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## IS DEMOCRACY DANGEROUS?

IF ONE SHOULD believe what he reads in the Republican newspapers of Oregon, or what he hears from Republican spellbinders, he will, necessarily, believe that the doctrines of Democracy are something dire and dangerous and that should the country pass under Democratic control, absolute ruin in governmental affairs would result.

Such conclusions would be both true and false. Undoubtedly, ruin would be the portion of trusts, combines in restraint of trade, highly protected tariff beneficiaries, etc. but legitimate business concerns, manufacturing and all other enterprises which are operated on a live and let live basis, would not be interfered with in the least. On the contrary, when it became an established fact that no one business enterprise was to be favored above another, that the day of special favors by congress to special business or transportation concerns, were at an end and that all men in business matters would be equal before the law, such an era of business activity as this nation never saw, would result.

Of course the holding up of Democracy by Republican newspapers and speakers, as being methods of government to be dreaded and shunned, is considered mere buncombe by all fair minded thinkers. Yet many people are influenced, to some extent, by them. People do not think about these matters as seriously and soberly as they should or they would, at once, discover the absolute falsity of these partisan assertions.

All people admit that President Roosevelt's administration of governmental affairs has been most popular. He has instituted certain reform measures and methods which have done much to revive hope in the hearts of all lovers of popular and equitable government. But in taking up these reforms, he abandoned the methods and measures of government as advocated and favored by Republican statesmen and congressmen, and adopted methods and measures advocated by Democracy.

Every reformatory law which President Roosevelt has succeeded in having congress enact, has been accomplished by the aid of the Democratic minority of congress. Not necessarily with the aid of Democratic voters; but because the Republican majority knew that the President could and would have the support of the Democrats which, with the President's personal following of Republicans, would constitute a majority. In this manner the railway freight regulatory law was enacted. Had the President not been able to wield this Democratic "big stick," we would have had no rate law enacted.

Then the President has not found Democracy an element of danger to our government. On the contrary, he has found that the Democrats placed patriotism above partisanship. They have ever been ready by voice and vote to sustain the President in all his efforts to restrain and control predatory wealth and mercenary or unscrupulous transportation companies. President Roosevelt has found opponents to his efforts in reform; but where? Not on the Democratic side; but among the men who should have been his supporters—of his own party ranks. Does the actions of Democrats in congress during the sessions of last winter and of this, warrant Oregon Republican newspapers and speakers in pronouncing Democracy a dangerous doctrine? Every fair-minded voter will say NO most emphatically; and from reports from Eastern Oregon stating the enthusiasm Governor Chamberlain is arousing, the rank and file of the Republican party is of that opinion as well. As a matter of fact, the large Republican majority in the congress, is a serious detriment to the country and to the Republican party as well.

It has long been an established fact that legislatures which are nearly equally divided politically, are of the best results, for the harmful legislative measures by partisan influence, seldom have any effect on the course of political power

is small. There are always conservative members enough in either party, who are sufficiently independent of party influence to vote for or against measures which are or are not for the best interests of the people. This fact has been demonstrated in congress, in state legislatures and in city and county governments so frequently that citation or argument is superfluous.

If both branches of congress were more nearly equally divided politically, President Roosevelt would be able to accomplish a greater number of reforms than he has been able to secure congressional action upon. If the Republican party had had but a small majority in the Oregon legislatures, the voters would not have been required to pass upon nineteen constitutional amendments and initiative measures at the election next month.

With the fact before us, that the Democratic minority in congress has been President Roosevelt's chief source of power in his efforts of reform—his "big stick" with which he has forced his party to enact laws against its will, is there any danger of revolutionizing our methods of government in a way that the interests of the people in general would be injured, by the election of Democratic senator and congressmen from Oregon next month?

After all we find that human nature in likes and dislikes are very much the same among either Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists or Socialists. We all desire good government; but differ in opinions as to how the result shall be accomplished. Not all the good, nor all the harm can be found in any one party. Let any party have a long lease of power, with a large majority at its command and corruption is sure to follow. Corrupt men will gravitate to power and had laws and lack of enforcement of good laws is sure to follow. Examples sustaining this fact are in evidence in nearly every state in the Union. Hence, safety in our form of government, can best be conserved through as nearly an equal distribution of political power as possible.

Oregon has had a Democrat for governor for the past six years. Has any harm resulted because of that fact? Well, he has recovered for the state school fund thousands of acres of land which his Republican predecessor had allowed to be wrongfully and fraudulently taken. He has increased the price of school lands from \$2.50 per acre to nearly three times that amount. He has saved the school fund from being robbed of nearly \$300,000 by a dishonest state treasurer and his scheming associates. The Democracy of Governor Chamberlain has not been very dangerous to Oregon, nor would Senator Chamberlain add an element of danger to the United States senate. Neither would Oregon rivers and harbors suffer for lack of appropriations, with his election. On the contrary, the Republican congressmen, would regard Oregon as being doubtful politically, and would think some effort towards placation necessary in the way of liberal appropriations. Democracy may not, therefore, be considered dangerous. If so the danger should be increased rather than diminished.

Linn county has never had a county judge who has developed the good roads spirit among the people like Judge Stewart. Nor has any of his predecessors devoted his time so completely to the county's business, as has he. While he has made some mistakes in his official capacity and may lose a few votes in consequence, his energy and worth as a public officer largely overbalanced his mistakes. The NEWS has, in part, criticized some of Judge Stewart's official acts and will probably criticize the acts of either Judge Stewart or Judge Duncan, as the case may be after July 1st, next, when criticism is due. But for all that, we believe to continue Judge Stewart in office for four years more, will be an act of wisdom, by the voters Linn county. By that time, the system of good road building the court has established, will have placed the public roads of Linn county in splendid condition. Whereas a change of administration, in this respect cannot be better and can be worse. Surely no sensible man will allow personal feeling to cause him to turn down the best road and bridge court the county has ever had.

It is seldom that a more practical and successful business farmer offers himself for the office of County Commissioner, than Peter Bither, of Brownsville. By his industry and practical business judgment, he has accumulated property sufficient to place himself on easy street. Some weeks ago after the death of Commissioner Powell, Mr. Bither's neighbors irrespective of political sentiment petitioned the court to appoint him to fill out the term between Mr. Powell's death and July first. Mr. Bither's appointment followed. His excellent business judgment enabled him to take hold of the situation most readily. He is economical but not parsimonious and liberal when liberality is to the best interests of the county. Voters will make no mistake if they elect him to fill out the remaining two years of Mr. Powell's term.

Every voter should bear in mind that the State University is largely for the education of the rich and well to do. While it is true that quite a number of young men and women are working their way through, they would do the same at a private college if we had no university. You do not only have to pay to educate your own children but you have to help educate the children of men who could buy you out a dozen times over.

## CANDIDATES CARDS.

**S. H. GOIN**  
of SHELBURN, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES**

**GRANT FROMAN**  
of ALBANY, ORE.  
Regular Republican Nominee  
for  
**RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES**

**B. M. PAYNE**  
of ALBANY, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**COUNTY CLERK**

**D. S. SMITH**  
of TANGENT PRECINCT  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**SHERIFF**

**C. H. STEWART**  
of ALBANY, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

**G. C. TURNER**  
of ALBANY, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**COUNTY TREASURER**

**T. J. BUTLER**  
of ALBANY, ORE.  
Regular Republican Nominee  
for  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
(Long term)

**THOS. BRANDON**  
of HALSEY, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**REPRESENTATIVE**  
Endorses Statement No. 1.

**PETER BITHER**  
of BROWNSVILLE, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
(Short term)

**J. M. PHILPOTT**  
of HARRISBURG, ORE.  
Regular Democratic Candidate  
for  
**REPRESENTATIVE**  
Subscribes to Statement No. 1.

**I. A. MUNKERS**  
of WEST ALBANY PRECINCT  
Regular Democratic Nominee  
for  
**REPRESENTATIVE**  
Endorses Statement No. 1.

## SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINN  
Kora Neff, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
W. S. Paul, and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, G. M. Paul, S. J. Paul, Celia Elliot, Katie Paul, Howard W. Moore, William Nelson, Dolph Nelson, Harber Nelson and Bess Nelson, Defendants.  
To S. J. PAUL, one of the defendants above named:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled Court now on file with the Clerk of said Court on or before the 20th day of June 1908, and you are hereby notified that if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint as by law required, the plaintiff will take a decree against you as prayed for in this complaint, filed in the above entitled cause and Court, which is to foreclose the mortgage dated the 1st day of February, 1906, executed in due form of law by W. S. Paul and Lillie D. Paul, his wife, on the following described lands to-wit:

Beginning at the N. W. corner of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 1, said point being a N. W. corner of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not. No. 1163 and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S. R. 2 West of the Will. Merd., Oregon, thence S. 80 chains to the S. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence E. 20 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim No. 76, thence W. 20 chains to the place of beginning containing 163 acres.

Also beginning at a point on the N. boundary line of the D. L. C. of William A. Paul and wife, Not. No. 1163 and claim No. 76 in Tp. 11 S. R. 2 West of the Will. Merd., Oregon, which is 14.15 chains W. of the N. E. corner of said claim No. 76 thence S. 80 chains, to the South boundary line of said claim, thence W. 36.11 chains, thence N. 80 chains to the N. boundary line of said claim and thence E. 36.11 chains to the place of beginning containing 288.88 acres, more or less, and containing in all 451.88 acres all situated in Linn County and State of Oregon.  
And directing the said lands to be

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sold on execution for the purpose of paying the amount of the note for which said mortgage was given. To secure, to-wit: the sum of \$400.00 with interest thereon from the 1st day of February, 1905 at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum and the further sum of \$50.00 as attorney's fees for instituting and prosecuting said suit and to foreclose said mortgage, and that the defendants and each and all of them be barred of all right title and interest therein or any part thereof, and that the proceeds arising from said sale be applied first, to the payment of the principal and later at due upon said note, and second to paying attorneys fees and the costs and disbursements of this suit, and the overplus, if any there be, be paid to the defendants as their interest may appear.  
This Summons is served by publication by an order duly made by William Galloway, Judge of the above entitled Court at Chambers on the 2nd day of May, 1908, authorizing and directing the same to be served for six consecutive weeks in the Santiam News, a newspaper published in the City of Scio, Linn County, Oregon; and that the first publication be made on the 8th day of May, 1908, and the last publication thereof be made on the 19th day of June, 1908, and that you be required to appear and answer by the 20th day of June, 1908.  
WEATHERFORD & WYATT,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.