

BERMAN TELLS WHAT HE WILL DO

can Nominee for Governor Pledged to Needed Reforms.

morning following his nomination... Acting Governor Jay Bowerman... public nominee for Governor... out an interview in which... his position with regard... tant questions with his custo... allyness. Aside from declar... an economical and business... ministration of state affairs... Berman promises the people... ate other necessary reforms... es to use his best efforts... securing to the people the... immediate benefit of the... resources. His statement fol...

"I shall favor, and, if possible, secure the enactment of a statute that will prevent the 'watering' of corporate stocks. State Should Control Resources. "I most emphatically favor the regulation and the control of the natural resources of the state in the interest of the people of Oregon. It is not in the interest of the people of the state to continue a policy which has already resulted in the destruction of millions of dollars worth of our timber; which has prevented the settlement of large untimbered areas within the forest reserve; which has driven large numbers of settlers from our state; increased the burden of taxation and retarded development. The actual regulation of these matters should be vested in local authority under suitable restrictions prescribed by the Federal government. "I am in favor of the direct primary law and will veto any bill which attempts to repeal or emasculate it. Concerning other matters of public importance, I shall have more to say during the progress of the campaign."

DAN MALARKEY WILL SUPPORT BOWERMAN

Declares Attack on Ticket is a Blow at Direct Primary Law.

(The Oregonian.) Dan J. Malarkey, Republican candidate for joint senator and "progressive" leader in the anti-primary campaign has announced his firm intention to stand by and work for the election of Mr. Bowerman as Republican nominee for governor. "I certainly am going to support Mr. Bowerman," said Mr. Malarkey in discussing the present political situation. "I did not participate in the late primary election, either as a voter or a candidate, with my fingers crossed. Nor did I regard it as a game of 'heads I win, tails you lose.' Unless those who participate therein abide by the result, a primary election or and within a political party under the direct primary law, serves no good purpose and is a mere waste of time and effort. "One of the main objections to the old convention plan of nominating candidates was that through 'frame-ups' and slates and manipulation of delegates by unscrupulous and self-seeking political bosses, the candidates named by the convention were rarely the real choice of the rank and file of the party; and that such methods occasioned and frequently justified the opposition to such nominees of many members of the party. Safeguards Are Ample. "To overcome those objections the direct primary law was enacted. Under it any member of a party can with little trouble, become a candidate for nomination, and the candidate who receives the most votes in the big convention held on primary election day in which all the members of the party participate with equal voice and equal influence under the safeguards of the Australian ballot system and the registration law becomes the nominee or the party. Under the system no loyal Republican can consistently oppose one who has been so chosen as the nominee of his party. "Mr. Bowerman complied with the direct primary law in becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in that he filed a sufficiently signed petition in regular form with the proper official and otherwise did everything required by that law. The primary election was regularly held and fairly conducted. No one contends that it was tainted by fraud or corruption. Notwithstanding the handicap of an assembly endorsement, Mr. Bowerman received the most votes for governor in that election and became the lawful nominee. I opposed his nomination. I voted against him in the primary election. But I bow to the will of the rank and file of the Republican party as expressed by the verdict of the ballot box. The Republicans have expressed their will. They have selected a republican ticket of which Mr. Bowerman is the head. His is just as surely and legally and rightfully the nominee of the party as I am or any other Republican who at the primary election received a plurality of votes cast for the nomination sought. Party Will Be Expressed. "It is said by those who would now have anti-assembly Republicans oppose Mr. Bowerman, that he was not the choice of a majority of the members of the party. Neither was Mr. Lafferty, who was nominated for congress in this district, nor Mr. Weinberger, who was nominated for constable in this city, the choice of a majority of the republicans who voted for candidates for these nominations.

Neither was Mr. Jonathan Bourne the choice of a majority of the Republicans when in 1906 by a smaller plurality than Mr. Bowerman has obtained, he became the Republican nominee for United States senator. Because the cardinal principle of my political creed is that the will of the people when deliberately expressed is supreme—and that applies to contests within the party for nomination as much as to contests in the general election between candidates of rival parties—I voted for Mr. Bourne for United States senator when I was a member of the state senate in 1907. I so accepted the verdict of the voters, notwithstanding the fact that I was elected to the state senate before our direct primary law, with its Statement No. 1 feature, was adopted, and was under no ante-election obligation so to do, and notwithstanding the further fact that I opposed Mr. Bourne's nomination and would certainly never have voted for him for United States senator if I had not felt it my duty to obey the popular mandate. Though I opposed Mr. Bowerman's nomination, I can certainly obey the popular mandate in this instance, by supporting him for governor more cheerfully and with more confidence that he will prove a good and worthy official than I did when I so voted for Mr. Bourne

BOWERMAN STATES POLITICAL POLICIES

Will Support the People's Laws, Including the Direct Primary.

Portland, Ore.—(To the Editor.)—In the Portland evening papers of September 30 there appeared an interview credited to Senator Bourne, in which he endeavors to deceive the people into the belief that I am a reactionary and am not in favor of progressive legislation and favor returning to the old system of electing United States senators. In answer to this communication and other false and misleading articles recently published, I wish to say: Statement No. 1 is a part of the direct primary law and I have heretofore publicly stated, and now state again, that I will oppose by every means within my power any effort to amend, modify or repeal, or in any other manner render less useful or less satisfactory, any part of the direct primary law, including Statement No. 1, or any other law written on the statute books by the people of this state under the initiative and referendum. If I am elected governor I will veto any and every measure which attempts or undertakes to amend, change or repeal the direct primary law, Statement No. 1, or any other law adopted by the people, or any part of any of them. As a member of the senate and president of that body, I have never endeavored in any way, manner or form to induce any other member to violate his obligation or pledge under Statement No. 1, and if I am elected governor I shall pursue the same course and shall not in any manner or by any means interfere or attempt to interfere with the conduct of any member in this particular, or induce him to violate his pledge. It is impossible for the governor to prevent the passage of any law for the legislature has it within its power to pass a bill over the veto of the governor. In order to prevent the possibility of any attempt being made to amend, modify or repeal any of these statutes, I would suggest that the candidates for the legislature be invited to subscribe to the same obligation I have heretofore taken and now take, namely, that they will oppose in every way any attempt to amend, modify or repeal any law made by the people. This will be an effectual guaranty to the people that these men, when elected, will not undertake to tamper with these laws, and I respectfully call upon the nominees to define their position upon this question. I do not anticipate that Senator Bourne has any fear whatever that Statement No. 1 will be repealed or changed, or that I will violate any of the moral or legal obligations I would owe to the people as governor of this state, but I do believe he is simply indulging in a few cheap heroics for the two-fold purpose: first, of endeavoring to induce the people to forget his own shortcomings in the recent past as a senator, and second, in the further hope that he may create a false issue under which he might be returned to his high office. He evidently feels that he will need the office of governor to assist him in his primary campaign two years hence, and perhaps has many doubts as to his ability to coerce, or otherwise induce me to favor him over other candidates in that primary nomination.

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