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"JOINDER."

The Oregonian of March 19th 1908, throws some lurid light on a few of the dark places in the Oregon State Senate concerning its operations in connection with the Title Guarantee and Trust Co., the Savings Bank that last fall made the worst failure in the history of the State, which but for the generosity of Wm. S. Ladd would have made thousands of well-to-do persons penniless, depleted the State School fund several thousands of dollars, and reduced many poor widows and orphans to a state of want.

The Oregonian says, "Many of the crooked works of the Ross bank, while offenses against the people and the good-faith rules of legitimate banks, are not punishable as crimes against the peace and dignity of the state; such, for example, as keeping a secret paid lobby at the Legislature to fight "hostile" legislation; presenting to the public as a boost to crooked bank business, false statements of finances; using depositors' funds to carry on private schemes, etc."

This lobby had a secret code of telegraphy in which its friends in the Senate, as a precaution, were nicknamed; Sen. Bowerman as "joinder", was chairman of the committees of Revision of Laws and Judiciary, to which all the banking legislation wanted by the defunct bank was referred; and it is a matter of common record that the Trust company got laws passed or defeated just about as it wanted them. One of the laws in which the said bank was interested was the "Review" bill—a bill introduced with the object of reviewing the suit for the possession of the Marquam Theater property in Portland, which the now defunct bank had managed to "law" the real owner out of. After this bill passed the House, Bank President Ross' lobby "got busy." A cipher message was sent to Ross by Atty. Kollock, one of the bank's lobbyists, stating that the Haines bank bill was "well watched," and that the bill for the control of state deposits was "gaining ground." This scared Ross who added to his lobby and had wired to Kollock, "Provide room for Munly; meet him 7:45 tonight; ask joinder (Senator Bowerman), watch namesake (Review Bill) vigilantly". The next day the bill appeared in the Senate, and, on Bowerman's motion, was referred to his committee on Revision of Laws. This victory for the bank was then telegraphed to Ross, "joinder safe on Review bill; everything running smoothly." Everything was going like clock work, and the goods were being delivered without a hitch. Later Atchinson wired to Ross that the Review bill had been indefinitely postponed, which meant that it was killed for keeps, and the bank was safely out of the Marquam trouble.

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Where They Stand!

With regard to the election of a U. S Senator, Mr. Bowerman in his petition for nomination, does not agree to support the peoples choice, nor the choice of the republican voters either. He wants to choose a Senator to suit himself, not to suit the people, and to throw the election of a U. S. Senator into the legislature, under the old system of deadlocks and grafts innumerable. Wonder why? He wants to be in the future as in the past, a "boss" not a servant of the people, elected to carry out their wishes.

In direct contrast to Senator Bowerman's position in this matter, his opponent, Judge George B. Bonhill, states that he will support the choice of the Republican voters for U. S. Senator. —Foss Journal.

Public utilities in this district seem to consist in the public being utilized by a few private individuals. How long will the public stand this "wool pulling"? At last public sentiment says it's being overdone and that the turning point has been reached!

Because a man does not think as you do is no sign he is a fool. This holds good even in politics.

We notice by "Joinder's" paper the Times, that "Old Jay is still alive" and we are glad of it, but the intolerable stench which arose and is still arising from some of his political deals in the past proclaim that as far as his political ambition is concerned, the knell has been rung.

The Moro Observer, through its columns, tells "Fitz" to give the Globe "fits." Well, it is easily seen that the poor old "O" scribbler doesn't know the condition of affairs—"Fitz hasn't got the say and he's got troubles of his own.

"Bowerman and Pike were over in the Mitchell country smiling on the people" says the Mitchell News. Is that an indication that the voters there have been won over? Certainly not, for the people of Wheeler county are by far too wise and can see what lies behind treacherous smiles — dirty political schemes, selfish ambition, the turning over of the people's rights to bosses and corporations, as in the past few years. Beware of the modern Judas!

Political Information.

Registration for primaries close April 7.
Primary election April 17.
Registration reopens April 21.
Close for election May 15.
General election June 1.

In his announcement in the Spray Courier, Jay Bowerman says, "If I am nominated and elected, I will in the future, AS I HAVE IN THE PAST, perform the duties pertaining to the office, etc." This statement alone should kill any chance he ever had of being re-elected, for the people of this district do not want the kind of legislation they have had in the past.

Several papers in this district, antagonistic to D. R. Parker who is to be the next District Attorney, are publishing all sorts of rotten and base things that they may turn the voters from a man who has a record that is beyond reproach. They are working under the motto of the "boss" and have been imbued with his underhanded methods. Having nothing to prove against Parker that will lose votes for him, they sink down to the lowest level and resort to the meanest of things, and print all sorts of misrepresentations.

The Times has never dared to mention the good things Bowerman has done. It's a regular clam on the subject of his good deeds, while its policy is to throw mud.

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