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MONEY DIGGERS

The law respecting campaign con-
tributions ought to be strengthened.
Public sentiment itself ought to
require the law to be strengthened
and demand that its provisions be
rigidly applied. Corruption in elec-
tions is certain if huge campaign
funds are permitted, and corruption
in elections means special advantages
over the mass by those who flood
elections with corrupt money.

Newberry bought the Michigan
senatorship. The sums paid out in
his campaign were staggering. Some-
body expected a return of all those
expenditures and a big profit in ad-
dition, or the expenditures would
not have been made.

The actual millions spent in the
late presidential primaries are now
of public record. The actual pur-
chase of the votes of two delegates
at \$2500 each is in that record. How
much corrupt money was spent in
those primaries of which no informa-
tion was obtained nobody knows.

And here is chairman Will Hays.
He made public announcement that
no campaign contributions would be
received by the national committee
in excess of \$1,000. He now admits
to the senate investigating committee
that he has been receiving contribu-
tions as large as \$9,000. In addition,
it is now revealed that two days
after Senator Harding was nomi-
nated a communication was sent to
the men whom Treasurer Upham
designated as the "money diggers,"
and that communication was called
the "cream list." In the communi-
cation there was instruction to hold
a luncheon which should be addressed
by an "inspirational speaker."

The communication then continues:
This will get the "sights" of every one
of the committeemen "high" as to the
amounts to be asked from big business
men: THE TIME HAS ARRIVED
WHEN SOME PROSPECTS SHOULD
BE ASKED FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS
RANGING FROM \$5,000 AND UP-
WARDS, IN ANY CASE, IT IS NEC-
ESSARY TO SELL TO THIS COM-
MITTEE THE QUOTA AND THE
THE CAMPAIGN PLAN.

These secret instructions, sent out
at the very time when Chairman Will
Hays was publicly declaring that no
contributions of more than \$1,000
would be accepted by the committee,
are a terrible indictment of the
truthfulness of Mr. Hays. There
can be no satisfactory explanation of
his claim that \$1,000 was the limit
while he was instructing political
managers in all the big cities that
the "time has arrived to get the
sights of everyone of the committeemen
high as to the amounts to be
asked from big business men," and
when he was secretly telling these
managers that "the time has arrived
when some prospects should be asked
for subscriptions ranging from
\$5,000 and upwards."

The way to the high office of the

presidency ought not to be through
any such process of deliberate de-
ception of the people. The law
should be such that every dollar con-
tributed should be accounted for
both as to its source and its dis-
bursement. A boodle campaign can
have no other result than special
favours for the few and disadvantages
for the mass. At the very outset,
Chairman Hays and Treasurer Up-
ham have by their deliberate mis-
representations created widespread
distrust in the purposes and methods
of the campaign which they are con-
ducting. The mass of republican
voters are honest and they want the
leadership of their party and the
management of their party to be
honest and truthful.

By comparison, the discrepancy in
the Oregon quota is a small matter.
And yet it has very great signifi-
cance. Testifying before the investi-
gating committee, Treasurer Upham
said the Oregon contributions totaled
\$2,551. State Chairman Tongue in
a public statement placed the Oregon
quota at \$20,000. County Chairman
Day said \$20,000 had already been
sent, and National Committeeman
Ralph Williams placed the amount
sent at between \$20,000 and \$21,000.
That is to say, the sum sent from
Oregon was eight times as much as
Treasurer Upham, on oath, gave as
the Oregon amount to the investi-
gating committee.

The law on campaign contributions
ought to punish men who delib-
erately falsify the collection of cam-
paign funds. The law punishes a
man who perjures himself in a court.

What is more sacred than the pro-
cess by which is to be chosen for the
highest office in the world, the man
whose principles and purposes and
policies are to mean so much for the
weal or woe of 110,000,000 people?
—Oregon Journal.

The Oregonian says it will be a
calamity if Mr. Harding is elected
and, at the same time, the U. S.
senate shall be placed in the hands
of the democrats. The Tribune can-
not agree with this statement. To
have both congress and the presi-
dency in the hands of one party may
be and often is a calamity. But a
division of sentiment in the legisla-
tive and executive departments is
rarely a calamity. Even the rejection
of the league may not be a calami-
ty in the end, for it will force
to the front which is better for the
world—war or peace—and the peo-
ple of the world will force their
governments to adopt the present
proposed league for peace or some
other plan which will do away with
war. But how the Oregonian can
see calamity in a democratic senate,
with a republican president and re-
publican house, is difficult to under-
stand, unless such a senate will be
a block to republican partisan legis-
lation.

ALMOST CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

The national republican organiza-
tion may not raise a slush fund of
\$15,000,000 or any other large sum;
or it may raise the "money" as the
national committee directs and ex-
plain it away under the separate
heads of "national" fund, "state"
fund, "city" fund, etc. But as the
one purpose is to carry the elections
for the republican party, The Trib-
une is unable to see how the man-
agers of that party can escape the
opprobrium, if it can be called such.

There is not a particle of doubt
but what Governor Cox has struck a
pretty warm "lead." The fact that
the stories of the national and state
managers do not agree, and that
somebody, probably several some-
bodies, has or have lied, is pretty
good evidence that Governor Cox is
not talking in his hat.

If not, why this reluctance to per-
mit Governor Cox, through his man-

ager or agent, Moore, to present
the proofs before the committee of
senators? Also, why the great dif-
ference in the amount of slush sent
from Oregon, in the statements of
the Oregon committee and National
Treasurer Upham? There is "some-
thing rotten in Denmark" and Gov-
ernor Cox appears to be about to
locate the smell.

The fact that the committee of
senators appointed to look into cam-
paign slush funds, three republicans
and two democrats, when the candi-
date most interested is also a sena-
tor and a republican, it cannot be
expected that the investigation will
be more than perfunctory.

The committee does not seem will-
ing that the public shall know the
truth—not until after the election
anyway. The presidency may be
bought by suppressing the truth in
whole or in part, as well as by using
the slush fund outright.

If Mr. Harding shall owe his elec-
tion (if he is elected) to this slush
fund, even the Oregonian will not
fail to condemn it. But, of course,
the slush fund story is and will be
denied nevertheless Governor Cox
and Mr. Moore offer to prove it.
Why not admit their evidence of
proof? If false, no greater aid to
Mr. Harding's election can be brot
out. It would show Governor Cox
is wholly unworthy to occupy the
great office to which he aspires.

By all means let the honest truth
be placed before the people. The
simple denial by the national repub-
lican managers is not enough. If it
is true, Mr. Harding should not be
elected. If false, it will be a na-
tional disgrace to elect Governor
Cox.

The editorial in The Tribune of
last week under the caption "If It
Is True" evidently struck pay dirt;
if the long leader in the Sunday Or-
egonian was necessary to destroy its
effect. Anyway, it drew the enemy's
fire, and that is a compliment to
The Tribune.

Manager Gilstrap, of the Albany
chamber of commerce, is a printer
as well as former editor of the Eu-
gene Register. When in The Trib-
une office last week he went to the
case, composed and set up the per-
sonal notice to be found elsewhere,
and also, as representing the Linn
county fair, left an ad with the
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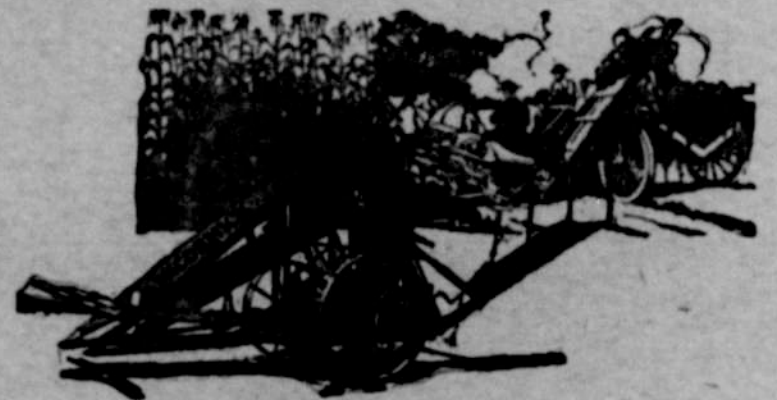
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