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The Republicans of the First Oregon Congressional district have a most important duty before them—naming a worthy successor or to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Thomas H. Tongue.

Whether we liked him or not, we must admit that Congressman Tongue was a man of far greater than average ability as an orator, as a lawyer, as a politician in the better sense of the word.

No small place-seeker or man of inferior abilities can be nominated as his successor, and give such satisfaction to the people as will guarantee his election, even if the district is 5000 Republican.

As the state of Oregon has outgrown Portland methods and practices in matters affecting the state, so this district has outgrown the old way of going after the office of congressman by mere hand-shaking and palaver.

Something besides sending out maps, public documents and garden seed is required of the future congressman from this state with its vast interests and expanding foreign trade, and a place in the eyes of the world.

With a world's fair coming on, and with keen, aggressive competitors on the north and south of us, Oregon needs the best brains and ability in congress to enable this state to hold its own in the race.

There is an opportunity to strengthen the Oregon delegation by sending a clear-headed worker, who measures up to the congressional dimensions, to join a third man with Senator Fulton and Congressman Williamson.

With three such men in their prime and all ready debaters and hard workers for their constituents more can be accomplished for Oregon in the next five years than has been done for twenty years past.

Oregon has lost great prestige by factional strife, by political scandal, appointments that led to controversy of unsavory nature, too much payment of personal debts, and by public land frauds.

PUNISHMENT.

Social progress has done away with a great many forms of punishment once administered under the laws of enlightened people. But nature never changes or modifies her penalties. She still has the same punishment for the man who neglects or abuses his stomach as she had in the far off days "when Adam delved and Eve span."



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stick, the striking, nasty end of politics, when free interchange of ideas among a harmonious delegation would have avoided strife and dissatisfaction.

Now is the time to set a new standard, and send a man in harmony with the administration, and with the new conditions into which the state is emerging, and do it in a decisive and meaningful manner.

When it is recalled what shameful spoiliations are conducted under the Irrigation laws, the Forest Reserve laws, the Timber and Stone acts and other special graft legislation, it is wondered that the people have not revolted before this.

In fact nearly all such legislation is loaded. Under it large holdings of the choicest public lands have been grabbed by syndicates and corporations for speculative purposes, to the detriment of the public treasury and the injury and retarding of the development of the state.

Let the Republicans nominate a candidate for congress whose hands are not soiled by any of these transactions, and who will go to Washington and fight with brain and tongue and pen to save the remnants of the public domain for the actual home-makers and settlers.

Congressman Tongue was a loyal champion of the irrigation system that it should not be established in the interest of monopoly and to forever hang like a dead weight around the necks of the settlers on reclaimed lands.

Commissioner Richards, the new head of the general land office, who succeed Hon. Binger Hermann, appears to be in close touch with President Roosevelt.

The commissioner was formerly governor of Wyoming, and the personal intimacy probably dates from the time when Theodore Roosevelt was a full-fledged Western ranchman. However, that may be, Mr. Richards seems to speak by authority in disclosing the President's views on the subject of forestry and irrigation, particularly in connection with the proposed great work under the direction of the federal government.

The President is determined, as indicated by Commissioner Richardson to see that the forest reserves are protected from encroachment by stock men in the interests of large capitalists.

It is also the President's purpose to protect actual homeseekers, who aim to cultivate the land permanently, and make substantial improvements.

In a general sense, as declared by the commissioner, "the one guiding purpose of the administration in dealing with forestry, pasturage, irrigation, and with the public land generally, is to help and make easy the path of the home-builder, the small ranchman, and not to let the land be exploited and skinned by those who have no permanent interests therein."

FIRST DISTRICT POLITICS

Review of the Situation for Congress

Custom and Rules for the Use of Proxies

The Republican central committee of Marion county meets today at 2 o'clock to arrange a date for the primaries and county convention. There is an immense interest in the coming contest for the seat held in congress by the late Thos. H. Tongue, as it virtually decides the political patronage for 17 counties of Western Oregon, and the man nominated will, with Fulton and Williamson, control the patronage of the state, as well as the disposition of appropriations and public buildings. Oregon is building up a new delegation, and entering upon a new era in her political history. Many of the old political landmarks are dropping out of sight, and a younger

generation of public men is taking possession of the field. This district is singularly free from bossism and machine control, and all attempts to set up a machine will be resented. There are a number of strong and able men who will contest for the Republican nomination, and there is a growing idea that the contest for the control of Marion county and for the district will be carried on harmoniously. In fact where as many men of ability and experience in politics are engaged as in this struggle it follows that success can come only to the man who has due regard for the interest of others.

The Nomination Important.

There is a growing feeling that a nomination for congress ought to be made that will stick for a few terms at least. Several terms are required to get good service out of any man who is sent to Washington, and a man who is sent to Washington, and a man who can make a good campaign and who can hold his district well in hand is preferable to an accidental sort of candidate, who is liable to have a contest on his hands at the very next turn of the box. The congressman elected at the special election next June will take his seat the first Monday in December following, and in a few months must be renominated and make his campaign over again. Then he must make the race every two years, and so is constantly kept in congress or before the people. An Oregon representative is at a disadvantage, because he has to be in his seat for the long term of congress when his campaign is on at home, congress seldom adjourning until after the June election in Oregon, when congressmen are elected in this state, and an election that is regarded as affecting elections throughout the nation, for the cry is always raised "as good Oregon so goes the Union."

Special Car for Salem.

After the primaries and the county convention have been held it will be known which candidate the Marion county delegation will be for, and then all the Republicans of this city and county who take an interest in selecting the next congressman will go to the district convention at Eugene and work for his success. Whether it be Mr. Davey or Mr. Gutch, there will be great unanimity in the support of the Marion county candidate, and at least a carload of Salem and Marion county politicians will go to the convention at Eugene. A special rate has been made on the railroad, and as all the candidates are comparatively poor men it will be a case of every man paying his own fare or staying at home. The convention will be quite democratic in this respect, as there seems to be no candidate with a neck.

There Will Be Proxies.

As in the meeting of the district congressional committee there were many proxies voted from the different counties—in fact the convention was sent to Eugene on proxies—so in the district convention there will be many delegates absent in spirit, but present by proxy—and it may be that the holders of proxies from small and remote counties will decide the nomination. This fact will make the nomination harder to secure for a candidate from the north end of the district, as the more thinly populated parts of the district will be represented by the candidates from the south end, but as these proxies will be divided among several candidates the effect of proxies may not be to determine the nomination. It is possible that every candidate will hold some of these slips of paper, by which a delegate conveys his right to vote in the convention to another person, who will be present and cast the vote.

How Proxies Are Voted.

Proxies are not always at the disposition of the individual delegate, as the county he is elected from may, in county convention, adopt a rule that the delegation present at the convention from that county cast the vote of the county in full. Then the delegates present decide how that proxy is cast on each ballot. Sometimes the district convention adopts a rule regulating the disposing of proxies, and in that case it is generally left to the majority of the delegates present from any county how the proxy vote of that county shall be cast. It all depends on who is control of the county convention, or which candidate is in control of the committee on credentials in the county or district conventions, as that committee also has power to make a rule for the disposition of proxies. So the proxy question is a matter of tactics and good generalship in the conventions.

A Ministers Mistake.

A city minister was recently handed a notice to be read from his pulpit. Accompanying it was a clipping from a newspaper bearing upon the matter. The clergyman started to read the extract and found that it began: "Take Kemp's Balsam, the best Cough Cure." This was hardly what he had expected, and, after a moment's hesitation, he turned it over and found on the other side the matter intended for reading.

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