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WHO WILL BE THE BOSS?

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY of Oregon, that is to say the leaders, are in quite a good sized racket over the matter of the control of the party state organization. As viewed by an outsider, the status of the quarrel is about as follows:

Last spring when Mr. Cake won out over Senator Fulton as the Republican candidate for United States senator, Mr. Fulton's supporters were mortally offended. They said Mr. Cake secured the nomination through large numbers of Democrats registering as Republicans and who afterward voted for Mr. Cake at the primary election. In selecting a state chairman, at the instance of Candidate Cake, his brother was selected as manager for that party. This selection did not suit the Fulton men a little bit. In their estimation there was entirely too much Cake in evidence in Republican politics.

To counteract the whole business a very nice little scheme was hatched out by the Fulton crowd. They planned to do two things. First, to give Governor Chamberlain the popular vote at the June election and, second, to elect at the same time an anti-Statement No. 1 legislature. Governor Chamberlain received a majority of the popular vote. His election, it is said, was largely due to the Fulton followers voting for him. This feature was carried out as per program. But the second feature proved a miscarriage. When the primary election was over, it was found that if all the Statement No. 1 Republican candidates were elected together with the Democrats who might be elected, would not constitute a majority of the legislature. This was just as the schemers had planned. They wanted Chamberlain elected at the polls and a legislature elected which would be hostile to him, and which would refuse to elect the choice of the people and elect Mr. Fulton instead. This was the scheme put up by the Republican machine. But to the chagrin of the machine there were other politicians in the state that could figure ahead as well as they. So, in several counties wherein no Republican Statement No. 1 candidates had been nominated at the primaries, Independent Statement candidates were brought out. The result as we all know, was the election of a good working majority of the legislature of Statement No. 1 members.

As the matter now stands, Cake defeated Fulton at the primaries and the Fulton people defeated Cake at the general election. The Cake people now want the Statement No. 1 legislators to live up to the requirement of their pledges and elect Chamberlain United States senator next winter. That is to say, ratify the choice of the people. This does not suit the Fulton crowd, which seem to possess the confidence of the National Republican organization and a first-class ruction is the result.

Chairman Cake is to be decapitated or forced to resign. Probably "fired bodily" would be the better expression. Should Chairman Cake refuse to be fired, then he is to be totally ignored in the management of the campaign, and not a cent of the campaign fund is to pass through his hands, etc.

This kind of treatment will not probably make Mr. Cake and his friends feel very harmonious. Chairman Cake knows that the defeat of his brother was due to the disloyalty of the Fulton forces and the gratuitous insult that is being served out to him, will not help to harmonize matters. Of course the Oregon machine, backed up by the National machine will probably succeed in dethroning Mr. Cake, or make him but a figure head chairman. But how will such action effect the majority of the Republican party which nominated and voted for Candidate Cake? The Republican party of Oregon has rejected the machine crowd—the Fulton wing and voted the party organization and management out of the aforesaid machine's hands. Now National Chairman Hitchcock is endeavoring to reinstate the machine

or Fulton crowd in power again who will use every means possible, fair and unfair, to defeat the election of Chamberlain and elect Fulton, next winter.

As the NEWS views the matter, no better procedure is possible, to place Oregon in the Bryan column, than that course the Fulton people, backed by the National organization, is now pursuing. There are thousands of Republicans who are greatly displeased with the Chicago platform. They require but little more to cause them to reject both the Chicago platform and the Chicago candidate. This firing out of Chairman Cake will supply that "little more." They might not have been persuaded to vote for Mr. Bryan; but to be run over rough shod in the way which is now being attempted, will make them angry. They will do anything in order to get even. To place Oregon in the Bryan column is the only means by which this rule or ruin machine crowd can be taught a greatly needed lesson. The NEWS predicts that this needed discipline will not be wanting next November. It is said to be a dangerous pastime, to swap horses while swimming a stream. Our Republican friends are getting into deep water. A change of riders is apt to be disastrous.

SCIO IS ON THE MAP.

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWS columns will be found an item preliminary to the organization of a Willamette Valley racing circuit; to include the towns of Eugene, Albany Independence, Salem, Portland and Scio. Horsemen will meet in Albany August 7, for the purpose of effecting the organization. A racing circuit, including the above mentioned towns, is sure to be well patronized and successful. While Scio is the smallest town mentioned, the well known enterprise and push of the citizens and their love of speed contests will make Scio not the least profitable point of the circuit. Undoubtedly the primary starter of Scio's growing importance was the organization of the Scio Stock and Agricultural Fair Association and the giving of the most successful fair last year. Scio possesses the soil, the beautiful hills and valleys, splendid streams of living water, which are necessary and desirable requisites for the home; our splendid grain, stock and dairy farms, our magnificent forests, our unrivaled fruit land only need to be advertised to entice the homeseeker. Rarely is it the case that a man who is searching for a desirable home comes among us that he is not located.

But with all these natural advantages there is the one element lacking which is required to make the Forks of the Santiam as progressive and prosperous as any other part of the state and that is transportation facilities.

But these transportation facilities are promised. Within a year or two the whistle of the railway engine and the whizz of the trolley car will be no stranger to our hill and valley homes. Then will the best portion of Linn county be made to bloom as the rose.

A saw mill, a milk condensery, a cannery, a sash and door factory are among the many enterprises that are soon to be inaugurated in this locality. Then the billions of feet of lumber which our forests are capable of producing will furnish a rich profitable traffic for mill transportation line and laborer.

As before stated the starter of all this promised prosperity is our fair. Within one month our second annual fair will be on. Our fair of last year was most successful; but the fair of this year promises to outstrip our last year's effort in every particular. And the advertising which will be given our naturally rich and beautiful hills and valleys, can hardly be estimated. We can hardly be accused of optimism if we predict that our population will be doubled within the next five years. The Willamette Valley is destined to become the most desirable locality for homes in the United States and the Forks of the Santiam is about the most desirable locality of the Willamette Valley.

Then why should we not be optimistic? And why should we not proclaim our magnificent resources and our most desirable locations for homes to the world.

However, we should all be up and doing. We should leave no stone unturned which will push Scio and vicinity to the front. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, if taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." That "tide" for the Forks of the Santiam seems to be on. Let us meet and welcome prosperity with a hearty greeting. Let us make such an exhibit at our fair, next month, that will cause our visitors to speak of us and our resources only in praise.

"LET THE PEOPLE RULE."

THE RECENT DECISIONS of the Chicago appellate court in favor of the Standard Oil trust, emphasizes the fact that the battle which is to restore the government to the people is to be a long and bitter struggle. And it may be put down as a fact the Standard Oil, the United States steel corporation, the sugar and all other trusts and financial concerns which enjoy special privileges, will exhaust every means possible before they will surrender the privilege of collecting tribute from the people at will. And they have entrenched themselves behind laws framed by the sordidest of legal talent and enacted into law by a subservient congress so firmly, that it will take

years before they can be dislodged from the points of vantage they have secured.

The NEWS is not disposed to lay all the blame upon a Republican congress for enacting the laws which have given the trusts and other corporations such rich special privileges. Perhaps if Democrats had been in control of congress almost uninterruptedly for years, as have been the Republicans, these special privilege hunting corporations could have succeeded equally as well. These corporations, which now victimize the trusts, have been represented in congress for years, in numbers of that body as well as in the lobby, by the very best legal talent available. Nor have all of these special privilege laws been enacted by one congress. These laws have been the growth of years of study by these shrewd corporation lawyers and they have gradually secured the enactment of this class legislation so adroitly that many congressmen, mayhap a majority of them did not realize, at the time, just the scope and extent to which the special laws would reach.

The Republican congress is blamable, however, for its refusal to repeal the laws which were sheltering the trusts, when the fact of the mischievous character of the laws had been demonstrated. The Republican party is blamable for the election of a majority of congress which a merely servant of the trusts. Any political party or body of law makers may, innocently, be led into making mistakes or the enactment of bad laws. Blame attaches only when science the mistake or bad law, the correction of the same is neglected. President Roosevelt has, time and again, pointed out to congress these bad, mischievous laws and recommended remedies. But the trusts and other interests had control of the congress and congressional machinery and any and all efforts looking towards reform, save the enactment of a makeshift railway rate law, have proven futile.

The Republican party is now appealing to be retained in power. Congressmen who refused to aid President Roosevelt to bring about reform are asking to be re-elected. These same congressmen among whom there could not be found thirty who were patriotic enough to stand with the Democratic members and enact the President's measures into law.

Now it is generally admitted that President Roosevelt and the various measures he advocates, tends to restore the government to the people's rule. It is also a fact that the Republican congress was the block which prevented his policies from being enacted into law. Not even the beggarly number of thirty members would, assisted by the Democrats, aid the president in his efforts in reform. Can we expect these same congressmen to stand for the people's interests in the future? They had every opportunity they could desire to enact laws which would correct wrongs which existed, but they would not. Casting aside all political prejudice and looking at matters political, fairly and squarely, it may be assumed as a fact that a Republican congress will never revise the tariff in any way which will not be satisfactory to the tariff beneficiaries; will not submit an amendment to the states, making it possible to elect United States senators by the people; will not enact laws curbing the greed and domineering methods of the trusts and other corporations in the restraint of trade, and will not enact laws and repeal laws which will again restore the control of government to the people.

When Senator Fulton made his Corvallis speech, nearly one year ago he made the statement that should he not be the choice of the people at the June election for United States senator, his name would not be submitted to the legislature to be voted upon. But it was demonstrated at the primary election that he was not the choice of the Republican party, let alone being the choice of the people later on. By no course of reasoning can the senator establish that he is the choice of the people. Hence, if he is to be true to spirit of his Corvallis statement, his name will not be presented to the legislature next winter. But late development leads one to believe he is figuring, if possible, to prevail upon the legislature to elect himself in lieu of Governor Chamberlain. To do this he must persuade, at least, seven Republicans to violate their pledged words in order to do so. Statement No. 1 Republicans have not, of course, made oath that they will always vote for the people's choice for United States senator, but they have pledged their words that they would do so. Morally a pledge is just as binding as an oath. Hence, when Senator Fulton or any body else endeavors by any means whatever, to persuade the pledged members to violate their pledges he is to all intents and purposes committing the crime of subornation of perjury. Under such circumstances, if elected he would be guilty of that crime as much as he who violates his oath. Senator Fulton is a dead duck, politically, so far as the people of Oregon are concerned. They have lost their faith in him. Should he by scheming, defeat the will of the people, next winter, he would lose faith in himself.

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