

SOME OREGON "REFORMERS" AND THEIR RECORDS.

Mr. Moores Recites Some Political History in which Anti-Assembly Agitators have Figured.

PORTLAND, July 8.—(To the Editor.)—The Anti-Assembly Ananias Club, self-constituted guardian and interpreter of the direct primary law, whose membership is confined to the Democratic party and disciples of Jonathan Bourne, is making war upon the existing Republican assembly with an enormous surplus of epithet, and such an assumption of superior virtue as could have put the old-time Pharisees entirely out of business. The Cobb bill, recently defeated in New York, distinctly provided for committee or assembly nominations, and Governor Hughes specifically guarded in favor of this feature the bill. It was approved by President Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and Governor Hughes.

his speech by saying: "It falls to my lot, and I discharge the duty joyfully, to nominate Joseph Simon, the little giant of Oregon," and closing with, "I present him to this assembly as the incomparable candidate for the United States Senate. I present him in the name of the proud and illustrious son; I present him as the noblest specimen and product of Anglo-Saxon citizenship."

Anti-assembly men declare it would have been treason to the direct primary law for the friends of these four men to have conferred as to the best method of uniting the Republican vote in the primary. The result was that in the ensuing election these 30,000 Republicans representing three-fourths of the Republican vote of the state, were helpless in the presence of a condition that forced them to confine their choice to a Bryan man wearing a Republican label, and a Bryan man wearing a Democratic label.

As to the next succeeding Senatorial election, Mr. Bourne, in a speech delivered May last, declares "in my opinion Chamberlain received the votes of several thousand enemies of the direct primary law most approved to discontinue the law." This is a confession that Governor Chamberlain was not the real choice of the majority, but that the Statement No. 1 method gave to these enemies of the law the balance of power and the ability to elect. If Republican candidates for the Legislature had pledged their support to the Republican Senatorial candidates having a majority this cause of theirs would have been possible, and the overwhelming Republican sentiment of the state would have found expression.

Now, as to the stories and the method of their distribution. Once seated upon his throne the boss distributes the patronage after the most approved machine methods. Mr. Young, an excellent gentleman, Mr. Bourne's campaign manager, former head of the Populist party in this state, is imported from Baker City and made post master of Portland.

His son-in-law, Mr. Orton, is exported from Portland to take charge of the Lakeview Land Office. Upon the death of Mr. Young, Mr. Merrick was imported to do the work for Mr. Bourne as secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, is rewarded with the postmastership.

Mr. Schubel, supporter of Bryan and free silver, is recommended United States District Attorney. Mr. Guild, supporter of Bryan free silver, is exported from Newport to take the Vale Land Office. Mr. Kester, Mr. Bourne's former clerk, a resident of Pennsylvania, politics unknown, is imported and made Register of the Vale Land Office.

Mr. Harvey is exported from Marion County to take the Burns Land Office. Mr. Jones is exported from Polk County to the Roseburg Land Office.

Mr. Hofer, supporter of Bryan and free silver, Democratic candidate for the Legislature and supporter of Governor Chamberlain and the Democratic state ticket, is named for the Collectorship of Internal Revenue, and so on ad infinitum.

Some of these officials are capable and excellent gentlemen, but no better than the faithful public servants who were kicked out to give their place because they had rendered no service to the reigning political machine. Why should all these officers not be filled by vote of the people themselves, instead of being used as a political asset to perpetuate a political machine?

With Mr. Bourne's money and his readiness to spend it, with John E. Lathrop at the head of his press bureau in Washington; with as keen a politician and able a writer as A. W. Prescott at the head of his literary bureau to furnish speeches and editorials for the press; with a metropolitan Democratic newspaper to furnish from three to five anti-assembly editorials daily; with a People's Progressive League, so-called, to father his seductive pamphlets; with hungry newspapers here and there needing financial help and with Senator Chamberlain and a united Democratic party to stir up Republican discord, we have the best organized and most powerful political machine the State of Oregon ever saw, as any Republican Senatorial candidate will soon discover if he marches out single-handed against it.

The old time manipulators are simply sailing under a new flag, adopting themselves to new conditions, and adopting more devious and seductive methods. Palaver and caramels and soft soap were never more in evidence and the air is resonant with the raucous yelp of the demagogue about "the majesty of the people's will," "our imperiled liberties," and "the dangerous schemes of the politicians who would insult the intelligence of the people."

Against these methods we interpose the advice of tried and true leaders like Hughes and Roosevelt and G. H. Williams. Almost the last public utterance of George H. Williams was a protest against the present method which "reduces our politics from an orderly system to a mere scramble between individuals for office in which the most blatant demagogue or the man with the most money would be the most likely to succeed."

Governor Hughes tersely says: "I believe in party organization, and I desire to see it strong, efficient and representative. We shall still require political leaders, those who by sagacity and knowledge of men command and deserve a following and blaze the trail of political action." Then, urging nominations by party committees, he declares that if such nominations are corrupt or otherwise they would be readily marked and easily opposed. Nominations by this method, he says, "would tend largely to reduce the number of candidates, as the presence of an unworthy candidate would unite opposition on the most worthy opposition candidates."

of their respective organization who the candidates of the parties will be." If the abusive and hysterical disciple of Mr. Brownell, who threw a fit a few days ago in Clackamas County and sent the Senator's speech out broadcast, will wrap a cold towel about his head, and ask the Bourne literary bureau to send him a full synopsis of the arguments of Governor Hughes and Roosevelt, he will, after reading them, feel better and know a good deal more. And if he will later come down to Portland and attend the state assembly he will find there over 1000 men who are just as respectable, just as patriotic, just as free from machine domination, and just as clean and intelligent politically as he is. After that he will be perfectly free to go upon his own way and if he prefers the leadership of Bourne to Taft, of U'Ren to Roosevelt, of Hofer to Hughes, or of George C. Brownell to George H. Williams, there will be no one to molest him or make him afraid.

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