

# CONSPIRACY TO DEFEAT GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN

### Evidently Undesirable Citizens Are Laying The Wires for a Dastardly Attempt on Popular Government.

Bribery and other pressure is being brought to bear on Statement No. 1 members of the Legislature. A conspiracy has already been effected for the purpose of disorganizing the ranks of the Statement No. 1 Senators and Representatives and thus defeating the wish of the people as expressed at the polls that George E. Chamberlain be sent to the United States Senate.

The information that bribery is being attempted is no idle rumor, for it is known positively that at least three House members elected from Multnomah have been approached. How many more have been "felt out" by the agents of the conspirators is not known yet, but at least three of the Representative select admit that efforts have been made to tempt them.

One of the agents of the plotters, who design to trick the people by tampering with the Legislature, is a young lawyer who has been mixed up with shady transactions in the past. Other agents in the game are business men who take an active part in politics.

Word has been passed down the line among the anti-Statement members to keep silent and say nothing; that a game was on foot to defeat Chamberlain for Senator and prevent the Legislature from carrying out the wishes of the people of Oregon. Members known to be opposed to Chamberlain and who are against the Statement have been notified that "there is something doing" and to wait because "something will break loose" in a short time, or at latest when the legislature assembles.

A desperate game is being prepared by the ring politicians, and no sooner was it developed that Chamberlain was the choice of the people and that a majority of the Legislature was pledged to vote for him than the plotters disclosed their hand. Embassies were at once sent to Statement No. 1 men in the attempt to organize them to repudiate their pledges. How many were approached it is difficult to say, but while these admit that bribery offers were made, it is known that at least four others have come in contact with the conspirators. These latter have made the admissions to the trio who acknowledge the visits.

Money, and lucrative positions, are the direct forms of bribery which have been offered. Another phase of the game which the conspirators are working on is to have enough Statement No. 1 members resign and have anti-statement members elected in their stead, thus pulling away enough votes to defeat Chamberlain.

The men behind the plot are ring politicians. While those who have been tempted will not reveal their names, the identity of the bribers is suspected with almost certainty by people familiar with the inside workings of the political history of Oregon. Their complete and open exposure is only a question of time.

One Statement No. 1 Representative was approached and asked if there was anything which would induce him to violate his pledge and refuse to vote for Chamberlain. He was asked if a financial consideration would have any weight. The member thus tempted says he could scarcely restrain himself from throwing his visitor out of his office bodily. The same agent who saw this member also called on another.

The experience of another Representative was similar. This particular Representative has been seen by several men. One of them asked:

"Do you know of any Statement No. 1 man who would accept a good position at a big salary for a few months?"

"Do you mean that you want to have him take the position so that he would be out of the state and unable to attend the Legislature when it votes on Senator?" asked the Representative.

"Yes," answered the briber. "That is the idea. How many do you know of who would accept this easy position?"

"None."

From all this it is apparent that the bribers are prepared to "take care" of any Statement No. 1 man who will feel too delicate to accept a direct cash bribe to violate his word of honor, by providing him with a high-salaried position outside of Oregon, where he will be safe from the wrath of the people.

Aside from the bribery proposition, the conspirators will try to have Statement No. 1 men resign in counties where there is a prospect of an anti-statement candidate being elected to succeed him. Already this part of the game has been set on foot and from well authenticated sources it is learned that feelers have been thrown out to see what Statement No. 1 men can be induced to violate their pledges in this manner. Any Statement man who resigns under the circumstances, will, of course, be open to the suspicion that he has been "reached" and has received his price.

The first move made by the plotters was an attempt to prevent Statement No. 1 men in Multnomah county from

declaring themselves. They explained that by not committing themselves, the Statement No. 1 men who will have to crawl out on some technicality later. The Multnomah delegation has declined this proposition to a man. It was after this first attempt to prevent the declaration that bribery was undertaken.

So far as the Statement No. 1 men are concerned, however, there does not appear to be the slightest intention on their part to do other than live up to their promise, and the agents who have approached them have received scant courtesy.—Portland Telegram.

### LINN COUNTY VOTE, Official.

Congressmen—Hawley, rep. 2291; Richards, soc. 391; Staver, pro., 168; Whitney, dem., 1678. Hawley's plurality 713.

Supreme Court—Bean 3709, Bright, pro., 297; Brax, soc., 412.

Food Commissioner—Bailey, rep. 2367; Emery, dem., 1659; Hawkins, soc. 321. Bailey's plurality 708.

U. S. Senator—Amos, pro., 133; Calk, rep., 1940; Chamberlain, dem., 2339; Cooser, soc., 232. Chamberlain's plurality 399.

R. R. Com.—Campbell, rep., 2380; Robertson, dem., 1887. Campbell's plurality 493.

District Attorney—J. H. McNair, 3767.

Representatives—Brandon, dem., 1991; Munkers, dem., 2233; Philpot, dem., 2199; Brown, rep., 1987; Porter, rep., 1985; Upmeyer, rep., 1799; Logan, soc., 3681; Taylor, soc., 351; Trollinger, soc., 289.

County Judge—Duness, rep., 2339; Hayes, soc., 299; Stowers, dem., 2676. Duness's plurality 244.

Sheriff—Byrne, rep., 2064; Brown, soc., 289; Smith, dem., 2289. Smith's plurality 29.

Clerk—Meady, soc. 271; Miller, rep., 2359; Payne, dem., 1794. Miller's plurality 765.

Recorder—Bloom, soc., 321; Froman, rep., 2290; Goin, dem., 1660.

Assessor—Goch, soc., 335; McKnight, rep. 2852; Taylor, dem., 1388. McKnight, plurality 1464.

Treasurer—Francis, dem., 2368; Sandner, soc., 406; Turner, dem., 1911. Francis's plurality 357.

Superintendent—Jackson 4002.

Surveyor—Duedall, soc., 515; Geddes 3763.

Coroner—Fortmiller, 3853.

Commissioner, long term—Butler, 2781; Hacklemann, 1667. Butler's plurality 1114.

Commissioner, short term—Bither, dem., 1991; C. Churchill, soc. 372; Russell, rep., 2175. Russell's plurality 181.

For prohibition 2332; against 1943. Majority for prohibition 589.

For stock running at large 1518. Against 2752. Majority against 1234.

Increasing legislator's pay.—yes 466; no 3679. Majority against 3213.

Scattering state institutions.—yes, 1388, no 2433; majority against 1045.

For Nov. election.—yes 2882; no 1003; majority for, 1879.

For five supreme judges.—yes 816; no 2696. Majority against 2181.

Sheriff's leading prisoners.—yes 2447; no 1593. Majority for, 854.

Compulsory passes.—yes 760, no 3237; majority against 2477.

Armory appropriation.—yes 1086, no 3010; majority against 1924.

U. of O. appropriation.—yes 1046, no 2948. Majority against 1902.

Women's suffrage.—yes 1501, no 1624. Majority against 1033.

Gillette's bill.—yes 1983, no 1853. Majority for, 130.

Wheelmen's bill.—yes 2457, no 1420. Majority for, 1037.

Reedy bill.—yes 1417, no 2771. Majority against 1354.

Single tax.—yes 865, no 3477. Majority against 2612.

Recall of officials.—yes 2276, no 1784. Majority for, 492.

U. S. Senator bill.—yes 3229, no 982. Majority for, 2247.

Proportional representation.—yes 1906, no 1925. Majority against 17.

Corrupt practice bill.—yes 2681, no 1861. Majority for, 220.

For grand jury.—yes 2277, no 1406. Majority for, 873.

Hood River county.—yes 1586, no 1538. Majority for, 48.

WILL BE GOVERNOR UNTIL DECEMBER 1909.

A Salem special to Tuesday's Oregonian states:

Though the Senatorial term for which Governor Chamberlain has received the popular vote will begin in March next, the governor will retain his present office until December and then take the oath and begin his duties as Senator, in case the legislature shall elect him when it meets in January.

Congress will meet in December of this year and adjourn March 4, 1909, just before Chamberlain's term begins. It will not convene again until December, 1909, unless called in special session.

When asked today what his intention was as to giving up his present office to take the Senatorship, Governor Chamberlain said:

"I shall be wherever there's most work to do. Under ordinary circumstances there will be nothing of importance to do at Washington until December 1909,

If I were there I could be of comparatively little service to the state. There is always plenty of work for a Governor to do and I shall stay in Oregon as long as my presence is not particularly needed in Washington. If at any time before congress convenes, it should become apparent that my presence is needed at Washington, I shall promptly give up the executive office and go to the National Capitol.

It is the custom to allow Senators compensation from the beginning of their terms, March 4, even though they do not go to Washington until December. Governor Chamberlain says, however, he will not accept two salaries at the same time, even if permitted by law.

Governor Chamberlain's intention to retain the office of Governor until December will be a disappointment to those Republicans who hoped to see Secretary of State Benson become Governor next March. It is by no means a disappointment to Mr. Benson, for the official looks forward with no pleasant emotions to the time when he will have to fill the office of Governor as well as that of Secretary of State. When it becomes Governor, Mr. Benson will have two members of all the State Boards.

As a majority of the Board he will have control of the Ayclim, Penitentiary, Reform School, Blind School, Mute School, Home for the Feeble-minded, the Fish Commission and the Board of Capital Building Commissioners.

Because he will have power to remove Democrats from positions at the Penitentiary, there will be many friends of Benson who will urge him to maintain control of the Board at that institution. But if he does not take office until December, the portion of the executive term remaining will be only about 3 months.

RESULTS SATISFACTORY.

The results of the late election are such, on the whole, as to commend the initiative and referendum. Possibly in some cases the majority did not decide for the best—of course many will say so—but it is not to be forgotten that this has been a very educational campaign, and as such of much value to the people. Never before have they taken so much interest in various state affairs. Indeed, not until these new features of popular legislation were adopted had most people any occasion to take such an interest, for they had no real voice in their public affairs. They were governed, but did not govern. A few political leaders ran everything, and decided all matters. The masses of people were not consulted, were not thought of and were often misrepresented, both in conventions and in legislatures.

All this has been to some extent changed. The masses of voters are taking a hand, and have something to say. Under the new system the politicians cannot ignore them entirely, and would not dare to do so if they could—though the late state convention went for in that direction.

Every two years, under this system, the people will be better able to decide all questions that may come up. They will read and think more about the affairs of their state, will take a greater interest in them, will, it may be expected, broaden mentally and politically through this process, and will grow in the state saving grace of intelligent independence.

So while The Journal would have voted differently from the majority on a few propositions, it regards the experiment of direct legislation as a success rather than a failure, and expects to see it succeed better still in future.—Portland Journal.

JURY LIST.

The following citizens have been drawn to serve as Jurors, Circuit Court, Dept., No. 1, to convene June 22.

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There were 44 men in Mitchell that had to swear their votes in an election day, and some of them lived in the corporation. The legislature should pass a law not to allow a man to vote that fails to register without showing a good reason for not doing so, says the Sentinel, and it is right.

### STORIES IN FIGURES.

It is always interesting to look over the vote and see how things went. Some peculiar things always happen. The following facts are gleaned:

Not a precinct in the county voted five judges. Kingston led in the vote against, 40 to 3.

Sweet Home voted strongest in favor of a Nov. election, 84 to 16. Up in the hills too.

Kingston was also strongest against the free pass bill, 43 to 3.

On the armory bill Jordan led in the vote against 21 to 3, with Kingston 36 to 3.

Kingston was also strongest against the U. of O. bill 47 to 1, with Solaville next 60 to 3.

Only one precinct voted in favor of woman suffrage, Sweet Home 90 to 56. Jordan with strongest against 64 to 21.

On the Reddy bill Kingston again led against 79 to 7, Solaville next 56 to 11. Every precinct in the county voted against it.

South Brownsville had it in for the single tax measure 149 to 11 against Fallman led in opposition 61 to 2. North Lebanon gave it the biggest vote 112.

Fox Valley led for the recall bill 45 to 11.

Kingston voted solidly against salary increase 48 to 9, Solaville 65 to 2.

The U. S. senator bill carried in Look Creek 65 to 6.

Syracuse was the strongest against duck running at large 71 to 11, and Fox Valley the most for 45 to 11.

The dryest precinct, proportionately, is Kingston 37 to 11.

Jordan was the warm at for Governor Chamberlain 79 to 10. He carried 23 to Calk's 9.

Judge Duncan got the best vote in Look Creek 56 to 16, Judge Stewart in Jordan 77 to 13.

Sheriff Smith did best in Jordan 76 to 10.

County clerk Miller swept things in his home precinct, Shelburn, 82 to 29.

Tangent gave Grant Froman, rep. for recorder, 108 to 43 for Goin, and Gov. Chamberlain, dem., 82 to 75. Not such politics in that.

Kingston was the most emphatic precinct in the county altogether.—Albany Democrat.

Brain Leaks.

Self help is about the best uplift. Satiety is not always satisfaction.

A crusty man is often soft on the inside.

A new broom does not sweep clean. Some very good men mistake theology for Christianity.

A man is always in earnest when he is advancing a hobby.

Straw often shows which way the patrol wagon must come.

The longer we look at that doughnut the larger the hole becomes.

A lot of men look on home as being an eating station on life's road.

Every child wonders why the things it likes best are not good for it.

We have often wondered how some people manage to live without working.

Our idea of an optimist is a man who can be cheerful in housecleaning time.

There are lots of heroes living who will be unknown until after they are dead.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but it is never any trouble to find the other one.

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but a stone that remains in one spot gathers nothing but moss.

It seems as if a lot of people were constantly courting trouble in order to win a little sympathy.

We have had fruit so often after the frost ruined the crop that we refuse to worry about it any more.

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