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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

No More Parties Needed.

At a railway banquet in Chicago the counsel for one of the big roads, urged the formation of a new party, to be devoted entirely to the defense of railway interests. He says it ought to be easy to organize the 1,500,000 railway employes into a party which would oppose such harmful legislation against the roads as has been enacted in many states in the past two years. "Only one man," he says, "can stop the anti-railroad legislation which prevails, and he is the voter. We should organize railway men into a compact political party, and I believe a competent leader will arise if we sound this call now."

This sort of folly would be mischievous if it were to be heeded by any considerable number of persons. But it will receive very little attention. We now have about as many parties as the people will support, and several new ones are proposed. On April 2 the Populists will meet in St. Louis and put up a presidential ticket. At Rock Island on May 1 the representatives of a so-called Christian party will nominate a ticket to stand on a platform which will say that everybody not of the Protestant faith should be excluded from office. The Republicans will meet in Chicago on June 15, the Democrats in Denver on July 7 and the Prohibitionists in Columbus, Ohio, on July 15, while Hearst's National party proposes to meet about July 20 and name candidates for president and vice president. One or two Socialist parties are still to hear from, but they will hold their conventions in due time.

It would seem that the party field is pretty well occupied without getting the railway workers to enter it as a distinctive organization. The Republican party can look after the interests of the railways and of all other activities much more intelligently and effectively than separate organizations for any of them could do. The United States Supreme Court has just set aside some laws which hampered the railways, and which were also against the public interest, and the court will continue its work along the same line. There is no urgent need either for the establishment of a new party or the creation of any new governmental machinery. The Republicans will carry the country in November, prosperity will soon return and some of the parties already with us will drop out of business.—Globe Democrat, St. Louis, Mo.

SHALL THE BOSSES FLIM-FLAM THE PEOPLE?

A few Republican bosses at Portland and Salem started in to hold county conventions and put up tickets in the old way.

The more keen and intelligent among them got cold feet as they saw it was not good "Politics."

The county delegates in Marion county sat down on the proposition and refused to put up a ticket.

But the bosses did not give up. They have made a ticket just the same and put the machine back of it.

In Portland and at Salem the better

class of clean decent Republicans have rejected their proposition.

They are rallying for the Statement No. 1 candidates, who are not the machine candidates in this fight.

The machine candidates want no discussion before the people and want an evasive pledge that will enable them to barter for a senator.

The situation in Oregon is up to the Republican voters whose intelligence, character and Americanism are on trial.

They voted Statement No. 1 into the law because they claimed to believe in the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

To now suffer a few selfish machine bosses to flim-flam it out of the law would be an impeachment of both their character and intelligence, which we do not believe they will stand for, and the result in April and in June will demonstrate that the Republican party is still the party of the people and not the party of the bosses and the machine.

The people are to decide whether they want to go back to the old way when a few bosses named the senator.

Shall your pencil mark in the ballot booth count, or shall the barrel count in electing the senator?

Shall the Republican party travel backwards into the hands of the machines or shall it go forward for clean progressive reforms?

The game is too open and too easily understood when the machine will let the people name all but the legislative ticket.

The machine says we will name the legislative ticket for you. We want to attend to the business of making senators.

The Oregonian has never yet stated in an unequivocal manner whether it favors electing senators by the direct vote of the people or not.

The machine managers at heart are opposed to election of senators by the direct vote of the people and are trying to flim-flam them out of it.

If the people will just lick the machine off the face of the earth these selfsame leaders will walk up and sign Statement No. 1 like good dogs, two years from now. They have no convictions on the subject.—Capital Journal.

COUNTY COURT.

The members of the court visited the Sanderson bridge, last Thursday, and decided that the two spans built in 1893 will have to be rebuilt this summer.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

C. H. Stewart, judge.....	\$100 00
J. W. Miller, clerk.....	166 60
D. S. Smith, sheriff.....	166 66
Grant Froman, recorder.....	150 00
Jas Elkins, treasurer.....	83 55
W. L. Jackson, supt.....	83 55
F. C. Stelmacher, deputy sheriff.....	60 00
W. L. Marks, deputy clerk.....	60 00
D. B. McKnight, assessor.....	200 00
Mart Bilyen.....	40 00
H. Williams, ferryman.....	40 00
C. F. Clayton, ferryman.....	40 00

ACCOUNT POOR.

County Charges.....	85 25
J. D. Bennett.....	4 75
Everett Kyle & Co.....	25 00
Aug. Kraschneuski.....	6 25
Indigent soldiers.....	25 00

Dr. Prill.....	15 08
R. Hofflich.....	45 00
Adams & Lemke.....	8 25

CURRENT EXPENSES.

C. G. Rawlings.....	38 00
City Printing Co.....	2 00
C. H. Stewart.....	21 24
The Herald.....	31 50
F. K. Churchill.....	29 50
J. W. Miller.....	35 00

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

J. W. Wilson.....	30 24
B. L. Simpson.....	4 00
H. L. Lasselle.....	35 00
Chas Creel.....	69 00
I. Butler.....	66 00
Jake Bilyeu.....	23 60
T. J. Butler.....	93 60
L. W. Pomeroy.....	30 00
J. P. Willban's.....	7 75
Hibler & Gill Co.....	23 70
Chester Serding.....	27 00
Fred Sommer.....	2 00
Wm. Gilkey.....	6 00
W. J. Turbridge.....	2 85
F. R. Dusen.....	3 50
D. M. Bonar.....	3 80
F. M. Johnston.....	1 80
Ohling & Taylor.....	36 20
R. E. Huston.....	70 00
P. W. Spink.....	4 28
W. L. Forster.....	62 50
F. L. Smith.....	27 00
W. J. Turbridge.....	19 27
Stewart & Sox.....	6 50
C. H. Stewart.....	8 75
Fatus Bros.....	40 00
Alex. Supter.....	51 62
Henry Blazely.....	12 50
Watson Bros.....	149 89
G. A. Ascoe.....	17 50
J. H. Mears.....	93 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

John Catlin Constable.....	15 85
Hotel Kevere.....	7 00
J. R. Green.....	10 00
J. M. Bartenshaw.....	5 46
E. C. Roberts.....	90 00
Jas. Clow.....	1 70
H. G. Fisher.....	44 00
Edith Francis.....	40 00
St. Charles.....	3 50
F. C. Stelmacher.....	24 00
D. S. Smith.....	23 80
C. H. Waizer.....	15 08
Pearl Jewell.....	50 00
C. M. Kendall.....	31 00
C. G. Rawlings.....	100 00
G. C. Turner.....	23 90
R. E. Hulbert.....	11 00
A. J. Johnson.....	5 28
Mrs. M. G. Stetter.....	1 25
Ira Bilyeu.....	2 60
E. C. Roberts.....	93 40
Dr. J. P. Wallace.....	5 00
J. G. Bryant.....	92 50
W. A. Kinsey.....	59 00
Wm. Fortmiller.....	5 80
Glass & Prudhomme.....	131 25
S. P. Burger.....	5 00
Dr. W. H. Davis.....	5 00
L. E. Miller.....	12 35
Willamette Valley Co.....	53 10

Besides the above, bills were the allowances for witness fees in the recent circuit court and before the grand jury, including those of the now notorious W. L. Pason, which have been called for by those whom Pason owed on power of attorney and warrants transferred, the road supervisors for attendance at the annual convention and the directors for attendance at the school convention.

The Filibuster

Legislation by "unanimous consent" and the edicts of the committee on rules has been rudely interrupted in the National House of Representatives. Mr. Sereno E. Payne, who is Mr. Cannon's right-hand man in the standpoint policy of doing nothing, calls the interruption a filibuster. Mr. John Sharp Williams, leader of the revolt, says it is nothing of the kind. With a certain acuteness he remarks that a filibuster is an effort to prevent business being done while the sole purpose of his rebellion is to force the Republican majority to do business. He declares that Mr. Cannon and his satellites quake with fear lest some member should try to carry out those Presidential policies which they all profess to admire. Their plan of campaign is to spout innumerable speeches in praise of Mr. Roosevelt's recommendations, but carefully to refrain from enacting any of them into laws.

Mr. Williams believes that the country is eager to see several laws passed which would transform the President's recommendations from theory into fact, and he has announced that the Democrats will prevent the transaction of all routine business, or delay if they cannot prevent it, until their opponents consent to do what the people wish. It is to be hoped that they will persevere in their plan. Republican leaders in the House have adopted a policy of inaction which is bad for the country and bad for the party. With a doubtful campaign just ahead it looks like folly to go before the voters with a record of wasted time and cowardly paltering with great measures.

Of course Mr. Williams hopes to obtain for his party the credit of forcing their opponents to act. If he succeeds his party ought to have the credit. The long domination of the Republicans in the National House has reduced that body to abject submission before half a dozen politicians whose abilities are mediocre and whose purposes are questionable. Hardly any freedom of speech remains to the members. Debate has become a lost art, deliberation is forbidden and what might be the most important legislative body in the world does nothing but obey the mandates of its bosses.

It has become impossible for a new member to rise to prominence in the House except by servile adulation of Mr. Cannon and his three or four close allies. The ambitious representative of the people must lay aside every wish that is not in harmony with the purposes of this clique. He must obey their commands, toady to their vanity, submit to their regulations. If he shows any independent spirit he is doomed to political ruin. He is not permitted to speak on the floor, he is excluded from important committees, he is snubbed and humiliated. Thus the House has lost its representative character in large part and degenerated into a mere mouthpiece for a little cabal of politicians. It is time that this state of things came to an end. If Mr. Williams can reform it by filibustering or by any other method, he will deserve the gratitude of the country. Both the Speaker of the House and the

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