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THE GROWTH OF INSURGENCY

THE STUDENT of politics cannot help but note the extraordinary spread of insurgency throughout the nation. When the word "insurgent" was applied to American politics, it was limited in application to a few republican congressmen who dared to oppose the regular republican machine, of which Speaker Cannon was the House leader and Senator Aldrich wielded the controlling influence in the senate of the regular republican organization. But now the term is applied to the electorate throughout the nation, which refuses blind obedience to the political leaders. Nevertheless insurgent congressmen made a strenuous fight to secure tariff reduction as it had been promised by the republican party during the last presidential campaign, the old guard maintained the mastery and the tariff bill enacted was no

improvement over the old one, so far as the interests of the great body of consumers was concerned. But the splendid fight made in both the House and Senate by the insurgent members, now transferred to the people and insurgency is being endorsed in almost every state, in whole or in part as fast as the opportunity is presented. Indeed, the people seem disposed to insurgence in a more intensified form than did those congressmen, who incurred the displeasure of Speaker Cannon.

When the special session of congress adjourned, it was a common saying among the regular republicans that "Insurgency is dead." It developed at the regular session of that body, which adjourned a few weeks ago, that there were quite as many insurgents as at the special session. They were sufficiently numerous, when united with the democrats, to force the appointment of a new rules committee, of which Speaker Cannon was not a member. Since the adjournment of congress, the people have taken the matter up and whenever an expression has been had, almost every state has declared for insurgency.

Indications now are that the next congress will be controlled by the insurgents. It is, also, quite probable that President Taft is now trimming the administration sails, so that the ship of state shall ride, unvexed, in the insurgent sea. A new tariff bill, based upon justice to the consumer, is a logical sequence.

Oregon may properly be said to be the leader of insurgent states. In the adoption of reform laws, which has brought the government closer to the people than that of any other state, Oregon can, therefore, lay claim to being the pioneer in reform legislation, and as this legislation completely puts out of business the old machine methods, just as the Cannon machine was overthrown in congress, the word "insurgent" rightly applies. Like Senator LaFollette, the first great insurgent congressman, Oregon is not so lonesome as she was some months ago. She now has Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Washington, California, Wisconsin and several other states, following in her footsteps, in a measure.

In everyone of the states above mentioned, the old party machine, which was satisfied with the then existing condition, is now the bitterest of enemies to the insurgent or progressive element. Like the Cannon machine in congress, their power for evil must be curtailed by reform laws. The government in all of the states, must be brought nearer to the people. This can be done in no other way, except by an insurgent movement in some shape. That is to say, the people must rebel against the old political party machine, before the evil can be corrected. And the only way that this can be done, is through the ballot at the polls, and which the people seem disposed to do as rapidly as the opportunity comes about.

VOTERS MUST BE ON GUARD

Of all the rights which the voters of Oregon have won for themselves through the initiative, none is more vital than the right to elect United States senator by popular vote. Statement No. 1 is the bulwark of this right. In the coming session of the legislature an attempt will be made to eliminate Statement No. 1 from the direct primary law and to strip the people of the power which it confers upon them. No man with eyes in his head and with brains in his cranium can fail to perceive that this plot is on foot and that it will be consummated next winter at Salem unless the conspirators are forestalled by the people.

In one way and one way only can the people insure the preservation of this all-important right. That way lies in the nomination and election of legislative candidates who are pledged unconditionally to them maintenance of the principle embodied in Statement No. 1.

Advocates of the assembly cunningly argue that Statement No. 1 is not an issue in this campaign because no senator is to be elected at the coming session of the legislature. The argument is false and misleading, contrived for the purpose of throwing dust in the eyes of the voters and deluding them into a mistaken sense of security. The one prime object of the campaign is to "stick the knife in Statement No. 1," as was bluntly declared many months ago by the assembly's chief newspaper advocate and organ. It was with this end in view that the assembly leaders and their allies, the public service corporations, put forward their legislative ticket in Multnomah county. For precisely the same purpose assembly candidates are being placed in nomination all over the state. These men must be defeated and the opportunity to accomplish their defeat will be presented in the primaries on September 24. But they cannot be defeated

then unless Statement No. 1 candidates are in the field against them.

There is still time enough to bring forward Statement No. 1 candidates for the legislature, and it is the duty of every voter who believes in the principle to see that this is done in his own county. Nominating petitions for joint legislative candidates—that is for candidates whose districts comprise more than one county—must be filed with the secretary of state not later than Saturday, September 3. Nominating petitions for legislative candidates who are to be voted for in one county only are filed with the county clerk and the latest date of filing is September 8. Full information as to the form of the petition or as to the number of signatures required can be obtained from any county clerk or by reference to the provisions of the direct primary law.

The machinery is simple. The provisions of the law are clear. To put good candidates in the field is easy. The duty of the individual voter is plain and unmistakable. If this duty is neglected, the reckoning that must follow will be heavy.—Portland Sunday Journal

COUNCILMAN EWING FEELIES

To the editor of the News—Notice is taken of your comments on the action of three councilmen for the city of Scio, who opposed the purchase of a transformer and the furnishings of electric lights and water to the Linn County Fair association free. That you associate the action of the three councilmen with that of a nonprogressive, when, as a matter of fact the opposing councilmen base their action two things. First—the possible elimination of a transformer at this time and, Second—from a strictly business standpoint. Considering that the Linn County Fair association is located outside of the corporate limits and does not pay any tax towards the expense of operating and the upkeep of our light and water system and is not en-

titled to the free use of water and lights and should not be favored above the citizens who maintain the plants.

The Linn Fair association is an organized body for profit, directly or indirectly and, if successful, will naturally absorb the profits and the city of Scio will not be known in the division.

You, also, allude to the opposing councilmen as not being public spirited, over conservative and in opposition to enterprises. If giving away the business of the city to a non-taxpaying corporation to the city then, for one, I am all of these.

The Fair association tap the water main and electric light wires at their own expense, as all other users inside the city. The association does this from absolute necessity, demanded by the concessionaires and the city receives revenues from the concessionaires; but this, to my mind, is no good reason for the great privilege to the corporation. The Fair, founded for financial gain, receives light and water free—the church, directing us to the improvement of our moral condition and the place for preparation for eternity—we charge for lights furnished.

Should, I say that we are not public spirited, over conservative and in opposition to enterprise, because of our action towards the church? If anything should be said it would be to the effect that we are not taking the matter of the future life serious enough for our future welfare.

It is not the aim to be in opposition to anything pertaining to the Fair that has a tendency to make our moral and financial condition better, as a city or community; but the free-use of water and lights, is from a purely business motive.

This is no personal matter with me and against those who oppose there is no malice and whilst defeated it is only an event in life met stoically and fearlessly. With courteous clear, in my

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