



WHY STATEMENT ONE LEGISLATORS MUST STAND BY THEIR PLEDGE

By Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr., in Collier's Weekly.

The people in Oregon have initiated and passed, under a provision of their state constitution and legally prescribed forms, a primary elections law, by the terms of which candidates for public office and party organization alike are brought directly under the control of the public will and all public servants made responsible to the people. The law destroys all political machines and political bosses, but not party integrity nor organization.

A plain statement of the political situation in Oregon at this time may be of general interest. Our primary elections law provides that an elector seeking office may get his name on the party's ballot by petition, in which, among other things, he agrees to "accept the nomination and will not withdraw" and if elected "will qualify as such officer," implying, of course, that he will also serve.

In the case of a legislator's nomination the candidate may in addition to stating on his petition in not to exceed 100 words what measures and principles he advocates, also subscribe to one of two statements; but if he does not subscribe he shall not on that account be debarred from the ballot. It will be seen, therefore, that three courses are open to him:

Three Courses Open.
He may subscribe to Statement No. 1, as follows:

"I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference"; or, he may subscribe to Statement No. 2, as follows:

"During my term of office I shall consider the vote of the people for United States senator in congress as nothing more than a recommendation, which I shall be at liberty to wholly disregard if the reason for doing so seems to be to me sufficient"; or, he may be perfectly silent in the election of United States senator. It is entirely optional with the candidate.

What Law Provides.
The law further provides that United States senators may be nominated by their respective parties in the party primaries and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes thereby becomes the party nominee. Then in the general election the party nominees are voted for by the people and the individual receiving the greatest number of votes in the general election thereby becomes the people's choice for United States senator.

Our primary elections law embodying these statements was passed by a popular vote of approximately 56,000 to 16,000 against, and notwithstanding the great majority in its favor its opponents charged that the people did not know what they were doing when they voted for it. Accordingly, at the last general elec-

tion, the advocates of the election of senators by the people and of the enforcement of Statement No. 1, submitted to the people the following bill:

"Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

"Section 1. That we, the people of the state of Oregon, hereby instruct our representatives and senators in our legislative assembly, as such officers, to vote for and elect the candidates for United States senator from this state who receive the highest number of votes at our general elections."

Won on Its Merits.
Although there was no organized campaign made for the adoption of the bill other than the argument accompanying its submission, while opponents of the primary law assailed it vehemently, the basic principle of Statement No. 1 and the election of United States senators by the people was thus again indorsed in the passage of this bill by a popular vote of 69,565 for it to 21,182 against it, or by nearly 3 1/2 to 1.

The Oregon legislature consists of 90 members, 30 in the senate and 60 in the house, 46 making the necessary majority on full attendance for the election of United States senators.

At the last election the number of Statement No. 1 legislators elected was sufficient with the Statement No. 1 hold-over senators to raise the whole number thus pledged to 51, making on joint ballot a majority of five out of a total of 90 members. All of these 51 members subscribed to the Statement No. 1 pledge voluntarily, and it was so subscribed to by them from a personal belief in the desirability of the popular election of United States senators and for the purpose of securing for themselves from the electorate preferment in the election to the office sought; the consideration in exchange for such preferment was to be by them, as the legally constituted representatives of the electorate in that behalf, the perfunctory confirmation of the people's selection for United States senator, as that choice might be ascertained under the provisions of the same law by which the legislators themselves secured nomination to office.

Binding Sacred as an Oath.
No oath could be more sacred in honor; no contract more binding; no mutual consideration more definite than is contained in the Statement No. 1 pledge; and no parties to a contract could be of more consequence to government and society than the electorate upon the one side and its servants upon the other.

Under the United States constitution there can be no penalty attaching to the law. The legislator breaking his sacred pledge cannot be imprisoned or fined; hence, he is doubly bound by honor to redeem his voluntary obligations. Failure to do so would not only brand him as the destroyer of a sacred trust, but as the most contemptible of cowards, because legally immune from punishment for his perfidy.

It is absolutely inconceivable that

a single one of these 51 men will prove recreant either by resigning, by emigrating from the state or by refusing to vote as he has pledged his sacred honor to do. Death only can relieve him of his responsibility, and the individual who would advise or in any degree justify one of these men in such betrayal would become even more contemptible than the actual culprit in the estimation of every honorable man. Nor could the beneficiary of such perfidy and betrayal of a sacred trust escape. The office itself would be made thereby unclean and the odors of fraud would linger in the toga.

Plot of Enemies Fails.

In the Oregon primaries held last April Hon. H. M. Cake received the Republican nomination for United States senator and our present governor, George E. Chamberlain, the Democratic nomination for United States senator. In the general election in June Governor Chamberlain defeated Mr. Cake by a small plurality, thereby developing from the Democratic candidate into the people choice for United States senator. The normal Republican majority in Oregon is conceded to be from 15,000 to 20,000. With full recognition of Governor Chamberlain's ability and fitness for the office and his great personal popularity, I deem it but just to the law, and a proper anticipation of the criticism by the enemies of the law that same destroys party lines and integrity, to state that in my opinion Governor Chamberlain received the vote of several thousand Republican enemies of the law who believed that in selecting Governor Chamberlain, a Democrat, they would prevent a Republican legislature from ratifying the people's selection, obeying the people's instruction, and electing as United States senator the individual, regardless of party, that the people might select for that office.

Thus they hoped to make the primary law and Statement No. 1 odious and sought to create what they thought would be an impossible condition, by forcing upon a Republican legislature for confirmation the popularly designated Democratic candidate for United States senator.

They failed to realize that greater than party, and infinitely greater than any individual, the people's choice becomes the representative of a principle and the law; that the intelligence and integrity of the whole electorate of the state as well as the integrity and loyalty of the members of the legislature are now at stake, and from any honorable viewpoint the mere intimation of the possibility of the legislature falling conscientiously to fulfill his pledge or loyally obeying the instructions of the people is not only an insult to individual members of the legislature but an insult to the intelligence, independence and patriotism of the Oregon electorate that they would permit such action to go unnoticed or without holding the culprit to a rigid responsibility for his treason.

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PLANNING OF ARTILLERY GUARD ON COOS BAY

General W. E. Finzer of the Oregon National guard, and Lieutenant White of Portland, in charge of the O. N. G. ordnance department, arrived in Marshfield to make preliminary investigations to ascertain whether it is advisable to establish one of three United States artillery companies, which the war department has ordered for Oregon, on Coos Bay.

Today, General Finzer and Lieutenant White are making a tour of the lower bay and are inspecting Coos Head and securing data on the need and possibilities of fortifying the harbor. They will probably spend two or three days in making the inspection.

It is not likely that General Finzer will immediately arrange for the organization of the artillery company here although if he decides to have one of the companies located on Coos Bay, he will probably submit his report on the conditions to the United States war department before acting.

The minimum number required for an artillery company is 58. As there are a number on Coos Bay who have seen service and would be glad to join the new company, it is not believed that any difficulty would be encountered in securing sufficient men. Each year, the company would be required to go to Fort Stevens or some other fort in this section for the annual drill and maneuvers and the officers would probably be required to participate in other similar events.

CHAMBERLAIN TO ATTEND MAIL CLERKS' BANQUET

Governor Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to attend the banquet of the Portland branch of the Railway Mail Clerks' association in honor of the vice-president of the national body next Thursday night. The governor will be one of the principal guests of honor and will, undoubtedly be called upon to address the guests.

The Cause of Many Sudden Deaths.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney trouble. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, causing catarrh of the bladder, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

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The Pessimism of Lombroso.

Pessimism is a transitory state of Aryan thought, but it is the normal condition of Hebrew thought. As Renan observed, in the whole of the Bible there are only two bright and joyful books—the "Song of Solomon" and the "Book of Ecclesiastes." All the rest, especially the Prophets and the "Book of Job," form one sublime and colossal cry of pain. Even to day, after the lapse of many centuries, every Jew of genius is almost destined to convey bad tidings to men, for all the great Jewish thinkers have almost always brought to light some painful phenomenon of life. Thus Spinoza announced to mankind that good and evil do not exist; Marx, that society is the battlefield of a desperate struggle between the social classes; Lassalle, that by the "brazen law," workmen, in spite of their most strenuous efforts, can never earn more than the minimum which is just sufficient to keep them from starvation.

In this Lombroso shares the common fate of his race. Not only has he affirmed that civilization augments crime and that man is fundamentally inclined to evil; but he has formulated the theory, which is, perhaps, the most pessimistic one of the whole century—the theory which is destined to destroy the hero worship introduced by Carlyle and which has so many followers in England—I mean the theory that genius is a form of degeneracy.—The Century.

The following persons went to Portland this afternoon to attend the wedding of Miss Edna Montgomery and Mr. Herbert Fawk, which will take place in the Central Baptist church, Wednesday evening: Misses Grace and Gertrude Fawk, Kate Scott and Mrs. Floyd Frazier.

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rallies in different parts of the Borough. His last speech at the Academy was interrupted by severe coughing spells and finally the candidate stopped exhausted and was led from the stage by his brother Henry W. Taft and taken to Manhattan.

SAYS HOARSENESS IS ONLY TROUBLE

New York, Oct. 27.—Reports that William H. Taft collapsed after his address in Brooklyn last night were denied today at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, where he spent the night.

It was said at the Taft home that

the candidate suffered only from a slight attack of hoarseness following the speech and that it was not serious at all.

At the time this statement was given out this morning, preparations were being made for the start on the tour today in the final contest of the campaign. Taft is in fine trim, it is said, and will have no difficulty in carrying out his schedule.

For Chronic Diarrhoea.

"While in the army in 1863 I was taken with chronic diarrhoea," says George M. Felton of South Gibson, Pa. "I have since tried many remedies but without any permanent relief, until Mr. A. W. Miles, of this place, persuaded me to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, one bottle of which stopped it at once." For sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.