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THE PROPOSED COUNTY DIVISIONS

COUNTY DIVISIONS and the formation of new counties, constitutes about one-fifth of the measures to be submitted to the voters on November 8.

With the local conditions effecting the proposed changes, the people at large can have but small knowledge; yet they must decide one way or the other.

Because of this lack of specific knowledge the people, most of them at least, must decide upon a sort of general principle rule. As a matter of fact, most Oregon counties are too large for the general convenience of the people. When the counties were formed, the population of the then territory of Oregon was quite small—scarcely 50,000. Counties were necessarily made very large in the sparsely settled districts. In those days the principle means of travel was by horseback. The blazed trail was the only highway necessary. Every settler's cabin was a hotel which, in most cases made no charge for entertainment. The native grasses, which were then abundant, constituted the only feed stable.

Now conditions have changed greatly. Instead of 50,000 inhabitants, we have nearly 1,000,000. The wild range upon which the early settlers pastured their herds of stock, has given place to the cultivated farms and our forests are being converted into merchantable lumber. Instead of the blazed trail of the early days, good servicable highways are now demanded over which to transport the products of the farm, the orchard and the forests to market. With the building of railroads to carry our produce to distant markets, the demand for better highways came and these highways, to be useful and serve the demands, must be over easy gradients. This, necessarily, forced the laying out of roads to follow the courses of streams, so that freight wagons could deliver the products of the farm and forests to the market towns.

When our counties were established, they covered a section of the country on both sides of mountain ranges in many instances. In some cases these inconveniences have been remedied by division, as in the cases of Lincoln and Hood River counties. In several of the cases pending, the same conditions exist and in justice to the people of these insulated sections their petitions for division should be granted.

As a rule, small counties are managed more economically than the large ones. Where counties have been divided, so far as we are informed, no harmful results have followed. Because of the increased convenience for the people, the NEWS believes that the divisions in most cases should be made, if the case is of the proposed formation of Nesmith and Williams counties be exempted. In this case, while we believe the Nesmith proposition is meritorious and should be granted, the Williams proposition was and is intended to defeat the first proposition; as both proposed counties cover, to a great extent, the same territory. Nesmith county was proposed first and we believe should receive the sanction of the people. The divisions in Eastern Oregon, so far as we can learn, are all meritorious. The addition of parts of Clackamas and Washington counties to Multnomah county, is a matter that does not concern the people of the rest of the state to a great extent. Our only

objection would be that the addition would add to the power of Multnomah county in the legislature, which is now too great.

A POLITICAL BLUNDER

WHEN JAY BOWERMAN and his associates, (the NEWS will not say ni crime) concocted the assembly and which he and they knew the legislature had refused to legalize, it was for the one purpose of making Jay Bowerman, the railway corporation attorney, the republican candidate for governor. Fortune has favored the schemers, thus far. First, Governor Benson was compelled to leave the state for an indefinite period because of sickness. This placed President of the Senate Bowerman in the position of Acting Governor. No sooner had he assumed the reins of command, than he commenced the second step of the scheme, and that was to secure a majority of the delegates of the proposed assembly among his friends, who could be relied upon to support his candidacy for governor. Again was the scheme successful; for State Senator Beach was able to announce the day prior to the meeting of the assembly within three votes of the number Mr. Bowerman would receive. Thus another spoke in the assembly wheel was driven home, for Mr. Bowerman was named as the assembly candidate on the first ballot.

His resolutions committee, also, prepared a platform of principles, which was adopted by Jay's friends as the platform of the republican party of Oregon. Presumably the platform was satisfactory to him, for later on he prevented his state committee from changing some of the planks to which many republicans objected.

When the primary election occurred, Mr. Bowerman's assembly platform was repudiated by Multnomah county republicans and this county is the republican stronghold of the state. This should have been sufficient warning to cause Jay to repudiate it as well. But it wasn't.

When he commenced campaigning the state, he found the West rocks and shoals so plentiful, no matter in which direction he traveled, that he must, if he saved himself from disaster, place himself in harmony with the majority of his party which, it had been demonstrated, was anti-assembly. So he abandoned the platform which he and his associates had so carefully prepared. No doubt he did so with great reluctance. He has since treated the once popular—in his estimation—structure as a sort of political joke and announced that he had always endorsed the primary law and bowed obediently to the mandates of Statement No. 1.

Why did he do this?

Everybody knows that down deep in his heart, he believes as firmly in assemblyism today, as he did when he left his chair as president of the state senate, to speak in favor of the Mariner bill, the purpose of which was to make the assembly legal. But, he now wants votes and he is willing to sacrifice principles and friends, if necessary, to get them. Is such a political acrobat worthy to be trusted in the important office of governor?

One of the measures proposed to be decided at the coming election is to provide for the holding of a constitutional convention. The NEWS believes that this is simply a scheme to do away with the reform legislation now upon our statutes, placed there by the people. The fact that all of the big business corporations of the state are backing the scheme is sufficient cause to create a suspicion that there is a good sized nigger in the wood pile, somewhere. Should the scheme carry, the plan is to fill the convention with corporation servants, so far as possible, draft a constitution satisfactory to big business and then have the legislature proclaim it as adopted by the state, without submitting it for ratification by the people. This has been done in four or five of the states and corporation courts have pronounced such action legal. This is a fine scheme for the corporations to get rid of legislation to which they object. But the NEWS believes that the people are onto the scheme. The only safe course to pursue and at the same time save the state a large expense is to vote NO.

Voters should remember that the republican candidate for the state senate, Mr. Beatty, was a delegate to the late and now condemned state assembly held in Portland, a few weeks ago by a bunch of republican office seekers and has been politicians. No anti-assembly republican is under any moral or party obligation to vote for candidates for office who boasted that the assembly would be the death of the primary law and were willing to engage in an affair which they then knew was a violation of the provisions of the primary law. Especially should they be prevented from becoming law makers.

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