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BENEFIT OF HAVING AN OPPOSITION PARTY.

The predatory politician who shouts for the gold standard, because he thinks it will keep his party in power and his nose in the public crib, sneers at the Union party as a mere fusion for spoils. He can't see any possible good in it.

The thoughtful citizen, who is really the controlling factor in public affairs, can see the value of a well-organized opposition party to hold down these self-same predatory elements in the Republican party. He can see that a safe conservative union of forces is the only means of salvation in public affairs and corruption in politics.

The intelligent taxpayer knows that mere financial theories have nothing to do with practical administration in state, county, city and school affairs. The goldbug may be a boodle politician. The silver man or Populist may be a strictly honest public official.

Who are the taxpayers of Marion county to turn to for relief from high taxes, the Union, or opposition party. If the Union had not proposed a net reduction of salaries of \$8000 a year would it ever have occurred to the Republicans to promise a reduction of \$10,000 or more? Don't it make you smile?

So long as the Republicans are able to keep the people divided into three or four minority parties, and elect any "yellow dog" that can get on the tickets, they will not put up any other than "yellow dog" candidates or give the people anything but yellow dog government.

If the taxpayers in the Republican party who want relief from high taxes in county and state, they can get it by electing the Union ticket. If they endorse the insincere promises of reform made them by a party controlled by the corrupt class of predatory politicians need they expect reform?

No state in the Union needs the beneficial influence of a strong well-organized opposition party so badly as Oregon. Four years ago the Oregonians pledged the Republican state ticket to accomplish the same reforms that it now denounces King and the Union candidates for so earnestly demanding.

Oregon is a state twice as large as Iowa, with about one-seventh the population. Nearly one-third the voters are in one county, or under its influence. A union of the Reform forces alone can protect the people from the organized raids of the professional predators.

POLITICAL DEGENERACY.

An Open Letter to the Republican Party of Oregon.

Carlisle, the historian, in one of his essays, compares the politician seeking office and popularity to "the dog that was drowned last summer, and that floats up and down the Thames with ebb and flood. You get to know him by sight, with a painful oppression of nose. Daily you may see him, and daily the odor of him settling more intolerable." But the worst colors become endurable by too frequent repetition, the senses become vitiated, and in time, what was disgusting is borne unnoticed, and in a manner relished.

It is so with parties and the politicians who lead them. The notorious actions of the average office seeker occasion only a temporary cessation of party support. Partisanship, a blunted sense of moral principle, and a servile acquiescence to machine no-inations by the masses, is what makes a politician's life of such long continuance. Our time is afflicted with petty politicians of small calibre, whose pertinacity in seeking office is fully equalled by the folly of the voters in supporting them. The office seeker is too often the tool of the great corporations, the slave of all ungodly interests, the doorman upon which they wipe their feet.

Here, in Oregon, the Republican party has got up a false enthusiasm over one of these venal, preying upon a gullible public, whose small trickery and wire pulling has been a stench in the nostrils of his own party. We see young men wearing badges and whooping him up, who can give you no reason for so doing, that he is the Republican nominee for governor. A man in whose nomination they had no voice, for whom the wires were being pulled for the last six months by himself and the machine, is being about this very thing; the primaries being prepared, delegates selected, and to men commanding an influential following, every office at the disposal of the governor promised ten times over. Thus men buy and sell themselves to get their hands in the public trough.

We cannot show this man in his proper colors because no paper would publish it. Here we have another safeguard to the exposure of corruption in politics—the newspapers that could virtually extinguish this man, and deservedly so, is the very instrument that elevates him to a position for which he is mentally and morally unfit. But so high do we Republicans look that mental deficiency and moral turpitude count as nothing, so, he is of our party and our nominee.

Therefore in order to get a hearing, we must confine ourselves to a superficial review of this man's public acts.

As a farmer he has been a financial failure. This is not so much to be wondered at when we hear him speak on the money question, or read one of his articles in the Oregonian upon the same subject. It was no doubt, a failure of recognition of himself as a failure financially, that prompted him to write some puerile letters, denonstrating to the ignorant advantage of the farmers to agriculture. Having written several of these, he then demanded his pay—a free pass from the railroad corporation, and received it. He has head-headed over the railroads the past fifteen years. This has been of great advantage to him in his business of office-seeking.

Not, mind you, for the sake of holding office for the benefit he could render his country, but for the avowed purpose of "what there was in it." This was his unsolicited declaration in the bosom of his own family, whilst glorying in his elevation to the speakership. It was made in the fullness of his heart when he imagined every trophy in the arena of politics within his grasp. The speakership is said to have been payment in full for his vote on the Bull Run water bill.

He has stamped the state the past fifteen years. Are we to attribute the knowledge of his party on the money question to this stamping business. We are sorry to say that their financial ideas do not flow in a pellucid stream. That their champion and exponent of the money question has traveled in unclean ways may partially account for this. The gold Republicans must not consider this a slur upon their mental capacity. All good Republicans believe in the fountain of their champion's inspiration upon finance is the Oregonian. All good Republicans believe in the children to follow in the steps of their parent. Yet the Oregonian closed its columns on Geer during one of his discussions on money because his argument was nonsensical. Not very consistent.

His laborious services, say his coadjutors, to the party have not been sufficiently remunerated. Political activity like his, deserves first place at the public crib. Yet I know of no service he has rendered the party for which he was not abundantly recompensed. But it is good policy to play upon the sympathies of the people, especially in this instance. Much neglected individual, has never had any pie, let us make him governor! The fact is, that he had held himself too cheap, and the corporations have a proper estimate of a man who begs a pass and other franking privileges for himself and family, his uncles and his aunts. They know the worth of that kind of cattle, if the voters do not.

An attempt is being made to arouse enthusiasm among the farmers for the "farmer candidate." His political history published in the CAPITAL JOURNAL affords no instance of his

supporting any measure beneficial to that class. His vote has been the other way as in the Bull Run water bill—for the capitalist. When it was evident that he was going to vote the second time for that bill, some of the heavy taxpayers of Salem threatened him with political extinction if he did not sustain the governor's veto. This argument was convincing and he voted accordingly. Now the man who pulled him out of that hole are supporting him for governor, knowing he is the willing tool of the corporations. Elsewhere to the gubernatorial chair, are these men going to herd him and warn him out of every dirty puddle he has a predilection for setting into? They can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

The newspapers, for want of any other recommendation, commend him as an eloquent writer.

A notable instance of the gabble called eloquence occurred in the discussion he had with the warden of the state prison of Washington, in the Oregonian. His paragraphs, down a whole column, began—"You must be an old mossback not to know this."—"You must be an old delusian not to know that,"—"You must be an old saurian not to know," etc. Any one can see that this is the very essence of eloquence and sound logic. One can imagine the "old auld delusian" and "old saurians grinning with delight to find themselves resurrected to annihilate an opponent in argument.

Then they say "he has always been for the party. It strikes me forcibly that he tried Prohibition, but his following was unpropitious and he abandoned it. Then he was a free silver Mitchellite, but when Mitchell jumped down on the gold side of the fence Theodore Thurston followed suit. He has tried other things—but enough. Once when down on his luck in politics, he remarked to a neighbor that "if the Republicans did not do something for him he would try some other party." He is not hunting for office, oh no!

There is another side to this paragon of farmers, almost comic. He has made some pretensions to religion, has patronized the Sunday School, is revered in Silverton for his free thought proclivities, and the "Torch of Reason" went into ecstasies over him because it discovered that he had some loose notions about free love.

In the shadow of Free Thought Hall he made a pious friend believe that he entertained some thought of becoming a Christian, thereby securing a vote. I mention this last to show how some of us are deficient in observation. That religious gentleman has known Geer all his life, but has not the remotest idea of his duplicity. But T. T. had a just appreciation of the man's gullibility.

Having an eye for the main chance—he joined the A. P. A. And we find that numbers of that organization were very obnoxious in manipulation primaries in his behalf. There is another secret of his success in politics—but here again I must pause, and simply call your attention to the effect secret orders on politics. It only remains for him to join the true Catholic church (would a man have him?) and then he will have run through the whole gamut of artifices for making votes, and have knocked at the door of every "ist" and "ism." The Vicar of Bray held down his seat no matter who was king. But the Tall Fir would not turn his coat? I hear a disaffected voter say "he would turn his skin if he could for office."

As we par him down we find no color of gold, but much black sand. Some one says "he is an honest man." Is it honest to hire yourself to the great corporations for a pass and franking benefits? A man who would do that lacks the very essentials of what goes to make a man, to say nothing of honesty.

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