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Judge Them by Their Deeds.

The Oregonian still contends that a man must be estimated by the company he keeps. This is a safe rule in a general way but it cannot apply in all cases to men who are candidates for office. Now because certain men or associations of men supported the nomination of Governor Cox for the presidential candidate at San Francisco, that he (Mr. Cox) will be dominated over or be owned by these men, and that he is of their kind. Possibly a thief may have been a delegate in the convention and might have voted for the Cox candidacy. This fact would not have made a thief of Governor Cox.

It is manifestly unfair to cast insinuations and innuendos at the private life or acts of a candidate or to judge him by the character of the men who support him for the candidacy when he has a public record upon which the public may base its judgment.

Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Harding have public records. The people have a right to hold these records up to praise or criticize, just in accord with their merit. From the public acts of these men we are justified in concluding what they might or might not do when placed in a position of responsibility like the presidency.

But the simple fact that this or the other man has supported Mr. Harding or Mr. Cox as his choice for the presidency is not basis sufficient to say that either of them if elected will be subservient to the influence of this or that man.

Governor Cox has demonstrated, as governor of Ohio, he will require the enforcement of law. We have the right to conclude he will pursue a like policy if elected to the presidency.

Mr. Harding has not been tried as an executive as yet, but as far as we can gather from his acts as a congressman, or in any other office of trust, we have the right to form conclusions.

But we have not the right because Penrose and several other senators whose records are subject to criticism, to say that these men will control President Harding, should he be elected.

"By their deeds shall you know them" has ever been a safe rule by which to be guided and, no doubt, will be safe in this instance. If a man is a leader of men he is very apt to acquire the title of "boss". This may or may not be a title of worthiness or unworthiness, but it is an evidence that such a one will not take orders subserviently from any one, simply because he (Cox or Harding) may owe his election in part to such an one.

It is said Los Angeles does not permit any more of the earthquake

story to reach the outside world than she can help. The winter tourist travel must be saved at all cost of truth and veracity.

Will Undo Democratic Acts.

Should Mr. Harding be elected president and should the republicans because of partisan bitterness and hatred, it is safe to say that an effort will be made to repeal all the meritorious legislation the democrats placed on our statute books. Not because these laws are without merit and are desired by the people, but because they are a product of democratic legislation and are signed by Woodrow Wilson as president. Even now the federal land bank is being held up by the courts, and no doubt will be wiped from our statutes should republicans win at the polls.

The federal land bank is being fought by the banks and money lenders. The cheap long time loans made by the land banks to farmers does not suit our banks and money lenders. It holds the rate of interest so low that it gives the farmer a chance to live and yet pay the interest and a small moiety of the principal and at the end of 35 years or sooner be free from debt.

This suits neither Wall street, the banks, nor the money lenders, for these people fatten upon money panics and financial crises. With the federal bank and the federal farm loan land bank the financial panic is unknown.

The banks and money loaners are forced to loan money at low rates of interest and this does not suit them. They delight in seeing mortgage foreclosures and tight money markets for then interest rates soar and the money loaner reaps a golden harvest.

We say these measures will probably be repealed with republican success, because the great mass of money loaners and big bankers, are behind that party and they want all of the democratic financial legislation repealed.

So farmers and small bankers who depend upon the prosperity of the people, get your eyes widely open. You have become a little too prosperous of recent years. You are getting yourselves in a shape so that you cannot be squeezed at the pleasure of the money loaners.

The attack on the federal land bank is but the beginning. After November 2, if the elections please them, the money loaners, big banks and Wall street will bring a terrific influence upon congress to restore the good (?) old times of 1912.

These cormorants are getting very anxious to gather in the shekels which the farmers have accumulated under the Wilson administration. The increase of deposits in the country banks tells the story.

THE GASOLINE QUESTION.

People did not realize what an important function gasoline is in the economy of society until the gas shortage came. The injury to tourist travel resorts this year will be considerable, and if it shall prove to be an honest to goodness shortage, to recur every year, the injury will be beyond estimate to the automobile industry unless some other agent to supply power can be found.

If the story is true that a Seattle boy has discovered a power that is both cheap and unlimited, the question is settled.

It seems that a means of power gathered from the atmosphere without other than a simple coil, is unbelievable. Yet this lad drives a boat with this simple appearing power apparatus and can supply sufficient power to operate an automobile.

But is there really a shortage of gasoline? When oil wells are being

sealed up the shortage of this fluid sounds somewhat fishy, and causes one to think that "for tricks that are vain" the Standard Oil company is peculiar as well as the heathen Chinese.

There are many reasons which are behind this real or artificial shortage, whichever it is. It may be to force the exploitation of Mexican oil fields, or it may be to discourage the establishing of auto truck lines and automobile travel; for the auto truck and automobile is what is putting the railroad business in the red.

Whatever the shortage, gasoline has become quite a necessary factor in industry and until its place is supplied in some way either by increased output or by some other agent, industry and society in general will be greatly discommoded.

SOFT SNAPS.

When men or women are elected to public office too many of them consider they have a "soft snap" and at once proceed to so organize their endeavor that the least possible amount of work is accomplished and the position be retained.

Go about a county court house or our state house and you need not fear you are taking up too much of the time of the employe for he or she is ready to talk to you as long as you desire.

Go into a private manufacturing plant or any other private industry, and you will find the employe while ready and willing to answer any necessary question pertaining to business, you can see a sort of nervous appearance on his or her part, showing a desire to get back on the job.

Now we do not expect our public employes or officials to overdo themselves at work nor to work overtime, but we do expect them to do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

It is said there are many thousand employes in Washington, D. C., who have but little else to do than to play with their fingers. It matters not to them whether they are needed or not, they seem to hold on the job as long as the job lasts—and longer.

We complain of public extravagance and large cost of anything done for the public. We the people are to blame. We want to get something for, nothing. We are not working for ourselves except indirectly and we are not particular whether we accomplish anything or not. The public purse is easy, seems to be the idea.

The "keynote" speeches made at Chicago by Mr. Lodge and at San Francisco by Mr. Cummings should be published in parallel columns. It would be a good campaign document. It would show the animus of the inspiration behind each party.

Big Saving.

How is this for downing H. C. L.? 608 hats were made by women in Benton, Lincoln, Coos, Jackson and Umatilla counties at an actual net cost of \$514.13. This work was done in connection with the O. A. C. extension service millinery schools which were attended by 1700 persons. The hats made averaged 85 cents in cost and represented a saving of \$4676.20, based on the commercial value of the hats—at least this was the estimate of the millinery agent.

Curiosity.

When the workmen own the shops, And the railroad men the rails, And the grocery clerks the groceries, And the mail clerks the mails— When the preachers own the pulpits, And the pressmen own the shops, And the drillers own the oil wells, And the jails are owned by cops— When conductors own the streetcars And each driver owns his but, Will you tell us common people— Whatinell becomes of us?

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