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"SHALL THE PEOPLE RULE?"

It is not probable that any Statement No. 1 members-elect of the legislature will violate their ante-election pledges and refuse to vote for Chamberlain for U. S. senator. They are supposed to all be honorable men, who value their pledged word and their good name more than they do the plaudits of a bunch of old-time machine politicians who are now making their last stand for political supremacy in this state.

The people are commencing to try to rule in Oregon and, while the first efforts are somewhat similar to a child learning to walk, they have finally gotten the idea and are rapidly practicing to acquire the habit.

Admitting, for the sake of argument, that some members of the legislature may not be above going back on their pledges for a consideration, it must be admitted that every mother's son of them well know that a sell-out or a resignation next Winter will mean the everlasting political death of the man guilty, if not a tar and feather party on the side as a "slight token of the esteem in which his constituents will then hold him."

The people of Oregon (most of whom, by the way, are Republicans) expressed themselves on the ~~conventional matter of the Chamberlain, Democrat, won in a walk, and at the same time the people elected a majority of the legislature from among those of the candidates who had signed the Statement No. 1 pledge, thus emphasizing the fact that they believed Chamberlain, although a Democrat, to be the best man to represent the people in the senate chamber.~~

The question of whether or not the people are right does not enter into the matter at all. If this is a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," as we have all been taught, then the people of Oregon have the right to say who shall be their senator, even though they shatter partisan precedent to smithereens when they say so; if it is not that kind of a government, then let us say so and let the old political losses resurrect themselves, abolish the constitution and allow the boss of them all to appoint himself dictator and run the whole show in the interests of the dear people who have not sense enough to run it for themselves.

THE HAPPINESS OF TOM JOHNSON

Tom Johnson, whose former large fortune has disappeared, and who is poor again as to money and other property, is yet rich. He did not become poor of deliberate choice, yet he did not try to remain rich. He had other, higher, and better objects, to fight for. To these he so completely devoted his energies that care for his personal wealth was not husbanded and he finds himself financially where he was a quarter of a century ago. This would worry some men. It would cause them to become discouraged, pessimistic or cynical. Not so with Tom Johnson.

He sacrificed his fortune in order to fight for higher ideals, not as a philanthropist, which he is not, but from pure selfishness, for he sought happiness, and only thus could he be happy. He has been in a continuous fight for the people of his city for seven years, and he says these have been the happiest years of his life. As to the money, he

cares nothing about it. "I'm going to be happy," he declares. "We may have to go back to a cottage, but that's the way we started, and we can look upon life just as joyfully there as we did in the big house on Euclid avenue. The pursuit of mere dollars does not interest me. I could go down to Wall street now and make money, but I'm not going to do it. When I gave up active business affairs I did it because the requirements of my work did not square with my principles. I suppose I could have taken up a life of ease when I retired, had I wished. I was welcome at the clubs. - Fast horses, yachts and other amusements were open to me. For me though happiness lay in another direction. I don't feel discouraged. I am a free man, and that means a great deal. I entered the mayor's office rich and will leave it poor, but I am going to keep on just as I have started. And my enemies will find a thousand fights in me yet."

Here speaks a splendid type of American manhood. In this plain personal talk are texts for many sermons. For neither money, nor popular approval, nor as a philanthropist or reformer, does this man work and fight, but to be happy, and he can be happy only by exercising his great strength to benefit and better his city and his people. How fortunate if more strong men would grasp this idea of true happiness.

Watering the Arid Plains.

During the sixteen years that have elapsed since the first meeting of the national irrigation congress practically 2,000,000 acres of arid land have been added to the nation's fertile area. This means homes at least for 50,000 families, or 200,000 people. The pick of the land may support four times the ratio here named and the average soil dust-fertile land brought under cultivation through irrigation will support a family to each forty acres. On some soil ten acres will suffice. The work is not yet finished, but by the time the twentieth congress meets, four years from now, the entire area which the reclamation service has mapped out for improvement will be available for settlers.

The task of the irrigation congress has been one of education for the whole country as well as of practical achievement. Private enterprise has been stimulated, and separate state governments as well as the national government have been aroused to action. The arid lands cover a wide belt, and once it was demonstrated that they could be reclaimed in one section it became the duty of some one to expand the system. Furthermore, the prosperity of one reclaimed section must be enhanced by having neighboring regions turned from barren desert to fruitful gardens.

The expense of the irrigation work undertaken by the national government has been great. But the money will flow back in time to the national treasury in the form of payments for the lands and in various revenues drawn from new populous districts. One needs to look ahead to grasp the meaning of this great project. Without it the future would show a fruitless and uninhabitable desert stretched between fertile regions and the centers of trade and civilization lying beyond. Already the fruits of irrigation may be seen in the shape of fertile fields, bearing orchards, grazing flocks and herds and thriving towns and cities in regions which a generation ago were shunned by settlers. We shall not wish to abolish the wilderness created by our mountains, but it is economy to turn water upon the arid plains just as it is economy to drain marsh lands.

Voting Machines Unpopular.

The use of voting machines appears to be a matter of local option, and the people who have the say about it are inclined to stick to the old ballot. The first work of the machine in a few towns of the middle states led to a general movement for their adoption. Investigation, however, showed that the claims of the makers had not been made good.

While it seems to be true that a voter cannot be absolutely certain that his vote is delivered by the machine as he intends, this is not the only objectionable feature. It requires practice to make the machine do the voter's will, even when it is honest. The voter cannot scan his ballot deliberately as he has been accustomed to do and then deposit it securely where it will be counted for his party. Again, one pull of the lever deposits a straight vote and several pulls are necessary for splitting. The voting by machine is not strictly secret.

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FINAL NOTICE.

In the County Court of Oregon for Jackson County. In the matter of the estate of Maria M. Wright, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the above entitled estate has filed in the said court his final account as executor of said estate, and the said court by order, November 12, 1908, has fixed Monday, December 21, 1908, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day as the time for the hearing of said final account. All persons interested are therefore hereby notified to make or file their objections in said court on or before said time, if any they have, to said final account. A. J. HANBY, Executor of the estate of Maria M. Wright.

CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, October 26, 1908. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John E. Ross, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 12325, made November 10, 1902, for the NW 1/4, Section 34, Township 33 South, Range 2 East, Willamette Meridian, by Mariette G. Smith, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entryman has abandoned said claim; that he has not been upon or resided upon said claim for more than six months prior to the filing of this contest; and that his alleged absence was not due to employment in the Army or Navy of the United States in time of war; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation, at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 1, 1908, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Medford, Oregon, (and that final hearing will be held at 11 o'clock a. m. on December 15, 1908, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed October 12, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, October 31, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Anna M. Smith, of Medford, Oregon, who, on October 26, 1908, made Timber Entry No. 05772, for SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 and Lot 2, Township 34 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 6th day of January, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas C. Norrie, Joseph T. Grogan, Francis A. Smith and E. W. Gray, all of Medford, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, October 31, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Margaret M. Stapp, of Brownboro, Jackson County, Oregon, who, on October 8, 1908, made Timber Application, No. 07878, for South 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 21st day of December, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Obenshain, of Butte Falls, Oregon; John Isell, of Brownboro, Oregon; Charles Edmondson and John Obenshain, of Butte Falls, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, September 14, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Allie E. Klippel, of Jasonville, Oregon, who, on September 14, 1908, made Timber Application, No. 01892, for E 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 18, Township 34 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Canon, U. S. Commissioner, at Medford, Oregon, on the 13th day of January, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: William H. Eighman, Durkin J. Van Dyke, Charles Shyrman and Joseph Miller, all of Trail, Oregon. BENJAMIN L. EDDY, Register.

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