

## THE ASSEMBLY SHAM.

 HE effort to revive the political convention under thename of "tasembly" is made under pretense of uni-
fying the republican part. As a matter of fact, the re-
publican party, without political machines, is nearer unity
today than ever in its history, and the assembly is simply
a cloak to restore the political machine to power,
There never was a time during the regime of machine
rule when the party was not split wide open with factional
fights. The Mitchell-Simon war is still fresh in the pub-
lie mind and the pages of the past reveal a succession of
party squabbles that continually landed democrats in
office.
The trouble with the politicians of the party is that
they will not accept the dictation of the republican ma-
jority, and will vote for a democrat rather than for a re-
publican not chosen by themselves. Even now the Orego-
nian, prime mover and organ in chief for the assembly,
promises the knife for candidates chosen by the people, not
selected by the assembly.
People of Oregon, as well as those of the nation, are
sick of politicians and weary of their corruption-miser-
able middlemen who sell their birthrights for messes of
pottage-who live by grafting the public-and the people,
now freed from their domination, will never restore them to
power.
Public attitude towards the politician was very clearly
set forth by Governor Hughes of New York in a recent
speech, when he said:
"The people of this country are absolutely tired of hav-
ing public offices and public business used as a means for
personal reward, or making a great camp so that one party
may fight another on election day. They are absolutely
sick of that whole thing. Some of our good friends, very
eminent and important in party ocuncils, do not realize
that. Nothing has surprised me more in my short official
career than to find how remote from the public feeling are
those who assert it is their business to know it,"

## SHADOW OF A COMING EVENT

OMING events cast their shadows before, and when
Colonel Roosevelt lands at New York a shadow of
great political portent will be cast over the nation.
At the present time President Taft faces a serious sit-
nation. If he carries out the so-called Roosevelt policies, Wall street threatens a panic that will discredit his admin istration. If he does not carry them out, the democrats
will win the next national election. It is evident that Taft is sailing a middle course-trying to keep
and propitiate the interests at the same time.
 may expect the hottest campaign in years-a battle royal resembling that of 1896. The financial interests of the nation will oppose Roosevelt almost to a man and will
swing to the support of the democratic nominee- who will swing to the support of the democratic nominee-who wil
probably be Harmon of Ohio, or some candidate like probably be Harmon of Ohio, or some candidate like him
acceptable to the conservatives. Thus we will have a re alignment of parties-the radicals united with Roosevelt
as leader and the conservatives united back of Harmon, as leader and the conservatives united back of Harmon
and the name republican will mean radical and the name democrat conservative, reversing present definitions.
No president since Lincoln has been elected withou Wall street's support. Under uninterrupted domination
Wall street has grown to think itself greater than the gov ernment, and when thwarted in plans, bring on panics that Wall street will bring about an extended financial depression. Perhaps it is needed to clear the atmospher and readjust affairs, for to the question whether Wal street or the government is supreme, there can only be one answer from the people.

## NATIONAL APPLE PROSPECTS

$\mathrm{F}^{\text {RUTT reports from all sections }}$ indicate a normal apple 1 crop in the far east, a partial crop in the middle west a practical failure in the southwest and a large yield on
the Pacific coast. The prospects indicate general the Pacific coast. The prospects indicate general short
age and good prices. Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa and further west, irregular and spotted in the southwest.

Michigan apple orchards escaped the havoc wrought further west and southwest, and this is also true of some suffering very much from April frosts, caught it hard in
May. Western New York has every prospect of a good crop, material damage by frost, a good set of fruit and bright prospects.
Pennsylvania orchards which did not bear heavily last year are promising, yet in some important counties the
eet of fruit runs light. In Maryland a few orehards situated on low points were injured by frosts, but not enough to $t$ much figure.
In New England and such apple states as Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia the season has proved sluggish and backward, but a good set of fruit is reported. Seasons of drouth have covered a large part of the eastern states from Pennsylvaraa and onio to Nova development are reported

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(From J. C. Walling's History of Southern Oregon.)
Who told me dings I noffer knew?
Who told me vat I ought to do
Ont how to say "De-lighded""
Dot Teddy.
Dare is no bleak unt lonesome spot
Vieh ve don't cheer-I tell you do
Der vorldt iss bossed by me unt Go
Unt Teddy.

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