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## REPUBLICAN LEADER WANTS PARTY TO REPRESENT PEOPLE

### Gives List Of Senators Who Enacted the the Mays Law and Opened the Way to Popular Election of Senators

Hon. Frank Davey, register of the land office at Burns, and speaker of the last house of representatives, who cannot be accused of any bias toward Populism or Democracy, has the following editorial in his paper, the Harney County News, and it is commended to thinking Republicans, who do not want their party put in opposition to the political views of the great overwhelming mass of the people of this state: The article is headed and reads as follows:

**Let Us Forget.**  
The News does not propose to stand as the champion of any wing or faction of the Republican party as opposed to any other wing or faction; its political mission being, so far as its power may lie, TO

PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS AND THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTY AS A WHOLE, believing as we do that the best good of the nation depends upon the existence of the Republican party in control of affairs.

This paper, however, cannot close its eyes to the danger with which the party in Oregon is threatened through what we believe to be A MISTAKEN LINE OF ACTION AND ARGUMENT PURSUED BY LEADING INFLUENCES IN ITS MANAGEMENT AND THE SYSTEM OF ABUSE, SARCASM AND FALSEHOOD HEALED UPON INDIVIDUALS AND CLASSES UPON WHOM VOTES THE PARTY MUST DEPEND for success, and we feel that it is time to review the past, correct

some erroneous impressions lately given out and call a halt to the gentlemen who are driving honest, independent men to alliances outside the party ranks.

The defeats which have come to the Republican party in Oregon are now charged by certain newspapers to Mr. Bourne, Mr. U'Ren, Statement No. 1, the primary law and the initiative and referendum, all of which—measures and men—are cursed unmercifully and indiscriminately. A retrospective glance over the past 12 years shows that the blame is wrongly placed. VACILLATION, INCONSISTENCY, INSINCERE PROMISES AND PLATFORM UTTERANCES GAVE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE THE FIRST SUGGESTIONS OF THE DESIRED CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM. Some of these changes were placed upon the statute books of the state without any intention of putting them in operation unless times and circumstances favorable to the bosses should appear, OTHERWISE THEY WERE TO BE TREATED AS A LEGAL JOKE PLAYED UPON THE COMMON HERD. And it was for Bourne, or U'Ren, or Schubel, who began this movement for popular legislation, election of senator, etc., but it was the very influences and the very men who are now abusing U'Ren, Bourne, et al. for the results.

In 1895 and 1896, the leading men who are the loudest now in the abuse of Bourne and others, were the most ardent advocates of the bi-metallic heresy and they laid the groundwork then for all the ills which the party has suffered since. THE SAME INFLUENCES OPERATING IN MULTNOMAH, CLATSOP, MARION AND LANE COUNTIES, followed up later with combinations with the Democrats whereby legislative majorities were secured and U. S. senators were elected and in 1901, thinking that the tidal wave of popularity was flowing in their favor, the same men placed a law upon the statute books embodying in solemn legal text THE FULL PRINCIPLES OF STATEMENT NO. 1, WHICH NOW APPEARS SO HATEFUL TO THEM. Let us give a list of the state senators who formulated and voted for that law for the election of U. S. senators by popular vote, in order to illustrate what we mean, and it was the very first bill introduced that session:

Adams of Marion, Brownell of Clackamas, Cameron of Jackson, Clem (Dem.) of Linn, Dimmick of Coos, Hunt of Multnomah, Inman (Dem.) of Multnomah, Johnston of Wasco, Joseph of Multnomah, Kelly of Linn, Kaykendall of Lane, Looney of Marion, Marsters of Douglas, Mays (author of the bill) of Multnomah, Morrow (Dem.) of Morrow, Mulkey of Polk, Porter of Clackamas, Proebatel of Umatilla, Stelwer of Wheeler, Sweck (Dem.) of Multnomah, Wehrung (Dem.) of Washington, Williamson of Crook AND MR. PRESIDENT (SENATOR FULTON).

The only vote against the bill was John D. Daly of Benton. AND EVERY ONE OF THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS ABOVE LISTED EXCEPT CAMERON, JOSEPH, JOHNSTON AND MULKEY were and are now allied with the forces that are cursing Statement No. 1.

Two years from the time they passed that law, the very same men voted to ignore and nullify it, yet they did not dare and have not yet dared to repeal it.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTIONS FOR 20 YEARS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF ELECTION OF U. S.

SENATORS BY POPULAR VOTE. REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURES FOR AS LONG A TIME PASSED SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS. A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE ENACTED A LAW FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. ALL THESE WERE IGNORED AND VIOLATED AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, so the people embraced the chance to get at the promised and desired method through the medium of Statement No. 1, and now the gentlemen who brought about the change by their vacillation and false promises might as well try to remove Mt. Hood by the hydraulic force of a garden hose AS TO TRY TO wrest FROM THE PEOPLE THE POWER AND PRIVILEGE THEY HAVE OBTAINED.

They may rail and ridicule all they please; they will only succeed in fastening the people's determination more firmly, and in driving more and more honest voters into independent action and into other party alliances. No party can expect a majority of the people's votes while denying to the people the exercise of the rights guaranteed or promised by the laws.

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