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THE ONLY TROUBLE.

The Burns News (Rep.) closes an able editorial on the political situation in Oregon with the following paragraphs:

"Just as sure as the voter is faced with the alternative of surrendering his rights as a citizen under the primary and initiative laws or of going to some other party to protect them, just that sure will a sufficient number take the latter choice and vote against the republican party."

"We reiterate once again the belief that the road to republican success lies in meeting intelligent popular demand and the vote of the state the past few years is clearly indicative of the nature of that demand. The rights of the people to choose all their officers and of the masses of the party to choose their candidates must be recognized. We predict that no leader in Oregon will ever lead the party to victory again on any other platform."

The News touches the very heart of the matter. The only trouble with the republican party in Oregon today is that those who stand as its leaders are not in touch with advanced public opinion. These leaders and a few of the influential republican papers of the state are apparently blind to a forward political movement that is progressing among the people. They have placed themselves in opposition to this movement and, as is always the case when civilization takes a step forward, those who oppose it are crushed and obliterated. Hence it is that the republican party in Oregon, unfortunately led by a few blind leaders, has met defeat during the past few years in the election of some of the leading officers of the state.

There is a popular trend in Oregon toward better government. To obtain this the people are striving to free themselves from political bosses and machine politics. The popular judgment has decided that this can best be obtained by means of the primary law, the initiative and referendum, the recall, Statement No. 1, and undoubtedly other advanced laws still to be enacted. The only reason under the sun why the people demand these laws is because they believe such measures will enable them to secure better lawmakers and better government. They have been enacted one by one, and the primary law, the initiative and referendum, and Statement No. 1 have been tried in operation. The mass of the voters are heartily in favor of them. This was demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt at the last general election when the recall, corrupt practices bill, people's senator choice, and proportional representation were all adopted by very large votes. These measures have come to stay and the people will never give them up except for something better. To be sure, these laws may need amendment and improvement in some particulars, but the underlying principle beneath them is sound, namely, that the people shall have the supreme voice in the making of their laws.

As has been said before, the trouble with certain republican leaders and newspapers is that they have placed themselves in bitter opposition to these measures, and as a result the voters have, to a certain extent, turned against the one-time leaders. The desire of these leaders is to lead the party back to the old convention system, boss rule, and the corrupt results springing therefrom. But the voters of Oregon have advanced beyond that system and will never go back to it.

One of the most foolish stands

these men and papers are taking is their opposition to Statement No. 1, and the election of Governor Chamberlain to the United States senate. They are using all sorts of childish arguments in an attempt to show that the governor is not the real choice of the people. And right there is where they make their serious error and show that they are really not in touch with the mass of voters. Before the general election The Bulletin advocated the election of the republican nominee and did not believe the state would elect a democrat to the United States senate. Since the election we are firmly convinced that Governor Chamberlain is the choice of the people. He is the man they want to represent them in congress. We have carefully felt the pulse of public opinion in this section, and Chamberlain is the choice of a large majority of the voters.

And what is the reason of this? Why does a state that is republican by 30,000 elect a democrat to the United States senate? There is but one reason, and that is that the voters have lost faith in republican leaders in Oregon and prefer Chamberlain, a democrat, to the republican nominees. They believe that Chamberlain will stand for those measures and policies that the people want, and that he will not be a tool of "the interests." And, as The Bulletin said last week, that is the paramount issue today. Not whether a man is a republican or democrat, but rather what sort of a man is he. That is the only manner in which you can adequately explain the election of Chamberlain, a democrat, to the senate by a state strongly republican.

There is promise of a bitter fight at the next legislature to defeat Chamberlain and elect a republican. This fight is being maneuvered by the one-time republican leaders and the old political machine. If they succeed they will be over-riding the will of the people, and that is anarchy. If they should succeed—and we do not believe they will—they will bring down upon the republican party sure and certain defeat at the first opportunity the voters get to express their displeasure at such tactics.

There is only one thing the matter with the republican party in Oregon. Let the leaders stop their insane opposition to what the people want. Let them, on the contrary, join hands with the people and help them to secure the advanced measures the voters are now demanding. If they do it, they will soon see that republican voters will no longer vote for democratic candidates.

WHY GET HYSTERICAL?

Prineville papers got rather excited over the forest fires that were burning in this section last week, and consequently the accounts they printed of the damage done reads more like a fairy tale than anything else. The Journal says that "ordinary business in Bend, Redmond, O'Neil, Burns, Powell Buttes and other places has been temporarily shelved, while every available man has gone forward to meet the extraordinary emergency caused by the fires." We do not know how business was affected elsewhere, but in Bend it was the same as though there were no fire, and not a business man, farmer, or anyone else who had anything to do was affected in the slightest by the fire. He kept right on at his work. "Ordinary business" was just as ordinary as ever except that the demand for supplies for the fire fighters made it a little better than usual.

And the Review had the fire west of Spring river still burning and destroying thousands of feet of tim-

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ber. As a matter of fact, the fire was corralled last week Tuesday and the fighters returned to Bend the same day. J. N. Hunter, an experienced timberman who was on the ground until the fire was put under control, says the damage to the big merchantable timber will be only a small per cent of the total stand of timber.

So what's the use of getting hysterical over the matter, and sending out reports that are misleading. According to these reports an outsider would think this section had been almost denuded of timber. Cheer up, boys, it's not nearly so bad as that

ABOUT BEND'S SCHOOL.

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of us used to be packed every winter on the Atlantic coast. With only an assessed valuation of \$30,000 in 1901, the patrons voted a levy for a nine months school. In 1902 they unanimously authorized the board to erect and furnish a new school house, particularly instructing the board to secure single desks. In 1905, with but one dissenting vote, the district voted bonds for and authorized the erection and furnishing of the present six room building. In February, 1906, with only nine opposing votes out of a total of about sixty, the voters instituted the district high school and at the annual school meeting in 1907 they unanimously authorized the board to erect and furnish a building in the Arnold vicinity. While to a certain extent, for progressiveness, this record speaks for itself, Bend's present school house and high school place the school patrons of the district far in advance of the voters of any other district in Oregon.

The School House.

Located on two acres of land lying on top of a ridge overlooking the Deschutes river on one side and the residence portion of Bend on the other side and by nature of such a formation that will admit of the most fanciful work by the landscape gardener. The building is constructed of No. 1 material, two stories and basement, contains six school rooms each 24x30 feet, six large sized cloak rooms for the pupils, a principal's room, a library room, a school officers' room and a large hall way on both floors. In connection with all the school rooms are teachers' cloak rooms, and book shelves. All the rooms are finished with No. 1 beaded ceiling and No. 1 four-inch flooring in hard oil, and the school rooms have floor and ceiling fine ventilators. The building is furnished with two inch water pipes and hose for fire purposes, the pupils' cloak rooms are furnished with porcelain basins and when finally completed the building will be provided with flush toilets and drained by septic sewer.

The school rooms are well lighted from the rear and left of the desks with large windows from which the rays of light are adjusted with hard maple Venetian blinds. The rooms are furnished with single patent desks and seats, teachers' desks, large permanent blackboards and maps and charts in permanent wall cases.

This building was erected in 1906 and all the rooms and hall way on the first floor finished. During 1907 one school room with connecting rooms and hall way was finished on the second floor. This year still another room is being finished, thereby leaving only the finishing of one more school room with connecting rooms, the sewage and electric systems and the permanent heating apparatus to fully complete the building and furnishings as contemplated.

In his annual report for 1907 Superintendent Dinwiddie says that this building when completed will be by far the most modern school building in Crook county.

The High School.

At a time when the district was already annually taxed for the support of what was supposed to be a legally conducted county high school at our county seat and when there was no law in existence to exempt our district from a tax for the support of a county high school when conducted in accordance with the laws of Oregon, the voters of the district authorized the organization and maintenance of a district high school, in accordance with which a high school was at once instituted in February, 1906, and by the action of the directors in June of this year the same was raised in all respects to the standard required by the laws of Oregon for county high schools.

When considering the fact that in 1900 what was then the Bend precinct (a district 18 by 40 miles) had only a population of 21 people, that the map of the town of Bend was only filed in May, 1904, and that Prineville (our county seat) founded in 1871, and supported by the taxes of the entire county for this purpose since 1902, did not have any high school as stipulated in the statutes of Oregon or as required in other states prior to the school year of 1907-1908, the progressiveness of the Bend school patron is sufficiently apparent to assure the continuance of the advanced state that the Bend school system has attained.

L. D. WIEST.

Cured Hay Fever and Summer Cold
 A. S. Nushaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." C. W. Merrill, Druggist.

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