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Should the coming republican state assembly be of a purely advisory nature, without attempting to segregate or particularize candidates for any specific office, no fair minded man will object. Indeed, an assembly for purely advisory purposes—for the declaration of principles or issues, is praiseworthy.

But the coming assembly is not for this purpose alone, if State Chairman George's call is authority. In the call Mr. George specifically states that but one candidate will be recommended for each particular office and in such action is where the wrong exists.

To illustrate: The assembly will recommend but one candidate for the office of governor and all of the assembly influence will be thrown for this one candidate. There may be and probably will be two or more anti-assembly republican candidates for that office before the primaries. Under such conditions, it is almost a surety that the assembly candidate will win out; for there will be an organized machine behind him. The anti-assembly strength will be divided, while the assembly strength is concentrated.

Again, the assembly candidates may become such nominee by a bare majority of the 1200 or more delegates of which the assembly is composed. If so and he wins the nomination at the primaries, he will be the choice of not more than one-fourth of the republican voters. He will be a minority nominee, something to which the Oregonian most strenuously objects.

Furthermore, the success of the assembly will enable the old time political boss to get in his work and any successful candidate endorsed by the assembly, will be obligated to this boss or bosses, to a more or less extent. This evil is just what the direct primary was intended to correct.

In Linn county there is to be no attempt to hold an assembly. Linn's delegates to the state assembly, if there are any, will consist of the old machine bosses or men selected at their instance. In no sense will the sentiment of the Linn county republicans be represented; for a vast majority of them are opposed to the scheme. So far as the NEWS is informed, there has been no expressed desire by any one to hold an assembly. If any of the old time standpat members of that party have expressed such desire, they have been so few that they did not dare cheep. Furthermore, any candidate who wears the assembly color is as sure to be defeated in Linn county, as the sun shines. Even if Theodore Roosevelt should stand for office, under the auspices of the assembly, Linn would turn him down.

The NEWS sincerely hopes that the forthcoming assembly will not undertake to dictate whom shall stand for the various state offices. We hope that with the formation of the platform and other work usually performed by a state convention, excepting the naming of candidates, the work of the assembly will close. Let every man who desires, go before the primary electors, without prejudice or favoritism. Then the NEWS as well as every other fairminded citizen will stand for the assembly. But we draw the line as soon as an attempt to dictate to the primary voters is made. We believe an assembly for such purpose to be unlawful and for the purpose of overturning a law enacted by over three-fourths of the voters of Oregon.

It is Evolution

Thinking men can scarcely fail to recognize the value of the direct primary. The direct nomination is one of the big facts that was scheduled to come into the world in its proper time. Divine right kings resisted constitutional government, but constitutional government came. In one form or another it is now in use all over the earth. Kings condemn it and potentates denounced it. They insisted that people were incompetent to be governed through constitutions, just as its opponents now insist that people are incompetent to nominate under the direct primary system.

The direct primary stands today where constitutions once stood. Oregon leads the states in direct primaries as the colonists in 1789 led the nations in constitutions. The direct primary is the product of the same evolution of peoples that generated constitutional forms. The opponents of the one stand exactly where the opponents of the

other stood, and the objections now offered to the one are exactly the objections that used to be offered to the other. The kings said the people were too ignorant to be trusted, and that is exactly what Oregon assemblyites say. In each case, it was not the ignorance, but the intelligence of the people that is feared.

The direct primary and direct legislation are education and encouragement for the youth of a state. When political action is by all the people, every young man feels that he has a hand in it, and a right to be initiative. When political action is by a chosen few, young men are eliminated except on permission from the political managers. One system brings all people into political action; the other brings a mere handful into public affairs. One system encourages general participation in and general familiarity with public affairs; the other creates aloofness by the citizen.

In this American Commonwealth, Bryce correctly says that it is the non-

IS INSURGENCY DEAD

A press correspondent writing a criticism of the late session of congress stated that the insurgent movement was dead. He, also, held to the idea that when that body reassembled, next winter, absolute harmony among the republican members would prevail.

Evidently this correspondent has set up a man of straw in order to come the Johnson act upon him. He has erected insurgency into a political party, which is untrue, and illustrated its death by comparing it to the old Greenback and Populist parties of past history. But is insurgency dead? Senator Cummins, of Iowa, says the principle of insurgency is just commencing to grow among the people. He thinks that a majority of the next congress will be composed of insurgents, or men who favor the same ideas advocated by the insurgent congressmen during the last session of congress.

Why, or how can insurgency die? What did those congressmen insurgent against? When we know that those congressmen were contending for what the people want and against what the corporate interests desire, it is utter nonsense to suppose that honest and fairminded congressmen will cease to contend for what they know their constituencies desire. On the other hand, these insurgent members will return to their seats on the first Monday of December, fresh from hobnobbing with the people and with the insurgent spirit within them stronger than ever. There is no danger of a spirit which comes up so strongly from the people, dying. It will grow and expand until it absorbs one or both of the old political parties. It may form or constitute the basis for a new political party and is sure to gather force, as time passes, for it is right. It is the influence of the common people manifesting itself in the acts of congressmen.

Many of the members who stood by the Cannon machine during the late session, will have heard something dro, when they return to their seats again. They will know, at that time, that they are serving their last term prior to retiring to private life. If there is any political feature which is on its death bed, it is Cannonism and Aldrichism. The people have found that standpat congressmen represent the "interests" first and the people second, and the knowledge does not suit them a little bit. It is these standpat congressmen and what they represent that are in the throes of the death agony, and fully three-fourths of the people will regard it as a pleasure to attend their obsequies.

Insurgent congressmen may die or, possibly, some of them may fail of re-election; but the principles for which they contended will never die; but continue to thrive until they become the established policies of the nation. The people have found out, at last, that they are sovereign and they will not rest until the money changers, trusts and tariff barons are driven from the halls of congress.

The great event has transpired. The unexpected has happened and Jeffries, the one time most renowned prize fighter of the world has been licked. The event occurred in the town of Reno and in the state of Nevada, on our National anniversary. Two men, probably as perfect physically as the world can produce, met there to determine which of them was the better man in point of strength and skill. As a result, the world must now doff its hat to Jack Johnson, a man of color, as being the greatest pugilist of modern times. For many days the daily press has teemed with reports of the perfect physical condition into which Jeffries had brought himself, by a rigid and systematic course of training. A half-dozen or more skilled writers of pugilistic events have agreed that Jeff's physical condition could not be better and that he was fit to fight the battle of his life; and, too, he was marked as a sure winner by a vast majority of the fight fans. Even the fighter himself thought he would win. But all have been mistaken. The black man won and won easily. Evidently there have been two mistakes made in estimating the skill and strength of the two fighters. Jeffries was overrated and Johnson underrated; also, the "yellow streak" which some one said the Nigger would show, failed to materialize. Johnson has demonstrated that he was the better man and that he understood the fight game better than his white opponent. For the first time, in the history of the world, the Caucasian race is forced to acknowledge the supremacy of the Ethiopian. It is said that no fighter, when he has retired from the ring, can re-enter the game in as good condition as when he left it. Jeffries tried to disprove this theory, but failed. If there is a humiliation to the white race in this defeat, Jeffries, who posed as the only undefeated champion of the prize ring, is responsible and upon him rests the burden of failure. He undertook to defend his title to championship, when it was unnecessary and when he ought to have known that he was unfit. But Jack Johnson has reasons to be proud of his achievement; not only because he has defeated the greatest ring fighter the world has produced, but as a representative of a race which was held in bondage as slaves for more than two hundred years, he was able to defeat the champion of the race which had caused the enslavement.

participation of the best citizens in public affairs that is the chief weakness of the American system. The direct primary with its powers of selection and control is rapidly teaching Oregon young men the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, and enlisting their participation in political action.

The old generation cannot understand this evolution in government. The managing men who form alliances of business and politics do not want to understand it. The two groups form a basis of opposition to popular government. It is strange, but it is true that there were almost if not quite as many Tories in revolutionary times as there were patriots. Many of the Tories were of the old generation who really doubted the advisability of separation from the British crown. Others of course profited personally from grants, concessions or some other form of partnership of politics and business through the crown. In this lapse of

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