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A MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH AN END.

In the adoption of the amendments to the state constitution, viz: the "Direct Primary" and the "Initiative and Referendum," the people have simply returned to themselves power to make laws through the "Initiative," to repeal laws by invoking the "Referendum," and to nominate candidates for office by using the "Direct Primary." These amendments enable the people to do the things formerly done exclusively by delegates elected by the people. All power to make or repeal law and to nominate candidates for office had been placed in the hands of legislators and delegates in convention. Politicians had become such adepts in manipulating conventions and legislatures that the people, in self-defense, were driven to recall those powers. As both amendments are yet practically untried, it remains to be proven whether the people have acted wisely or not.

In order to make the new primary law effective, the people—and this means every voter, whether he be of great or small influence—must take hold of matters political and do the work the amendment empowers and requires them to do. Therefore, every citizen should feel the duty obligatory upon him to ascertain what his duties and privileges are under the new law and then, at the proper time, do them.

The first step should be taken next month (January). All who would participate in the primary election should place their names upon the registry books. This is a most important duty and should, under no consideration, be neglected. After registering if, in your neighborhood, there happens to be a man particularly well qualified for any of the various offices to be filled, it is your duty to see that a proper petition is prepared in order that your man shall have his name placed upon the primary ballot. Under this new law it is contemplated that the office shall seek the man rather than the man the office. It therefore rests with the voters, individually and collectively, whether our county and state offices are filled with competent, honorable men. If such is not the case each and every voter will be to blame. At the primary election provision is made for each aspirant for office to state on the ballot, in brief, what he will do if nominated and elected. Therefore, no man should be voted for at the primaries who does not pledge himself to carry out, and aid in carrying out, the provisions of the primary law. Particular care should be exercised in the selection of legislators. The legislature can do much toward making the primary law successful and satisfactory to the people if it will but do so. Hence, you should vote for no man who will not pledge himself to this end.

One of the duties of the next legislature is the election of an United States senator to succeed Senator Gearin. The primary law provides that the people may express their preference at the primary election for the position of United States senator, but the United States constitution requires that the senator must be elected by the legislature. Then, if you wish to have a voice in naming the senator, you should vote for no man at the primary to become a candidate for the legislature who will not pledge himself, specifically, to support first, last and all the time the candidate who shall be declared the nominee of his party. In no other way can the plans of the political bosses be defeated. They desire above everything to dictate who shall be elected senator, and they will name him unless legislators are pledged to ratify the choice of the people.

Legislators should be pledged in another matter. Because of the outrageous extravagance of the legislature of last winter, the referendum was invoked to veto certain portions of the big blanket appropriations then made. Undoubtedly the people will, next June, by their votes ratify the action of the petitioners. The legislature, to be elected at that time, could make these appropriations again if it saw proper. Our effort, then, to prevent the extravagant expenditure of the people's money, would have to be repeated, or defeated, as the case might be. Our duty, then, is plain. We must pledge our legislators to ratify the choice of the people in this matter. If men elected to the legislature should be governed by the expressed wishes of the people, they would do these things. If they are pledged, in which case they will not object to giving the pledge. If they should object to giving these pledges, you have just cause for suspicion and can vote accordingly.

It will, therefore, be seen that these amendments are but a means to an end. They simply give the people power to do certain things and in a certain way. Should the people not do the work they are empowered to do, they will have nobody but themselves to blame. If had men, who are incompetent or dishonest, are elected to office, take

your medicine! Don't kick! You have the opportunity to elect good and honest men, aye, to name none but good men for office. Therefore, on primary day let every voter be on hand to do his duty patriotically.

SENATOR GEARIN.

By the time this issue of the NEWS reaches its readers, barring accidents, Senator Gearin will have reached his post of duty and taken the oath that will entitle him to participate in the deliberations of the highest law-making power in the world. Senator Gearin assumes senatorial duties somewhat handicapped. Being the youngest member, in point of service, with but a short time to serve, and seeing that the senate is practically organized, personnel of the committees made up, etc., he will be accorded very minor committee assignments. Also new members are expected to be seen a great deal and heard very little and therefore Senator Gearin could not, let him be ever so willing, accomplish but little. But again, he enjoys, under existing circumstances, a point of vantage that is very unusual. Senator Fulton, our only other active member of Congress, through the recommendation of a number of persons for appointment to office who are not satisfactory, has, to a great measure, lost the confidence of the president and is, therefore, practically without influence with Mr. Roosevelt. Senator Gearin is known to be in hearty accord with, and will support the president in his leading measures. In fact, Senator Gearin is what is coming to be known as a "Roosevelt Democrat," and for these reasons will probably be consulted with freely by the president about all matters concerning Oregon.

In point of ability and fitness for the place, the selection of Mr. Gearin could hardly have been better. If his residence had been in the first congressional district, instead of the second, his selection would have been ideal. But many residents of the first district think it is hardly fair to continually select United States senators exclusively from the second district as has always, except in the dim, distant past, been done. As a matter of fact, the second district has long looked upon the position of senator as properly belonging to it, or to Portland. For this reason, principally, citizens of the first district asked for the appointment of a citizen of their own district.

Now, that Hon. John M. Gearin is the new senator, everyone will give him an earnest and cordial support and we, of the first district, must content ourselves that we raised and educated the new senator, if nothing more. But we are promised that Senator Gearin will look out for the interests of both congressional districts—that he represents the entire people, and not a particular party or class.

Senator Gearin can accomplish much for the state of Oregon during his short term. Indeed, with the large increase in independent voters and the seemingly irreconcilable division of the Republican party; who knows but what he may be selected to succeed himself? Certainly the Republican party leaders have done all that men could do, seemingly, to sink the party, and who knows but what they have succeeded?

The Oregonian states in last Saturday's issue that reformation of the present monopolistic tariff schedules can come only with the defeat of the Republican party. It has taken the Oregonian a long time to come to the same conclusion that Populists preached fifteen years ago. As a matter of fact, the tariff monopolies have secured such a death grip upon the industries of the country through Republican legislation that even the defeat of the dominant party may not dislodge them. A more drastic remedy may be necessary. But dislodged they will be in due time, for as the people are becoming educated up to actual conditions, they are asserting their power successfully. A short time ago the railroads were, seemingly, as strongly entrenched as are the tariff barons, yet at the first onslaught of the people the railroads are giving way. So it will be with the tariff barons. A solid, undivided front presented by the people is irresistible. When this front is turned on the tariff barons the struggle will be fierce and sanguinary, but the people will win because they are right. Right will always win in the end whenever the people take time to reflect. All we have to do is to await with patience as best we can. A day is sure to dawn when "Equal justice to all and special privilege to none" will be the basic principle—the central idea that actuates our government.

Scio is to try issues with running a city government without granting a saloon license. Our one saloon's license expired this week and both the old and the new council will refuse to issue a new license. Whether this is a wise move or not remains to be seen, as a building is being erected just out of town to be used as what is known as a "gallon house." Developments during the coming year will show which is the better plan, and a majority of the people have said "no license," let us give the "dry" town a good, square, honest trial. Other towns, however, which are trying the "dry" plan, remain about as "wet" as when regular saloons were conducted.

"Roosevelt Democrats" are becoming almost as plentiful as "Roosevelt Republicans." Indeed the opposition that the president fears the most in the senate are so-called Republicans, that is to say, they were elected as Republicans. More truthfully they should be styled railroad senators and senators for other specially favored classes. The day when "Equality for all and special privileges for none" is inaugurated will leave many of these millionaire toadying senators without a vocation.

Senator Fulton should have introduced the customary resolutions upon the death of Senator Mitchell. Probably two-thirds of the present senators are just as guilty as was Senator Mitchell, if the truth was known.

In another column we publish a letter over the signature of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., which we commend to the careful perusal of all our readers.

IMPORTANCE OF DIRECT PRIMARY.

The following communication, urging the importance of a full and complete registration next month, we commend the careful perusal of our readers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SANTIAM NEWS:—Understanding that you have given the Direct Primary law much thought and rendered valuable assistance in effecting its adoption, I take the liberty of writing you as to desirability of using your influence in urging the voters to register in January so the letter and spirit of the law can be made more effective by securing a very large registration prior to the primaries to be held April 20th, next.

All persons familiar with United States Senatorial elections, not only in Oregon, but in all the states of the Union, must be cognizant of the fact that oftentimes financial, official, or other personal considerations are frequently the deciding factors. Certainly the great mass of voters throughout the states have but little voice or say in the election of United States senators.

The elevation of the general political tone and the elimination of personal or selfish considerations must be desirable to every honest citizen and voter; hence the enforcement of the spirit of our present Direct Primary law certainly must appeal to every thoughtful citizen. If enforced, then political and senatorial combinations are necessarily divorced from presidential and party legislation in our state legislatures. It has been frequently seen that senatorial votes have been secured in return for the enactment of legislation detrimental to the state as a whole in the interests of special privileges to be enjoyed by a few.

Under our old system for electing members of the legislature could elect the United States senators and party interests, when allied, certainly could more easily influence, coerce, persuade, or cajole this number than they can the majority of the members of the state legislature. Our present Direct Primary law.

It is the intention and spirit of this law that the people shall decide and select the United States senators, and the state legislative members are simply to ratify the will of the people as expressed by the people in the general election in June, and when the legislature convenes in January, elect the people's choice. The operation of this law should be similar in effect and result to our national law for the election of president. The national electors simply ratify and elect, in the electoral college, the man for president whom the people have designated in the previous national election in November.

It is true our present law is not mandatory, simply because of the United States constitution. The law is, however, advisory and the spirit and intent is mandatory, and its operation can be made as effective as if the letter of the law was mandatory. How? Simply by those who believe in the spirit of the law, and who feel that the people should rule, alling themselves into leagues and pledging themselves to each other that they will vote in the primary election for only those legislative candidates who in their petitions for nomination pledge themselves, if elected, to vote in the legislative assembly first, last and all the time for the candidate for the United States senate who, in the previous June general election, received the plurality of all the votes cast in the state.

CAUTION: I am advised that an effort will be made by some of the advocates of individual "bosses" and "machine" politics to make this law operative by endeavoring, in the different counties, to have candidates in petitions who themselves support the county's choice instead of the state's choice for United States senator. This is being accomplished by the use of the "bosses" and "machine" politics to make this law operative by endeavoring, in the different counties, to have candidates in petitions who themselves support the county's choice instead of the state's choice for United States senator in the June general election.

But the direct primary advocates in every county commence a campaign of education and awaken the people to a realization of the importance and benefit of enforcing the spirit of this law and see that the legislative candidates are nominated who first pledge themselves, if elected, to vote first, last and all the time for the people's choice as designated in the June election. If this is generally done throughout the state, then the spirit of the law will be made operative and the effect will be the same, in Oregon at least, as if we had the direct election of the United States senators by the people.

Yours respectfully,
JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

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