

JAY BOWERMAN NORMAL SCHOOL KILLER

Valley Record Relates How Assembly Nominee Is Regarded in City of Ashland.

Jay Bowerman is not unknown to the readers of this paper in connection with his work in destroying the three normal schools of Oregon, one of which is located in this city.

His work in organizing the senate and holding up every measure of interest before that body and making it first subserve his plan of destroying the state normal schools of Oregon with the view of submitting to the people of Oregon the Smith bill, which purposed to establish one school upon the ruins of the three, the one school being located at Portland. The Smith bill was before the house and senate repeatedly and finally the legislature adjourned without the passage of the bill, the house refusing to concur. Bowerman, however, succeeded in preventing the senate from making appropriations for the three state normal schools and the state is left with three idle plants on its hands and the state without any normal training for its teachers for a period of several years, until such time as the people either re-establish them or Bowerman's plan of establishing one school at Portland is submitted to the people by the next legislature and voted on two years later.

Left Schools Penniless.

The methods of Mr. Bowerman in the unscrupulous application and use of his position as the president of the senate and in his exactions of pledges to destroy the normal schools from the senate committees he appointed, his ignorant, malicious, lying statements concerning the state normal schools on the floor of the senate, and finally refusing to allow his puppets to make any provision, even to continue the schools until the close of the school year, are all familiar to the readers of this paper and the citizens of the state.

This paper has also pointed out the utter inconsistency of such unscrupulous procedure on the part of Bowerman, whose record in several previous sessions of the legislature was a continuous line of pro-normal school votes going to the utter extreme of the opinions that may have been entertained by representatives from normal school counties. He voted against the proposal to reduce the number of state normal schools, then four in number, and voted against the proposition to place the control of all the state normal schools in the hands of one disinterested board of regents influenced by local conditions.

Czar-Like Methods.

With such a record for several repeated sessions the change of position to one of utter annihilation without allowing the senate committee to even grant a hearing and in the face of the recommendations for three state normal schools by the disinterested one board of control created by the previous legislature and the proper provision for the maintenance of the schools until such time as some other disposition had been made of the system in Oregon, and finally deserting the faculty and students in the midst of the school year, Bowerman's record for the session was as complete a stultification as it was possible to contemplate.

This change of policy in Mr. Bowerman had not one scintilla of reason or logic behind it. Its motive was an unblinking one of contemptible political expediency. As president of the senate he was ambitious to become governor of Oregon and in the last general election he saw the vote of the people of Oregon on the University of Oregon appropriation bill, which had been referred to the people by the Linn county grange and other grange influences in the Willamette valley counties. The appropriation barely carried in the state, and the six big counties of the Willamette valley polled majorities ranging from 61 to 70 per cent of the vote east against the university.

Just to Catch Votes.

The attitude of the people, and the fact that the university appropriation only carried by the use of strong political pressure the alumni of the university was able to bring about, left only one impression on the Bowerman mind as to the general attitude of the voters of Oregon and the voters of the Willamette valley on the issue of state supported higher education, and he proposed to arrange his affairs to catch the prejudice of the Willamette valley fanatics and at the same time tickle the fancy and ambition of Portland, which had become ambitions along the line of obtaining some educational institutions of a larger order in its community.

Whenever Mr. Bowerman has been interviewed since upon the matter of his state normal school record he declared that it would only hurt

him in the three state normal school towns interested in the graft, they have no influence, that their votes would be a mere bagatelle as compared to the votes that it would make for him elsewhere.

Unscrupulous Course.

There was no human, natural or intelligent reason for Bowerman's course. There was no excuse for his unscrupulous course save the cold-blooded one of political expediency in his plans for securing the governorship of Oregon. He was the state senator from Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. These counties are in Eastern Oregon, where the Willamette valley fanaticism concerning state-supported higher education does not obtain, and at the same time his district did not embrace the county in which the Eastern Oregon state normal school was located. In this way his constituency consisted of people who were broad-minded and who did not whine at the expenditure of taxes for public education, who never sponged education off of missionary supported sectarian schools, and who were not influenced by the presence of a normal school in that district. In this free and independent atmosphere Senator Bowerman in several sessions developed as pronounced a pro-normal school record as it was possible for a senator to place himself. From this position to a candidate for governor he stultifies himself in one session and without the exercise of any conscience whatever proceeds to make a football of the educational institutions of Oregon with which to play himself into the gubernatorial chair.

Citizens Must Judge.

The citizens of Oregon have witnessed its leaders operate many enterprising schemes of political advantage, but we believe they have never before come in contact with such a program as Bowerman has initiated for himself. Whether he is wise in his ideas of the selfishness of all things being the only motives that govern human action; whether his experience tells him that people are dead to a broader view of public conduct; whether they expect a deliberate body to contemplate the consecutive order of its duties; whether they desire an important public official to catch a referendum vote on an educational issue to seize the expression and then whirl another educational issue to the four winds for personal political ends, it is not for this paper to say. It is a matter of personal opinion and judgment. We have seen so many things happen in Oregon politics that it is not an easy matter to pass judgment upon. However, our readers have the privilege of a good guess.

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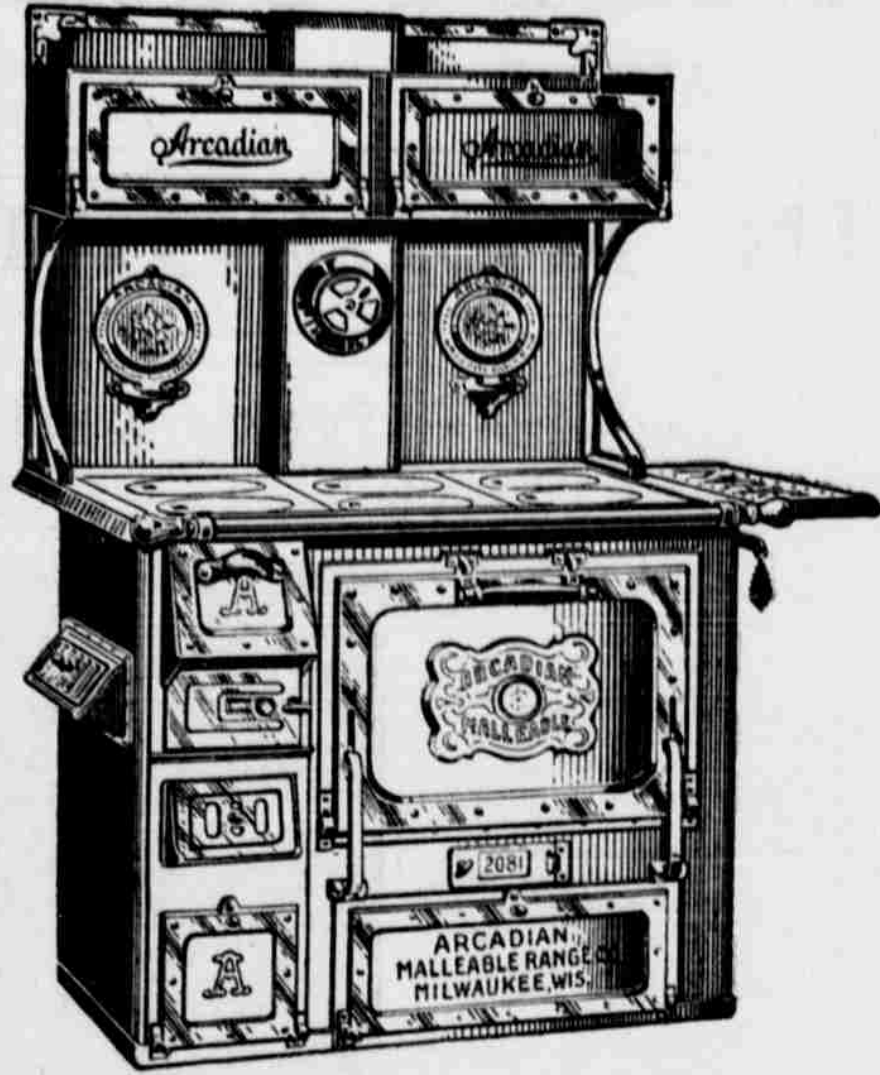
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