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REFORM THROUGH OLD PARTIES BEST

WHEN ONE CONSIDERS the number of people whose principle purpose in life seems to be to "work" the public in a political or financial way, in our city, county, state and national governments, he is very apt to become somewhat pessimistic in his views, regarding these matters. He is apt to propound the question "what's the use" to himself.

The man or men who endeavors to obtain an undue advantage, politically or financially, from the public, has success as a reward for his endeavors and which often spells great financial gains; while he who exposes and combats these nefarious schemes, has only the approbation of a public duty performed, as his only reward or fee. It is, then, no wonder that so few people feel the pressure of duty so strongly that they will take up the work of combatting the schemes of these scoundrels.

The people, in their efforts to overcome these evils, have associated themselves into many different reform parties. There are reform parties today, several of them, whose purpose is to benefit the people—to generate a more honest and equitable conduct of governmental affairs. But neither of them are making sufficient headway to assure the people of relief in any reasonable time. Socialism, Singletax, Independence League and several other minor organizations, are all professedly attempting to better our conditions both politically and financially. But neither of them promise to amount to a corrective factor in any reasonable time. The policies of all of them seem to have the welfare of the people as a goal and, as such, all are valuable as an educational factor. Then there is a progressive reform element in both of the old political parties which has the same commendable purpose in view—the purification and equalization of the burdens of government. The NEWS believes that to these progressive Republicans and Democrats, the people must look for any and all reforms of the immediate future. We know that the element of political prejudice in the average mind is the great hindrance. Men will admit that party leaders and candidates are corrupt and that they will stand in for the interests which are robbing and debauching their party. Yet when election day comes about, they march up to the polls and vote their party ticket. They seem to think a Republican scoundrel is preferable to an honest Democrat and vice versa.

Admitting that it is hopeless, almost, to overcome this party prejudice, reform must be accomplished within the party lines. A most commendable effort in this direction was made at the late special session of congress. The insurgent element, by uniting with Bryan Democracy was almost strong enough to dethrone that arch enemy of reform and justice, Speaker Cannon from his position of autocratic power. And they would have succeeded had it not been for a number of contemptible congressmen, who disgrace the name of Democracy and who rallied to the Cannon standard, thus preventing the overthrow of the American czar.

This progressive element in both parties will be increased at the next congressional election and it should be the purpose of every friend of reform in Oregon, to replace Congressmen Hawley and Ellis with men who will stand for the interests of the people.

The time has arrived in American politics when the American voter must stand for the interests of himself, his family and for posterity. Men cannot serve both the people and mammon. The parting of the ways has been reached. Congressmen who voted for Cannon for speaker of the House of Representatives and for the measures he desired enacted into law, are not friends of the people. "By their acts

shall ye know them." There were quite a number of Republican members who would support neither Cannon nor his measure. Messrs Hawley and Ellis were not of their number and they should be well remembered in the selection of candidates for congress, next year.

Oregon is in the best condition of any state of the union, to bring about reforms in a nonpartisan manner. Through our initiative law, reforms can be proposed for which men can vote for or against, without arousing their political prejudice. Through Statement No. 1, legislators can be bound to vote for the people's choice for United States senator. Through our referendum, legislative extravagance can be held in check, and through the recall, unworthy officers can be deposed from office. All of these points of vantage which the people have secured, should be jealously protected. Every attempt or scheme on the part of political bosses, should be set upon, good and hard, by the people. If necessary, and it probably will be, non-partisan good government leagues should be formed in every precinct in the state, for the purpose of defeating the assaults of the enemy. For any man is an enemy and should be treated as such, who attempts to replace these prerogatives taken over by the people, with the old-time political and corrupt boss dictatorship.

The NEWS is well aware that the discussion of these political questions, through the press, if too frequent, becomes monotonous and tiresome. But when the enemy seems to be alert and continually devising schemes for the purpose of defeating the will of the people, then notes of warning become most important. This enemy of the public weal, will not nor does not fight openly. His purpose is to lull the people into fancied security, while he is secretly plotting the overthrow of political freedom and decency. Therefore, it is most important for the people to be alert and ever ready to counteract the purpose of the enemy. The NEWS also believes it to be the duty of every newspaper, which derives its sustenance from the people, to be ever ready and willing to sound the call to arms when any man or body of men attempt to form schemes and plans derogatory to the people's interests. In war, a watchful, alert army is rarely surprised. The people should be no less watchful in protecting their interests, and the newspapers are naturally and properly the sentinels on guard.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN

WHEN IN PORTLAND, last week, the NEWS editor called on Senator Chamberlain at his chambers in the Chamber of Commerce building. The senator had just returned from Baker City and did not get down to his office until nearly noon. Prior to his arrival, we had quite a talk with his private secretary, "Bob" Caples. In these modern days, a private secretary is almost as great in his functions, as the congressman himself, in that he must be familiar with all of the congressman's public correspondence and public matters in general so that he can furnish his superior with the detail of any particular matter, at a moment's notice. So our preliminary talk with Mr. Caples was as productive of matters we desired to know about, as if we were talking to the Senator.

Senator Chamberlain expects to return to the National Capitol about November 1. This time Mrs. Chamberlain will accompany him which will make his long stay at Washington, next winter and spring much more pleasant.

Senator Chamberlain looks upon the tariff question as being settled during the pendency of Mr. Taft's presidency, except some of the minor details of some of the schedules might require congressional attention; but nothing looking to a change of schedules, will probably be undertaken. Senator Chamberlain thinks there is a strong tendency towards a coalition of the progressive elements of both political parties, as represented in congress for the purpose of promoting remedial and other legislation in the interests of the whole people. When asked if he thought that this coalition would go so far as the organization of a new political party, the senator was noncommittal. Yet one could see that he would look upon such a movement with favor. Concerning the Senator's vote upon the tariff bill passed at the special session, he justified his support of a high tariff on wool and lumber and his vote against the measure as a whole, as follows:

"I was convinced that the bill as a whole, would pass, and so long as extreme high protection was to be the policy, Oregon interests should be properly taken care of, along with the rest." The Senator would have favored a horizontal reduction. Oregon's interests included, had such a result been possible. But so long as high protection was to maintain, he believed that Oregon was entitled to her share of the pelf. Under the existing conditions, the NEWS believes that Senator Chamberlain's position is tenable. Yet it is in common with the opinion of all the progressive congressmen, believe the time has arrived when the

United States should abandon the high protective policy as a principle.

Senator Chamberlain has the appearance of a man who was enjoying splendid health, and that he will be able to withstand the exactions of senatorial duties, for many years. Although Senator Chamberlain has served through but this one special session of congress, he has become one of the most popular members of that body. His real sphere of usefulness in the interests of Oregon, will begin with next session, and the NEWS predicts that he will make good.

OUR PORTLAND LETTER

"Oregon apples will be well represented at the Second National Apple Show at Spokane November 15-20," said Ben H. Rice, manager of the apple show, who was in Portland the past week. "While the crop is generally much smaller than last year, the quality is of the very best and growers in all parts of the state are showing the keenest interest in the various contests. While the first apple show was an unexpected success, we have assurance that the second exposition will be even more so, as the growers want a chance to exhibit their choice apples in comparison with fruit from other states and the prize list gives an opportunity for every apple raiser to compete. The contests include car loads, ten boxes, five boxes, single boxes, barrels, jars and plates with cash premiums ranging from \$1000 sweepstakes in the car load classes down to \$3 for single plate of five apples.

"All the railroads have united in giving a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to Spokane during apple show week and also allow visitors to go by one line and return via another.

"The National Apple Show dates give growers an opportunity to exhibit at local county fairs and apple shows such as those at Albany and Hood River and then have plenty of time to ship to Spokane and win additional honors and premiums.

"I have been in many of the fruit growing districts of Washington and Oregon and in nearly all sections the report is the same—a small crop of fine quality."

A farming demonstration train will be run by the O. R. & N. Co. through Sherman, Gillam and Morrow counties in October that is expected to aid the farmers of that section of the state in the more intelligent cultivation of the soil and in improved farming methods. Lectures will be delivered by agricultural college experts, who will be on the train and demonstrations of farming practice will be made. Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, will be at the head of the party of lecturers and the train will really be an agricultural college on wheels.

That the passenger train service on the O. R. & N. between Portland and Huntington has increased 150 per cent in the last six months, is the statement of General Manager O'Brien. This shows the remarkable gain in passenger travel throughout the Pacific Northwest. From two trains daily each way between the two points named six months ago, the railroad company has found it necessary to increase the number of five daily in each direction. Much of this added travel is of course due to the A-Y-P fair, but a large part of it is attributed to the increase of population in this state and the influx of new settlers.

One hundred dollars is offered by P. S. Bates, Secretary of the Oregon Threshers' Association, for the best bushel of wheat grown in Oregon. An additional \$100 will be divided as secondary prizes. All exhibits should be shipped to The Dalles, Saturday, November 27, where the entries will be judged and prizes awarded. The contest will make a wheat show that will be held in connection with the annual convention of the Oregon Threshers' Association, December 2 and 3 at The Dalles. There is no entry fee and all entries should be sent forward in standard two-bushel grain sacks, with the grower's name attached and stating where the grain was grown.

In the death of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, the nation has lost a man it could illly spare. Governor Johnson was a man in every sense of the term. Privately, he was a model citizen, but as a public man and promulgator of good practical governmental ideas, his worth was made prominent. There are but few men who can advocate reform ideas without being styled "radical." But Governor Johnson could and did advocate reform ideas and advanced theories of government, yet retained the confidence and support of both Democrats and Republicans, a fact which was demonstrated by his election to the chief magistracy of Minnesota, when the majority was adverse to him very largely. Governor Johnson would, undoubtedly, have been the Democratic nominee for president, in 1912, had he lived. While it is true that the places of the best of men who are called by death, are usually supplied by men equally as good or better, the NEWS believes the place made vacant by the death of Minnesota's governor, as a public man, will remain void for some time.

President Taft is evidently trying to carry water on both of his shoulders, a feat that no man can perform for any great length of time. He cannot carry out the Roosevelt policy of protecting and saving the great Alaska coal beds for the people, if he allows Secretary Ballinger to manage matters in the interest of men who are trying to gobble them up. Nor can he retain Mr. Ballinger in his cabinet, if he retains Forester Pinchot in office whose aim seems to be to carry out the Roosevelt policy of conserving the coal fields to the interests of the people. Secretary Ballinger seems to favor corporate greed while Pinchot favors the interests of the people. In the end President Taft must make a choice between the two policies. As chief forester, Mr. Pinchot is subaltern to Secretary Ballinger. They have become so estranged that they do not speak when they meet and it is only a question of a few weeks, at most, when open hostilities will break out. The president will have to take hold of one or the other horns of the dilemma. If he takes up the Ballinger horn, he will never be re-elected president. If the Pinchot end, he will drive a very large sized wedge into the Republican party organization, but he will, in so doing, make himself immensely popular with the people.

President Taft will be in Portland tomorrow and Sunday, leaving the state after night. While it is true that the people delight in honoring their president whenever he chooses to come among them, regardless of person or politics, they would prefer that he should not be so wholly appropriated by a special few as seems to be the case in this instance. The president will be permitted to shake hands with certain favored people in Portland, but the rabble, the common people, must simply stand on the sidewalks and cheer as he passes by. The president's tour is being managed as if he bore the insignia of royalty. This is not pleasing to the American people. True the president's person should be protected from the assaults of cranks, etc., yet this feature can be carried to the extreme. After all, the president is only an American citizen and as such, is entitled to the respect and good will of the people. It is the position he occupies which causes the enthusiasm among the people. But every approach towards copying the toying to royalty, should be avoided. The common people can only see the president when on these tours, and for this reason, he should mingle with the common people, rather than with the political bosses and would-be office holders.

Brownsville has the distinction of furnishing the turkeys that will grace the tables at the banquet to be tendered President Taft and party on the occasion of the President's visit to the metropolis next week. The order calls for 50 of the best young turkeys to be found in the country.—Brownsville Times.

The Local Markets.

The following are prices quoted on Thursday of each week by our dealers:

Wheat, per bushel	82
Oats, per bushel	40
Flour, per sack	1.40
Ryan, per ton	26.00
Chop, per ton	20.00
Butter, (Country) per roll	45
Eggs, per dozen	25
Chickens, per pound	12
Chickens, per pound, young broilers	13
Geese, per pound	08
Turkeys, per pound	15
Beef, per pound	11
Beef, per pound, live weight	08
Hogs, per pound, live weight	08 1/2
Veal, per pound, for shipping	08
Sheep, per pound, dressed	04
Mutton, per pound, dressed	03

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