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SIMON'S ELECTION THE DEFEAT OF THE PEOPLE AND THE DETERMINATION OF THE PARTY.

The cause of the people suffered a severe defeat by the action of the majority in the republican caucus, designating Mr. Joseph Simon as the party candidate for president of the Senate, and the republican members of the Senate in afterwards voting to elect him to that position. The republican party fares little better than the people in this case; for which the interests of the latter demanded that the richly rewarded tool of the corruptionists be not given a position of supreme legislative power; the interests of the former demanded that party harmony be restored in not recognizing a defeated faction of the Portland republicanism. Party warfare required that both these points be considered, and ignoring them in so flagrant a manner exposes the party to severe criticism where it can least afford to be vulnerable. The republicanism most men get satisfaction out of, who are republicans at all, is that which retains for the party all the strength it has, and gives for it as much more as possible among those elements of voters where it needs strength and popularity. No friend of the republican party in Oregon, who desires in the least that it remain a party of the people and become still more sincerely devoted to their welfare, no one animated with those feelings will contend that Mr. Simon as boss of legislation in the Senate will conduce to that end. To make the party serviceable to the masses of the common people is the only kind of republicanism that this JOURNAL will advocate. Any other kind of republicanism the disinterested citizen has no cause to advance. The JOURNAL opposed Mr. Simon's selection because it does not believe the elements of Oregon citizenship upon whose indorsement the republican party most relies, have that confidence in him which should attach to political leadership. Mr. Simon is not identified with any of the ideas or reform movements which are at present so jealously regarded and closely scrutinized by the eyes of organized labor and agriculture. As actions speak louder than platform utterances and campaign slogans, we can only deplore the granting of the presidency of the senate to Mr. Joseph Simon at this juncture in Oregon's political affairs.

Fortunately there is no contest on United States Senator, and a large republican majority in the legislature insures the election of Senator Mitchell as his own successor. This is more fortunate for Mr. Simon, as his political conduct in the late Oregon election would not be so readily overlooked were the situation otherwise. Had the choice of a republican senator depended upon the republican legislative ticket being elected in Multnomah county, Mr. Simon's conduct there in trying to defeat nearly the entire republican ticket would not have been so lightly overlooked by his colleagues as it has been. But the facts in the case only further intensify the feeling that the senate has gone far out of its way to reward a man notorious only for his political unreliability.

THE OREGON EXHIBIT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The State Chamber of Commerce is now in session at Salem, with a view to securing from the legislature the largest sum possible to properly display Oregon resources at the World's Fair in Chicago. Competing in the field for immigration with the newer state of Washington and the older state of California, with the latter's reputation for boundless enterprise, Oregon is confronted with the necessity of taking action. Some of the State Chamber of Commerce managers declared the outlook for a large appropriation is not favorable. The press of the state has not taken up the matter with unanimity or enthusiasm. The people have shown only indifference. The mistake was made at the beginning of assuming that a centralized machine at Portland was necessary to have a proper exhibit provided for. The press contended that the movement must come from the people in the several counties. Their influence and co-operation were essential and the result shows that the press was right. What will be the outcome no one can tell. A large sum appropriated, it should be distributed in part to the several counties and disbursed by order of the county court. The following is the report to Governor Pennoyer of Hon. M. Wilkins, one of Oregon's World's Fair commissioners, to the governor. It is of date Dec 27, 1890.

MR. WILKINS' REPORT.

Dear sir: Believing it to be our duty to render an account of what has been accomplished by the national commissioners of the World's Fair, to be held at Chicago in 1893, permit me to state that there have been three meetings held in Chicago, in June, September and November.

Of course, there were differences of opinion between the commissioners and the local board of Chicago that had to be adjusted and settled, causing some delay, but all was satisfactorily arranged at the last meeting. The plan of building was not presented for approval or rejection by the commissioners until the seventh day of the last session; and as a representative of an agricultural state and one of the committee on agriculture, when seeing the small space allotted to agricultural interests of the world, I called the committee on agriculture together, which had to be done at once. The following taken from the proceedings of that day (see page 200 of the Proceedings of the World's Fair Commissioners), will give what transpired; Mr. Wilkins, of Oregon, in behalf of the committee on agriculture, submitted the following report: CHICAGO, November 25, 1890. To the Hon. T. W. Palmer, President Columbian Commission, in session: The committee on agriculture, in special meeting, begs leave to submit the following report: That with due respect for the committee on general and buildings, it enters a protest against the allotment of space for the exhibition of the agricultural products of the world. The agricultural industry being the basis of the requirements of life, and of that nourishment and satisfaction which give impulse to all progress and activity in all the engagements of industry, is accorded but eleven acres and a half of the large domain set aside for the purposes of the exposition. To this, as above, your committee respectfully protests, not only recommending, but urging that not less than twenty-five acres of floor space, with commensurate open ground adjoining, be set aside for the purposes of the agricultural exhibit, and upon this recommendation your committee is a unit and very much in earnest. Very respectfully, M. Wilkins, Chairman. Attest: Joseph Elboeck, Sec'y.

GIVE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION POWER TO MAKE FREIGHT RATES.

When Jay Gould has his clutches upon all the railroads in Oregon and proposes to tax the consumers and producers and shippers to pay more dividends or more watered stock, it is good time for representatives of the people to show their hands. When the power to make freight rates is lodged solely in the hands of despotic local railway magnates like Koocher, of the S. P., it is time to rob him of that power. The power to make rates of freight is a greater power than the people have lodged in any legislature to tax them. It is a power to take millions more or less from consumers, producers and shippers and they cannot help themselves. This power is used to build up large cities at the expense of the country. It is time to break this power. The way to break it is for the legislature to empower the railroad commission to make just and reasonable and equal rates to all and enforce them.

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Columbian:—Clatsop county has men in the legislature who will reflect credit on the city and county that sent them there.

Solo Press:—The New Year's Daily Statesman is a very excellent production of that publication. The same could truthfully be said of the EVENING CAPITAL JOURNAL. Salem should feel a just pride in her daily papers.

Athens Express:—It is probable that an effort will be made by the railroad companies to prevent any power being given the commission as the bill provides, but what is the use of the office being created if it has no authority vested in it?

Baker City Democrat:—It is better for the state to buy school books in an open market, availing itself of the recognized talent employed in the business of bookmaking and the competition its needs would naturally develop. If we undertake to make education free, the books must be made free, and to undertake to make it compulsory in the face of a school book monopoly is inconsistent with justice and common sense.

Lebanon Express:—The legislature of Georgia has decreed that a doctor's first drunk shall cost him two hundred dollars, and that the next one will set him to chopping wood and driving piles. If the law were made just a little more comprehensive so as to include the other professions, it would give employment to a large number of men who have nothing to do and complain of hard times.

Astoria Express:—The editor's table in this office, was decorated yesterday by a bouquet of flowers that bloom in the spring, cowslips and daisies. We note that on the same day the desk of Senator McConnell, in Washington city, was decorated by a bouquet from his old Sunday school class, now residents of the National Capital. His were trained in hothouses, our bouquet bloomed in the open air.

Columbian: The great forty-day struggle begins at Salem to-morrow, and if our law makers will only profit by the examples of younger but richer states, they will deal liberally with all matters pertaining to the development of our great state. The question of an open river is perhaps one of the most important for the whole state that could be brought up, and every dweller near the mighty Columbia will feel grateful to hear that some action has been taken towards opening it for navigation to the interior.

Oregon City Courier: Isn't it ridiculous that there is a law on our statute books which forbids prisoners at the state penitentiary to read Oregon newspapers? It is high time to repeal this monstrosity.

S. F. Chronicle: The venerable woman-hater in the senate who opposed the presence of any female clerks at the state capitol would have to look very closely to his fences were women to get the suffrage. The prospect is that he would be snowed under if the fair sex had any voice in the choice of a senator from Solano.

The Dalles Chronicle: It is said that Mitchell is thinking seriously of incorporating in order to protect herself, and to put a check on crime. The Prineville papers both think it would be a good move, and if it will have this effect we join with them heartily. In this connection it is proper to remark that a general incorporation law is needed to fit just such cases as Mitchell's, and we hope some of our law makers will introduce a bill providing for this.

School Books.

ED. JOURNAL: While the school book question has ceased to interest the lawmakers it remains a source of anxiety to the people who have children to educate. Perhaps a few facts in regard to the same, might be of interest to some of us. A bill was introduced in our legislature intended to provide for the production of, say two or three lines of books only, but was soon loaded with more school book printing than was done in any state. And they succeeded in defeating the measure. The vigilant eye of an eastern book maker and his allies here are on the alert and, thus far has succeeded admirably in "defeating" every move in that direction. We are met with many objections, such as that "we are too poor," "we cannot write school books," etc. Such reasons are transparent and should not be considered. California has begun a good work, and here is a sample: a set of readers costing them when bought from other states from \$2.50 to \$3.00, as good a set is now produced in Sacramento for 85 cents or \$1.10 per mail. The cost of machinery used in printing them was \$36,000. The compiling of the first reader, including the designs for illustrations cost \$1000, and of the second reader without any designs \$1750 and of the speller \$1075. The first reader costs 15 cents, the second reader 30 cents, the third reader 40 cents and the speller 20 cents. The law as at present constructed costs unnecessary thousands every year and calls for better legislation.

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