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Oregon's state military police, costing the state \$250,000 per year, is accused of being a political machine working in the interests of the re-election of Governor Withycombe by Gus Moser, president of our last state senate and member of the state emergency board. Senator Moser was a candidate for the nomination for governor last spring and was defeated by the governor.

It is said that when thieves fall out honest men learn the truth; and it appears that when republican politicians and officials quarrel then the general public learns the secret purposes and activities of these same political officials as well.

When this bunch of police was foisted upon the state last spring the law, if such there was, had to be strained in order to justify the appointment. If there was an emergency at that time requiring extra guards to enforce the law deputies appointed by the sheriffs of the various counties would have accomplished the same end and the burden of cost would have fallen upon the counties where the extra guard service was required. But such deputies would have worked under the direction of such county sheriffs to whom they would be responsible, while the sheriff only would have been responsible to the governor.

But the lawful plan for providing security for the state did not suit Governor Withycombe. He must have direct control of these extra guardians.

The Tribune will not say that it was then the governor's intention to make a personal political machine of this state police. Oh! no. But Senator Moser says he has made a political machine of the state police and that is sufficient.

The people are interested in the fact that this state police is made the basis for an extra mill state tax which would amount to \$940,000. Of this sum \$250,000 will be required to pay what Senator Moser says is Governor Withycombe's political machine.

Now The Tribune does not know that these state policemen are actively working for the re-election of Governor Withycombe. Yet men who pretend to know say such is the case. And the further fact that these policemen know that with the election of Walter M. Pierce as governor would spell the finish for their jobs gives strong color that the report is true.

As a matter of fact, every appointment Governor Withycombe has made to office since his election

has been in recognition of activities to secure his election four years ago. That is to say, such offices as carry good salaries. By such appointments we mean such men as Parole Officer Keller and Justices Johns and Olsen to the supreme court. These men had nothing to recommend them but their political activities for Withycombe. They earned recognition and he gave it.

But the fact that the governor has constructed a political machine and which he expects the state to pay for, is the chief grievance against his re-election. This is enough to cause his defeat, to say nothing about his subservency to the Portland machine; his extravagant failure in the flax enterprise; his penitentiary muddle from the start which is now developing into a scandal, and several other matters not necessary to mention.

The one exception in the governor's favor is the appointment of Charles N. McNary United States senator. Yet we are told he made this appointment before he received orders from Portland, else it would not have been made.

Republican Congress Would Be a Rebuke.

Republican newspapers and politicians are now happy. For six years they have anxiously awaited for President Wilson to make a political tactical blunder which would give them cause to sharpen their political knives for the purpose of removing his official hide and placing it on a pole to dry. They ought to tender the president a vote of thanks for affording them what they conceive to be a political tactical mistake. They were afraid that President Wilson would pass through eight years in the White House without exposing a single public act or paper which would furnish them grounds for attack. Now they think they have it and they pounce upon it with as much ghoulish glee as would a buzzard upon a first class carcass.

And what is the cause of the president's offending? What is the overt act which seems to give his political enemies so much joy?

He simply asks the people to give him a congress such as it has been during his administration; that is to say, a majority of his own party. He asks for no change. He simply desires that the congressional organization shall remain as it is, especially so long as the war may last. He thinks, and rightly too, that to change the political control of congress at the present time would be construed by the European nations as a rebuke to his own policies. It would in a measure destroy his now dominating influence in the political or diplomatic conduct of the war.

The president is well aware that the war policies he has advanced and which he so convincingly sustains has made him the central figure or statesman of the world. He sees and feels that he is pointing the way for world democracy and humanity and he wishes to preserve that influence. He feels that the United States is looked upon by other nations as the leading democratic nation, as the world exemplar and that he as president of the United States is in a measure the leader and teacher of democratic principles. For this reason he would not have his influence minimized. He wants the United States to wield a dominating influence in adjusting affairs when the fighting shall cease.

This is the reason he asks the people to not change the political control of congress. He intimates that he would not make this request in peace times but asks it now just to sustain the influence of the United States to the fullest extent in re-moulding the states of Europe which

will destroy autocracy and establish more liberal forms of government.

Nevertheless the central powers are now trying to bring about peace in accordance with their interpretations of President Wilson's peace ideas, they (Kaiser Bill, etc.) would rejoice to see the president's influence weakened. They would like to bring about quarrels in the governments which are now driving Hun armies back from occupied territory and they would hail with joy the election of an American congress adverse to President Wilson. They would regard it as an omen in their favor and which would be productive of less severe terms when the final surrender transpires.

Nor does the president attempt to minimize the support republican congressmen have given him in war measures. Nor does he claim that this is a democratic party war. He simply argues that our position of influence in the war and what it would be in the adjustment of peace terms would be injured if a political change shall be made at home. He is right in concluding that with the election of a republican congress his administration would be rebuked.

The Tribune is in receipt of a long report from Superintendent Murphy of the state penitentiary in which he attempts to justify his administration of our state prison. But he does not say why there have been so many escapes, nor why the cost of maintaining the penitentiary has been more by \$200,000 under his administration than that of his predecessors. Now, as the penitentiary is under exclusive control of the governor, Governor Withycombe is blamable for not checking this extravagance. It will be remembered that Governor Withycombe insisted that he should have control of the management of the penitentiary. Well it has only cost the state \$200,000 extra because of his control.

What is the matter with the Albany Herald and its main inspiration A. C. Schmitt, that no opposition to Judge McKnight's re-election is made? Last spring McKnight was called divers and sundry hard names, a "crook" being among the milder insinuations. Even a so called "good roads meeting" was organized to defeat the renomination of Judge McKnight and Commissioner Irvine. Get busy, gentlemen, or it will soon be too late. Your main fight was against McKnight last spring and he is no better now than he was then—just about the same. Your fight against him then was wrong, else you are derelict in your duty now. This blowing hot and then blowing cold is not good politics. The Herald will now give McKnight respectful personal mention even.

She Should Be Elected.

Miss Lenore Powell, of Brownsville, and candidate for county treasurer on the democratic ticket, is capable in every way for the office she seeks. She is the daughter of a pioneer Brownsville family and has made a success in all her business efforts. Something near one-half of the voters of Linn county are women and they are justly entitled to a proportional share of the offices.

While women are not so well fitted by nature as men for some of the offices, that of county treasurer is not among the number. There is no reason why a woman may not be as accurate and painstaking, or even more so, than a man. Miss Powell possesses every qualification the office of treasurer requires. She should and doubtless will be elected.

Why Pierce Should Be Elected.

There are many reasons why Wal-

ter M. Pierce should be elected governor of Oregon at the polls next Tuesday. Not because he is a democrat but because the state's affairs would be in safer hands than they are at the present time.

Mr. Pierce, while he cannot be called a young man, is in the prime of an active and vigorous manhood, capable of giving the best there is in him to the affairs of the state.

He is practical, is a successful and careful business farmer, is trained in political affairs, is a good and careful financier, and best of all is quick to see the secret purpose which inspires men when seeking favors from the state. He is not partisan in the old political sense and will be ready to advance the interests of a worthy purpose regardless of the political sentiment behind it.

On the other hand Governor Withycombe is an old man and past his active, vigorous manhood. This is not a fault in ordinary unofficial life, but it becomes a fault when the individual attempts to foist it upon the state in the important office of governor. He is intensely partisan in his official acts and seems to be under the influence of a bunch of Portland politicians. He has been unfortunate in the selection of men for appointive office. Especially relative to the penitentiary. That institution has been in a state of muddle since he became governor. At the present time a scandal is being investigated by Attorney-General Brown which will probably develop corruption. Of course if the rumors are true the findings of the investigation will not be made public until after the election. Also the flax experiment which has cost the state many thousands of dollars, has been placed in inefficient hands and will as a matter of course result in failure.

The Tribune is charitable enough to charge the governor's mistakes, above enumerated, to his advanced age and ill health incident thereto. He probably would not have made such a bundle of matters twenty-five years ago.

Walter M. Pierce is a younger man and just at the period of his life when his judgment should be most alert and correct. He has been directly interested in practical farming where management and good business judgment was necessary to success.

Governor Withycombe has been a salaried man for many years and he has not been required to manage a business which to be profitable must be managed skilfully.

Of the two men the state is entitled to the better and Mr. Pierce, if one will discard partisanship, will outpoint the governor in every respect.

Candidate for county commissioner A. R. McCall is well and favorably known in the Santiam country. He is a good practical farmer who has been reasonably successful in the management of his private affairs and being a man of good judgment would make an excellent county commissioner.

Judge Bennett a Candidate.

Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles, has consented to stand as democratic candidate for state supreme judge to succeed the late Justice Moore.

Probably there is not a better qualified lawyer in Oregon for the supreme bench than Judge Bennett. Both in experience and in legal knowledge he is rated as among the best. As an upright citizen of sterling integrity his superior could not have been selected. His election would raise the standard average of Oregon's supreme court in judicial knowledge and integrity.

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Lenore Powell, candidate of the Democratic party for County Treasurer, is a woman who can be fully trusted to conduct the office of Treasurer of the county. She has long been engaged in educational work in this county and has a record for loyalty, honesty and faithful performance of duty. She is worthy of the support of every voter in the county. Put an X after No. 52 on your ballot.—Paid Adv.

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