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STATEMENT ONE A WINNER.

THE ORDERLY AND lawful election of Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain by our legislature, last week, to the highest office within the gift of the state, all concluded within one hour, speaks emphatically in favor of our direct primary law including Statement No. 1. Illinois has a primary law as well as Oregon. Her candidates for U. S. senator were, like Oregon, nominated by the people but she has no Statement No. 1. Oregon elects in one hour; Illinois has been trying to elect for two weeks, and no election had resulted when this article was written. Is not the Oregon plan preferable?

Of course machine politicians and some of the Republican legislators who had subscribed to Statement No. 1, are very sore at having a Democratic U. S. senator elected in a state which is two-thirds Republican. The NEWS editor was present when the voting was done in the state senate. One could not help feeling sorry for the position in which some of the Republican members were placed. One could see that the dose was an excessively bitter one; yet most of the senators did their duty without protest. No doubt most of them said to themselves "I'll never get into such a fix as this again." Yet every one of them subscribed to Statement No. 1, last spring, in order to get votes and then knew they might be required to vote for a Democrat as they have just done. But who is to blame for present condition of political affairs? Republicans enacted the Direct Primary law and, also, placed Statements No's 1 and 2 in the law. Now if they have been given a lift by their own petard, they should accept the blame and make the best of it. In no manner can they attribute blame to the Democratic part for their present discomfiture.

But, we are told, that Governor Chamberlain is not the choice of the people for the office to which he has been elected—that his election was secured by a trick or juggle. It is claimed that Democrats were responsible for the nomination of Cake at the primary election and that the Fulton Republicans defeated Cake at the general election last June. Possibly these features did contribute to the result. Possibly Fulton Republicans did prefer Chamberlain to any Republican other than Fulton for United States senator. This fact does not show that Chamberlain was not the choice of the people. The fact of the business is, Oregon Republicans have formed the habit of voting for Chamberlain. They elected him prosecuting attorney for the 3rd judicial district; they elected him attorney general; they twice elected him prosecuting attorney for Multnomah county; they twice elected him governor of Oregon, and now they have elected him United States senator. Surely, if frequent repetition constitutes a habit, our Republican brethren have the Chamberlain habit in a virulent form.

After all, why may not Senator Chamberlain become one of the best, if not the best, of senators Oregon has had? He has made good, eminently, in all of the official positions he has heretofore held and he will make good in the United States senate. As he is about the only Democrat in the nation who has formed the habit of being elected by Republicans, we opine that he will find himself very much at home with his adopted political brothers in Washington D. C. and, possibly, may aid in submitting to the people an amendment to the Federal constitution, by which senators in congress may be elected by direct vote. Who knows?

THE STATE COLLEGE GRAFT.

THE PRESENT SESSION of the legislature has covered less than one-third of its constitutional 40 days and there have been appropriations bills introduced aggregating over six millions of dollars. Over one-sixth of this amount is for the benefit of our six state colleges. The state university has not been heard from as yet; but it will be remembered that there is now a continuous

appropriation of \$250,000 biennially and, possibly, this amount will satisfy the demands of that institution for the present. All of the other five, however, are asking a total of nearly \$900,000 for the next two years. And this is not enough. It is proposed to establish another Normal school, to be located in Multnomah county. Evidently the purpose of making a college county of Multnomah is to increase the number of college county legislators for the purpose of having power to unlock the vaults of the state treasury at will for college appropriations.

The NEWS has often stated as its opinion that the state made a grave mistake when she embarked in the college business and, the present assault on the people's strong box, bears out the wisdom of the opinion. Just how long the people will suffer a lot of grafting tax eaters to bleed them under the old, almost, sacred name of education, is yet a conundrum.

Normal schools are supposed to be schools for the one purpose of training teachers alone. That is their purpose in other and older states. In Oregon they are colleges of general education with the teachers' training course as a sort of side issue. Less than one-fourth of the graduates of these so-called normal colleges, take up teaching as a life work. True most of them attempt teaching for a year or two; but as a make shift only until they take up their chosen life work. Until the doors of the Normals are opened only to students who purpose to make teaching a life work they will have no more right to style themselves "Normals," than any other college in the state. Indeed Albany, McMinnville, Salem or Newberg turns out as many teachers and as successful ones, as do our Normals.

Realizing as we do that the state is overloaded with Normal schools, which are such in name only, what can we or what will we do about it? When the human body is afflicted with an incurably diseased arm or leg which endangers the life of the patient, the intelligent physician does not hesitate to remove the diseased member. As each one of these normals has an equal right to be supported by the state, the only just and equitable method of procedure will be to lop off the entire bunch. Now, as each of these schools are demanding new buildings, would be a most propitious time to resort to heroic treatment. The objection will at once be raised "What will our public schools do for teachers?" So long as nearly every private college maintains Normal departments, we are not likely to be worse off than we are now in that particular.

When the state has given her boys and girls a public school education, including the high school, the state has done its full duty. If the boy or girl has not the grit to hustle for a college training, the state is simply wasting money in attempting to force one upon him or her. The state is under no obligation to attempt giving a technical education to a few of her boys and girls unless she can give it to all. As it is impossible to teach all of her boys and girls a trade or profession, this feature should be eliminated from the state's educational curriculum.

To abandon the Normals may seem to some of our readers, as taking a step backward; but it is not. When a traveler becomes switched off from his correct route, if he is sensible, he will take the back track until he gets right. The state went wrong when she permitted four normal schools to engraft themselves upon her. To get right should be the one purpose at the present time. To erect new buildings at each of these schools, is simply to keep going on the wrong track.

The state can only justly, and the NEWS believes constitutionally, support the public schools. Let us make it possible for every boy and girl to obtain an education up to and including the twelfth grade, and the state has done its full duty.

The Oregon Agricultural college was, primarily, founded for the purpose of teaching agriculture, horticulture, agronomy and all other subjects related directly to the farm, dairy, poultry raising, etc. If this college would confine its instruction to the purposes first intended, then there would be buildings in abundance for all purposes. But it is rapidly taking on the nature of a trade school and engineering, electricity, carpentry, blacksmithing, printing, pharmacy, etc., are subjects being taught. Of course all of these various trades, are useful to society, as well as to the mechanic the school turns out. But, in order to teach these various trades, expensive buildings and plants are requisite. These are what are costing the state a lot of money and will continue to require extravagant sums. The question is: Can the people afford the expense? Is it the duty of the taxpayers to be burdened with a school of technology as O. A. C. is being converted into? Is it right for taxpayers to be burdened with the education of lawyers, doctors, dentists, civil engineers, electricians and mechanics of all classes?

Oregon should have a fundamental law, if there is not one now, by which an official's salary may be neither increased nor decreased during his incumbency. When the official is elected he, in effect, contracts to do what is required in the office to which he is elected, for a stated salary. It would be a violation of this contract to reduce his salary and the violation is just as flagrant if his salary is increased. It's a poor rule which will not work both ways. These lobbyists, down at Salem, who are seeking to have their salaries raised will do well to go home and attend to the duties of their offices. If they are not content with the salaries they get they can always resign.

Feeding Milk Cows.

Milk contains water, fat, protein (casein or curd), sugar and ash, and these are all made from the constituents of the food. If sufficient protein, fat and carbohydrates are not contained in the food given her, the cow supplies this deficiency for a time by drawing on her own body, and gradually begins to shrink in quantity and quality of milk, or both. The stingy feeder cheats himself as well as the cow. She may suffer from hunger, although she is full of swale hay, but she also becomes poor and does not yield the milk and butter she should. Her milk lands are a wonderful machine, but they can not make milk-as-in (curd) out of the constituents in coarse, unappetizing, indigestible swale hay or sawdust any more than the farmer himself can make butter from skim milk. She must not only have a generous supply of good food, but it must contain sufficient amount of the nutrients needed for making milk. Until this fact is understood and appreciated, successful, profitable dairying is out of the question. Many forcible illustrations of its truthfulness have been furnished by the agricultural experiment stations.—H. B. Speed.

The twenty-fifth biennial session of the Oregon legislature will go down in history as the most expensive, if not the most extravagant of any of its predecessors. There will probably be some referendum business within a short time after adjournment.

Administrators Final Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Wm. Goodfellow, deceased, in the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, and that said court has duly set the hearing of objections thereto and the final settlement thereof for Monday, the 15th day of February, 1909, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, in the court room of said court at Albany, in said County and State.

Dated this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1909.

FRED GOODFELLOW,
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