has a tendency to retard business, and causes a certain feeling of unrest and instability to pervade the country. Every four years the nation is plunged into the turmoil of a political fight that absorbs and overshadows everything else. Much money is expended in these struggles, and the country is at a fever heat until the decision of the people is announced. To be sure the success of any party at the polls rarely affects the volume of business in the country, especially in the later years, but so long as there appears to be a question of the acceptance or rejection of policies advocated by the different parties, that fact is bound to influence business to a certain extent.

It has always been the custom to reward a president who has served one term with a re-nomination, thus permitting him to serve eight years. This has been so closely adhered to in the past that it has come to be a well understood proceeding, yet, notwithstanding, the country is regularly forced to go through the strenuousness and turmoil of a presidential campaign. The advantage of electing a president for six years without hope or expectancy of re-election, can easily be understood. Six years is sufficient time in which any official may demonstrate his fitness for the office, and in which to carry out the pledges of his party. It would also do away with the charge now so often made, and generally true, that a chief executive governs his official acts with a view to succeeding himself, rather than in following the dictates of his own conscience. Under the new plan each president would feel free to go ahead and administer the duties of the office according to his beliefs, and in line with the reforms advocated by the party who placed him in office. He would know that no further reward awaited him at the end of his term, and that no official net of his could be used to defeat him for re-election, for the very good reason that there would be no re-election. It may be argued that this freedom of action might result in abuse of the office but the very fact that such an opportunity existed would result in the exercise of great care in the selection of candidates, and only men of the highest official integrity in whom the people had the utmost confidence, would be selected for the position.

There is little ground for fairness in giving United States senators a term of six years, and confining representatives in congress to two years. As it is now, a man is no sooner elected to the office of representative than he is compelled to begin a campaign for re-election. Inasmuch as he does not enter upon his official duties until 14 months after his election, unless a special session of congress is called, he hardly becomes familiar with his job until his term is over. If his district is one that believes in "passing the jobs around" the people whom he represents will be practically without representation so long as that idea prevails and the terms are confined to two years.

We have entirely too much politics in this country and too many elections. Business and our peace of mind would prosper and improve by eliminating one half of present conditions in this regard.

"BACK TO THE BOURNE OF OBSCURITY."

Under the above heading the Troy (N. Y.) Northern Budget, of Sunday, April 22, has the following editorial on the defeat of Senator Bourne in the recent Oregon primaries:

"It does not do for a statesman to let the public know that he thinks

himself great beyond compare. There was Beveridge, of Indiana, who, when facing defeat, explained that he was not moved by his own account, but that he wondered if the country could survive his retirement from office.

"Undeterred by the Beveridge example Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, went a week ago before the people of his state as a candidate for re-election, and said to them: 'It is not I, but you that is on trial.' He added that it was inconceivable to his mind that the people of Oregon would substitute a new man for him. 'If I am wrong,' said he, 'then popular government is weak owing to the electorate's present lack of development in being unable to recognize and appreciate good service.'

"The people of Oregon rose up in their might and swatted the egotistic Jonathan. They selected one Selling who is utterly unknown outside of the state. The birth state of the recall has sounded the recall of Jonathan to the Bourne of Obscurity."

Those who oppose the consolidation of the Oregon State university and the Agricultural college, haven't any particular objections to the appointment by Governor West of a commission to investigate and report, but they believe that that commission should not consist of people who favor the consolidation, or those who oppose it, either. The only way in which the matter could be settled in a satisfactory manner, would be to refer it to competent educators from outside the state, who would be entirely impartial in the matter and could render judgment according to the best needs of the state. As the institutions are now operated, both are doing good work, but along different lines. The Corvallis institution especially, is a very strong one, and the fame of its work extends far beyond the boundaries of Oregon. Students are there from all sections of the United States and even from foreign countries. It is a great and growing college and should not be hampered by consolidating with any other institution, if such action will in any manner restrict its work or the good it is doing. The Observer, in company with those who oppose consolidation believe that both institutions should remain as they are for the very good reason that both are working along different lines and that consolidation would inevitably result in injuring one or the other.

Governor West declares that his only object, in cutting off the official heads of a number of unnecessary state office holders at the penitentiary, is to cut expenses and keep the institution within the appropriation in order that there shall be no deficiency claims before the next legislature. This seems a reasonable explanation and strikes The Observer as being a very praiseworthy move. Of course there are those who will endeavor to make politics out of it, as they do every possible move of state officials, but we prefer to take the governor at his word. At any rate, if he shall succeed, and shall run the penitentiary with the funds given it for the two-year term, he will have accomplished what but few other governors have done. He is entitled to credit for that outcome, politics or no politics. It's results the taxpayers want, rather than the expenditure of their funds in useless and extravagant salaries in the payment of political debts.

According to an article in last week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, contributed by Henry Bench Newham, one of the reasons why Roosevelt is opposing Taft is because "nothing of real worth was accomplished by Taft in the suits against the tobacco trust and the Standard Oil." This is refreshing to come from T. R., especially when one recalls that, during all the years of his reign Roosevelt didn't raise his hand to attack the tobacco trust, the Standard Oil, nor any other trust, and that all combinations thrived and multiplied rapidly during that period, in the country's history. Seems we have read something about the harness trust in connection with T. R.'s neglect of duty. As a trust buster Roosevelt's activities were confined mostly to "glittering generalities" and a generous show of teeth and spectacles and a "yaw-yaw" about the "square deal."

Well, its all off with President Taft. Col. Hofer says in his Capital Journal that Roosevelt will be nominated by "overwhelming majorities" and that the result will be "the greatest victory for progressive politics, for governmental righteousness and democratic institutions ever won." The Salem statesman has a staid and well-known reputation as a political prophet and any utterance of his, especially those affecting the nation at large, is sure to carry weight. Otherwise he might resort to the tactics he pursued when the rain refused to fall. This attitude of Col. Hofer (with the accent on the Col.) should be transmitted to President Taft's campaign managers without delay.

Republican politicians in Oregon are after R. E. Williams' job as national committeeman. It is noticeable that all of the aspirants hail from Portland where it is evidently believed that the seat of all things mighty should be located. Which calls to mind the fact that, if Portland had had its way, this man Bourne would still be a reality in Congress, instead of on the road to oblivion. The country districts sav-

ed the reputation of the state on April 19 and the Republican party of Oregon doesn't owe Multnomah county anything.

"Will the leading parties place a woman suffrage plank in their platforms?" asks the McMinnville Telephone Register. They might in some states but in Oregon a declaration of principles isn't necessary. The system has absolved the parties from declaring about anything. You simply go to the polls and vote. Your party, its candidates, and the principles you have favored for years, as represented by that party, are secondary considerations.

A writer in a Salem newspaper signing herself "Flora L. Foreman" is out in a letter defending the I. W. W. She could engage her talents in better business. This organization of disturbers and "neverworks" is entitled to no defense. In fact there is no defense for them, and the communities which nipped their activities in the bud and ran them out of town by the wholesale were doing their constituency a mighty service.

O. B. Nichols, publisher of the Yamhill Record is offering his business for sale. As reason therefor he says that he is "now putting out 16 acres of fruit trees on his 120 acre farm." How in tunket an editor happened to secure title to a 120 acre fruit farm is something that Nichols will have to explain.

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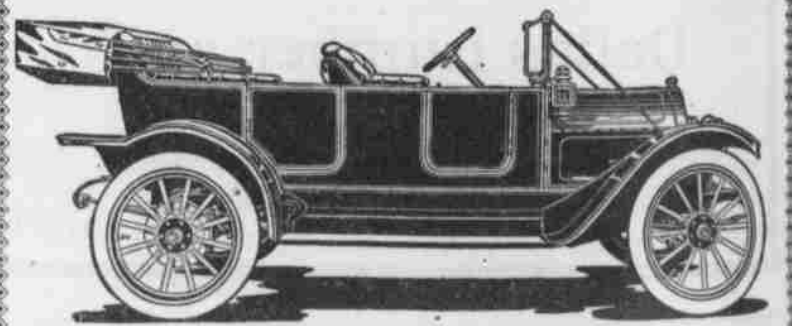
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