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Anyone having the least doubt as to the betterment of conditions in this state resulting from the primary law, and statement No. 1. In particular, should carefully read the admissions made by Senator Fulton in his reply to Heney's charges. While the senator handles his side of the argument in a masterly manner, gifted, bright, brilliant as he is, both in capacity of lawyer and statesman, the rank corruptive and coercive methods until recently employed in the selection of Oregon senators, could not be covered up in his reply to Heney's allegations recently made in a speech at Portland. Senator Fulton's splendid composition which was released for publication Sunday, in which is compiled every logical argument and fact at his command in refutation of the famous government prosecutor's charges, bristles with salient references to the rottenness and stench with which the state of Oregon reeked politically under machine rule. If the following excerpt from Fulton's letter will not make converts to Statement No. 1, what in the name of heaven would. Remember that it is from the pen of Oregon's senior senator, written in defense of his honor, character and political aspirations. Read it:

"Now let us see what Smith charges in his affidavit Mitchell and I did. He says: 'Fulton said to me in Mitchell's hearing and presence, "I will give you \$3,000 and pay you \$1,500 of that amount down right now if you will go into the house tomorrow and make a speech that you think there has been enough of this delay and urge that the members take action and vote for Mitchell for United States senator," and to this he says "Mitchell added his assurance."

"So then, he was not, according to his own statement, asked to vote for Mitchell himself, but he was to go into the house—that is, take his oath of office and official seat—and advise against further delay and recommend that the members at once end the "hold up" and elect Mitchell. Well, even if Mitchell did offer to pay Smith and did pay him to qualify and take his seat so as to make a quorum, even to make a speech for him, it would not have been a violation of law.

"I do not defend such a transaction and I never engaged in one. But we all know how bitter were those old factional contests, and we know by common report that men of the highest character, whose honor in other matters was never questioned, went to lengths and did things which they no doubt regretted ever after. In the old Dolph-Mitchell contest of 1895 and in the Mitchell-Corbett fights thereafter, we all know what charges and countercharges were made. In the heat of such a contest, honorable men often go too far. So in the contest of 1897—the most bitter ever waged in Oregon—men were at white heat.

"That money—large sums of money—was paid to members-elect in 1897 to induce them not to qualify and to absent themselves from the preliminary organization Mitchell well knew. Indeed, current reports credited the supplying of the money, and the payment of it as well, to men of high standing in the state. These are unpleasant things to mention, but I am obliged to present the situation. It was not a nice business on either side, and personally I never engaged in it and would not, as all my personal friends know. It was a deplorable condition, but probably inevitable under the system then existing. I am thankful the system no longer exists."

Gov. Folk of Missouri will be a candidate for the United States senatorship, and if the Missouri legislature fails to send him to Washington we may conclude they don't know beans. Folk is a grand good man and if that state is to be represented by a democrat he certainly deserves to be elected, and the state will do itself honor by choosing its best man. He is brainy, cultured, conscientious and patriotic. In his official character as governor he did the state great good. This is a fine time for all parties to put their best men in the important offices.

One of our valued exchanges says truly: "If protection is good for a nation it is good for the town. As town people we should favor our town and community above every other, as the growth and development of it is what will enhance the value of all property, both in and about it. Then buy your dry goods, groceries, hardware, furniture, etc., at home; have your printing, your blacksmithing, your shoemaking done at home; patronize home in every instance that

you can. The success of merchants and mechanics means new business houses and residence improvement and enlargement of additional demands for labor of various kinds. To the farmer a first-class town affords a better market for his grain, a better trading point, and such a town is bound to increase the value of his land. Unquestionably 'in union there is strength.' Let us protect our town, our homes, our surrounding territory."

The spirit of progress throughout Oregon was never more pronounced than at the present time. The commercial organizations of the state seem to be determined to do more effective advertising than ever before. There is a spirit of organization in the air, and the biggest effort centers upon the colonist rate from March 1st to April 30th, and the \$30 from all points in the Middle West to all points in Oregon is emphasized in every advertisement and every appeal.

Congress may be asked to allow women nurses to go on battleships in time of war. It is said the naval surgeons will recommend such a step. It will require heroism of the first quality to fill such places as nurses on battleships, but there are plenty of women with courage and devotion sufficient to perform such duties. It would appear women are indispensable in every vocation, occupation and situation in life.

The Elgin Recorder is after the gamblers of that city, as well as the city officials who are winking at crime, and says: "Until the gambling dive in this city has been raided and cleaned, the Recorder will be heard from regularly and in terms that will not be mild, and in a manner which will not reflect credit upon certain individuals."

It doesn't seem hardly necessary to worry about what the country is to do with its ex-presidents, for there are never many of them with us at the same time. Ex-president Cleveland seems to be doing fairly well and no doubt when President Roosevelt has an ex attached to his title he will be able to get along in the world.

By the way, Mr. Citizen, have you registered since the first of the year? This is Presidential Year, too. Better attend to this duty right away and so be ready to take part in the City election which occurs soon.

Heart failure brought on by an uproarious laugh at a funny story caused the death of a New Yorker. Fortunately the story has not been made public.

People are now talking about having 100-story buildings in the big cities. When such sky-scrapers are in use the country will need air ships, sure enough.

SOME HARRIMAN DEALS.

According to figures published by the New York World, the Harriman clique has pocketed more than \$29,000,000 profit from its shady stock deals with the Union Pacific Railroad. Having this road by the throat, the clique was able to plunder it deliberately and without limit. The only wonder is that the freebooters stopped where they did. The general principle of their deals was to get hold of a large block of stock in some other railroad company at a low price, use this to wreck the road, water it, squeeze it and bedevil it according to the approved methods of high finance, and finally, when it had been drained of its last cent of incidental profit, sell it to the Union Pacific for twice its value.

The advantage of being at the same time a man and a railroad is amply demonstrated by these transactions. The members of the Harriman clique could buy the shares for themselves as men for almost nothing, then turn round and sell to themselves as the Union Pacific Railroad at any price they chose to set, making the Union Pacific investors pay the bills. The total amount of squeezed and exhausted stock which they thus unloaded upon their unhappy constituents was more than \$139,000,000. Naturally, as soon as the financial stringency occurred the water began to drip from these holdings, whose values shrank to something like their actual figure. In the process the stockholders of the Union Pacific lost about \$42,000,000. It may comfort the souls of Oregonians to remember that \$13,000,000 of this loss belonged to them if every one had his dues.

It is well enough to cite one or two examples of these Harriman transactions in order to initiate the laity somewhat more deeply into that sort of "business" which many of our great moralists denounce us for not admiring. Take the purchase of Illinois Central shares. Harriman bought 281,231 of them in the name of the Union Pacific, enough to control the company. Later he discovered that the laws of Illinois forbid a foreign corporation to own a railroad in that state. To evade the difficulty which thus appeared he caused 15,000 shares of Illinois Central stock to vanish from the Union Pacific treasury, leaving not a wreck behind.

What he did with it heaven alone knows. Of course he did not steal it, being a great financier; but if an ordinary citizen should do the same thing, we are apprehensive that he would have to go to jail. No wonder Mr. Harriman did not wish to answer the inquiries the Interstate Commerce Commission put to him concerning this and other shady performances. A Federal judge has ordered him to answer the questions, after a long delay, but of course an appeal has been taken and the cause has still to drag its sinuous length through court before it is settled. Meanwhile Mr. Harriman can pose as an honest citizen and rail at those who would punish his mistakes.—Oregonian.

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