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THEIR GAME IS EXPOSED

Corporations Dictated the Ticket Nominated
by the Late Assembly

It is of the utmost importance that good direct primary candidates for the legislature should be elected in every county in the state. The next legislature will be a battleground in the struggle between rule by the people on one side and a combination of politicians and corporations on the other. It is not necessary to recount here what the issues in the coming conflict will be. The legislative ticket slated at the secret conferences of Portland corporation officials is sufficiently suggestive. It was one move that has been discovered. How many similar moves will be made as to legislative candidates in other parts of the state has not yet been revealed. Equally suggestive is the effort to elect certain corporation attorneys to the bench. One, who as counsel for the corporation, fought the recent reduction by the Oregon railroad commission of the rates of the Wells Fargo Express company, has been nominated for supreme judge. There are others. Equally suggestive is the fact that a telephone corporation has a suit now pending by which it hopes to destroy the initiative and referendum. The state grange, by means of the initiative, secured passage of a law taxing the franchises of telephone, telegraph and other corporations. These corporations had been escaping a just share of taxation. They had secured the rejection of a similar law by the legislature. They refused payment of the added taxes, and went into the state courts to beat the law. They pleaded that the initiative and referendum is in violation of the United States constitution. It is said that many of the great corporations of the country are aiding the Oregon corporations in their fight.

The alliance of the politicians and the corporations in the fight against direct legislation in Mr. Bowerman's recent convention is history. Some of the men on the ticket are signs of it. The alliance of politicians and corporations in the Multnomah convention, packed by the managing committee at the Cornelius hotel, is also history. The forces are assembling for such a control of the legislature. It is planned to throw the election of United States senator back into the legislature. The corporations want it there, because by such an election they can control the senator. There is record of testimony in the federal courts in Portland that a certain railroad corporation paid a certain Oregon senator a salary of \$6000 a year while he was in office. It is supposed that he earned the money for them in favors done or the corporation would not have paid him the salary. It is to help throw senatorial elections back into the legislature that the three secret conferences of corporation officials were held to fix up the legislative ticket of Multnomah county. The same desperate game will be played throughout the state wherever possible. Legislative candidates who want election of senator in the legislature, whether they know it or not, will be playing directly into the hands of the corporation program.

The only resistance possible is to put able and upright direct primary candidates up for the legislature in every county. Let the coming attack be met with a counter attack by naming for the legislature men who can be trusted to resist the game that the allied politicians and corporations are playing.—Sunday Oregon Journal

F. J. Denny, one of our most prosperous and intelligent farmers was in town, Wednesday and, though he was in a great hurry because of farm matters, had time to call at our office and say "Now will you be good" having reference to the castigation administered to "Editor Dugger" in Tuesday's Oregonian. We said we would until next week.

Introducing Ex-Governor Folk at Gladstone

These words were spoken by Hon. Jefferson Myers, candidate for governor, in introducing ex-Governor Folk, of Missouri, to the five thousand or more people who assembled at the Gladstone chautauqua on the night of the 21st.

"Bravery, coupled with intense patriotism and marked ability, exceptional, even now, among great men of our generation is the predominant characteristic of our distinguished guest. Alone, practically unaided, maligned, traduced, and his very life threatened time and again, he fearlessly and ably became the pioneer in successfully destroying 'graft.' Leaders in other municipalities soon followed his example, until a great awakening swept over our broad land, and the demand of corporations through political bosses was temporarily checked. The political boss and the evil of graft is the inevitable outcome of the convention or assembly form of the political parties or partisan politics. Against the united efforts of political bosses of both parties, machine politics, corporation opposition, the people selected him for the exalted position of governor of the great state of Missouri. In the executive office he again displayed with perfect fearlessness the justice and probity of the honest man.

"These traits of a sterling character are now being generally recognized throughout the nation, and he may soon be chosen for a greater responsibility by the people who are seeking strong, honest men as their public servants, without inquiring as to their party allegiance.

Mill City Musings

Haying is nearly completed.

Miss Ruby Turnidge, of this vicinity and Mr. Stevens, of Washington, were married recently.

J. R. Geddes and family are domiciled on the ranch for the summer.

Mr. Wm. Turnidge, who went to Southern Oregon, will return home not much improved in health.

Ralph Horner, youngest son of A. D. Horner, after a very short illness, died and was buried in the Kings Prairie cemetery.

H. A. Grafe, of the Hancock mine, an old time friend of J. R. Geddes and with whom he visited, is investigating the Elkhorn copper mine, in which stock he has invested.

The mill company has two logging engines on its logging road now.

T. Henness and Mr. Bowers are building two fine dwellings on their ranches.

Work will begin on the new Rock Creek bridge soon.

Rev. McLeod, the Presbyterian minister, preaches twice each Sunday in the Presbyterian church. He is an able man.

Mill City is getting to be a cosmopolitan lumber point. Lumber is shipped to every section of the United States and to foreign lands as well.

Mr. Kaplinger and family will soon leave for the Clackamas country to live.

Eph. Henness has sold his timber claim to the Curtis Lumber Co. Consideration \$2500.

The fruit inspector is needed, up here, to give ranchers directions as to spraying, pruning and caring for their fruit trees.

KORN KOB

New Law Firm in Albany

Mr. George W. Wright and Mr. Dan Johnston have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Albany under the firm name of Wright and Johnston. Mr. Wright is well known as a successful lawyer, having practiced his profession in that city for twenty-one years. Mr. Johnston, a graduate of Valparaiso University, is a member of the bar in all State and Federal Courts of Indiana from whence he lately arrived. They will give prompt and careful attention to all business intrusted to them. Their office will be in the Wright Block at the corner of First and Ferry streets, Albany Oregon.

OUR PORTLAND LETTER

The Hill Line Will Show Oregon Products to the East

Portland, Or., July 26—(Special)—Exhibits are now being collected for the Oregon car to be operated throughout the East by the Great Northern, and all sections of the state are urged to be represented. Fruits, grains, vegetables, grasses, etc., are being gathered for use on the car and it is particularly desired to have fruits on the limb, showing them exactly in their natural state.

H. B. Wight, expert processor for the Portland Chamber of Commerce, 69 Fifth Street, is receiving shipments of these products for the Great Northern car, which is being filled under the direction of F. W. Graham, western industrial agent. He urges that each community forward some of its best products, shipping them by express to Mr. Wight, either paying the express charges or sending shipments C. O. D. In the former case, expressage will be refunded by Mr. Graham.

The opportunity Oregon has to secure wide advertising in this way is very marked. Not only will the exhibits be shown to many thousands of people while they are in the car but arrangements have been made for space at a circuit of state fairs and large exhibits will be made at the Land Show this winter in Chicago. The exhibit car will be accompanied by a lecturer and will be on tour from early fall until next spring. Oregon people should respond liberally with specimens for this car. Exhibits must be complete in order to make the show effective and here is a chance for co-operation between the state and the railroad interests that will be of great value to both.

Forty-two million bushels of wheat is the estimated crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, according to an authority here who has completed a trip through the grain sections. He finds that Oregon will produce 15,000,000 bushels, Washington 18,000,000 bushels and Idaho 9,000,000 bushels. Unfavorable weather conditions during the past winter in some sections caused a falling off over the total yield of last year which was 52,500,000 bushels for the three states.

The visit to Western Oregon of Dr. Bernhard Boeggild, the dairying expert of the University of Copenhagen, during the week was important. Dr. Boeggild said conditions in Western Oregon are ideal for dairying and this section can surpass the world in this industry. He said dairying is sadly neglected for it is capable of great expansion here. Illustrating this, he said Denmark, whose total area is but 11,000 square miles, has a dairy industry yielding \$54,000,000 in butter exports. He thinks Western Oregon can at least double Denmark's present production.

Oregon's apple show will be held in Portland November 30 to December 2. It will be a great exposition of the state's fruit-growing possibilities and it will be of wide interest because of Oregon's fame as the home of the red apple. There promises to be exhibits entered in competition for prizes from every apple-growing county in the state. The Corvallis Commercial Club has already offered \$100 for the best apple exhibits from Benton County and the Hood River Commercial Club has offered \$50 for prizes for the best apples shown from that section. Other counties will yet be heard from in the same way.

Our people should make some attempt to improve the road connecting Scio with West Scio. If we cannot have a railroad we can have a good wagon road if we will to do so. There is no more uneven road than this in the county and it is used as much as any. Unless the people in a private capacity take hold of the matter, we are destined to have a road which is an injury to our town, for years to come.