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BOURNE URGES VOTERS
TO DEFEAT NOMINEES

Nomination of Candidates by "As-
sembly" First Step Toward Old
Convention System.

(By Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr.)
Nomination of candidates for pub-
lic office in so-called "assembly" is
the first step toward the restoration
of the old convention system and
the overthrow of direct legislation,
direct nominations and other pro-
gressive measures adopted by the
people of Oregon.

All voters who believe in the right
of the people to govern themselves
and who oppose return to the cor-
rupt measures so prevalent in the
past should join in defeating every
candidate who seeks or accepts an
assembly endorsement. By such de-
termined action efforts to revive po-
litical machines can be most effec-
tively ended.

The assembly movement did not
have its origin in a general popular
demand. On the contrary the plan
was devised by would-be political
bosses, who thoroughly canvassed
the state, enlisted the aid of former
political leaders wherever assist-
ance could be secured, and by con-
stant agitation and persistent urging
induced a few persons in many pre-
cincts to designate delegates to the
county assemblies.

Not Representatives.

Only by this means could a sem-
blance of popular selection of dele-
gates be maintained, and it is no-
torious that in many instances the
number of voters present was less
than the number of delegates chosen,
thus demonstrating that the assem-
bles thus composed can not be rep-
resentative of public opinion.

Political bosses are attempting to
force Oregon republicans to accept
dictation from an undesired assem-
bly made up of delegates chosen by
a relatively small number of voters.

In other words, a coterie of
would-be political doctors have de-
clared the people of Oregon to be
suffering from ills purely imaginary,
and have employed themselves to
prescribe a remedy. They also as-
sume the right to mix the dose and
expect the people to swallow it
without a grimace. Later they will
expect the people to pay the bill in
the form of legislation for special in-
terests and distribution of political
awards. Unless I mistake the tem-
per and intelligence of the people of
Oregon, the dose will be refused, the
prescription will be declined and
there will be no bill to pay.

Plan Indirect Attack.

Lacking the courage to make a
direct assault upon the progressive
laws which have been enacted in
Oregon, self-constituted leaders
have planned an indirect and covert
attack, by which means they hope to
be successful. Their pretension of
allegiance to the direct primary law
is but the kiss which precedes be-
trayal of their master, the people of
Oregon.

In an attempt to fortify their po-
sition they quote Governor Hughes
of New York as favoring an assem-
bly prior to the direct primary in
that state, but they have not the
honesty to submit to the people of
Oregon under the initiative the
question whether the people desire
the Oregon law amended by restor-
ing the convention system. They
are not willing to trust the intelli-
gence of the people even in this.

The issue presented is not one of
personalities, but of principles.
Doubtless the guiding spirits of the
assembly movement in the hopes of
reinstating themselves in power
have tried to select as candidates
men who are as free as possible
from objection on personal grounds.

To Deceive People.

They thus hope to accomplish a
double purpose, secure the assist-
ance of influential citizens and de-
ceive the people generally as to their
ultimate objects. But the principle
at stake is of vastly more import-
ance than the personal interests of
any individual. The issue involves
the right of the members of a party
to select their candidates without
dictation from a party boss who is
willing to spend time and money
necessary to build up a machine or-
ganization.

It is fruitless for advocates of the
assembly plan to assert that there
is no intention to restore the evils
of former days. Wherever irre-
sponsible political machines exist,
misrepresentation, government ob-
stinance, only by making all public
candidates responsible directly to the
people and to them alone can best
service be secured. An obligation
to a party boss or to manipulators of
conventions is inconsistent with
faithful service to the interests of
the people.

Old Times Know.

Voters who have lived long in
Oregon need not be told of the evils
of the convention system in this

state. Those who have in recent
years made their homes among us
have observed the operations of the
"system" in other states and are
familiar with its results. Return to
that system in Oregon means repeti-
tion of the disgraceful scenes which
were exhibited in elections and in
legislation prior to her popular gov-
ernment demonstration.

In an effort to conceal their self-
ish purpose, the leaders of the as-
sembly movement pretend to be
deeply concerned over alleged dis-
ruption of the republican party. They
assume anxiety for the unifika-
tion of the party. They ignore
what everybody knows to be the
fact—that party disruptions grew
out of the methods of convention
managers and that some of the men
who now plead so earnestly for party
loyalty and harmony have been
responsible for party defeat.

Supremacy of principles is of
more importance than supremacy of
party, and he is an enemy of the
party who leads it into abandon-
ment of the fundamental principles
of popular government.

Loyal observance of the spirit of
the direct primary law and subordi-
nation of selfish interests to the wel-
fare of the state will do more than
anything else to unify and strength-
en the party. The assembly is de-
signed to nullify the primary law.
Success of the movement will be
followed by attack upon the initia-
tive and referendum and other pro-
gressive laws. Because this is but
the first step in the general attack,
and because it is wrong in principle,
I assert that every man who has
accepted an assembly nomination,
either expressly or by acquiescence,
should be defeated either in the pri-
maries or at the general election.

The people of Oregon are again
on trial. Will they be betrayed into
returning to the former days of
legislative and administrative spe-
cial privilege auctions? Are they
stupid and ignorant animals, incap-
able of self-government, or are they
the most intelligent people in the
world, as demonstrated by their po-
pular government laws which they
now enjoy, but which the assembly-
ites evidently wish to deprive them
of? Success or failure of the as-
sembly movement will furnish the
answer.

New Opera House Management.

The announcement is made that
our townsman, Thomas Fuson, takes
the management of the Grants Pass
opera house on the first of Septem-
ber and will open the season with
the Mikado on the second. The com-
pany presenting this popular musical
comedy is one of the best on the
road and it will give Grants Pass
citizens an opportunity to witness
a fine production.

Mr. Fuson had charge of the opera
house in Ashland for six years and
his superior management brought to
the town a large number of first-
class companies. He will do the
same thing for Grants Pass and our
people can rest assured that the
drama will become popular under
his management, for he will give us
some of the very best plays on the
road. Grants Pass will show its ap-
preciation of Mr. Fuson's manage-
ment. This city has had one trouble
with its productions in the opera
house, and that is the plays have not
been thoroughly advertised. Under
the new management we are assured
that this will be remedied, as all
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Taft and request that the American
government increase his pension.
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knowledged him \$125 a month and
he claims that he is unable to sur-
vive his 12 wives in a villa becoming
a monarch on this amount. He is
completely valuable to the United
States because he keeps 4000 an-
imals in subjection.

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Professor Buffum Breeds New Vari-
eties of Grain and
Forage.

Wyoming has the honor of claim-
ing among its citizens one who equals
if he does not excel the renowned
Burbank of California. The latter
gentleman discovered a method of
breeding new varieties of fruits,
flowers and vegetables. The Wyom-
ing man has taken a broader field
and has produced new varieties of
grains much superior to anything
existing before. His first experiment
was with the seed known as Black
Russian emmer, a winter grain re-
sembling barley which is known as
one of the best stock foods grown
in this country and is particularly
adapted to semi-arid conditions. Af-
ter four years experimenting, Prof.
Buffum has produced a grain of
much higher quality and greater
yield than the original. He has
also carried on experiments with
wheat with the same success. He
has succeeded in taking the beard
off this latter grain and has in-
creased the production per acre
three or four fold. His experiments
with alfalfa are equally wonderful
as he has succeeded in evolving a
forage plant that grows nine feet
high and of much greater tonnage.
He is now experimenting with the
clover family and he hopes to breed
a variety which will be in great de-
mand all over the country.

Prof. Buffum has been quietly at
work during the past four years in
making experiments, all of which he
has kept to himself until success has
crowned his efforts. His experiments
with small grain and forage plants
will be of great benefit to the agri-
cultural world in general. The pro-
fessor is still a young man, not yet
having passed the prime of life, con-
sequently much can be expected from
him during the next few years. He
has in the past rendered valuable
service to the agricultural college of
Colorado and the agricultural experi-
ment station connected with the Wy-
oming state university. Four or five
years ago he, with associates, found-
ed an experiment farm in the Big
Horn basin in Wyoming. This farm
was intended to supply seed of su-
perior quality and the experiments
have been successful.

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A Fine Farm on the Applegate.

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his Applegate ranch, seven miles from
this city. This ranch is one of the
finest properties on the Applegate
and it contains 161 acres, 110 acres
of which are under irrigation. Eighty
acres of this farm consists of bot-
tom land and the balance table land,
and the entire tract is on a southwest
slope and is consequently suited to
fruit cultivation. The water for ir-
rigation is supplied from what is
known as the New Hope ditch. The
ranch has on it a fine crop of alfalfa,
corn, potatoes, apples and pears.
The head farmer is George A. Bar-
den, a brother of Mrs. Coe. He has
had large experience in farming, but
this is his first experience in irriga-
tion. He thinks with another year
the work will come easier for him;
but his crop this year is far from a
failure. A visit to this place will
convince anyone that irrigation is of
the utmost importance in this coun-
try.

IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

Don't Mistake the Cause of Your
Troubles. A Grants Pass Citizen
Shows How to Cure Them.

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I Wonder Why.

I wonder why the cooks we like
From us are always on the hike.
I wonder why food soars sky high
When "biz" is dull and money shy.
Why my last summer's suit will do
But wifie must have one that's new.
I wonder why when home I seek
At one, the stairs so loudly creak.
Why skeeters round my mug will
play
When there's a "peach" two steps
away.
Why when an outing I have planned
It always rains to beat the band.
And when advancing stocks I buy
Down, down they go—I wonder
why?
Boston Transcript.

The operator also wonders why
Some gol darned fools refuse to die.

Who Was Right?

Congressman Victor Murdock, of
Kansas, one of the leading insur-
gents of the house, has made a study
of postal affairs for a great many
years. He says that the house postal
savings bank bill was a good meas-
ure. In the senate, insurgents like
Cummins, La Follette, Bristow and
others, said that it was a bad bill,
and they voted against the house
proposition. Naturally the question
arises as to who had the proper idea
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