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**IS THERE A MACHINE IN OREGON?**

Of course there is. There has been in every campaign and in every legislature that has ever been organized in Oregon or any other state.

But there are machines and machines. The customary political machine is nothing very bad. It is an organization of men to do work.

Now that work may be good or bad. When bad it is made the target of newspaper assault and rendered odious before the people and the leaders are retired.

The bitter fight waged against the present controlling forces in the organization of this legislature come from two sources.

One source is the Democratic press. As this legislature is Republican, that is legitimate. It is expected. Its motive is understood.

The other source? Well, it is the two Republican papers at Portland. Printed on the same press, set by the same machines, owned by the same people.

Those papers have not always been so hostile to the machine. They have been protected by this same present unholy machine in the past.

It was this same machine to a great extent, aided by the Oregonian, refused to renominate Governor Geer, and Geer had served these papers by vetoing a bill to take away the printing of the delinquent tax list.

Two years ago a bill was pending to take away from those Republican papers the monopoly of telegraphic news. They begged the Kuykendall machine in the senate and the house machine to kill the bill.

This year it seems they do not need the machine, and there is nothing too harsh to say about the machine.

It is hard to see the purpose of this, unless it be to make the men who stand for the Republican organization in both houses odious with the people and prevent any of them being elected in the future.

No man connected with this Republican legislature is to be permitted to see the light of the future if he belongs to the machine, and that is so in defiance that the cry can be raised against any Republican.

To poison the public mind with the idea that an unusual manifestation of machine power by Speaker Mills and President Kuykendall is being exercised ill have its effect.

The purpose of this is to make impossible the nomination of any man prominent in this legislature for a state office. It means to head off such a contingency as Mr. Mills or Mr. Kuykendall for United States senator.

The cry against the machine has purpose and method. It is persistent and producing an effect on the public mind, which, unfortunately, cannot always discern the motive.

**MITCHELL'S TRYING HOUR.**

Senator Mitchell has indeed had a trying hour. But he bravely stands by his guns, though deserted by false friends and those who have had his favors.

The base confession of his former business partner is made much of by the newspapers of Portland, who are aiding the prosecution.

Abandoned by fair-weather friends, who truckle to any man who has power and fawn upon patronage, the old man stands alone.

Basest of all, is his betrayal by his private secretary, who should be hung—hung in effigy at least, to make an example of all such.

Senator Mitchell is to be hounded down by the government and the newspapers, and for what?

Because he and his law partner practiced for their clients in the departments. Isn't every senator doing that?

Most of the senators are attorneys for the great trusts and corporations. But Mitchell is poor in his old age, and the rest are rich.

The Journal says if he is guilty let it be established to the satisfaction of the trial jury and court, not in the newspapers alone.

Let there be no favors shown to any man, high or low. Let the law take its course. Let men be convicted fairly by their peers.

**INDICTED BUT HONEST.**

Among other indictments for land frauds are those of Congressman Williamson and Dr. Van Gesner, of Prineville. As men go the general community believes these men to be honest.

If these two men have been guilty of violating any law it must be a more technicality. It will not be readily believed that either of them has knowingly violated law or committed

fraud. It is contrary to their character and reputation.

John Newton Williamson was reared in this county. So was Dr. Gesner. They are not more honest on that account, but this is a fairly honest and law-abiding community, and will not easily believe them guilty of any intentional wrong-doing.

The editor of this paper once saw "Newt" Williamson tried. The Daily Textbook Reform Bill was on its final passage. It had been lost three days before, and was reconsidered. He had voted against it. A textbook trust that was operating with a barrel of money wanted the bill to stay defeated. But, in spite of pressure, and there was plenty of it, Williamson changed his vote, unsolicited, and saved the bill that was going on its merits, and without a dollar back of it.

Of Dr. Van Gesner we do not know so much. But he comes of an honest family. He has a fine standing where he lives, and has long practiced medicine. He may have profited by the wrong-doing of others.

But not knowingly do such men violate the law or commit perjury or perpetrate frauds. That will be proven on the trial, if their cases ever come to trial. In the meantime let fair-minded persons suspend judgment.

**X-RAYS**

People do not much like to complain of weather when it is bright and fair.

Yes, confession is good for the soul. The confession of Harvey Scott that he has always known Senator Mitchell to be a bad man, and that he is still a bad man, is certainly refreshing in the light of the way in which Harvey got into bed with the senator a few years ago, and cringed at his feet, for a possible senatorship.

This office is in receipt of a communication which favors letting up on the paving agitation, but favors more humane treatment of delivery and express horses. If the writer will name some one who is cruel to his horses this paper will call attention of the owner to the fact, and give the name of the complainant. In the mean time a little agitation for better and cleaner streets might help the horses some.

When we get Judge George J. Brownell and the rest of the notaries public indicted and behind the prison bars this government will stand on a foundation of justice and righteousness hitherto unapproximated. Let the grandest reformation and purification of Oregon politics ever attempted go on until this commonwealth is made clean and pure from the Columbia to the California line. Let us at least convict two or three notaries public, if we can't stop corporations like the Northern Pacific from grabbing trifies like 400,000 acres of timber land.

Leslie Scott, to put it mildly, is exercising a dictatorship over this legislature, compared to which Marat in the French revolution couldn't hold a candle. And, what is worse, he fairly gloats in his power to make or unmake men, and some of the members live in actual terror of what may appear in his paper from day to day. What members tell him or what he tells them still leaves all in mystery as to what will appear next day in the paper.

When it arrives there is an involuntary and uneasy adjournment to learn the contents. Two years ago when there was a bill before the legislature aimed at the Associated Press trust, there was no cry about machine, in fact the dictatorship of the Oregonian was suspended. The genial and handsome young hatchet-faced Marat of Oregon journalism got down in the dust and kissed the feet and licked the hands of the damnable machine, which was about the same one that is doing business at the state house today. But now that the dictator's bacon is cured and hanging safely in the smoke-house, his only son is "To h—ll with the odious machine." Of course, the members do not pay much attention to the kid dictatorship. Two years before they passed a bill to take away from the Oregonian the publication of the delinquent tax rolls, which had cost the county about \$60,000. While that bill was pending the same paper spoke very respectfully of the legislature, and there was no cry of odious machine. There was no hissing back youth rushing about seeking whom he might devour. There was microscopic search for grafts. The house and senate were not organized by the liquor interests. Father and son were not the only pure and unrepentable people in Oregon who always, always do right and never, never do wrong. All the rest were not politicians, unholly and corrupt. Papa and the son had an axe to grind. They could be polite and deferential. But this year there is no bill pending to trim the sanctimonious whiskers of the great and only Oregonian and pale-faced keller-than-thou

journalism is rampant at the expense of the Mills-Kuykendall machine. It can cut didos with the members of both houses, gash them under the fifth rib as it pleases, and they have to stand and grin and bear it. Misrepresentations, insuendo, breaches of confidence, have to be endured. Dad and I are running this legislature. Especially I handled the Furnish campaign. I managed Tom Kay's speakership campaign, and published confidential letters and statements of those who would support him, some of which afterwards proved premature. I, Leslie, the dictator, with pale east of intellect, who swiped from some one the confidential letter written by State Chairman Frank C. Baker asking his Republican friends to support Mills for speaker. It was I, the shining light of shipplaster journalism, who originated the story that Mills and Kuykendall were elected by the wholesale and retail liquor interests. I put my arm around senator's necks and learn how they are going to vote, and the publish rollcalls that never materialize. It is I who have time and again had the Jayne bill and other bills killed, and then they hob up on the right side of the roll call. When I cannot conveniently let a matter leak out prematurely, and before I had any right to publish it in the Oregonian, I have it done with neatness and dispatch through my satellites on the Telegram.

Williamson and Gesner and others who have been indicted for land frauds have done nothing but what thousands have done in Oregon and all other states where large bodies of public lands have been disposed of. The millionaires of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, and many other states, have all made their money grabbing public lands. Not one in ten who ever got a homestead or timber claim have complied with the letter or spirit of the law. Of course, making of this practice a wholesale business is dangerous, and some are beginning to be called to account for it. But what all the indicted people in Oregon have done in this line is a mere bagatelle to what the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has stolen in open broad daylight, and by deliberate acts of congress. But we must begin on the little fellows, because men like Hill and Dan Lamont, who was in Cleveland's cabinet, are immune for the present. We must catch some notaries public and a few rascally politicians whose places and salaries we want.

**STATE NEWS**

Jacksonville has a debt of \$5184.43. Frank Z. Moore, a prominent Baker City attorney, died in San Francisco. Giles Hunt, of Oakland, Ore., recently killed a large timber wolf which measured seven feet from tip to tip.

V. W. Tomlinson is the orator chosen by the senior class of U. of O. to represent that school at Moscow in June at the intercollegiate contest.

The independent telephone line from Corvallis to Tangent is about completed and will be ready this week for business.

Only \$20 has been appropriated by the sporting element of the Eugene school for baseball. It is likely the ball playing will not be very lively this season.

The Pendleton High School is working hard for a high school gym. All kinds of entertainments are given, and each student is selling tickets to swell the fund, which is growing rapidly.

Friends in this city will be pleased to learn of the engagement announcement of Miss Dora Lindgren, of Roseland, Ore., formerly of this city, and Mr. Walter Cummings, of Corvallis. The wedding will take place February 15, at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Lindgren was a student of O. A. C. and is a most estimable young lady, and well known in this city, where she has many friends.

Mrs. Irene Fellows, a well-known and highly-respected lady of The Dalles, is dead. She has been ill for many months and the news of her death has been expected for some time. She was a daughter of Captain Henry Harkins, of Fox, Mich. She was a woman of lovely character and had a host of friends who mourn her death.

An excursion is being planned at Pendleton, in which a large number of citizens will participate. It is to be to the city of Jalisco, Mexico. The

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excursion was originally planned by a Kansas City colony and 10,000 people are wanted to go. It is in connection with a lottery in which a tract of 10,000 acres are to be drawn in lots of different sizes, from a lot consisting of 1000 acres down to a town lot. A good deal of interest is being taken in it, by the Pendleton people.

**THEORIES ABOUT FOOD.**

Also a Few Facts on the Same Subject. We hear much nowadays about health foods and hygienic living, about vegetarians and many other fads along the same line.

Restaurants may be found in the large cities where no meat, pastry or coffee is served and the food crank is in his glory, and arguments and theories galore advanced to prove that meat was never intended for human stomachs, and almost make us believe that our sturdy ancestors who lived four score years in robust health on roast beef, pork and mutton must have been grossly ignorant of the laws of health.

Our forefathers had other things to do than formulate theories about the food they ate. A warm welcome was extended to any kind from bacon to acorns.

A healthy appetite and common sense are excellent guides to follow in matters of diet, and a mixed diet of grains, fruits and meats is undoubtedly the best.

As compared with grains and vegetables, meat furnishes the most nutriment in a highly concentrated form and is digested and assimilated more quickly than vegetables and grains.

Dr. Julius Remmon on this subject says: Nervous persons, people run down in health and of low vitality should eat meat and plenty of it. If the digestion is too feeble at first it may be easily corrected by the relief of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal. Two of these excellent tablets taken after dinner will digest several thousand grains of meat, eggs or other animal food in three hours, and no matter how weak the stomach may be, no trouble will be experienced if a regular practice is made of using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because they supply the pepsin and diastase necessary to perfect digestion, and every form of indigestion will be overcome by their use.

That large class of people who come under the head of nervous dyspeptics should eat plenty of meat and insure its proper digestion by the daily use of a safe, harmless digestive medicine like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets composed of the natural digestive principles, pepsin, diastase, fruit acids, and salts, which actually perform the work of digestion. Cheap cathartic medicines, masquerading under the name of dyspepsia cures are useless for indigestion as they have absolutely no effect upon the actual digestion of food.

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**St. Joseph's Hall Program.**

A grand moving picture concert and valentine social will be given at St. Joseph's hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at 8 o'clock. The Steel and Freedland moving picture illustrated concert is one of the best entertainments on the road. Admission 25 cents, children 20 cents. Valentine social and refreshments afterward by the ladies of St. Joseph's society.

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**Fight Cost Twenty Dollars.**  
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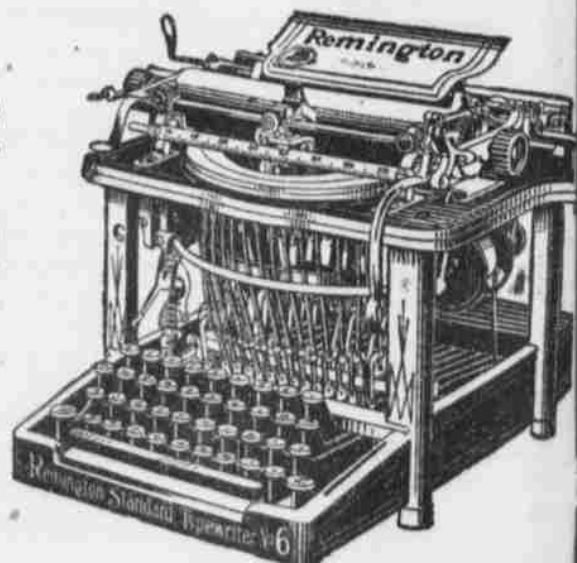
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