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MR. HAWLEY WAS TRIED AND FOUND WANTING

IT IS A FACT that a vast majority of the people of Oregon favor a reduction of the tariff schedules to a revenue producing basis. This is true now and has been true for many years. True, a few wool growers and manufacturers of lumber, for selfish reasons, desired the duties on those products be retained as in the McKinley tariff, when the Payne-Aldrich tariff was pending. It is, also, a fact that fully 99 per cent. of the people of Oregon desired that the allowance for carrying the mails on the railways should be reduced to a reasonable and fair amount—say the rates allowed by the railways for carrying express matter.

Congressman Hawley has known these facts from the day upon which he was first elected to congress. Has he represented the will of his constituents upon these measures? Let us see.

The congressional record shows that he voted for the schedules of the present tariff in every instance and that he voted to increase the pay of the railways for carrying the mails \$2,700,000 per annum. These are facts which Mr. Hawley will not dispute; for they were taken from the congressional record as they were noted down by the secretaries of the House of Representatives.

Instead of representing the people of Oregon, Mr. Hawley has represented the big business interests—the trust manufacturers and the railroads. Because of Mr. Hawley's votes and others of the majority party in congress you are paying higher than you should for the sugar which sweetens your coffee, for the oil which illuminates your homes, for the cotton stockings which your wives and children wear, for your clothing both cotton and woolen and for almost everything which goes to make living pleasant.

Mr. Hawley knows that he has misrepresented his constituents upon these measures and that he has represented the protected interests and the railroads. Why did he do it? Does he think his constituents are fools and do not know when they are betrayed? Should he not look to the interests which he has served and not to the people whom he has betrayed for his re-election?

A man can and will be excused, if he makes occasional mistakes, if they are made through ignorance or misinformation. But this is not the case with Mr. Hawley. He knew the sentiments of the people of his state regarding a revision of the tariff. He knew that they wanted a substantial reduction of the schedules. He knew that they expected him to vote for this reduction. But he did not do so and did vote as Cannon and the tariff and railroad barons wanted him to vote. There might be excuse for electing Mr. Hawley, if he had served but one term. In which case the people might hope that, having mingled with his constituents he would vote differently when a re-hearing of the tariff measure is had. But this will be his third term, providing he is elected, and there is no hope that he will serve the interests of the people as against those of the corporate interests.

If you employ a man and he continually serves the interests of your competitor instead of yourself, you will not retain his services a great while. Mr. Hawley is our hired man. You elected him as a member of the national congress to look out for and serve your interests. He has totally failed to do so; but has served the interests of the trusts and railroads. If you will but look up his congressional record, you can verify every charge made against him. Nor does he attempt to explain them away. Further, he favors assemblyism and is opposed to Statement No. 1.

Mr. R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, who is contesting for the position, has no congressional record. But he has a record in the state legislature and that record, in every instance, stands for the interests of the people. You have employed him in a less responsible position than that of a member of congress and he has made good. He has proven true to the interests of the people which employed him and there is every reason to expect that he will prove true if advanced to the position of congressman. At all events, he can do no worse than Hawley has done and may do infinitely better.

DIRTY POLITICS

FOR PARTISAN and personal purposes, Mr. Bowerman and the assembly organs, such as the Oregonian and its evening satellite, the Telegram, are grossly misrepresenting Senator Bourne. Of course all know that this misrepresentation is due to Senator Bourne's opposition to assemblyism. Since the primary law was enacted, the senator has been a consistent friend to it. If he can see through the thin veil of pretence on the part of Mr. Bowerman and so seeing, refuses to give the high brow candidate for governor his support for that office, the NEWS believes the senator is acting entirely within his rights as a citizen in doing so.

Senator Bourne secured the office which he now holds through the workings of the primary law. His own activity brought him the nomination and Statement No. 1 his election. He is under no obligations whatever to Mr. Bowerman, the Oregonian nor any other assemblyite for his election; for he won out in spite of their opposition. He can be just as true to the primary law in supporting Mr. West as he would be if he supported Mr. Bowerman. Senator Bourne was nominated by a plurality vote, just the same as Mr. Bowerman was nominated. No one will say that either of them was not nominated in accordance with the provisions of the primary law, and it was illogical and contemptible when Bowerman taunted Bourne with receiving a smaller plurality than he (Bowerman) received. What of it? Mr. Bowerman lacked some 12,000 votes of receiving the majority of his party at the primary election.

The NEWS did not support Senator Bourne in his candidacy for the United States Senate, nor does it indorse his actions in the senate on a vast majority of the measures brought before that body. He voted as Senator Aldrich dictated, too often. Yet his action in the senate and Hawley's action in the house, were very similar. Hawley voted with Cannon as often as Bourne did with Aldrich, all of whom were in harmony on most measures. You cannot, consistently, condemn Bourne of the senate unless you condemn Hawley of the house. But the Oregonian is doing so. Bowerman is doing so and in so doing, he expects to get anti-assembly votes. He may do so; but if he does, some people are greater fools than we supposed them to be.

These attacks upon Bourne, voters should understand, are not because of his senatorial action; but because he refuses to support an assemblyite for the office of governor. Mr. Bowerman will find, next month, that there are several thousands of other republicans who, like Bourne, will refuse to support him.

Senator Bourne is not an issue at the present time. He will be a candidate to succeed himself two years hence, if he desires. No one will dispute his rights in this respect. Whether he will be elected or not, remains to be seen. The NEWS will, probably, oppose him as it did four years ago; but for all that, this paper likes to see politics halfway fair. Senator Bourne, in this election, has the same rights due any private citizen. His congressional record is open to criticism, but his action as a private citizen should be protected at all hazards, so long as he does not transgress the law.

Of course we all know, or ought to know, that these attacks upon Senator Bourne are for the purpose of raising a false issue and to cause the people to forget that Bowerman was the kingpin of assemblyism. He, to curry favor with the antis, has whipped President Taft, Congressman Hawley and, in fact, the entire standpat republican party, over Senator Bourne's shoulders.

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