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THE MOST REMARKABLE.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN is certainly the most remarkable public man the United States has produced. After suffering two defeats, the last of which being the most pronounced he is more popular before the American people, today, than ever before. Why? The lapse of fourteen years has proven to the American people that the theories and doctrines advocated by Mr. Bryan in his public speeches, are correct. His thousands of public speeches have proven to the people his loyalty to their interests, and his ability to originate and prescribe laws and methods which will rectify the wrongs from which the great mass of the American people are suffering.

Mr. Bryan may never be president, nor the Democratic party may never again have complete control of governmental affairs; but the policies and theories of government, of finance, of protection of the rights of the common people are sure to become the law and policy of the conduct of government, because they are right.

Mr. Bryan's ability and honesty of purpose has given him popularity heretofore in the South and West. In the states East of the Mississippi and North of the Ohio rivers his popularity has not been so pronounced and decreasing as the Atlantic seaboard was approached. This condition is changing somewhat. He is even more popular in the West and South and he is gaining in favor in the East.

Mr. Bryan, on February 5, by invitation, attended a dinner given at the Astor House, in New York city, by the Economic Club. At this dinner were some seven hundred guests, composed largely of bankers and financiers. Mr. Bryan was one of the speakers and was, evidently, given a most respectful and cordial hearing. The argument advanced was so logical and true that such bankers and financiers as ex-Secretary Lyman, J. Gage and President Baker, of the First National bank of New York, were forced to publicly admit the correctness of Mr. Bryan's reasoning and statements.

Mr. Bryan could not nor did not have audiences of bankers and financiers in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. Why can he get a hearing before an audience of this kind to-day? Mr. Bryan has not changed his preachments in the least. He is still contending for the whole people as against the special few favored ones. The simple solution is the country has been brought to the brink of ruin, at a time of great plenty, by the existing financial system and everybody including New York bankers and financiers realize a fiscal change must be made. Even these bankers—men who are supposed to be financially wise—are unable to propose a plan that offers relief and they seem disposed to try the Bryan plan of dealing with finance and financiers.

Mr. Bryan will undoubtedly be the Democratic candidate for president for the third time. As the News views matters, his chances of success are very much better than in either of his other campaigns. In his former political battles, he met a united enemy with a division in his own party ranks. Now just the reverse is true. A united Democracy against a badly divided Republican party. The Democratic party instead of having to meet its political foe squarely, face to face, finds the Republicans marching at its flanks but a few paces to the rear, on the road to governmental reform.

The question at once arises "Which is the safer: Mr. Bryan who has been advocating these reforms more than a dozen years and who has been largely instrumental in educating the people up to their necessity, or the Republican leaders who have been driven to join the march of progress by the force of public opinion?"

If the fact that Mr. Bryan can now gain a respectful and cordial hearing, as was evidenced at the Astor dinner and at Carnegie hall in New York, in the midst of the camp of the enemy he has ever assailed, can be taken as a criterion, he is sure to be the winner next November.

The people, evidently, have trusted Republican

promises of reform in finance, of revision of the tariff, etc., about as long as they will. Promises so continuously violated have worn the patience of the people threadbare. They have about concluded a change of commanders is their only recourse if they expect to win the victory. William J. Bryan is the only logical commander to whom they can turn with hope of relief.

SLOW BUT SURE.

THE PEOPLE throughout the entire United States are slowly but surely regaining the reins of government from the domination of boss and corporate influence. Through the medium of partyism and party spirit, the political and corporation boss has secured almost a strangle hold on many of our municipal, county and state governments. Indeed our national government, especially in the legislative and judicial branches, is tarred heavily with the same stick. All are or have been conducted, not in the interest of all the people, but in the interests of individuals and classes of individuals. Too much power is lodged in the hands of the Federal judiciary; too much power is wielded by the speaker of the national house of representatives. This assumption of power has been of gradual growth; so gradual that the people did not seem to realize where they were at.

But at last the awakening has come. All over the nation there is a disposition to punish the wrong doer, the grafter and the boodler. These prosecutions include the rich influential railroad and corporation magnate as well as he of less public notoriety.

In Oregon we have seen prosecutions for land frauds, and in San Francisco, St. Louis and other cities for boodling, and bribery. We see with satisfaction the government prosecutions of the railroads and huge corporations, which have, notoriously, violated law. All goes to show that popular opinion is beginning to have an influence in the higher branches of government, and very soon, let us hope, that influence will reach to the confines of the U. S. supreme court chambers.

The disposition among the people throughout the nation to arise in their might and resume the control of affairs, is growing rapidly. Let us hope in a few years all railroads and corporations, all city, county and state governments will deem it wise to be good.

Oregon, in reform, has been the pioneer state. We have inaugurated the tools and the methods by which reforms in all directions may be accomplished. We have the Direct Primary including Statement No. 1, the Initiative and the Referendum—tools with which many and most of the wrongs against the people of Oregon can be remedied. A strong effort is now being made to cause the people to surrender the use of these methods and tools, and to restore the old regime of boss rule. Shall we, through neglect and attention to public affairs, lose these points of vantage we have gained? Shall we allow the bosses through appeal to partyism prejudice and spirit, to undo the work that we, the people, have accomplished by years of agitation? Surely, the people will arouse themselves to the importance of the situation. Surely, the people will realize that a step backward, makes any future advancement in reform, all the more difficult. Surely, the people of Oregon, once having released themselves from the domination of political bosses and corporate influence, will not, voluntarily, place their necks again in the noose.

The question to be taken up, next Monday evening, at the city hall citizens meeting, will be the proposed new tax law. The NEWS confesses to having not given this subject a very thorough investigation. But in so far as we have investigated, we think the proposed law would result in greater inequality of taxation, than is the case under our present law. Our present law is far from perfect, in that it fails to bring about a just and equitable taxation. As we view the proposed law, this inequality would be aggravated rather than remedied. To our mind the present law amended so as to incorporate a graduated land tax, the assessors stamp on a note before it is collectible and make a failure to return the full amount of money in deposit in bank or elsewhere, to the assessor for purposes of taxation, a criminal offense, punishable with imprisonment, would come very nearly reaching a just and equitable system of taxation. At all events, be on hand next Monday evening and let us investigate the matter.

Senator Fulton apparently is endeavoring to carry water on both shoulders, relative to the Statement No. 1 question. His chief supporters are the enemies of the peoples choice for senator; yet he cannot afford to lose the votes of Statement One Republicans, if he would be elected. Senator Fulton is a foxy politician and may be able to fool some of the people; but he will be unable to fool all of them. A great many people in Oregon are from Missouri and the senator will find it difficult to "show them."

The candidate who does not subscribe to Statement No. 1, will not have even a ghost of a show to be elected in Linn county this year. Senator Fulton sees the "Handwriting on the wall" and now endorses the statement. The people will do well to settle the matter permanently, by adopting the law-making the statement obligatory.

Political Announcement

In this column will be published the announcements of any citizen who aspires to the candidacy for any office, subject to the will of the voters at the forthcoming primaries.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY RECORDER
GRANT FROMAN,
Present Recorder.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY TREASURER
J. B. LEATHERMAN,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
T. J. BUTLER,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY JUDGE
C. H. STEWART,
Present County Judge.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY JUDGE
C. L. SHAW,
Price Precinct,
P. O. Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself as an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES
S. H. GOIN,
Shelburn Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of
COUNTY TREASURER
C. SCOTT,
Tangent, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of
COUNTY CLERK
J. E. CALAVAN,
North Scio Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:
I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election for the office of
COUNTY SHERIFF
F. L. BAYNE,
Shedd Precinct.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

G. G. Belts, of Harriburg, and Y. G. Freeman, of Albany, candidates for the legislature, each subscribe to the following:

To J. W. Miller, County Clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and the electors of Linn county, in the State of Oregon: I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If I am nominated for the office of Representative at the Primary nominating election to be held in Linn County, State of Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1908, I will accept the nomination, and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.
If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, support a liberal policy for the public schools, election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people; equitable assessment for all property; a conservative business like administration of state affairs and reasonable and just regulation of transportation lines.
Having full faith in the judgment and honesty of the people, and believing that their expressed wishes should be the guide of the one chosen to represent them in the legislature, and that the source of all political power rests with the people, I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for the candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for the position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in Congress, without regard to any individual preference.

If you want notarial work done, a deed, mortgage or lease written, or a sworn voucher filled out, you can get it done at The News office upon short notice.

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Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale at the A. D. Gardner farm five miles Southwest of Stayton, in Linn county on
Saturday April 4th, 1908,
Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. the following personal property:
Ten head milk cows, all fresh or soon to be fresh; 14 head young cattle, 16 head swine, 3 to 5 months old; 4 dozen young laying hens; 1 old bearing harvester; 1 Milwaukee mower 4 1/2 ft. cut; 1 Milwaukee hay rake 10 ft. 1 U. S. cream separator, 2 eight-gallon cream shipping cans. Some household furniture nearly new; these household furniture and other articles too numerous to mention.

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Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of George Christie Johnston, deceased, will, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court for said county, on the 16th day of April, 1908, at 10 a. m. sell at public auction at the front door of the Planning Mill in the city of Scio, Oregon, all of the following described real estate, to-wit:
Lots Nos. 2 and 3 in Block No. 3 and fractional Lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 5 in Wheeler's Addition to the town of Scio, Linn County, Oregon.

Terms of sale, cash in hand on day of sale.
Dated this 16th day of March, 1908.

RILEY SHALTON,
Administrator of the Estate of George Christie Johnston, Deceased.

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