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FIRST MOVE TOWARD RESTORATION OF MACHINE RULE IN OREGON

Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Asks Whether the People Will Be Betrayed Into Returning to the Former Days of Legislative Auctions.

Supremacy of Principles of Most Importance and He Is an Enemy of Party Who Leads It Into Abandonment of Fundamental Principles.

(By Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr.)

Nomination of candidates for public office in so-called "assembly" is the first step toward the restoration of the convention system and the overthrow of direct legislation, direct nominations and other progressive measures adopted by the people of Oregon.

All voters who believe in the right of the people to govern themselves and who oppose return to the corrupt methods so prevalent in the past should join in defeating every candidate who seeks or accepts an assembly endorsement. By such determined action efforts to revive political machines can be most effectively ended.

The assembly movement did not have its origin in a general popular demand. On the contrary, the plan was devised by would-be political bosses who thoroughly canvassed the state, enlisted the aid of former political leaders wherever assistance could be secured, and by constant agitation and persistent urging induced a few persons in many precincts to designate delegates to the county assemblies.

Not Representative.

Only by this means could a semblance of popular selection of delegates be maintained, and it is notorious that in many instances the number of voters present was less than the number of delegates chosen, thus demonstrating that the assemblies thus composed cannot be representative of public opinion.

Political bosses are attempting to force Oregon Republicans to accept dictation from an undesired assembly made up of delegates chosen by a relatively small number of voters.

In other words, a coterie of would-be political doctors have declared the people of Oregon to be suffering from ills purely imaginary, and have employed themselves to prescribe a remedy. They also assume the right to mix the dose and expect the people to swallow it without a grimace. Later they will expect the people to pay the bill in the form of legislation for special interests and distribution of political rewards. Unless I mistake the temper and intelligence of the people of Oregon, the dose will be refused, the prescription will be declined and there will be no bill to pay.

Is an Indirect Attack.

Lacking the courage to make a di-

rect assault upon progressive laws which have been enacted in Oregon, self-constituted leaders have planned an indirect and covert attack, by which means they hope to be successful. Their pretension of allegiance to the direct primary law is but the kiss which precedes betrayal of their master, the people of Oregon.

In an attempt to fortify their position they quote Governor Hughes of New York as favoring an assembly prior to the direct primary in that state, but they have not the honesty to submit to the people of Oregon under the initiative the question whether the people desire the Oregon law amended by restoring the convention system. They are not willing to trust the intelligence of the people even in this.

The issue presented is not one of personalities, but of principles. Doubtless the guiding spirits of the assembly movement in the hope of reinstating themselves in power have tried to select as candidates men who are as free as possible from objection on personal grounds.

To Deceive People.

They hope thus to accomplish a double purpose, secure the assistance of influential citizens and deceive the people generally as to their ultimate objects. But the principle at stake is of vastly more importance than the personal interests of any individual. The issue involves the right of the members of a party to select their candidates without dictation from a party boss who is willing to spend time and money necessary to build up a machine organization.

It is fruitless for advocates of the assembly plan to assert that there is no intention to restore the evils of former days. Wherever irresponsible political machines exist, misrepresentative government obtains. Only by making all public servants responsible directly to the people and to them alone can best service be secured. An obligation to a party boss or to manipulators of conventions is inconsistent with faithful service in the interest of all the people.

Old Timers Know.

Voters who have lived long in Oregon need not be told of the evils of the convention system in this state. Those who have in recent years made their homes among us have observed the operation of the "system" in other states and are familiar with its results. Return to that system in Oregon means repetition of the disgraceful scenes which were exhibited in elections and in legislation prior to her popular government demonstration.

In an effort to conceal their selfish purpose, the leaders of the assembly movement pretend to be deeply concerned over alleged disruption of the Republican party. They assume anxiety for the unification of the party. They ignore what everybody knows to be the fact—that party disruptions grew out of the methods of convention managers and that some of the men who now plead

so earnestly for party loyalty and harmony have been responsible for party defeat.

Supremacy of principles is of more importance than supremacy of party and he is an enemy of the party who leads it into abandonment of the fundamental principles of popular government.

Loyal observance of the spirit of the direct primary law and subordination of selfish interests to the welfare of the state will do more than anything else to unify and strengthen the party. The assembly is designed to nullify the primary law. Success of the movement will be followed by attack upon the initiative and referendum and other progressive laws. Because this is but the first step in the general attack, and because it is wrong in principle, I assert that every man who has accepted an assembly nomination, either expressly or by acquiescence, should be defeated either in the primaries or at the general election.

The people of Oregon are again on trial. Will they be betrayed into returning to the former days of legislative and administrative special privilege auctions? Are they stupid and ignorant animals, incapable of self-government, or are they the most intelligent people in the world, as demonstrated by their popular government laws which they now enjoy, but which the assemblyites evidently wish to deprive them of? Success or failure of the assembly movement will furnish the answer.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION SOON FOR CLERK-CARRIER

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For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately, William J. Warner, secretary, board of civil service examiners, postoffice, Medford, Or.

OVERLOADED HOLE CAUSES FOREMAN'S ARREST

Friday afternoon Rufus Cole, the man in charge of the blasting in the basement for the Howard building, at the corner of Sixth and Central avenue, loaded a hole too heavily and the resultant explosion caused more or less excitement, and chunks of dirt and small stones were distributed promiscuously over that portion of town. Fortunately nobody was injured by the falling debris.

Chief Shearer arrested the foreman and took him before Mayor Canon, who allowed Cole to go with a caution to be more careful in the

use of explosives where other people were likely to be injured or inconvenienced.

LIT CIGARETTE WITH HIS DIPLOMA; DEAN IS SORE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 6.—When censured by Dean Sheppard, president of the Lyman C. Smith college of applied science, because he lit his cigarette with his diploma, Herbert C. Faus of Elysburg, Pa., carman and society man, challenged the professor to stop him, Dean Sheppard accepted the invitation, closed with Faus and rolled to the floor with him. The savant was badly bruised.

The trouble was caused by what Faus alleges was unfairness in the award of the diploma to him. Faus claims that he completed the course prescribed by the institution some

NOTICE

The city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for the wrecking of the water tower located on the city park, at its next regular meeting, August 16th, 1910; it being understood that the contractor shall cause everything to be removed from said park.

Bids to be filed with the city recorder on or before August 16th, 1910, and to be accompanied by a certified check equal to five per cent of the bid, said check to be made payable to the city treasurer of said city.

ROBT. W. TELFER, City Recorder. Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 4th day of August, 1910.

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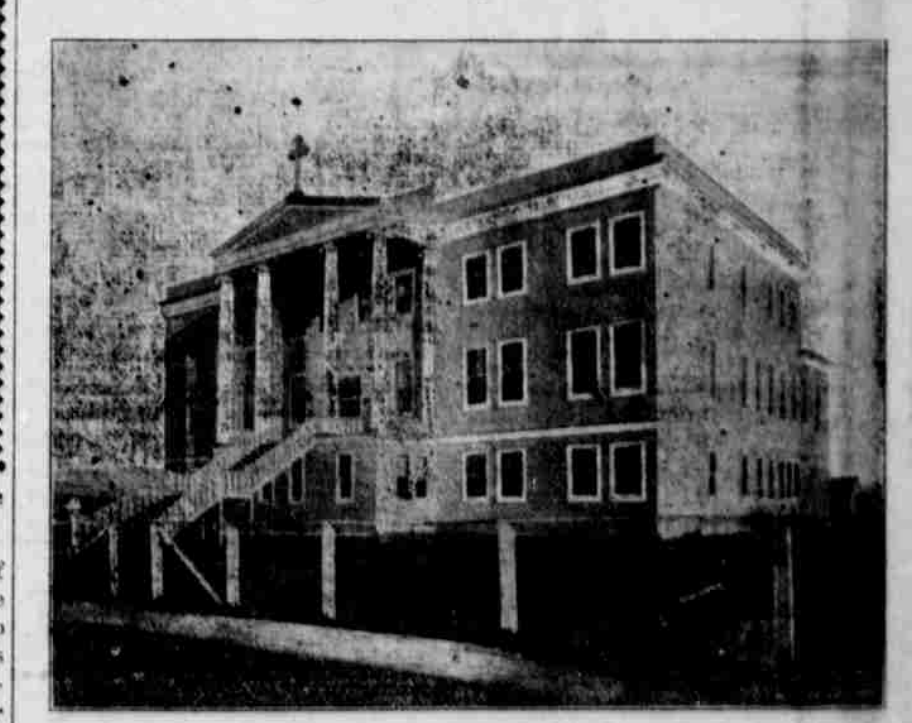
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