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THE NEXT REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

There is already speculation as to the composition of the next Republican state ticket.

There is no one has the hardihood to deny that Governor Chamberlain will be a hard nut to crack should he run for a second term.

Neither is there any doubt that if a convention finds free expression and is harmoniously conducted, it can pick a winner.

There are at least two Republicans who could be named and would make a winning race even against Chamberlain.

Governor Chamberlain showed his hand in the Multnomah county election by defeating three machine nominees, and his strength with the people is undoubted.

If the Republicans run a factional machine program, look out for breakers. Ditto if they stack up insincere reform principles.

The direct primary law may wreck and ruin the Republican party, and what its effect will be or whether it will be operative at all no man can tell.

With political power centralized at Portland, with the monopoly of the machine emphasized by that law, what will be the outcome no man can forecast or predestinate.

If the Republicans again trifle with the flat salary proposition on which Chamberlain was elected, they will invite the political black eye. So on several other matters.

Too much Jack Mathews, too much of this or that, listening to bad advisers, or narrow-minded leadership that does not take into consideration the whole state, will easily upset the little webfoot ferryboat that must safely carry the party across the deep troubled waters.

WHY NOT PRAY FOR RAIN?

With prevailing drouth threatening the spring grain crop, The Journal makes the suggestion that a public prayer meeting be called.

Public prayers for rain have been resorted to, with great success, in California. The last time they tried it was overdone, and that state was deluged.

There is some fear that prayers might start the clouds to leaking in a way that could not be stopped.

A prayer meeting for rain ought to be well arranged for, and there should be representation given the various denominations.

For instance, there ought not be too many Baptists, as they might stand too much of a downpour. Too many Presbyterians might make the drouth worse.

If Dr. Driver is put on the public state prayer committee he should be offset with Dean Sanderson, of the Campbellite school of theology. By carefully balancing of the forces that appeal to divine influences a good result could be secured.

But seriously considered, a prayer meeting for rain might do a great amount of good. IT WOULD BE A DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH IF IT DID NOT END IN PRECIPITATION.

A regular old-fashioned campmeeting at Turner used to bring rain, but as their center of influence has been transferred to Eugene, the power to bring rain seems less effective.

Nothing remains but a public prayer meeting for rain, unless we should resolve to hold a Fourth of July celebration at Salem.

HONESTY IS NECESSARY.

Don't fool the people. In the long run it will not pay. This advice is good to all politicians and persons who dabble in public life. It is good to the business man and to the professional man. Abraham Lincoln will always be remembered for his wisdom, when he said: "You can fool some of the people all the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

Honesty in politics is demanded

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from even the small officer. The little fellow who starts in to graft deserves the same censure that his fellow in crime receives who has larger opportunities.

The only way to correct evil is to correct it, and put it under the ban. Temporizing and excusing public abuses will not cure wrong doing.

Politics cut little figure in these questions, when the grafter gets to work. He may be wearing the brand of Democracy for a purpose and harpooning the shekles, and vice versa. The thing for the people to do under the circumstances, when they locate one of that breed, is to land on him hard, just as an example to others that may follow.

Leniency in dealing with public officers fosters contempt for the power that placed them in positions of trust, and is bad policy.

OUR WORLD'S FAIR BOARDS.

There is a great deal of kicking about the composition of the two World's Fair boards that are handling Oregon interests at St. Louis and at Portland.

About the only man who has accomplished great results, outside of the Oregon delegation, is Harvey Scott of the Oregonian, the only newspaper man on the two boards.

There is little satisfaction in kicking at the way these matters are managed, and the people ought to be thankful if they are not asked to put up another \$500,000 taxes before they get through.

As a rule, the politician out of a job, and who depends on such public employments for his existence, works his way onto these fair boards, and puts them in disrepute.

But that is an American custom of long standing, and all the self-respecting citizen has to do is to stay away from expositions that are made mere harboring places for cast-off official vermin.

ETHICS OF TAXATION.

The ever-present subject of taxes is very suggestively discussed in Winthrop More Daniels in a paper upon "The Ethics of Taxation" in the June Atlantic. After tracing with vivacious pen some of the humors, inconsistencies, and wrongs of our present system, Mr. Daniels concludes in an optimistic vein.

"Fortunate it is for us that the lines upon which the reform of direct taxes must proceed have been so clearly marked out, and that some of our commonwealth have already taken pronounced steps in the right direction. The taxation of real estate by and for the local governments exclusively, the practical exemption of credits and chattels in individual hands, and the delegation both of the administration and the proceeds of corporate taxation to the state governments, foreshadows the financial reform to which we may sometime attain."

X-RADIUMS

An American poet has dedicated a poem to the Japanese girls because they do not kiss. Wonder how he found it out?

Salem fans have no anxiety to hear the particulars of that 14 to 2 ball game at Roseburg yesterday. Circumstances alter cases.

The snake eater and the wild man from "No Where," will be here next week, and the rush will only be confined to the supply of dimes.

The new traction company management starts out as if it meant business. If it does something for Salem in return it can expect and demand something from Salem.

The Roosevelt enthusiasm carried the convention by storm, in the face of Wall street. The common people will assert their rights every once in a while, in spite of the money interests.

The electric era is just commencing Oregon, and a good place for it to start is at Salem. The state capital has use for all methods of transportation, and the traffic will justify the investment.

A magazine writer tells how to swim. First wade out in water up to your neck, and let go all holds. If you do not swim under the instructions you will drown. Some comfort in the advice, anyway.

Ladies' night at the club draws quite a crowd of the gentler sex, and they seem to appreciate the informalities of the occasion. Human nature is about the same the world over, and gender cuts a very small figure in allotting likes and dislikes.

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