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LINN COUNTY FARMERS ARE SARCASTIC

The following resolution was introduced in the Ash Swale Grange of Linn county by Lecturer D. F. Newland: "Resolved, That we are opposed to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and that we favor and recommend the assembly plan, as outlined by the Oregonian." The introduction of the resolution was followed by a number of sarcastically humorous speeches, which provoked a great deal of amusement.

D. F. Newland spoke as follows: "I oppose the election of United States senators by the people, because I know none of my neighbors or people around here are smart enough to vote. United States senators should be selected by wise men who live far away east of the mountains, or in Southern Oregon, or down at Portland. Our people have no time for such nonsense as electing United States senators. We are too busy farming and shopkeeping. Our spare time is all taken up with going to the moving picture shows. We are rapidly progressing backward, therefore we recommend the assembly plan for the good people of Oregon, and especially the Republican party. No—Grangers of Oregon don't want to be modern. We love corruption, rings, and political bosses, and we want the assembly so as to keep these politicians and corruptionists from losing their jobs."

Fred Harrison, the secretary, also spoke in favor of the resolution: "We as farmers are apt to get conceited with the idea that we are helping make our laws. There is nothing so ridiculous as a conceited farmer. Political bosses are used to doing his noble work for the farmer, why not let them still do it. Not many of us are smart enough, anyway, and besides, we haven't time; we would rather work and make the money and then give it to the political bosses for doing the work for us. Oregon is already known and spoken of by other states as the fool of the family. Now, we farmers do not want to give this fair state of ours such a bad reputation, by participating in law-making. The political bosses and corruptionists can take the Oregonian as a guide when they are undecided as to the best course to follow—which is very seldom, as they are always in the right. The people of Oregon can then rest assured that the wheels of progress and the political machinery will run smoothly. We don't want to vote—we want to remove the blight from this fair state of ours—the blight that was caused by the farmer participating in the law-making of Oregon. Why, before we had the initiative and referendum and the direct primary we never had any rafting going on, and everything went smooth; now, since we have taken up with these new measures our people have been guilty of electing a Democratic senator and governor, and they were not nearly so good men as we kept in office before we took up these new-fangled ideas. The Oregonian says that the Democrats have even secured most of the best offices in the state. Now this won't do. We want to see the Republicans in power, no matter what kind of men they put up for office. The political bosses have always done the work for us, so we should not take their job away from them. Let the assembly carry on or we will still be the fool of the family, and our fair state will go to be dogs. Fellow citizens, let us remove this blight, and may we fill the direct primary and never again be haunted by such an apparition."

REPUBLICAN PAPER FOR WEST

The Daily Corvallis Gazette-Times, the leading Republican paper of Benton county, and the only paper of any influence or circulation in the county, is making a consistent fight for the election of West as governor, because it regards Bowerman an unfit man for the place from any standpoint. The Gazette-Times says:

"The Oregonian, Mr. Bowerman and his campaign advisers have undertaken to convince the voters of this state that the republican nominee is making a race, not against West, but against Senator Bourne. This is because Mr. Bourne's name is hissing and a by-word among a lot of people in this state who believe the oft-repeated stories that Mr. Bourne bought his way into the senate of the United States—not with money alone, but with the aid of wine and women. Whether or not there is any real justification for their belief, it is certain that many voters believe Senator Bourne is even worse than he has been painted, and that's bad enough. Knowing this impression exists in many minds, the Oregonian, Mr. Bowerman and his campaign managers seek to take advantage of the situation, this despite the fact that on May 17, 1906, the managing editor of the Oregonian, Edgar Piper, issued a lengthy statement in which he said that he was in closest touch with the situation at Salem during the Bourne election, was in and about the Bourne headquarters, had very opportunity to know what was going on, and found no evidence of the debauchery with which Mr. Bourne was charged."

"But today, absolutely without justification, without cause, without being able to point to a single connecting link between Bourne and West, the Oregonian, Mr. Bowerman and others connect the two names continuously, and thus hope to defeat West by crying Bourne! Bourne! Much of Bowerman's talk here was devoted to a castigation of Bourne and the assertion that Bourne is West's puppet—and much of the Oregonian's pace is devoted to presenting West as a Bourne pimp, a vassal, a man without character, a puppet. It is trading upon the impression the public has of Bourne, an impression founded on oft-repeated statements the Oregonian's managing editor said were true."

"This is politics unspeakably dirty, vile and low. This is character assassination vicious beyond measure and unjustified by any argument that 'all is fair in love and war.' The Oregonian knows, as most men in this county knows, that Os West is

"square"; that he is honest, sincere, upright; his hands are untarnished by any man's unworthy gold and his character unblackened by any betrayal of the people of this state. West has no relations with Bourne, never has had, and no man can honestly say that there has been any public act by West that would indicate any possibility of him ever having anything to do with Mr. Bourne except in a straightforward, legitimate business or official way. The Gazette-Times is open to conviction, and if any man can put his finger on a fact—not a surmise, or a belief, or somebody's say-so, or some mysterious 'I know,'—if any one can put his finger on a definite, reasonably supported fact, even convincing circumstantially that would prove West to be a 'puppet,' the Gazette-Times will give space to that proof and fight Oswald West with more energy than it has used against Mr. Bowerman. But until that fact is forthcoming, the Gazette-Times must necessarily believe that Oswald West is as clean as he has said he is, as clean as his magnificent public record appears to be, as clean and square as those who know him best say he is."

MENACE OF ASSEMBLYISM

The assembly as an issue, is dead, but the menace of the assembly is not, says the Portland Daily News, the independent organ of the plain people in Oregon's leading city. The menace of assemblyism—the ever vigilant eye and active brain of the privilege to evade and defeat the will and interests of the people at large—will never die. The struggles between assembly and anti-assembly is omnipresent. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The assembly was disapproved and defeated by popular vote. Its sponsors and devotees admit this and say the verdict must be accepted.

Soon, very soon, Mr. Bowerman will proclaim, without equivocation, that he will accept that verdict, no matter what his previous attitude.

But the intelligent citizen will remember he has reference to the assembly and not assemblyism. Can the leopard change his spots, or the Ethiopian his skin?

Not in a day, at least.

Mr. Bowerman, the candidate, is the creature of definite environments, certain political tendencies and business interests. These environments, tendencies and interests are known and understood. They were created and developed in the natural but now abnormal competitive struggle—the privileged interests against the common weal.

That struggle is world wide. It takes definite form in every political contest and is locally known by whatever name happens to be applied to the paramount feature of its activities in the local place.

In Oregon this year it was "assembly," hence it is called assemblyism.

In congress it was Cannon and Cannonism. Cannon is beaten and must go. But Cannonism—wait and see.

It is fine diplomacy to admit defeat frankly. Assembly is dead, but what of assemblyism by another name?

Watch for it. Be ready to oppose it. Bowerman is very much alive. The interests he represents, the machine which nominated him, are active. Have their purposes changed?

Not at all.

That mode, the fixed convention or "assembly," by which special privilege, in past years, was able to perpetuate its hold upon our institution of government, is a thing of the past. Exactly as chattel slavery is a thing of the past.

But that thing which called corporation-controlled convention and slavery into existence is here still. It will be with us as long as corporations and individuals have law-created special privileges.

Be ever vigilant. While the people have put an end to corporation controlled conventions, they have not as yet put out of existence the thing that fixes conventions for the perpetuation of their law-made, dollar-producing privileges.

The granges, the working men and the plain people are all opposed to the assembly idea, and are supporting the direct primary candidates. However, "Senator" Abraham, of Douglas county, promises to support the assembly candidates, so that they are not entirely standing alone.

ASSEMBLYITES APPEAL TO DEMOCRATS

The morning Register, which is the assembly organ of Lane county, advertises Senator Bingham every day in its columns as the regular "Democratic" candidate for joint senator. This is done, of course, to influence anti-assembly Republicans from voting for him. At the same time the assembly campaign managers are mailing a circular letter—published elsewhere in today's Guard—to Democratic voters only, advising them that they have no Democratic candidate and should, therefore, vote for Mr. Bean, the assembly nominee.

Now who is right about this, the Register or Mr. Bean's managers? The former says Senator Bingham is a Democrat, and the latter declare he is not. In this evident attempt to catch the voters "coming and going" there is an apparent contradiction—but then, the circular was only intended for private distribution among Democrats.

Possibly the voters of Lane county may see the main point of this without having their attention especially directed to it. But the Register and assembly managers are both wrong, Senator Bingham being in fact the anti-assembly, Statement One candidate, as may be seen by referring to the printed ballots:

It is true that Mr. Bingham was the nominee of the Democratic primaries, and has been accepted by the party as their candidate, but he is also the nominee by petition of some 500 anti-assembly Republicans in the district. Republicans and Democrats alike are pretty generally convinced that the real issue of this campaign is the preservation of the direct primary law, and are willing to bury their party differences for the time being and unite on Senator Bingham as the one man who has stood firm and straight on the issue on all occasions. His opponent, Mr. Bean, has stood just as positively against the primary—as his support and authorship of legislation at the last session shows—and this makes the question to be decided so plain that even the "wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein."

Further than this, the appeal to Democrats to save the assembly candidate from defeat may be taken as an indication that the shadows of impending disaster are shrouding their headquarters. They find the independent voters of their own

party in open revolt and are endeavoring to trick Democrats into voting for the nominee of the state assembly.

The vindictive attacks of the Morning Register upon the only anti-assembly candidates upon the so-called Republican ticket still continue. Messrs. Russell and Hemphill are accused of no wrong-doing except that they consistently refused at all times to enter the county assembly or have anything to do with it. They simply went before the Republican voters in the direct primary and won their nominations fairly and squarely. Since that time they have consistently refused to change their positions on the question, and are simply Republicans who have accepted the primary law in good faith and are willing to abide by the decision of the voters whether or not they shall fill the offices to which they aspire. Of course, the other candidates on the ticket, being assembly nominees, are not especially friendly toward Hemphill and Russell because the latter have a great advantage over them in going before the voters on a consistent platform, and as having stood firmly for a vital principle of government. The attack of the morning paper upon these real Republican candidates will simply make votes for them, and cause hundreds of other Republicans to cast their ballots against the assembly nominees on the ticket.

Now the assembly campaign managers are appealing to the Democrats to elect Bowerman and the rest of their ticket. In this effort they will be unsuccessful—Democrats do not believe in these methods because the very essence of democracy since the time of Jefferson has been government by the people. Every real Democrat has this principle born and bred in him.

It is true that there are assemblyites and machine politicians in the Democratic party. A little coterie of this class met in Portland and selected a candidate for governor for the Democrats of the state, but the rank and file of the party in the primary broke the slate and named Mr. West instead. Naturally these Portland machine men are disgruntled and may vote for Mr. Bowerman, who represents the machine in the Republican party. It is proper that they should do this because there is little or no difference between a Republican assemblyite and a Democratic assemblyite. They are tarred with the same stick and believe in machine rule in politics; it is not party principle but party organization that is their rallying cry. They are after the offices and the spoils of office. But the great mass of Democrats, like the rank and file of the Republican party, believe in popular government, in which all men are equal, and are given an equal voice and vote in the selection of officials, and the adoption of the platforms which are to govern the parties. That is why the appeal of the assemblyites to the Democrats to come to their rescue will fail. They will naturally get a few scattering supporters over the state, but generally the Democrats will join with the anti-assembly Republicans in voting for direct primary, Statement One candidates.

Look out for scandalous, untruthful newspaper stories circulated on the eve of election. The assemblyites are making every desperate effort known to practical politicians to elect their candidates, and will probably violate the corrupt practices act with impunity. This was done in Linn county on the day before the primary election, when a false, misleading circular was distributed attacking Senator Bingham. Now reports are coming from Cottage Grove to the effect that the Nesmith county boomers are determined to defeat Mr. Bingham and elect Mr. Bean that they purpose to spread reports at the eleventh hour which will tend to misrepresent the former before the voters. The Nesmith county leaders plan to keep up the fight, even if beaten at the polls, and are trying to elect a man to the senate who will favor them, instead of Senator Bingham, whose position is so well known.

The morning paper admits that Senator Bingham has a splendid legislative record, but says his usefulness will not be improved if he is returned to the senate as a Democrat. Possibly so, but if he goes down to Salem, as he is almost certain to do, as the representative of the people, Democrats and Republicans alike who are opposed to assembly methods and machine politics, who owe no obligations to any one but the people, we are inclined to believe that new fields of usefulness will be opened up, and that he will not disappoint the voters who sent him there. Senator Bingham, as the morning paper says, was one of the most valuable members of the legislature to the entire state, standing squarely against all attempts of the other members of the Lane county delegation to cripple or destroy the direct primary, and taking an active part on the right side in the most important legislation before the senate. He was always in his seat and never dodged a vote, as some others did, and he is not dodging now in this campaign; he stands for the direct primary and Statement One, and is making a clean-cut fight for endorsement on that issue.

The assembly organs want to know where Oswald West's home is—whether it is in Clatsop or Marion county. This does not seem to be material, but if it really is, the railroad companies of the state can probably tell the assemblyites where they can find him. These corporations have been convinced that for the last few years he has been located at Salem, and has been doing business in the interest of the people in a way that has caused them to sit up and take notice.

ANTI-ASSEMBLY STATEMENT ONE LEGISLATIVE TICKET

For Joint Senator from Linn and Lane Counties—
Isaac H. Bingham, of Eugene.
For State Senator from Lane—
M. M. Peery, of Springfield.
For Representatives—
Charles N. Griswold, of Eugene.
David R. Hill, of Junction.
D. M. Kemp, of Florence.

VOTE FOR TWO

CIRCUIT JUDGES

As to circuit judges in the two judicial districts of Oregon. To the voters:

There are two circuit judges to be elected in this district at the coming election. Under the law one shall reside in Coos county and one shall reside in Douglas county. There are

four candidates now in the field for this office, and but two judges are to be elected. In voting for circuit judge in Coos county vote for either John A. Coke or J. M. Upton; in Douglas county vote for either J. W. Hamilton or Benj. F. Jones. Voters should bear this in mind and vote accordingly.

L. BILYEY,
President of Lane County Bar Association.

LITERARY DIGEST

CRITICISES DR. F. G. G.

SCHMITT, OF EUGENE

The current issue of the Literary Digest reprints quotations from an article recently appearing in the Catholic Fortnightly Review severely scoring the edition of Sudermann's "Heimat," a German play recently translated into English for text book use by Dr. F. G. G. Schmitt, professor of German at the University of Oregon. The Literary Digest further brings out the German instructor in its own paragraph, saying: "Pedagogues whose only thought is enriching the courses of study are called to task by a Catholic writer for plunging the young into the chilling bath of radical thought."

The writer's point is that Sudermann's works should not be studied in our universities, for students are too young to study the burning social questions. The critic says: "Evil consequences would surely result if students who study this play would make it their business to follow the path blazed by Sudermann in unfolding the career of his heroine."

Professor Schmitt in his introduction speaks of Sudermann as a champion of unhampered individualism and liberty. But he makes deliberate statements which would cause a teacher to hesitate to use his work in class rooms unless he or she felt equal to it. It says: "Sudermann's 'Heimat,' will never die as a classic for Christian schools. Our students can easily do without the knowledge of the way in which Magda discovered her 'higher self.'"

Dr. Schmitt in an interview this morning said he would answer the charges in an article to be printed soon, and said: "The man who wrote that article has not made a study of the play 'Heimat'—a moral play and the language is clean."

The article in the Digest was headed, "Too Strong Meat for Babies." It is maintained, however, that herein lies the fallacy of the objection to this criticism in that the University student who is about to leave his or her childhood must now be no longer considered a baby, but young men and women.

GRANGE LEADER
DENOUNCES BOWERMAN

(Beaver State Herald, Edited by State Grange Lecturer.)

One of the most ridiculous changes of front on the part of the politicians, that has ever come to public notice, is the present attitude of J. Bowerman, candidate for governor. Mr. Bowerman has associated himself with the anti-statement anti-primary men for the past two years and over, was one of the promoters of the assembly movement, organized the state convention of assembly delegates in his own interests, and in direct opposition to the intent of the primary law, having "fixed" the delegation hopelessly in his own interest, and now he faces around and declares himself to be a friend of statement one and the direct primary—the moral of all which is that Mr. Bowerman realizes that the methods he has used are not in accord with popular standards. We as republicans may not want a democratic governor, but we will probably support the man who stays on the same side of the vital question till the issue is settled.

VISITING WOOLGROWERS
TO BE ENTERTAINED

Portland, Or., Nov. 2.—Visiting woolgrowers in attendance at the national convention, to be held here on January 4, 5, 6 and 7, will be entertained quite elaborately by the local committee, the state organization of the Commercial club. A fund is now being collected for this purpose. It is expected a total of not less than \$6,000 will be raised.

The woolgrowers' convention will be a very important one and will bring thousands of visitors to the city. Features of the entertainment planned have not yet been announced but they will be of a suitable character, intended to impress strangers within the gates of the hospitable character of Portland's people and to show them the most attractive features of the city and its life.

ANTI-ASSEMBLY, DIRECT
PRIMARY TICKET

Since there is a spurious "direct primary ticket" being published in Lane county, it is in order to give a list of the candidates who really opposed the assembly, or convention system, and who have stood loyally by the direct primary law. These candidates are the only ones with a clean record in this respect, are:

Joint Senator, Lane and Linn—Isaac H. Bingham.
State Senator—M. M. Peery.
Representatives—Charles N. Griswold, David R. Hill, D. M. Kemp.
County Clerk—Creed C. Hammond and Stacey M. Russell.
Sheriff—Harry L. Brown.
County Judge—J. G. Stevens.
County Treasurer—John M. Howe.
County Commissioner—Robert J. Hemphill.

H. A. Cox,
County Surveyor—Ralph B. Hunt.

HARRISBURG NOTES.

Ed Roberts met with a serious accident last Friday morning when one of the heavy electric light poles which he was helping to load onto a wagon slipped and fell across his legs, breaking an ankle. He was removed to the hospital for a couple of days and then taken to the Eugene hospital.

J. L. Norwood expects to erect quite a commodious residence on his five acre tract near town next spring. At present he and his family are residing in a temporary structure that will serve as a wood shed later.

Last Thursday, a girl, the first born, came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Herman, who reside over in Coquille way.

The Misses Pringle of Eugene, were guests of their cousins, the Misses Haskell, the first of the week.—Bulletin.