

FULTON FACTION AND REPUBLICAN SUPPORT

Open Charge That There is a Disposition to Get Even on Part of the Defeated Wing of the party

Following remarkable article appeared in the Portland Telegram Saturday evening, double-headed on the first page under the above heading.

If there is any truth in the above surmise let it be added that if the Fulton wing of the party defeats C. K. C. THERE WILL PRACTICALLY BE NO REPUBLICAN PARTY LEFT IN OREGON.

So far as The Capital Journal can learn the Fulton leaders are lining up for C. K. C. in the valley counties, and the indications are that THE MOVEMENT TO GIVE HIM A SOLID PARTY VOTE IS GROWING STRONGER.

Here is the Telegram article of Saturday night, and it has a great deal of food for thought:

To "Get Even" Is To Cut the Throat of the Party of Roosevelt.

The chief mistake which some of Senator Fulton's most influential friends are making is in believing that they are getting even with somebody by defeating C. K. C. As a matter of fact whether a man is an advocate of C. K. C. or Fulton he has precisely the same interest in the outcome. What is now at issue is not the election of C. K. C. alone, but the maintenance of the integrity of the Republican party. If that is of any interest to those who support C. K. C., surely for the same reason it is of interest to those who support Fulton. What is done this year will have its influence on what will be done next year and perhaps for several years. If C. K. C. gets a benefit this year, some one else will get a benefit next year; but if C. K. C. gets no benefit this year, in the very nature of things there will be no benefit for any other Republican next year.

And the reason is plain. The moment you elect Chamberlain you proclaim a Democratic dictatorship in Oregon. Events entirely within the control of the Republicans themselves have been hastening in that direction for the past half dozen years. Chamberlain has not been built up by the Democratic party. That party has been scarcely worth

while mentioning. But Republicans dissensions have worked marvels. They have firmly established Chamberlain in the governorship for a second term, and now it is possible that in the midst of his term they may take him out of the governor's chair and send him to Washington to represent Oregon in the United States senate. This is not Democratic doing; it is Republican doing.

There are many men in politics in Oregon who seem to think that this sort of thing may go steadily on without destroying party supremacy. They seem very much more concerned about getting even with men of their own party than they are in fighting those who are opposed to them politically. And yet, strange to say, these are men engaged in active politics who themselves expect in the immediate future to profit by party success. It is not easy to imagine a more amazing condition of affairs.

It is well at this juncture to look the situation squarely in the teeth. If these gentlemen are determined to bring the party down to defeat, let us at least be guilty of no self-delusions. As we have heretofore pointed out, in the great sweep of things C. K. C. is but an incident. Yet in his failure or success is bound up the supremacy of the Republican party in the state. If Republicans are building up the Democratic party, it can only be done at the expense of the Republican party. If Republicans continue to build up the Democratic party, one of these days they will have no Republican party left, and it may happen at a time when they themselves and their friends most need it. It is in precisely this direction we have been drifting for the past half dozen years. If it our purpose to continue to drift, let us do so with our eyes wide open, but at the same time let each man stand forth and assume his full share of responsibility. Let us know not only that we are drifting, but who is responsible for it, so that in the final summing up the Deputy Democrats who are now so active will in the day of reckoning get what they have earned.

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