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“REPUBLICANS of Oregon intend to repudiate Statement One. They intend to suggest in assembly or convention, candidates for the primary, and will put the knife into each and all who declare for Statement One.”

This was the proclamation issued by the Portland Oregonian four years ago, when an attempt was made, through the assembly, to restore the convention and destroy the Oregon system. As the Oregonian announced, it was “war to the knife and knife to the hilt” against popular government.

Oregon was loudly and persistently knocked as the “fool of the family” of states for having thrown off control by political bosses by the Oregonian. It was described as a freak state, because the rank and file had a say in the naming of candidates and the making of laws.

Repeated rebuffs and consecutive defeats have altered the method of attack, but not the intent of the attackers. The same forces that four years since openly sought the undoing of popular government, still seek it. The clandestine attack has replaced the open attack—the stab in the back, the frontal swagger.

This opposition to the direct primary, this wish to “modify it,” as Dr. Withycombe puts it, comes from the chosen few—the “Lord’s anointed”—who believe they should be permitted to select the public officers and make the laws for the state of Oregon. For years, under the leadership of the Portland Oregonian and its corporation partners, they had been permitted to do this. But the Oregon system, with its direct primary and its initiative and referendum, cut out their prerogatives, took away the scepter and overturned the thrones.

Captained by the Oregonian, these self-appointed guardians of the people and self-anointed rulers of the commonwealth, four years ago named a complete slate of officials in their “assembly.” Among the orators who spoke in the assembly and for the assembly was James Withycombe. Among the candidates seeking assembly nomination was James Withycombe.

The patriachs of the assembly only await return to power to sink the “knife to the hilt” in the direct primary and the Oregon system. Financed by big business, their ticket led on the one hand by the pious partner of the Weyerhaeusers and the Southern Pacific, whose record as a reactionary is without a progressive blemish, and on the other hand by an assembly favorite who openly expresses a desire to doctor the primary as he formerly doctored horses, with the painted Jezebel of journalism shrilly shrieking the war cry, with assembly managers and assembly orators, success at the polls means nothing more nor less than a restoration of the assembly and a return of the spoilsmen to power.

The primary was a much-needed and long-deferred reform. No one claims that the best men will always be selected. But the judgment of all the people is at least equal to the judgment of a few bosses and heeblers. The opposition to it is sordid and selfish, the sordidness of boodle and graft, the selfishness of favoritism and personal vanity.

But the attack upon the primary is not confined to the control of the republican candidates. It includes also a measure upon the ballot to restore the convention, fathered by David M. Dunn, drawn by Attorney W. D. Fenton of the Southern Pacific, both of whom were prominent in the assembly, numbered on the ballot as 354 and 355. This is using the initiative to kill the direct primary and restore the political machine.

The direct primary needs neither doctors nor horse doctors. It has emancipated the people—and they intend to stay emancipated.

SHAMED INTO SILENCE?

IN the regular biennial pamphlet issued by the secretary of state and containing statements and arguments of parties and candidates, under the caption, “Dr. James Withycombe, Candidate of the Republican Party for Governor,” appears the customary puff of the office-seeker issued by the party state central committee.

The statement is most remarkable for its unusual omissions. For instance, it goes into minute detail as to the birthplace of every member of the family, including the parents of the candidate’s wife, save that of the gubernatorial candidate, upon which subject it is so ominously silent, as to recall Scott’s

“Lives there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said:  
This is my own, my native land.”

Is it possible Dr. Withycombe is ashamed of being born a Britisher? Is he ashamed of having lived in Oregon sixteen years before becoming naturalized? If not, why the silence in his biography?

In the matter of the occupation of the candidate, the statement is as barren of detail as it is evasive on the subject of birth. Since when has the horny-handed tiller of the soil been ashamed of his occupation?

While the doctor is a duly authenticated and licensed “vet” and was state veterinary nearly ten years, the silence on the subject of his qualifications along this line reminds one of the Irish horse doctor who was being quizzed by the graduate of a veterinary college, and being asked what school he was a graduate of, the Irishman readily replied:

“The same school as you, sor—Ayer’s Almanac.”

Proportional Representation Amendment

To the Voters of Oregon:  
On behalf of our several organizations, the undersigned ask you to vote for this measure, because we believe it will result in electing better representatives in the legislature, who will make better and fewer laws, and it will increase the people’s power over the legislature.

There are sixty representatives in the legislature of Oregon. This amendment assures the election of any and every candidate who is voted for by as many as one-sixtieth of all the voters of the state who vote. It is absolutely certain under this measure that no county or district can fail to elect its local candidates.



T. H. Burchard, president, and E. J. Stack, secretary.  
People’s Power League, by C. E. S. Wood, president, and W. S. U’Ren, secretary.

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This amendment is bitterly opposed by the Daily Oregonian and other opponents of the people’s power in the government of Oregon, and especially by the Non-Partisan League of Portland, which is advertising very extensively against its approval. All its opponents know as well as we do that adoption of this amendment and abolition of the state senate will give the voters almost as direct power over the legislature as the initiative and referendum gave the people over law making outside of the legislature. It will allow equal power to all voters instead of the present injustice of allowing some electors to vote for thirteen representatives, while others can vote only for one.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. E. SPENCER, master of the state grange.  
J. D. BROWN, president of the Farmers’ Union of Oregon.  
W. W. GRIENTHWAIT, president Farmers’ Society of Equity.  
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NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Government attorneys and counsel for the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad held a conference here today and agreed on the form of decree for the dissolution of the New Haven system. The decree will be filed tomorrow, it is understood, and though

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RECEIVER ASKED FOR ROCK ISLAND

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The state supreme court issued an order today directing the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed to take charge of properties not already pledged and to institute action to recover from the railroad directors an amount of damage alleged to have been caused the railroad and its creditors.

SALE OF RARE BOOKS TOO RICH A FAKE

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Like taking candy from a fat baby—that is how George Fisher described his sale of so-called rare books to a New York millionaire, according to Irving A. Nemeroy, a witness today in the government’s suit against Fisher, James J. Farmer, William J. Hartley and others on the charge of having used the mails to swindle book buyers to the amount of \$10,000,000. Mr. Nemeroy was secretary to James J. Farmer when Mr. Farmer’s business was flourishing.

The witness said Mr. armer congratulated his son, Glenn armer and praised him highly for having successfully made a sale of books for \$52,000 to Mrs. Emma Bird of Salt Lake City. Mrs. Bird testified that the books were worth about \$15,000.

GERMANS ARRESTED AS SPIES IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 16, 4:52 p. m.—The police have found at Willesden, a suburb to the northwest of London, a building occupied by Germans, with foundations and roof of heavy concrete. They arrested twenty two Germans on the premises.

The premises were being used by C. G. Roher, a German music publisher, as a factory. The police laid their plans and conducted a successful raid. In large force they surrounded the building and then entered it and took into custody twenty-two German subjects. The factory is one story. Within they found thick concrete foundations, and it was discovered that the roof also was of concrete and between three and four feet thick.

The Paris premises of this same firm were blown up recently on orders issued by the French government.

BRITISH CHARTER HILL STEAMSHIP

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 16.—The Great Northern’s Oriental steamship Minnesota, which has been tied up at her wharf here for weeks, is reported to be about chartered by the British government to carry horses to Europe. Agents of the British government are said to have purchased 9000 horses in Eastern Washington, Idaho and Montana. The Minnesota can carry 2000 horses each voyage, besides feed for them and much general cargo in addition. The Great Northern will make no statement concerning the boat.

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**EVENING: 9 P. M.**