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A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

There is not a particle of doubt but what plutocracy controls American politics today. This fact is shown by the ability of plutocrats to control National legislation in their own interests. Whenever a measure is proposed in Congress that in any manner interferes with the special privileges of plutocracy, the bill is defeated or so modified that these National pets are practically undisturbed. The Dollar is ever placed before the Man by this gang that so kindly (?) has taken charge of our Government. Nor does the fault lie exclusively with the Republican party. When Grover Cleveland was president and Democracy controlled both houses of Congress, plutocracy was just as influential in governmental affairs as the present time. The most unfair and unjust tariff law ever enacted by Congress was enacted by this Democratic Congress and was signed by a Democratic president; though in doing it he pronounced it "a measure of parity and dishonor."

As the people cannot hope to shake off the grip that plutocracy has upon governmental affairs through the medium of either the Republican or Democratic parties, a new political organization is the only alternative. Editor Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in commenting upon a late speech of President Roosevelt, thinks the president outlined a basis upon which the new party can be built. The state of political unrest in both old parties is such that if a new party should be organized along the line of justice to all and special privileges to none, it would drive both the old political parties into oblivion. This new party must command the confidence of the people and if it should so happen that those two brilliant leaders of public opinion, Theodore Roosevelt and William J. Bryan, should join hands as the leaders of the new party, it would be invincible and would retire plutocracy and the remnants of both old parties to the "has been" class.

And stranger things may happen than the unifying of Roosevelt and Bryan in the cause of humanity and the American people. Mr. Roosevelt's views on governmental reform have become so advanced and Mr. Bryan's have become so moderate that they could easily stand upon the same platform and clasp hands in the interests of the people.

So let the new party be called into existence and let the one word "American" be its name with its central basic principle "The man before the dollar". Let its platform be composed of but few planks, but let each of those planks mean something more than just a means to get in on. One of the planks should be: Reduction of the tariff to a just and equitable basis so that ample revenue will be produced and both consumer and producer be protected. Another plank should be: Municipal ownership of public franchises and absolute control of railroads and other common carriers. Another: Parcels posts and postal savings banks. Government issue of all moneys every dollar of which should be full league tender. Another: Such absolute safeguards placed about public officials, with certain and severe punishment for the unfaithful, that the people's interests would be as fully protected as possible.

Another: a court of arbitration in which both labor and capital should be equally represented, the president of the board to be selected by the president of the United States, before which court all disputes between labor and capital should be brought and whose decision should be final and obligatory. Another: a judicious curtailment of emigration so that none but the choicest of foreigners could be admitted to the great privilege of American citizenship.

The "American party with a platform of principles—some what like the above, with Theodore Roosevelt and William J. Bryan working together as leaders, would carry nearly every state in the Union and sweep the national legislative halls clear of plutocracy from stem to stern. In a very few years there would no Platts, Depews, Aldriches, Elkites, Gormans and other like scoundrels left to defeat just and equitable legislation in the interests of the people. There would be no Caesar in the speaker's chair to autocratically dictate whether a law should be enacted or not.

This new party may not be organized, nor may Messrs. Roosevelt and Bryan be united in leadership. Yet the temper of the American people is opening into just such a condition that such a result is quite possible. And the political roads that Messrs. Roosevelt and Bryan are traveling is rapidly approaching and unless the direction is changed, will soon converge. What a tremendous power for good and what grand results would be accomplished with such a party and with such a leadership.

THE SAN FRANCISCO HORROR.

History does not recall a more appalling disaster than has overtaken San Francisco and several other California towns. While the loss of life is not so great as first reported, the property loss is simply enormous. Men who were in affluent circumstances were reduced to paupers in a few seconds. Elegant homes that afforded their inmates luxury and comfort were either tumbled down by the earthquake or became food for the flames a few minutes or hours later. With all avenues of escape destroyed, with the food and water supply destroyed, the wonder is that the casualty list is not much greater than it is. San Francisco was a city of more than 400,000 people, all of whom, with the exception of a few thousand, are now homeless. The property loss, it is estimated, will not be less than \$900,000,000. Lots so valuable that a building site for a business building was valued at a small fortune, are now comparatively valueless.

This is an example of what the forces of nature can do in the destruction of what men call property. It is a demonstration of the helplessness of mankind when nature, in an angry mood, asserts her power.

When the total list of all casualties is made out the number will probably be less than at first reported; probably less than 5000 in all. Yet this number is appalling. It will probably result in the failure of several insurance companies, and the financial ruin of thousands of men. Relief trains with food, money, clothing, doctors and nurses have been prompt in response to the suffering. It is estimated that fully \$10,000,000 will be contributed for the unfortunates. Probably when the full list of the dead and injured is known, from the various injured cities, the total will be under 10,000 persons. But it will be some days before the list is known.

At this writing (Monday) the fires are under control, the various relief sources under good organization and the city under full military control. Vandals and looters have been so summarily dealt with that the lawless are completely cowed and under control. Thousands of the homeless are leaving the city for other localities, but all mechanics and laboring men are urged to remain in the city, as the work of rebuilding the city is to be commenced.

The calamity certainly surpasses any other that has transpired during the history of the country. It leads in the destruction of life and property and in the magnificent and unselfish response in relief from the entire country.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

Last Friday Oregon held her first Primary election for the nomination of candidates. While it was not so complete a success as is desirable, it was sufficiently so to demonstrate the wisdom of nominating candidates in this way. Few of the candidates received a majority of the votes of his party; yet this was a result to be expected, when there were more than two candidates standing for the one office. But as a plurality of opinion is likely to more correct than the minority, let us all bow to the will of this plurality.

About one-third of the voters of Linn County participated. This is attributed mainly to two reasons: There was practically no contest for any of the offices in the Democratic party save two; that of Recorder and for County Commissioner. And too, Primary day occurred just at a very busy time for the farmer, who was in the midst of Spring seeding. This demonstrates that if we would have the farmers, generally, to participate, the date of the Primary election should be placed at least three weeks earlier. Then farmers could come out without making a too great sacrifice. Another reason for the small vote was large number of voters who registered as Independents, Socialists, and Prohis. Some way should be provided for permitting these voters, especially the Independents, to have a voice on Primary day, yet not do violence to their political principles. In this precinct (South Scio) there were but two or three of our Bohemian voters on hand. This was probably due to a lack of understanding of the Primary law and to the exceedingly busy time.

Of course some of the defeated aspirants for office feel sore and disappointed. These men have now ascertained the fact that they do not stand so high in the estimation of the people as they, themselves, thought they did, or as the successful man did. They can now "See themselves as others see them." But, taken altogether, the Primary method of nominating candidates is a success. Some of its defects have been made manifest and which will doubtless be corrected before another election comes about. Reforms never go backward and we can conclude that the old convention-of-delegates plan will not be restored; but that with the experience of the election just passed, we will perfect the Primary law so that it will be acceptable to the people. It probably never will be acceptable to the political bosses, but that does not matter.

IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE NEWS to at once take up and discuss the proposed initiatory amendments and the character and fitness of the various candidates. It will not engage in "mud-slinging," but purposes to tell the truth as it sees it. The people cannot know too much about laws they are to adopt or reject, nor about the men in whose care the execution of law will be placed.

MANY innocent people have been shot down by the guards in San Francisco. Most of this shooting has been done by the California National Guard, probably due to the inexperience and poor judgment of the guards. General Funston will relieve the California troops just as soon as he can replace them with regular soldiers.

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At the coming June election the question will be before us as to whether the women of our state shall have the full right of a voice in the making of the laws which govern them and among equally with you have their money shall be expended and how their property shall be protected.

Vote, how shall it be? Are we to say to our wives, and daughters, and neighbors that they are unfit, or incapable for intelligently exercising the right to vote, the right for which more blood has been spent upon the field of battle than for any other?

Are we to say to them that they are not the equal of the foreigner who comes to our land ignorant of our laws and our institutions? He is invited to come and assist us in the election of our officers and the framing of our laws while the intelligent American woman is told that she is not qualified to have a voice in the affairs of state. Such a condition should cause the manhood of the nation to blush for shame.—Chronicle, LaSalle, Oregon.

Equal Suffrage Progress.

Forty miles to the westward the people are to vote in June on an amendment admitting the women of our bordering state to the ballot. Western people have always kept ahead of older common law on such subjects, and Oregon should demonstrate in the forthcoming election that it can be relied upon to maintain the reputation that has been won by the west for progressive action on all such issues. Oregon men should admit the women of the state to an equality with themselves when the opportunity is presented at the polls two months hence, thus doing justice to the sex and affording such additional encouragement to those who are struggling to bring our state to full recognition of the principles involved.—Statesman, Boise, Idaho.

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It would be harsh, un sympathetic, and, in fact, to condemn the poor, weak, over-worked housewife who sinks under the heavy load of household cares and burdens, and suffers from weak nerves, various displacements of pelvic organs, or other derangements peculiar to her sex.

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