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G. O. P. DISSENTION A BRYAN ASSET.

IF WILLIAM J. BRYAN is successful at the polls next fall, it will be attributable, in a measure, to dissention in Republican ranks. This is particularly true in the states of New York, Ohio, Wisconsin and Oregon. In New York state the rank and file of the Republican party demand the renomination of Governor Hughes to succeed himself. This does not suit the machine and old-time political leaders. If it was not a presidential year, the matter would be easily solved. Governor Hughes would be nominated and defeated at the polls. But these same machine politicians desire the election of Wm. H. Taft and they fear if they connive at the defeat of Hughes, the presidential ticket will go down to defeat as well. In Mr. Taft's own state the long standing quarrel between the Foraker and Taft factions is sure to give Bryan a largely increased vote. The dissatisfaction of the colored vote and the influence of labor leaders will operate to Mr. Taft's disadvantage at the polls. In Wisconsin Senator La Follette's teaching of reform for several years, has created an independence of voters in the Republican ranks which must necessarily operate to Mr. Bryan's gain. Here in Oregon we are all familiar with the dissentions among Republicans. While the progressive element of that party, which for convenience we may say is represented by Mr. Calkins, is in the ascendancy, the radical or Fulton wing seems to be in good fighting trim and is not disposed to concede anything to the progressives. Besides the known dissentions in the states named, there is a strong demand all over the nation for revision downward of the tariff. Because of the fact that the present Republican congress has made no effort at revision and the further fact that the Chicago platform does not offer much encouragement to revisionists, thousands of Republicans who believe revision a vital necessity for the prosperity of the general masses of people, will vote for Mr. Bryan as the only hope of relief in this particular.

The Republican party is now paying the penalty which all parties pay, for having a too long lease of power. When a political party secures the ascendancy, it does so because it advocates principles and theories which appeal to a majority of the people. For a spell the leaders and office holders of such party are actuated by patriotic motives. They really try to do what they promised they would do, when elected. But soon the patriots are displaced by spoilsmen. This works alright until a rival set of spoilsmen seek to secure the ascendancy. Then trouble begins. The Republican party has now arrived at the "two sets of spoilsmen" stage.

The only remedy for this stage in the life of a political party is a thorough, crushing defeat at the polls. The leaders of such defeated party are then sure to take a good look at matters. It is pretty apt to settle all political difficulties in some way, lop off the causes which lead to defeat, and make itself worthy of the confidence of the people again.

Whether the Republican party will be defeated next November, remains yet to be seen. But the evidences of political decay are plentiful and the entire country seems to be ripe for a political revolution. The Republican party must either make a right-about change in its political methods and policies or it is doomed to disaster. It must clear its ranks of spoilsmen of the type of Foraker, Cannon, Aldrich and others, if it would retain the confidence of the people. President Roosevelt has endeavored to bring about reforms which the people were demanding; but congressmen of the type above mentioned class, blocked his efforts at every turn. The people would have re-elected Mr. Roosevelt, if he would have permitted them to do so. They had faith to believe, through his indomitable will power, he would bring about reforms in

governmental affairs. While the people had lost faith in the promises of the Republican party, they had not lost faith in the president and would have nominated him at Chicago by acclamation, if he had not said nay. But it is doubtful if Mr. Taft can inspire confidence sufficient to win out. Individually, if unhampered by a class of politicians in whom the people have lost faith, he might succeed. But the people are fearful that the influence which will surround him, if elected, would dominate his administration and which would be detrimental to the welfare of the people.

So viewing matters in the light of the past history of political parties, the rapid growth of political independence among the people and the dissentions among Republican leaders, Mr. Bryan has very many reasons to expect a result in his favor in November. The News believes the nomination of President Roosevelt was the only means to insure Republican success next fall. The people have a faith and confidence in him, inspired by his independence in administration of government—his determination to give the people a "square deal" which they do not nor cannot have in Mr. Taft. They have a similar faith and confidence in Mr. Bryan and believe he is much more likely to continue the Rooseveltian policies than Mr. Taft is likely to do. In fact confidence in Mr. Bryan's theories has been, largely, generated by President Roosevelt's administration. The president has convinced the people that they need not fear Mr. Bryan.

"WILL NOT DOWN."

STATEMENT NO. 1 has become a veritable Banquo's ghost to the Oregonian. It will not down. In nearly every issue of the big daily, some reference is made to it, in its estimation, despicable Statement. It argues, scolds and ridicules alternately and what is its purpose? Evidently to persuade, cajole or drive men who have pledged themselves, to violate their obligations. Such action can hardly be considered as being honorable in a newspaper which poses as a teacher of high-minded and honorable political action. Some months ago the Oregonian declared itself free and independent of any and all obligation or fealty to the Republican party. Yet its editorial columns are filled daily with matter as strongly and rabidly partisan as in the days when it posed as the leader of Republican politics, in Oregon and the Northwest.

When we consider our primary law, including Statement No. 1 was placed upon our statutes by the Republican party, we wonder why it is so bitterly condemned so soon by a newspaper so uncompromisingly and partisanly Republican as the Oregonian. Is the primary law and Statement No. 1 akin to the Australian boomerang rebounding against its originator?

Of course the Oregonian's purpose is to prevent the legislature from electing Governor Chamberlain to the U. S. Senate next winter. It is endeavoring to defeat the voice of the people. It is trying to restore the old corrupt political machine rule in Oregon politics. Does such action reflect credit upon a great newspaper and a leader of political thought? One of the leading arguments the Oregonian uses to break down our primary law, is that it conflicts with the Federal constitution in so far as it applies to the election or selection of United States senator. Of course the candidate the people select for that office is not lawfully elected until he receives a majority vote of the legislature in accordance with the Federal statute. That fact is well understood by all. But even the Oregonian will not deny that the people have the right to instruct the members of the legislature to vote for or against any measure they may see proper. Legislators are elected to represent the people and to enact such laws as the people may desire; or to elect whomsoever they may desire as United States senator. The Federal law requires the legislature, in its representative capacity, to perform this duty; but it is not stated that the people may not direct or designate whomsoever they wish to be elected to that office. As a matter of fact our primary law, including Statement No. 1, has not worked out just as the political bosses, including the Oregonian, desire. Had Mr. Calkins received a majority of the votes last June, presumably there would have been no serious objection raised by the Oregonian or the bosses. But for some reason the fool people concluded that they preferred Governor Chamberlain to Mr. Calkins for their senator in congress and as a result the fat is in the fire. It is simply outrageous for the Republican state of Oregon to elect a Democratic United States senator, in the estimation of these people. Since when has the Oregonian become so great a stickler for constitutional law? Less than two months ago it advised the people of Oregon to violate the constitution of Oregon in its advocacy of legislative appropriation for the University of Oregon. Prior to the state election it was unlawful to erect any public building at any place other than at the state capitol. The University buildings having been erected in violation of constitutional law, any appropriation of public money to support the University was equally as unlawful. However that fact made no difference to the Oregonian and other newspapers of Oregon. Well, it is no longer illegal to appropriate money for the University; nor is it unlawful for the people to instruct their legislators for whom to vote for United States senator.

OUR SECOND ANNUAL FAIR.

As the date of the Linn County Fair approaches, the prospect for a large exhibit and a large attendance increases. Now that Scio is included in the newly formed racing circuit, we may expect some first-class racing every year. Owing to the fact that the racing circuit has just been organized, a full circuit racing program will not be pulled off at this year's fair, though there will be a number of good horses here for competition for the purses offered and some interesting and exciting races will occur.

The Fair Association is badly handicapped for the lack of funds. More stables for stock exhibits and better facilities in every department are necessary, if we make our Fair the success it deserves to be. Now there are, at least, 500 people in the Forks of the Santiam who have not yet taken out a life membership in the Association. If these 500 would come forward and subscribe, a fund of \$50.00 would be provided which would be ample to put the Fair grounds in splendid order and produce an exhibition of which we would be proud. All should consider that the Fair is a fixed yearly affair and is permanent. Every dollar expended upon the grounds is expended with a view of permanency. While it is true, that such buildings that we have heretofore erected have, necessarily, been of a cheap character and as the Fair will, this year, pass the experimental stage, the improvements of the future will be of a more permanent character. So people who contemplate becoming members of the Association need have no fear of the permanency of the Association. The Fair is an immense success, and its continued success in the future depends wholly upon the wisdom of the management. The present officers and board of directors have given much of their time and money, have exercised their best judgment to place the association in its present prosperous condition and this has been done without cost. Not a dollar of the Fair fund has been paid to the officers for their services. Not a cent of profit, in a financial sense, can inure to the managers. The only profit which is derived is the building up of the stock and dairy, the agricultural and horticultural interests and the general upbuilding of the country about us.

Then why should not every one of our citizens take out a life membership in the Association? The cost is only a paltry \$10 and you can assist in building up a Stock and Agricultural association which will be an honor and of lasting profit to this entire section of the state. Therefore, if you are asked to become a member, do not refuse; for if you do, you are refusing to assist an enterprise that will be of profit to yourself, to your neighbors and to posterity. Years after the present members of the Association have passed to the Great Beyond, the Linn County Fair will still exist—will still be promoting the best interests of this part of the Willamette Valley. Indeed the people of this locality of the present day, can build a no more creditable monument than to leave to posterity a prosperous well organized and well equipped agricultural association, such as the Scio Stock and Agricultural Fair Association now promises to become. Then place your name on the membership list. The Fair needs your money and influence and you need the Fair.

"No man can serve two masters" is a Scriptural saying. Mr. Taft's late speech of acceptance indicates that he will endeavor to serve both the people and the special interests. He may hoodwink the people and serve the special interests; but he will never hoodwink the interests and serve the people.

T. W. Davenport, of Silverton, seems to have taken a very correct measurement of Senator Fulton. His letter to the News, published elsewhere points out just how little regard for personal honor and conscientious he will exhibit if he persist in his endeavor to persuade Statement No. 1 legislators to violate their pledges to the people.

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L. W. Pomeroy, Administrator.

Hewitt & Sox, Attorneys for Administrator.

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