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A chameleon is defined as a lizard that has the power of changing its color. Years ago, when crafty politicians would "turn their coats," flop over, or be on both sides of every question in order to fool the people to get votes, honest men designated them as chameleons. Now, Mr. Burgess, candidate for senator against Dr. Smith, was a member of the Joe Simon-Jay Bowerman assembly, and while there advocated the nomination of J. T. Mahoney for joint representative. Mahoney, when in the legislature of 1909, was so bitter against Statement No. 1, that he voted for the infamous Bean Brooke till making it a crime for any candidate to subscribe to Statement No. 1. Hence, Burgess, deep down in his heart hated Statement No. 1. In August when Burgess filed his declaration and petition with the clerk of the court, announcing himself a candidate for senator, he positively refused to subscribe to Statement No. 1; declared himself an assemblyite. But since the primary election he has "flopped." In Pendleton he is for "Home Rule;" in Milton he is for prohibition. Not so with Dr. Smith. For many years he has had a record of honest political conviction. The people know where to place him. They know he will not change front; that he will not turn his coat to suit the whims of each or any locality, but that he can be relied upon; that he is now and has been for eight years a senator of deeds, of action, of conviction, and Umatilla county is not afraid to trust him.

The "me too" policy followed by some of the members of the Oregon legislative body in the past is to a great extent responsible for the minor position occupied by Eastern Oregon with regard to shaping the policies of the State. Get men in the legislature who will get together and make their strength felt. Get a Joint Senator for the great district of Umatilla, Union and Morrow Counties who has given evidence of his ability to accomplish things, who is given the credit in his own town of having obtained a gravity water system after it had been mixed and played at for twenty years. A complete new sewer system costing approximately \$250,000 as well as hard surface pavement and miles of macadam are other things that the people of La Grande attribute to the "rustle" and "come along with me" methods of M. K. Hall of that town, who is a candidate for election as Joint Senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow Counties. Give a fellow who wants to do things a chance. If he fails, turn him down.

Political enemies and "soreheads" are spreading the false and malicious report that if Till Taylor and Jim Maloney are elected, they will soon resign their respective offices. Voters in Umatilla county who have known these two men for years, know that when they deny such reports they are telling the truth. These two men lived for many years in Athena, where they spent their boyhood and where they made reputations for truth and veracity absolutely above suspicion. They are men of honor, of integrity, and each is particularly well qualified to serve the people in the office he seeks. Not Athena alone, but the whole county knows this, and will refuse to harbor false reports about these two sons of hers, of whom she is justly proud.

IF.

(Rudyard Kipling in American.)
If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance of their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired of waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same,
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;
If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your nerve and heart
And sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

The Forest service plans the seeding of between 5000 and 6000 acres of burned over lands at a cost of approximately \$20,000. About 700 acres, situated at the Bull Run watershed, the source of Portland's water supply, will be reforested in this way. The largest amount of planting will be done in the Mt Hebo district, which was burned over in 1847 and never reforested. On most of this area Eastern hard woods will be planted.

DEFEAT COUNTY DIVISION.

(Albany Herald)

"There are no less than eight applications for the creation of new counties to be voted upon by the people of Oregon at this fall's election. Though there may be one or more of these new county schemes possessing some degree of merit and are prompted by good faith, it would appear that in the main they are not entitled to the favorable consideration of the people at large, and as a matter of expedition and good public policy all of them should be defeated.

"In the first place the Herald believes that the creation of a new county is a matter devolving upon the legislature and should not be submitted to a vote of the people at large, who cannot possibly have any intelligent idea of the demand for such proposed new counties and are, therefore, in no sense competent to vote upon the measures. What does the average voter of the northeastern part of the state know about the practicability or wisdom of the clamor of the southwestern portion of the state for the creation of a new county? Certainly, in the majority of cases, he would not be able to cast an intelligent vote on the proposition.

"The submission to a vote of the people of the whole state of these various county division schemes, therefore, would seem highly impracticable, if not unwise. Moreover, the success of these various division schemes would establish a bad precedent, which might tend to retard the healthy growth and reasonable prosperity of many counties of the state.

"There are doubtless counties in Oregon which should be divided into two separate county divisions, but these, the Herald believes, should be taken care of by the legislature and not voted upon by the people of the state at large, who cannot possibly judge of the merits or wisdom of the proposed division of a remote section of the state, and in which the voters at large can have no reasonable interest.

"Many of the county schemes up for consideration this fall are without question ill-advised and prompted by impure motives, and the Herald suggests a negative vote on all county measures as the most practical remedy for the present county division epidemic.

COUNTY DIVISION.

Under the present laws in the opinion of eminent lawyers, counties can only be divided or boundaries changed by the vote of the people.

All laws should be obeyed. Some laws should be appealed or amended. The law creating new counties is unfair as voters are asked to create new counties where they cannot know the local conditions and might form a new county where four-fifths of the residents of the old county are opposed to it.

What do the voters of Clatsop know of the needs of Grant, Malheur, Crook, Umatilla, Douglas, Lane, Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah. They could vote just as intelligently for the county officers in these counties as for their division or the changing of the boundaries.

There is strong opposition to division in all the counties mentioned and it would seem to be but justice that these localities should settle their own local differences.

You will have the privilege of voting for a bill to leave the function of new counties and municipalities to the districts interested. As between man and man, would not this plan be the more equitable?

The average voter will certainly take this view of it. In all fairness now, will not your conscience and sense of right tell you to vote against all division and vote "Yes X 352," which will relieve you of the task of voting for measures with which you can not be familiar.

STATE PRESS AGAINST IT.

"The Nesmith county boosters, traveling in an automobile, were here this morning. The atmosphere being exceedingly chilly they soon moved on. Our people don't believe in county butchery to further the personal ends of a few schemers."—Roseburg Review.

"If all the voters of Oregon who are opposed to the proposed wholesale formation of new counties vote "No" at the November election, they will all be defeated, but if those opposed merely pass the county propositions without voting on them at all, they will carry by the "Yes" votes cast for them. This is a fact that it would be well to remember on election day."—Eugene Register.

"There are seven new counties proposed, and may be more for us to vote on next November. Don't you think our taxes heavy enough at present without taxing on this unnecessary additional expense? Look into this matter before voting time."—Echo Echoes.

Queer, but the man who doesn't need credit is the one who can most easily get it.—Portland Express.

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