

The only way to curb the depredations of the legislature is to
elect presiding officers who will act for the people, instead of for elect presiding
the combines,
A appeaker of the house of representatives who would take the
side of the taxpayer could save the taxpayers a million dollars. It is to be hoped that t. .. McArthur, of Portland, may run
sor the legislature and be nominated and elected and be made speaker.
He has been a speaker of the house of representatives and
knows the pressure that is brought to bear on that office. knows the pressure that is brought to bear on that office.
Having had one term of experience, and knowing what mistakes to avoid, he could now serve the people fairly and well.
The speaker of the house and a president of the senate shoul once be chosen who do not regard their offices as mere opportu-
nities for a general hand-out. the form of the clerkship graft, paying five to ten dollars a day
for work that can be hired done by business people for fifty dollara a month.
With that for
With that for a starter, every member is scheming to get his
arms into the pork barrel until the brine trickles off his eyebrows. Generally the state printing office is put in the saddle in congrab the rest of the committees.
Then, it is stand and deliver to the taxpayer, and that kind of a
grapping octopus is called politics, and is called the sovereign power of the general assembly
Is at the bople who of the thoir taxes doubled ought to know what fertilizer labelea popular government.
The city council should appoint committee of three of its memcertain streets of this city that the property owners have been called upon to pay good pricen for. The mayor's edict, "Let them kick, and be d-d," is all right as an exclamation of political bra-
vido, but what would be wrong in relieving the street committee of passing on their own work by having three members of the council investigate the street work of the past year, get at the actual facts and conditions as they find them and report the
facts? There is no other way to get at this matter, unless the people go before the grand jury or take the recall on some who may not be to blame. If the cement manufacturers, or the contractor, or the inspector who passed on the work, are to blame,
let the people frow th, and avold such mistales in the future, Let the people kick and be $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{d}^{\text {" }}$ will not settle anything. That right is guaranteed in the constitution, but does not replace bad street work.

## NEW CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

Mr. C. L. MeNary's declining to become a candidate for con-
grees leaves the fiedd open to ex-Mayor Geo. F. Rodgers, of this aty, if he desires to make the $r$ ice.
Forest Grove, who is an insurnnce man wis Mr . Williams, of
Ex.Senator Geo. C. Brownell, of Oregon City, has also been
End It is to be hoped that one of these men will make the race at the primaries.
If they could be permaded
ure) If they could be persuaded to do so the three could come be
fore the people together at a preliminary try-out, Let three meetings be held at Salem, Oregon Uity
Grove the poople see the men, hear then speak and know what
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principles and convictions they carry about concealed on their persons.
That would be fair to the people and fair to the candidates. The theory of politics that candidates are not to be allowed to The Lincoln bianquet at Salem would if it was underatood that candidates wero allowed to speak. Some other occasion must be found at which candidates ca If Mr. Hawley wer
be held he would have been requested to tolike the big speect is to We do not say this unkindly, but in justice and fairness to candidates and the people.
But by all means let the
sible candidates for congress.

## NEW NOSTRUM FOR REFORM.

The scheme to reform administration of nffairs in Oregon
ovolyed by Mr. Harris is an old one. unite iabor officials, Grange officials and heads of colleges to That ia is ike ten men on money Is

## heir own boot straps to got to heaven. Reforms do not come

Reforms do not come from such theoretical sources, and people Oregon ls uffering from an overdose of high taxation at the The work Mr. Harris has cut out is how to get the votes of the
poverned, and at the same time not intorfere with the privileges of thele masters
labor with your the voles hands yourself. have to work on the soil yoursolf, agee of the world.
Pleaty of promines, plenty of chin-music, plenty of new polit-
cal nostrums will do it. Get up a now nostrum that is to roform the troubles of the
body politic--label it in big letters and give it to the press-and you have got ' em .

> ZHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

Murk cross between number and name of candidate.

1. (…) William Howard Taft, Republican. Whliam Howard Taft, Repoblican.
Theodore Roosevelt, Republican.
Robert M. LaFo llette, Insurgent.
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