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# THE OREGONIAN AGAINST LABOR

## This Is the Day to Down Its Nefarious Kind of Politics.

The most important thing today is to down the Oregonian's politics. That paper is the tyrant of politics. It observes neither decency nor truth. It is outside the pale of civilized political warfare.

It has in turn abused and lied about every prominent man of every political party. It abused John H. Mitchell. It yillified George McBride. It hounded Sylvester Pennoyer with every opprobrious term in its extensive vocabulary. It has whipped Republican leaders and the Republican party hither and thither and has scourged with remorseless lash every man who has ventured to oppose its merciless dictation.

It lies about everybody and everything.

It is now lying about CHAMBERLAIN and INMAN.

It has always opposed labor. It has written laborers down. It has treated them with contempt. It now has the effrontery to abuse men who have always befriended labor, under the pretense that it is the only friend of labor. Laboring men, you know that the Oregonian has never been your friend. You know that in its heart it hates you and despises you. You can always be safe in voting for every man the Oregonian don't want and voting against every man the Oregonian wants. Don't believe anything it says about Chamberlain, or Inman or anybody else. It has lied about you. It will lie about them. It has abused you. It now abuses them.

It is time to get rid of the Oregonian as a political factor. Put it out of political business, and then the good people of this County and State can settle their political differences, with decent respect for each other. To its bullying and brow-beating let your ballots answer **WE ARE FREE MEN, AND WILL NO LONGER SUBMIT TO THE OREGONIAN RING.**

### THE RING ON THE RUN.

The ring is on the run. Keep it on the run. The Oregonian knows that the election of Chamberlain and Inman and the Citizens' ticket kills its political pull, and with the pull, its graft. That is the reason it makes a desperate effort to beat them by lying, hypocrisy and money.

Jack Matthews knows that if his ticket is licked, his occupation is gone, and his occupation is that of political grafter. It is up to the people to defend themselves from a squad that the Oregonian itself has called Political Pirates. It does not make them any better because the Oregonian has joined them. Rather worse. Jack Matthews and Harvey Scott thought they had done the job of installing their Ring by capturing the Convention and disfranchising Republicans. But they counted wrong. They omitted one element. They did not capture the people, and the only hope is to make people believe their lies. This is the evidence that they are on the run. Keep them on the run.

### OREGONIAN ON HANNA.

Since the Oregonian has been quoting Hanna in this campaign, read what that paper had to say of his advice February 28, 1897:

"Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, who is intermeddling in the affairs of Oregon, seems to think that he knows more about what we want and what we ought to do than we know ourselves. But we think that the man who got only a pitiful 47,000 plurality out of the great State of Ohio, on the greatest question of the age, is not the best kind of evidence."

### A WORD TO LABOR.

Laboring men will not be deceived by the Oregonian. They ought to know their own friends better than the Oregonian can tell them. It is itself an enemy of labor, and has fought it longer and fiercer than any other influence in Oregon. It has constantly misrepresented the labor side of the controversy, in order to discredit it. It is now misrepresenting its friends in order to deceive you. A paper that will lie about one thing will lie about another. Let labor put no confidence in its arch enemy.

When it fights Chamberlain and Inman so bitterly, do not believe that it is out of any friendship for labor. It is for just the opposite reason. It is because it wants to beat the interests of labor in the interests of Banker Furnish and the politician Jack Matthews and the Great Dictator, the Oregonian itself.

### THEIR NORTH END GRAFT.

Mr. Williams complains that he has not been treated with consideration in the campaign. On the contrary, his age has protected him. But in his behalf a vicious fight has been made on Mr. Inman, based on lies out of whole cloth.

Now, the Oregonian falsely charges that Mr. Inman is seeking the support of the vicious class. The fact is that Jack Matthews and Larry Sullivan are trying to round up the North End for Judge Williams. To do this they promise, in the name of Judge Williams, immunity to those who vote for him, and the Oregonian's enmity to those who vote against him. Jack Matthews is now spending money in the North End to elect Judge Williams. But it won't go. The hypocrisy of this attack is too plain. Larry Sullivan gives it dead away.

### TACTICS OF OPPOSITION

The Oregonian's charge that Mr. Chamberlain uses his office in any manner whatever to improperly influence this election needs no answer. Everybody knows it is not true. The best proof is the fact that the Oregonian relied exclusively on Mr. Chamberlain to secure a fair primary election. It printed his statement that he would prosecute all attempts at illegal voting, and it did so, because it knew that he would do it. He makes the same statement now, and it knows that he will keep his word. This is the real reason of its savage attack on him yesterday. The bribers sent out from the separate Furnish and Matthews headquarters to debauch the election will find it dangerous work. Mr. Chamberlain wants no corrupted votes for himself or Inman, and he means that none shall be cast for Furnish or Williams.

Jack Matthews has for weeks been sending emissaries into the North End to line it up for Furnish and Williams. They bullied and threatened and promised. To cover up their own nefarious business, the Oregonian untruthfully charges upon Chamberlain and Inman the very thing its own minions are doing. This is nothing but hypocrisy. The purpose is to give Jack Matthews the power through Larry Sullivan to work a stupendous graft. But it won't work.

Cold blooded Jack Matthews uses all things for his purposes. He relies upon reverence for age to help him establish his ring. He draws upon respectability for the support of his ring. And all the time he employs the most disreputable agencies to intrinch his ring. With Judge Williams in one hand and Larry Sullivan in the other, he appeals to the people to endorse two antagonistic principals. And the Oregonian demeans itself to be his tool and instrument, and while it is denouncing thieves and thugs in the morning, Jack devotes his evenings to lining them up. It's a double action machine—this Matthews Ring.

### INMAN REFUTES FALSEHOODS

The Oregonian's false statements this morning concerning the position of our firm leads me to say:

That in the panic times Inman, Poulson & Co. were the last mill owners by a year to reduce wages.

That after the panic, Inman, Poulson & Co. were the first to raise wages.

That we employ more men than any concern in Portland and they have always been satisfied with our treatment of them.

That we are not now and never have been unfriendly to organized labor.

That we have entered into no combination with other mill owners against the unions or union planing mills and do not intend to do so.

The Oregonian's representations are false and misleading.

R. D. INMAN.

### CHAMBERLAIN'S WARNING TO FRAUDULENT VOTERS

George E. Chamberlain, District Attorney, was asked by The Journal if he proposes to take any steps providing for the punishment of any who might violate the election law. He said: "I can do no more than to renew the pledge made prior to the primaries, and published in the papers at that time, that I will arrest and prosecute any Democrat, Republican, Socialist, or other person, who may resort to illegal methods upon the day of election. I and my deputies will be at our offices ready to attend to any complaint that may be filed."