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ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER.

General election June 4.

ERECTING NEW STANDARDS.

It takes no inspired keenness of vision to realize that new standards and higher tests of fitness are being erected in the public service.

The tremendous increase in wealth of the nation, the enormous development of material industries, ALL CALL FOR HIGHER STANDARDS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

This applies not only to city, county, state and nation, but to the postal service, the schools and colleges, the church and the newspaper.

Candidates for office under the direct primary system in Oregon felt this influence at work as a process of selection. The moral and educational standards have been raised. THE RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS OF EVERY COMMUNITY TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PRIMARIES.

The candidates endorsed by the moral and religious organizations had an immense advantage and fully two-thirds of them were nominated throughout the state. These new influences should make for better government.

The nomination of men like Prof. Hawley for congress and Dr. Withycombe for governor, Mr. Benson for secretary of state, Tom Kay for senator, and many others who could be named, SHOWS THAT THE NEW POLITICAL STANDARDS ARE ASSERTING THEMSELVES.

The question is, can the men representing the higher standards of morality and purity in public life hold their own and cope with "the world, the flesh and the devil," as manifested in public affairs?

If we believe in education, in progress, in morality, we cannot dread the injection of these influences more prominently into our public affairs. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN OREGON HAS NEED OF THEM.

If the new type of educated man, who is animated by higher standards of public morality, and by purer patriotism and more disinterested motives, can hold his own in practical politics, a new era has been established in public affairs—a better regime has been inaugurated.

SAM SIMPSON, POET OF OREGON.

In Portland a fountain should be dedicated to the memory of the author of "Beautiful Willamette." He was the torch-bearer in Oregon's literature; and although greater poets have lived on the banks of the Willamette, he is the only one that lived and suffered, sang his song and left it there. He belongs to Oregon and is held loyal in it.

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the hearts of her people. Children are taught to revere his memory. He was a lovable man.

One by one those who knew Simpson, condoned his faults, and loved him, are passing—"whither?"

Something should be done soon to perpetuate the memory of one who has done more than all others together to celebrate the beauty of the river that "From the Cascade's frozen gorges, Leaping like a child at play, Winding, widening, through the valley, glides away."

Some lines in the poem are tinged with the sadness of prophecy: "Onward, ever, lovely river, Calling to the far-off sea; Time that scars us, Maims and mars us, Leaves no track nor trench on thee."

Surely, Time scoured and unmade and marred poor Sam Simpson in such wise that the whole world might see and condemn, if it would. But there are many whose scars be of the soul—unseen by all eyes save the eyes of God. But still on forever glides the river, calling to the far-off sea. And somewhere, within sight of its blue waves and within hearing of the song of its lyrical lips, a fountain—not a monument—should be dedicated to Sam Simpson.—Ella Higgenson, in the Pacific Monthly for May.

HERMANN'S TRIAL

(Roseburg Spokesman.)

The trial of Representative Binger Hermann, of this place, for the alleged burning of certain letter press copy books at the close of his term of office as commissioner of the general land office, is announced to take place some time in June. This is a matter of more than passing interest to the people of Roseburg, and the people, not only of this place, but of the state at large, will await the result with more than ordinary interest.

The people of Coos and Douglas counties, where Mr. Hermann is so well known, necessarily take more interest than does the outside world who know him as the politician. Those of us who have lived next door neighbor to him, who have been closely associated with him in all the relations of life, social, business and political, will feel keenly the blow of a conviction. As a man his life has been an honorable one, and in the social world he has been a favorite. As a politician he has had few equals and fewer superiors.

That he would—now as he is on the downward grade of life—stoop to do that which is not right, after living a long life of unquestioned honesty and integrity is a thing his old time friends and neighbors cannot understand or believe. He may have made mistakes, perhaps did, but let be who is without fault cast the first stone.

Mr. Hermann has patiently waited for the trial, but the government has put him off from time to time and finally consented to a trial, and after Mr. Hermann had gone to the expense of getting his witnesses to Washington, some from this far-away western coast, another expense was trumped up for delay. No wonder he fought the more for delay. It meant thousands of dollars to him, but it seems that the crowd of "Hyenas" were determined to wear him out, to starve him, to exhaust his funds, and then from mere default find a way to secure his conviction. It is indeed refreshing to find that there is one court that has semblance of honesty and equity left that is willing to refuse to be a tool to such an outrage and so is determined to do him justice, and has set the trial for June, and if the wild "Hyenas" is not ready, it must go any way.

Let the trial be held in June, as per the schedule, and let justice be done, both to him and the public at large.

Question Remains Unanswered.

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"Twenty years from now," went on Senator Bulkeley, after the tension of this incident has passed, "these great insurance corporations existing today will own the major portion of the investment securities of the country. They will control absolutely the finances of the United States and the world."

Senator Bulkeley frankly admitted, in answer to a question by Representative De Armond, that he had contributed \$15,000 of the funds of his company to the McKinley campaign of 1896. He added that it might as well have been \$50,000, that he would have been justified in giving this

publican president. The Rev. Sam Jones uttered a profound truth in his "It's the hit dog that hollers." Only last Friday Colonel Roosevelt threw a rock at the Standard Oil company, by many supposed to be the biggest octopus, not only in America, but in the entire world. It is possible that our octopus-chasers have thrown some billions and trillions of dornicks at this particular octopus, but nobody ever got a response from it until the president hurled his forceful message of Friday. The "holler" came, instantaneous, piercing, shrill, remonstrative. "No other president was such a political history maker. It is not surprising that there is so much talk of a third term. The president is in everybody's eye, in everybody's calculations, and this country is full of great men, of all parties, who would like mightily to know exactly what Mr. Roosevelt thinks of 1908 and all he thinks. But Mr. Roosevelt is a mighty man to keep 'em guessing."

This question of 1908 seems to be troubling some of our exchanges a great deal more than it is the president. And it doubtless troubles some of Mr. Roosevelt's contemporaries in the political world. But 1908 is still two years off. There's plenty of time for them to worry and for him to slay the octopus.

One thing is certain. The people of the United States, and not the trusts, will elect the next president; and he will be a man who can be depended on to continue the work Mr. Roosevelt has begun. There will be no retreat. More than that, the next president will be a republican.—Tacoma Ledger.

BULKLEY DEFENDS INCREASE

Here is a remarkable scene in congress that took place last Wednesday:

United States Senator Bulkeley of Connecticut was heard by the house committee on the judiciary today in refutation of the statement made yesterday before the committee by Miles M. Dawson of New York to the effect that not one of the American fire insurance companies knew whether or not they would or would not be insolvent when they paid their San Francisco losses. There was, said Senator Bulkeley, absolutely no foundation for such a statement.

Mr. Bulkeley is president of the Actna Fire Insurance company, and he said further that he knew of no American company that did not know just where it stood financially.

Senator Bulkeley continued his discussion of the insurance questions confronting the country at the afternoon session of the committee and some of his remarks and conclusions created some degree of a sensation to the roomful of committeemen and insurance representatives.

Discussing the Armstrong investigation and the irregularities brought out in that connection, he said they did not arise from the internal mismanagement of the companies or from the personal or official dishonesty of the officers of the companies, but wholly from the jealousy of financiers to get control of the vast funds of these institutions.

The investigation and the legislation which has grown out of it, instead of bettering conditions, he said, would produce a contrary condition of affairs. Instead of having several great institutions as before, controlled by a divided responsibility, they had put the entire business into the hands of one man.

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amount, which was not a "sea bite" to what he gave personally. Justifies Using Insurance Funds. "Do you think that action on your part either justifiable, honest or decent?" queried Mr. De Armond. "I contend that every custodian of funds of this character," replied the Connecticut senator, "is justified and within his rights when he takes that money and applies it to the protection of the rights of the people. I contend that the election of Mr. Bryan would have been a calamity." "This is a new philosophy of insurance of which I am glad to hear," commented Mr. De Armond after several further questions along this line. "There are some people who get so powerful in the financial world that they do not fear to go in boldly where others would not dare to go." "If you gentlemen of this house of representatives," replied Mr. Bulkeley, "who disburse millions of the people's money disburse it as honestly as money handled by the insurance companies of the country you need have no fear of going before your constituents."

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