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Hon. JAY BOWERMAN'S TALK. The Representative of His District First and Foremost. A Strong Position Aply Presented To the Voters for June.

It is your misfortune if you failed to attend and listen to the public speaking in Sherman county this week by republican candidates. We would gladly reproduce the speeches if possible, but must be satisfied with doing the best we can. In his address Senator Bowerman referred to his opponent in this contest as one not the nominee of any party; one who did not come before the people under the provisions of the direct primary law, but secured his nomination under the old method, and the old law. I do not wish, said Mr Bowerman, to be understood as saying anything derogatory of my worthy opponent, for as a man I consider him entirely honorable and upright. However, it is a matter of record that he has professed to belong to every important political party which has been in existence during the past 10 or 15 years and has sought office as a member of the republican party, the democratic party and the populist party, and he has now become a post graduate politically, and is running under the party designation of "Independent Statement 1," whatever that may mean. He stands sponsor for nothing, pledged to nothing and responsible to no one, save and except Statement 1, and should be cast one vote for United States Senator for the man chosen by the people of Oregon, regardless of the wishes of the people he would like to represent, he has discharged every obligation he owes you; fulfilled every promise he has made to you; and discharged, according to his evident belief, the entire duty of state senator from this district. He does not offer any suggestions or platform as to what his attitude will be after the election of United States senator, but he expects you to elect him simply and solely because he pledges himself to be a senator for the whole state of Oregon without regard to the wishes of his home people, and this district.

I am not as ambitious as my opponent, and I will be satisfied if I represent the wishes of the voters in Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, and will be satisfied to be your senator, first and foremost, and then vote and work for the interests of the state at large. The election of United States Senator is one of the important duties which will be performed by the coming legislature. It is my firm belief that the legislature will again confirm the choice of the people, and that whoever carries the state of Oregon in June will be confirmed and elected by the legislature in January. I have always been a firm believer, and an open advocate of the election of senators by the direct vote of the people, and have done all that was within my power at all times to hasten this desirable condition. In my campaign, four years ago, I stated to every meeting that I addressed, that I would vote for that candidate for United States senator who would be the choice of these three counties, should they have an opportunity to express their choice. Afterwards the direct primary law was adopted and under its provisions the people expressed their choice, and Hon Jonathan Bourne received a majority of the votes cast in these counties and in fulfillment of my promise I cast the vote entrusted to me for Senator Bourne. I did this notwithstanding the fact that Mr Bourne was not my choice for senator and that personally I preferred many other men to him, but I felt that it was my duty to heed the dictation of my constituents and I did this. Moreover, I have voted in complete harmony with the expressed will of my constituents upon all questions and I challenge my opponents to point to a single instance where I have failed in the least particular to obey the commands given to me by the men who elected me. The only difference between myself and my opponent upon this question is that he has signed a statement or pledge

which requires him to vote for that candidate for United States senator who is the choice of the people of the entire state of Oregon, while I propose to be guided in this matter, as well as in other matters, by the wishes of the people whom I hope to represent. It seems to me right and proper that I should obey the commands of the men who send me to the legislature. It seems to me that it is not right, that it is wholly improper for any man to sign any agreement or contract which would easily compel him to vote for a man who is not the choice of the people here at home. It would be just as logical to say that the presidential electors of any state should cast their votes for a nominee for President who could not, and did not, carry the state they represented.

Upon this proposition Messrs Pike and Donnelly stand squarely with Senator Bowerman, and both here and elsewhere in the canvas, have consistently sustained the position so plainly stated, as also other important topics which their opponents, the 'Independents,' wholly ignore. Continuing, Mr Bowerman said: We have many interests in conflict with the interests of other parts of the state. I believe the greatest question now before the people of Eastern Oregon is the opening of the Columbia river. It means cheaper freight rates, better railroad facilities, and competition in transportation. It means that we will be freed forever from the conditions which have delayed development of this country and that we, and our children, will have conditions far improved over those which have existed in the past. People residing west of the Cascade mountains feel that they have no interest in the opening of the Columbia river. They desire that all of the national appropriations be expended for the purchasing of the Oregon city locks, the improvement of some small harbors along the Pacific coast, and for other purposes in which we have no direct interest. Our counties cast but a small percent of the vote of the entire state, and the majority given to either candidate by these three counties will of necessity be small, therefore, it seems to me, that our influence upon the question of electing a United States senator would be much greater if the people here at home compelled their representatives to obey their expressed wish and vote for the man of their choice; it seems to me that this is right as a matter of principle, and will prove right for all time to come. By signing the Statement which Mr Edwards has, he has tied his hands so that if the entire vote of the counties of this district went for one man, and the vote of the state went for the other, he would be compelled to vote against the unanimous choice of you people, and the remainder of the voters of this district. I desire to represent the counties of Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman, and to work for their interests and obey their commands, and for this reason I refused to sign any contract or pledge which might compel me to vote against the wishes of the majority of my constituents. Every legislative district in the state should instruct its representatives for the candidate of its choice, and in this way the people will elect their district and in this way every district will have an opportunity of dictating the votes of its representatives, and causing them to be cast for the man best suited to represent them and their interests. If we were living in Multnomah county, where there are 33,000 votes, it might be desirable to advocate such a contract as Mr Edwards has signed, for with such a large vote in a single county it would easily be possible for the county to dictate the choice of the entire state, and if the members of the legislature from the remainder of the state were signed up, as Mr Edwards is, then they would be compelled to vote for the man chosen by the large county, regardless of the expressed will of the people sending them. It seems to me that every representative should consider himself the servant of the people sending him there, and should obey

the commands of those people in every particular. Other speakers were Hon John A Collier, Hon B F Pike, Hon J N Donnelly, and Hon R R Butler, one of the electors nominated on the National Republican ticket, but for want of time and space we regretfully pass them over.

H. M. Calkins for Senator. A great many republicans are beginning to soberly ask themselves, "Why should we elect Governor Chamberlain to the United States Senate?" And to this echo is answering, "Why, indeed!" But in the matter of the election of a United States Senator they have presented to them a different problem. There they come in touch with the party of the nation, the party of Roosevelt, of which they so warmly approve, and the verdict which they render the general public must accept as very largely the judgment of the voters of Oregon upon that administration. Our elections occur at an odd season of the year. We here first the first gun of the presidential election. The verdict is made up in advance, so far as the rest of the country is concerned. The nation knows that the state is overwhelmingly republican. It likewise knows that the administration of President Roosevelt has here received enthusiastic approval. That administration, disguise it as we will, is now on trial before the country. By the general masses of the people it has been warmly approved; by the corporate and plutocratic interests it is bitterly reviled, and, while little is being done openly, there is deep down a smoldering fire of resentment that cannot be extinguished. For the very reason that the plutocratic forces of the country hate the President, the masses of the people admire and approve him.

If under such circumstances such as these it goes forth that the people of Oregon in June elect a democrat for United States Senator, the administration receives a blow in the house of its supposed friends that it is conceivable may have a serious effect upon the plans of the friends of the administration and upon the great contest of November following. It must not be forgotten that much quiet work has been done in recent months against the administration every hand in every community—the bankers busily engaged in hamstringing Roosevelt and insidiously undermining the platform of principles which he has been steadily putting forth in his messages and speeches. If a well-known and supposedly safe administration state falls by the wayside in June, the prestige of the administration severely suffers, and no man who honestly faces the question can see it otherwise.

From this standpoint, which is somewhat considerably more than a partisan standpoint, the matter appeals to the Telegram. It believes with heartyness and sincerity in the advanced platform of principles which the President is laying down, in the elimination of special privileges and the equality of opportunity for which the President stands, and to propagate and develop which he has done more than any other man of his generation. It considers this a matter of patriotism, which is not a question of party. In doing so, it expresses the profound conviction of an enormous majority of the people of Oregon, irrespective of their party affiliation.

In the present campaign and the coming election Statement No. 1 is not on trial, because both candidates for United States Senate stand squarely and flat-footed upon that platform. Neither is Chamberlain nor Calkins, as such, on trial before the people. The question is not one of these men, but of broad national import, leading to a victory which will mean a shout of ringing encouragement to the national administration or a vital blow delivered in the house of its friends. This is the real proposition before the people of this state, and it is one of the main reasons why the Telegram will throughout this campaign give H. M. Calkins its heartiest support and urge as strongly as it may the voters of the state to sustain the administration at a moment when it is more seriously on trial than at any other period of its whole history. —Portland Evening Telegram, May 4.

Make it Unanimous. Just now there appears to be little doubt but that it is Senator Calkins, of Oregon. Once the campaign started it was speedily seen that the oft-boasted personal popularity of George the Governor was not so almighty stout as it was. Various things that some folks have known about our chief executive have come to light, and a lot of folks are today doubtful if George was such a whole of a man after all. The nearer Oregon makes it unanimous for Calkins the better for Oregon. There are places where party politics count; they certainly do in national affairs, especially in the upper house of congress, where the majority party gets what it wants and the minority sits tight and waits. Oregon wants a lot of things from congress; it can never get them through a democratic senator. Between the men personally the issue is not drawn; it is only a personal campaign; if it was Mr. Calkins would not be on the defensive.

It is also remembered that Calkins was one of the republicans who had the nerve to stand on a Statement No. 1 platform when it looked as though that meant defeat; he stood for the popular election of the United States Senator whether it profited him or not; Chamberlain has stood for it because it was his sole chance of ever landing the place. The vast difference between being good because you hope it will pay and because it is right represents the difference between the stand of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Calkins.

Hon. J. A. COLLIER VINDICATED. Truthful and Timely Statements by Hon. W. H. Ragsdale. At the public meeting and political speaking held at the court house Wednesday evening, among others Attorney W. H. Ragsdale made a few remarks and as it is a vindication of Hon. John A. Collier, republican nominee for district attorney, we quote a part of Attorney Ragsdale's remarks which in part was "that the base of the entity against Mr. Collier has been found to be that he is a fighter for the right and that in the course of several years back he has run counter to several schemes which as a good citizen he could not stand for; and that after investigating the accusations which had been circulated against John A. Collier I (Mr. Ragsdale) have found them to be baseless and without any foundation of fact whatever, and that Mr. Collier had been made the object of a personal grudge and that I have become convinced that Mr. Collier has been needlessly pounced upon, he-mamed, slandered, and vilified more than any candidate for office I have ever heard of. And while I (Mr. Ragsdale) had worked hard for Mr. Parker at and before the primaries I now trust that all my friends will investigate these accusations against Mr. Collier "and if you will do so, as I have done, you will give Mr Collier your hearty support."

Hon. J. A. Collier in Sherman County Hon John A Collier, republican candidate for District Attorney, the people's choice at the primary election, was a visitor to Sherman county this week, with other nominees. Notwithstanding the false and uncalled for abuse heaped upon him, Mr Collier is feeling good over the situation. As the Times says; He has one more river to cross, it is true, before he gets his office, but the race will be an easy one this trip. It is not likely that the voters of three counties will give an independent candidate, whose name did not appear on the ballot, a majority over a man who has faced the music and given the republican party a chance to elect or reject him at an open election. Everything points to the election of Mr Collier; he has in every way repudiated the charges made against him recently by securing a series of convictions at the last term of court proving himself master of the situation as a public prosecutor. His ability as an attorney is far superior to that of his opponent, and laying aside Mr Collier being the people's choice at the primary election, he is pre-eminently the ablest and best man for the position.

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