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HONEST POLITICS WINS OUT.

THE NOMINATION of Mr. Cake and the probable election of a Statement No. 1 legislature, is a vindication of the principle of the rule of the people, henceforth, in the game of politics. Never, since the adoption of our primary law including Statement No. 1, have the dethroned political bosses made so fierce and determined assault upon the resumption of the people's rule in politics.

Senator Fulton's defeat, also, demonstrates that the people of Oregon demand in a candidate for office a man entirely free from the taint of corruption. If a candidate has even been associated with the corrupt politics of the past, no matter whether he is proven guilty or not, the people have become so suspicious of such, that if they can have choice as between a man whose character was tainted with accusation of wrong doing, and a man of spotless character as in the case of Mr. Cake, be it to their honor, the clean man is selected by an overwhelming majority. Nor does it necessarily follow that the people deem Senator Fulton guilty as charged by Mr. Heney. Their choice simply shows a preference for the man whose character is unsoiled.

Senator Fulton is an able man intellectually and commands the respect of his fellow senators because of that fact. He has, also, proven to be a senator true to the interests of the people of Oregon as far as securing financial aid for her rivers and harbors. But he has alligned himself with the interests and the opponants of President Roosevelt's policies. This fact, among thinking men, had as much to do with his defeat as did his generally regarded dishonorable connection with Oregon land frauds and bargain and sale elections of U. S. senator.

Senator Fulton was the representative of political bossism. The people of Oregon have, whenever they have had the opportunity, pronounced against the political boss. It is gratifying to know that they are proving true and steadfast in their purpose.

The election of United States senators, by our legislatures of the past, has proven to be the chief source of political corruption in Oregon. At the capitol city not only has boodle in the shape of hard cash reigned supreme; but bargains and political agreements were made by which, not the best men were appointed to Federal office. In this way have such men as Jack Mathews been appointed to Federal position; whereas, had it depended upon the votes of the people, his occupation in private life would not have been disturbed.

The defeat of Mr. Fulton is, probably, the final struggle of political bossism in Oregon, to reinstate itself in power. In June the people will, undoubtedly, adopt the amendment, making Statement No. 1 obligatory in the election of United States senator. A senator elected by the people will not then owe fealty to any boss except his only rightful boss—the people. Men will then be selected for Federal office because of their quallifications and fitness, rather than for their ability to deliver votes at the general elections or at the legislature.

The fight of the people to re-establish themselves politically, is being stubbornly contested all over the United States. Here in Oregon the victory is now, practically, won. Now that we have the Initiative and Referendum, the Direct Primary and will have in June the Compulsory Election by the legislature of the people's choice for U. S. senator, we have the tools by which we can have just as pure and honest administration of political affairs as we will to have.

Senator Fulton, after the 4th of next March can devote his entire time to his law practice down in Astoria. As a citizen he will be entitled to just as much say in the conduct of public affairs as anybody else, and no more. Mr. Heney may have been a liar as Senator Fulton stated; but the people seem to think the San Franciscican told the truth, at least, part of the time.

FLAGRANT UNFAIRNESS.

THAT THE FRIENDS of U. of O. increase of appropriation have ever stood ready to make use of any unfair advantage they could command, to secure the fat appropriation they so much desire, is commonly understood by those who have taken up the duty of looking after the taxpayers interests. They do not hesitate to deliberately misrepretent the position of the people who oppose their assaults upon the state treasury.

A correspondent to the Oregonian, at Eugene, in a recent communication to that paper, deliberately misrepresented Governor Chamberlain's words in regard to the increase of appropriation; inferring that the Governor had changed his opinion, since he vetoed the increase as voted by our last legislature and is now in favor of the increase.

For any and all persons who may have seen this misrepresentation of what the Governor actually said, and not the correction we publish the following notes exchanged between Mr. N. Young of this city and the Governor, which are self explanatory.

Scio Oregon April 15, 1908

Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir and Brother: The report has been circulated in this district, by your political enemies, that you, in a recent address at Eugene, sanctioned the appropriation of $125,000 per annum for the maintainance of the University of Oregon; and it is said the same was published in one of our state newspapers.

I have seen nothing in any of our papers as alleged by the person who has circulated this report, and I have taken the liberty to write to you and most respectfully ask you to answer, yes or no.

Truly yours
N. YOUNG.

Governor Chamberlain replied to the above sa follows:

State of Oregon,
Executive Department
Salem,
April 16th 1908

N. Young Esq.
Scio Oregon

My Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th instant. The correspondent of the "Oregonian," at Eugene, misquoted from my speech at that place on the 17th of last month, and in his report to his paper sought to leave the impression with his readers that I had committed myself in favor of the appropriation for the State University. After some correspondence with him in reference to this injustice, he corrected the statement, which was subsequently published in the Oregonian over his signature.

In my Eugene speech I stated that the reasons which influenced me to veto the appropriation bill, were stated in my veto message, and further than that I had not taken part in the discussions for agsinst the appropriation, leaving the matter entirely to the people to determine what ought to be done therewith. You can say, therefore, that I have been misrepresented in the premises.

I thank you very much for calling my attention to the matter, and you will know now what to say to those who continue to misrepresent my position. With kindest regards I am, yours fraternally

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

It is but just to say the party who circulated this report is opposed to the increase of the appropriation and is not a political enemy of the Governor. On the contrary, he is a died in the wool Democrat: and is a personal enemy to the Governor because of personal motives only.

So far as the NEWS is informed, the Forks of the Santiam will, to a man, vote against the appropriation. Nor are we opposed to higher or University educations, as Mr. McArthur falsely states. We believe in college education and we endeavor to encourage any young man or young woman who manifests a disposition to master the higher courses. But we think that he or she should bear the burden of expense in obtaining the higher courses. We tnink that Oregon's first duty is to the public school. Let our public schools be brought to the highest state of efficiency, and then, if we can afford it, we can take on the college or university. But to endow less than three per cent of our boys and girls with an univsrsity education and to limit the 97 per cent to a very meager common school course, is manifestly unjust. Nor can Mr. McArthur successfully defend neglect for the common school and fat appropriations for the university.

NEW PARTY ALLIGNMENT

THE SIGNS OF THE times indicate a new party allignment, in the near future. The breaking down of the old political prejudice and the trend of modern political thought, makes this result both possible and probable.

Without doubt a very large majority of the Republican party is following the lead of President Roosevelt and Senator LaFollete, along the lines of reform; while the minority, which by no means is to be dispised for it includes among its numbers what may be denominated the capitalistic classes, remain steadfast to the old lines of political thought, under the leadership of Senators Foraker, Aldrich, etc. and Speaker Cannon and numerous other congressmen. A large majority of the Democratic party have followed the lead of such reform leaders as Bryan, Folk and others; yet it has the reactionaries, including the old Gold Democrats to contend with.

Now, as has often been said, there is but slight liference between Roosevelt Republicans and Bryan Democracy. Both elements are moving along on parallel lines of reform; differing only in the degree to whith a reform shall be carried. Both elements believe in tariff reform, regulation of railways, trusts and the establishment of the people's for boss rule in politics.

These parallel lines are gradually approaching each other and, in course of time, will become so blended and intermixed that, should you place a Bryan Democrat and a Roosevelt Republican in a sack and shake them thoroughly, their identity would be lost forever. Neither would know his party nor would the party be able to identify its former adherent. So nearly alike in political thought are now the dominating elements in each of these new old parties, that their difference is demonstrable only in the minor planks of their respective platforms. On the leading governmental issues they will coincide as completely as if they were vertiable Siamese twins.

The principles of the Republican party as now voiced by President Roosevelt Senator LaFollette and other of their leaders of advanced reforms in political thought are right. Democracy as taught by W. J. Bryan, Governors Folk and Johnson and Mayor Tom Johnson is right. All advocates in reform political thought, will admit these conclusions. As before stated, the difference exists only in the minor planks in their platforms of principles. Admitting that both are right in their main contentions, what is to prevent the two right thinking elements joining together, except for the remnants of old time prejudice? As sensible patriotic citizens, the day of union cannot be far distant.

On the other hand, we find the minorities of both parties very similar in thought as to principles of government. Both are strong adherants to the ideas of class legislation. Both believe that banks and railroads should not be subjected to governmental regulation. Both stand pat when tariff matters are considered. Both believe that the ordinary every day citizen has no rights the rich should be compelled to respect. The notorious words of Vanderbilt "The public be damned" seems a ruling principle with each. What is to keep these two elements from uniting whenever they may deem it necessary to do so?

An irreconcilable difference exists in these elements of each party. Bryan Democrats and Roosevelt Republicans could fraternize. Roosevelt Republicans and Foraker Republicans never. Bryan Democrats and Cleveland Democrats could never agree. Should Senator Foraker, for instance, be nominated for president by the Republicans and Mr. Bryan by the Democrats, Roosevelt Republicans would vote for Mr. Bryan by the thousand. Should Roosevelt or LaFollette be the Republican nominee and a man suitable to the Gold Democrats by the Democrats, an avalanche of Democrats would vote the Republican ticket.

Again should a ticket composed of Roosevelt and Bryan, or Bryan and Roosevelt be nominated and every state in the Union would be swept from stem to stern. Nor does the day seem far distant, when such a ticket as above nominated, will be placed in the field. A little more ineffectual attempts at correcting railways, trusts and the capitalistic classes in general, will force the people to come together in selfdefence.

But so long as the capitalistic classes can prevent a combination of the reform elements will not be brought about. They know whenever the people act together in harmony, the day of their enjoyment of special privilege will cease. Then will capital be compelled to bear its just proportion of the burden of government. Then will an income tax become constitutional. If necessary the United States Supreme court will, itself, be reformed and reconstructed. If the people once realize their power and become unselfish enough to act together for the common good, then will the American people have just as good a government as they deserve and desire.

Off For Mexico.

On Monday John and Charles Wesely and W. Ehlert started for a visit to their mining property, located about 200 miles North of the city of Mexico. They will go by way of Kansas where they expect to stop for a short visit at the old Wesely home, then South through Texas, crossing the frontier at El Paso.

The party expects to be absent for from a month to six weeks. When they return they will be able to converse learnedly about mines, minerals and Mexican bull fights. The NEWS wishes them a safe, pleasant and profitable trip.

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