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IT'S PERJURY!

If the Oath of "Good Faith" Means Anything.

The following letter was received from C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter:

I was deeply impressed by your editorial stating, in effect, that a citizen has no right after registering as a republican to go to the polls and vote for a democrat for President and United States Senator.

Supposing, however, that a citizen has been in the habit of voting for a Republican for President and republican for United States Senator, and if he believes in the principle of the Republican party, especially as contrasted with the principle of the Democratic party, has such a citizen a right to register as a republican and if, after registering as a republican, he concludes it is his duty as a citizen, to vote for the democratic candidate for president and a democratic candidate for United States Senator, did he commit perjury, or did he do wrong in any sense of the word at the time he registered as a republican?

Also, supposing a citizen, who for years has registered as a republican because of his belief in the principle of the republican party, has also on occasions voted for a democratic candidate for president and a democratic candidate for United States Senator, is such a citizen doing wrong in registering as a republican?

Supposing a citizen, believing in the principle of the republican party and intending to vote for the republican nominee for United States Senator, does his intent in the latter regard disqualify him from registering as a republican?

Your discussion of the foregoing in your accustomed lucid style, will be very much appreciated by myself as one of the regular and attentive reader of your "Snap Shot" column.

We thought we had expressed our opinion on this question two weeks ago in such a manner that no one would doubt where we stood. But we have no objection to discussing it again and more fully to prove our contention, that a person who registers as a republican and then votes for a democratic candidate for president and a democratic candidate for U. S. Senator is politically dishonest, and, further, commits perjury.

We pointed out that it was the privilege of every citizen in Oregon to affiliate with either of the political parties or register independent. They do so of their own free will, without anyone persuading or inducing them to belong to either party, and when they register as republicans or democrats they know, or should know, what each party stands for.

This is the oath of allegiance citizens prescribe to and sign when they register:

"That I am a citizen of the United States and a qualified elector over 21 years of age, and the statements herein entered as to my qualifications as an elector are true and that I am in good faith a member of the party with which I have registered."

Having taken this oath and affiliated with one of the political parties in "good faith" it is only natural to suppose that the voter thus registering would be 100 per cent loyal to that party and support the principles and vote for the regular elected candidates for that party.

This we think, was the prime object of the primary election law, giving each party a way whereby they can nominate their own candidates, who become the party's standard bearer, in a political contest for political offices. The old convention system used to be severely criticised, but it was thought that the primary election law would correct many of the abuses and do away with the discontent amongst factions who lost out in the conventions, for many candidates were "knifed" by those who had lost out in the conventions. It has not done so, because citizens will not play the political game fair.

There is this difference, however. Under the old convention system it was not necessary to take an oath of allegiance to belong to either party, but under the primary election law this must be done, and it is our contention that those who bolt or scratch their ticket under the old convention system were politically dishonest, while those who do the same under the primary election law perjure themselves.

What would we call a citizen who is not 100 per cent American; a person who made a "profession" and joined a church organization and then refused to abide by the tenets of the bible and the rules of that particular church, or joined a fraternal order and then went directly opposite to its teachings, or joined a political party and then voted for candidates of the opposite party?

This is a fair illustration, and we think that every fair minded person will agree with us that an American citizen should be true and loyal to his country, the person who joined a church a genuine christian, the person who joined a fraternal order should be loyal to that order and the person who joins a political party should be equally as patriotic to that party as he is patriotic to his country.

The fact of the matter is a large number of citizens have not played fair in politics even under our boasted Oregon System. When a citizen subscribes to the oath that he joins one of the political parties in "good faith" and takes part in a primary

election in "good faith" and then knifes his ticket, is plain proof that that person is not acting in good faith or on the square and resort to disloyal and dishonest methods to defeat the persons who obtained a majority vote.

We will now answer Bro. Chapman's questions as briefly as possible:

The citizen who takes an oath and registers as a republican and believes in the principles of the republican party, and then votes for a democratic candidate for president and a democratic candidate for United States Senator does commit perjury if the oath of allegiance to the republican party amounts to anything. We think it does. We consider that democratic candidates for the office of president and U. S. senator are political offices, who represent the principles of the democratic party, so there is no logic, or good common sense, in a citizen subscribing to the principles of the republican party, "in good faith" and then voting for democratic candidates opposed to republican principles. It is a most ridiculous and untenable position for any one to take. And it is a rotten kind of an argument for anyone to endeavor to reconcile, as well as a dishonest, disloyal position for any citizen to take.

When a citizen joins the I. W. W. he is immediately classed and correctly so, as a traitor, and we see no reason why the same moral yard measure should not be applied to persons who join the republican party "in good faith" and then vote for Democratic candidates for president and U. S. Senator. They all look alike to us, Mr. Chapman.

The Hillsboro Independent seems to agree with us, for in its last issue the following editorial appeared:

Political Dishonesty.
It may be said that the comment of The Independent in its last two issues upon the candidacy of Senator Chamberlain is premature and that it should reserve the ammunition it is shooting away until the fall campaign, especially as it is no business of the Independent and other Republicans whom the Democrats choose to vote for at the coming primary. This would be very true except for the fact that if Mr. Chamberlain is re-elected, after he gets the nomination he must depend upon Republican votes—or at least the votes of people who for some reason or other have registered as republicans.

If selecting a senator was merely through a free for all race, in which all who pleased entered the lists and the one receiving the most votes got the plum, the situation would be different. But our system of government is by party, and the man able to command influence in congress sufficient to make him worth while to the state he represents is aligned with one or the other of the two leading parties, and will act with his party in important divisions. It is therefore certain that Chamberlain the Democrat elected by Republican votes is just as democratic as if he represented a southern Democratic constituency. Notwithstanding the declared political faith of his state he will in the end support a Democratic administration and oppose a Republican, and the coming national administration is to be republican.

Now, all of this leads to one thing: People must be political honest or dishonest. If they want to register as democrats and vote as democrats that is their privilege, and no matter how we may criticize their judgment we must concede their honesty. But if they will register as republicans and ask support for themselves if they want office or for their friends who are candidates and still at the same time vote in sufficient numbers for the Democratic candidate to re-elect him they are politically dishonest. The dishonesty is even greater when, themselves claiming Republicanism, they lend their interest to the building up of agencies which will be used against party nominees. To put the case plainly, the many so-called independent newspapers in Oregon could not exist were it not for the support not only of Republican votes, but of officials who have received their offices through asking and receiving votes on the strength of their Republicanism. The situation is too plain to require comment and each one for himself may pass upon the political honesty of the man who will aid in creating an agency which while it may give him support will do its utmost to defeat the candidate of this man's party, and the party whose party fealty he claims for his own election.

The Independent believes the time has come when we must face the question squarely and end the pretense and deception into which we have permitted ourselves to be led.

If this is to continue to be a government of parties political honesty must count for more than it has in the past. The only other alternative is to confess that the direct primary is a failure, let down the bars and let office-seeking become a scramble in which each candidate's platform shall be that he wants the office because he wants it and not because he stands for certain principles and proposes to act with others of the same way of thinking to carry out policies he considers wise.

In Benton county the sheriff swiped several thousand dollars of the taxpayers money and he confessed to the crime, pleaded guilty and was sentenced and then paroled. Here in Tillamook county a man was found with two bottles of home brewed beer in his house and he was arrested and fined \$50. From the way these two cases were decided it must be a much more serious offense to brew beer than to swipe several thousand dollars. Considering that there are a large number of young people attending O. A. C., stealing money must look to be not a very serious crime in Corvallis.

Notice to Advertisers and Subscribers

Owing to the great increase in the cost of news print paper our advertising rates will be raised on the first of this month and all subscriptions must be prepaid. News print paper is now over 10 cents per pound and it is hard to obtain it at that price, with the prospect that it will go to 20 cents before long. This is a serious situation confronting most newspaper publishers, especially those with large circulations. We are using more news print paper every week than all the other newspapers in the county put together, so the high cost of paper is hitting us pretty hard. That is one reason that advertising rates will have to be increased and subscriptions paid for in advance. We should have advanced our advertising rates several months ago to conform to what is paid other newspapers with large circulations in other parts of Oregon. The news print paper does not cut much figure with newspapers with but a few hundred circulation, but where they run into the thousands it eats up large quantities of paper every week. We are turning out every week the best and largest newspaper ever published in the county, and there is an increase of \$200.00 on 5000 pounds of paper that was delivered to us a few weeks ago and in the order for another 5000 pounds last week.

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When the first six months of the Ford Motor Company fiscal year ended January 31st, more than half a million of the sturdy little Fords had left the factory to join their three and a half million brothers and sisters on the world's highways. And Ford officials express confidence in their ability to turn loose the other half of the million by July 1st, when their year ends.

However they say that a million a year is far from the ultimate in motor car manufacturing; and that with the completion of the blast furnaces and body plants which Henry Ford is now building in Detroit, the yearly output capacity is bound to assume larger dimensions. The present capacity is 1,200,000.

The blast furnace project on which Mr. Ford has been working for the past three years will enable the Ford company to make Ford parts direct from the iron ore instead of buying the iron ingots and then melting them before making into parts. At the present there are approximately 15,000 men engaged at the blast furnaces and in the new body plant. But it is quite probable that that number will be more than doubled once the steel mills—which will be the largest in America—begin to operate. Ford men do not attempt to place any estimate on what the production of cars will be in the future, but point to the fact that they have not been able to supply the demand for the past ten years and that at the present time there are some 230,000 unfilled orders on file.

Dead Line for Nestucca River.

F. M. Brown, secretary of the Oregon Fish and Game Commission, was in the city the first of the week, and took a trip to Nestucca Bay, where it is the intention of the commission to establish a dead line at some point on the Nestucca river. Mr. Brown is a newspaper man by profession, but is now taking a vacation while holding down his present office, but he is very anxious to get back into the newspaper game. He came to Tillamook county about 24 years ago to buy the Headlight but did not like the look of things here at that time, so he located at Brownsville and bought the Independent, which he still owns. This is the slogan printed on the back of his card:

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The novel "Eastward Ho!" which has made a noteworthy success as a magazine serial, has been put into photoplay form for the new William Fox star, William Russell—the big breezy athlete—and as such will be shown at the Gem Theatre next Thursday, April 8. Advance reports indicate a picture full of humor, of complicated, hair-raising situations, and of the spirit of typical American manhood.

It is evidently the sort of play that Russell can handle to perfection and will appeal to those who are seeking the better things in screen drama.

To the Members of the Republican Party.

I am a candidate for the office of District Attorney for Tillamook County and will be glad to have your support at the coming primary election.

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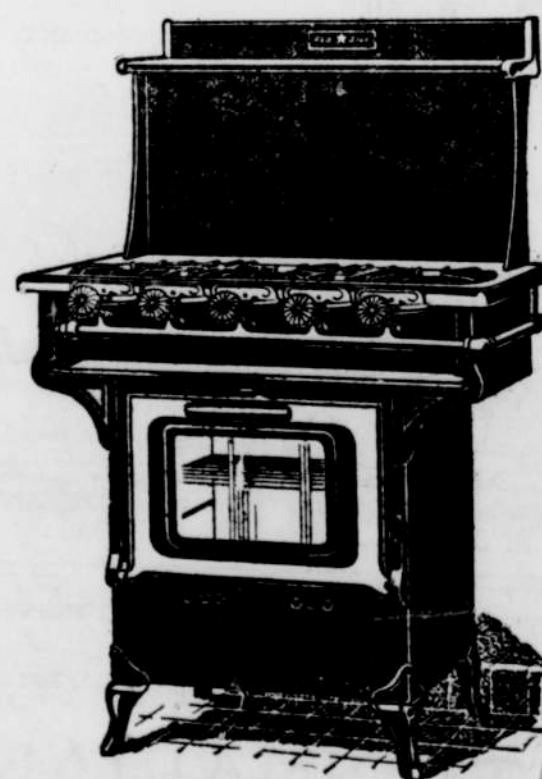
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