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CORRUPTION ONLY IS OPPOSED TO STATEMENT 1

Political Debauchery, Bribery, Treason of People and Every
Other Legislative Crime in Fight to Down People's
Right to Name U. S. Senator

Is there any legitimate argument against statement No. 1? Do we want to go back to the old contests in which senators have been elected in the states of the United States, and which brought lasting disgrace and dishonor upon men otherwise standing high in their different states and communities.

It is conceded that the congress of the United States and the States will not make any change in the constitution of the U. S. relative to the method of electing U. S. Senators; the only way that a change can be brought about is under some system as now exists in the state of Oregon. Senator Bourne was elected U. S. Senator in a quiet, peaceable and moral way, reflecting no discredit upon any member of the legislature, but in fact reflecting great credit upon it and on the people of the state of Oregon.

On the other hand under the old machine system, look back to the contest of 1895, a contest which continued 40 days and 40 nights. Money was used, many in intoxicated and drunk around the capitol and hotels, patronage traded off, votes bought, men standing high in the state resorted to all kinds of corruption and immoral activity to bring success to a particular individual who they championed. This in a capital of a great state. What kind of a lesson are such methods and examples, to the hundreds of young men who frequent the legislative halls during the session of the legislature, say nothing of the demoralizing influence on and over the individuals who are direct participants in such methods and proceedings. Look back to the hold-up session of 1897. Recall the strife, the corruption, the broken promises, the bribery, practiced on both sides. Legislation absolutely retarded for 40 days; 1 branch of the legislature failing to organize and appropriations for the support of state institutions were held up, practically chaos and revolution; the Eldridge block with its women and wine and touch of high life thrown in on the side. What fair-minded citizen of Oregon, who has any regard for the good name of his state and its civic virtue, would care to go back to these scenes and to this system. There being no election in 1897, the governor of the state appointed the late H. W. Corbett as U. S. Senator. This gentleman a man who had made a great success in commercial life, and in many other fields, accepted the appointment and went to Washington with credentials from the governor of this state and was undoubtedly humiliated to say nothing about the tremor is strain upon this old man, by being refused his seat by the U. S. senate.

At the extra session of the legislature of 1898 Mr. Corbett was again a candidate when another bitter contest ensued that

resulted in much illfeeling and bitterness throughout the state, which finally ended in Mr. Corbett's withdrawal and the election of Joseph Simon, who, however, made an excellent, honorable and creditable senator.

In 1901 the old machine methods were revived again in the state. Mr. Corbett being a candidate and senator McBride being a candidate for reelection. This contest continued for 40 days, resulting in the greatest corruption and demoralization and ended in the election of Mr. Mitchell at 12 o'clock on the evening of the last day of the session.

It is a matter of common knowledge that some men could have received as high as \$10,000 to \$15,000 apiece for their votes in this contest, say nothing about the trades and corruption in the distribution of the Federal offices and patronage. I personally know of one man on the last evening of the session who was paid \$100 for each vote that he cast and kept under the influence of liquor to demoralize his mind and to destroy his conscience. This man was a representative of the people of this state and took an oath to support the constitution and laws of the state, and yet, under the corrupting influence of the old rotten machine system, and methods of electing U. S. senators, this man lost selfrespect and all regard for his duty and as soon as the roll would be called and he voted, he would leave his seat, walk into the cloak room and get his \$100 in paper money, and an extra drink of whisky and return to continue serving the people of a great state in this manner and way. This is only one instance. There is another instance of where a man's vote on that night, was changed from one candidate to another by a prominent Federal office holder stepping up to him on the floor of the House and guaranteeing him \$3500 in cash and thus got his vote for the other candidate. A common thing to do and which was done at every session was the voting away of the taxpayers' and the people's money in establishing new judicial districts, new normal schools and any other new or old thing that would swell up the senator or representative from that particular district, so that his vote could be obtained and he could go back to his constituents and point to himself with pride and demand a reelection because he had got \$3500 for a normal school in his town. These are only a few instances among a great many that could be recalled if necessary to do so. Under the system of electing U. S. senators by and thru statement No. 1 this is all obviated. These temptations to commit a great crime against civil government and civic virtue cannot possibly take place. Is not this alone, sufficient argument to convince any man who is

not influenced by greed and selfishness that it is his duty to himself and to the state to uphold the system which statement No. 1 stands for and to strike down the old system by letting the people elect the U. S. senator by and thru statement No. 1. Who are the real men behind this movement? Are they not, as a rule, men who have, directly or indirectly profited by the old machine system and who have made this state, on the subject and line of electing U. S. Senators stand corruptly as high as Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Delaware. Look down along the line of names who are active against Statement No. 1, and see if you do not notice that nearly every one of them is what is commonly known and called a machine politician. Take the gang at Portland who want to destroy statement No. 1 and see if they are not all members of the old machine who have got together for no higher purpose than to destroy this remedy of a pure and clean election of U. S. Senators. Go into the county seat of every county of this state, and who are the men who are fighting statement No. 1? Good men, undoubtedly, but they are fellows who do not know what popular government means and who have no sympathy with the idea of the common people being sovereign or being capable of electing U. S. Senators. It is observed that nearly every individual who profits by machine politics and who has profited by them in the

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BUY CLACKAMAS
COUNTY FARMS

In February 1907 the Estacada State Bank purchased lot 8 and the East half of lot 5 in block 134 of Couch's Addition to the city of Portland at \$26,000. Last week the bank sold the east half of lot 5, which is exactly one third the area of the property purchased, for \$13,243 cash.

The Western Banking Company has purchased a No 2 Fay & Eger complete planer and moulder of J. M. Arthur & Co. Portland and is installing it at their Saw Mill near Estacada this week. Mr. Estes, president of the company, says that they are now prepared to furnish manufactured lumber in any shape desired and that they will be in position to furnish employment for a few men constantly in sawing and manufacturing lumber at their mill from this on. E. M. Miller, foreman of the company, has charge of the new planer and the operation of the mill.

"Did you ever stop to reflect that it was one thing to talk about people and another thing to have people talk about you? If those of us who use our tongues a little too freely, about our neighbors, would stop and reflect about this matter and know the great evil that comes from too much gossip and tattling, we are sure we would call a halt and gossip no more forever."

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