

# FREE DISCUSSION OF STATE CAMPAIGN ISSUES

**DEMANDS THAT CIVIL RIGHTEOUSNESS INCLUDE BIG LAW OPPOSES SELF-MADE CANDIDATES FORCING THEMSELVES INTO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR--WILL NOT HIRE MEN TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS**

## FOR A NON-PARTISAN SUPREME COURT AND REFORM STATE ADMINISTRATION

### SUPPORTS DIRECT PRIMARY AND DEFEAT OF BOSSISM

**Opposes Corruption of the People by Men Who Afterwards Make It Back Out of The Taxpayers**

**Refuses to be a Candidate Unless the People Voluntarily Circulate Petitions Asking Him to Make Campaign for Governor**

The annual Grange and Sunday school picnic at North Howell was held Saturday. There was a large attendance, and addresses were made by local speakers. Recitations and songs by the Sunday schools of that neighborhood formed a large part of the program. In the afternoon there was another program, and Col. E. Hofer was invited to deliver an address on the public affairs of the state. He was introduced by Prof. Fletcher, one of the faculty of the Silverton High School, who has a fine ranch at North Howell. He introduced the speaker in a highly complimentary manner, and a vote of thanks was passed to Col. Hofer at the conclusion of the program. His address was as follows:

#### CLAIMS RIGHT TO SPEAK.

After conducting a newspaper and taking an active part in our public affairs at Salem for going on twenty-one years, I feel I have a right to speak on state affairs, with which I have tried to become as familiar as it is possible for a mere private citizen. We can claim for Marion county that we have one of the best and most careful county governments in the state. Our county tax levy was the lowest of any county for purely county purposes.

I wish to thank you for this invitation to address a purely farmers' gathering. Where could one discuss the affairs of our state before a more representative gathering of the property owners, producers and taxpayers than at such a gathering, composed of the best farming population, and where the Grange and the Home are so well represented? I feel if I can express the feelings that animate your hearts toward the welfare of our state we shall not go far wrong. If we agree on the main policies that should govern us in the coming state election, they will be good enough for anyone who wants to see Oregon develop into an ideal commonwealth. I believe in the people, and am willing to take my inspiration from them, and be governed by their decisions in public matters, after they have been threshed out in such gatherings as these. I am willing to print what I shall say about all public matters, and use my newspaper to back up my campaign, if I shall be called upon to make one. I do not wish to deceive any one as to where I stand on any public matter, and to evade no great issue before the people.

#### NON-PARTISAN SUPREME COURT.

I believe it is providential for the people of Oregon that we have this year four members of the Supreme Court to elect. Two of the Justices whose terms expire next January are Republicans and two are Democrats. All are honest, able and fearless in the discharge of their duties, and should be returned by the people without opposition or compelling them to go through an expensive campaign for their nomination or election. These Justices have supported the progressive policies inaugurated by the people of Oregon whenever the question of popular rights has been involved.

#### THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR.

Next in importance to the people of Oregon is the office of Governor—an office that is very close to the hearts of the people. In 24 years Oregon has had Republican Governors only eight years. While Republican Governors have not been able to succeed themselves, owing to the bitterness of factional strife, machine domination, unsatisfactory use of the appointing power and failure to use the veto axe where it should have been used on the head of a Republican legislature, two Democratic Governors were re-elected. This proves that the Machine in Oregon has not enjoyed the respect and confidence of the voters, and when it gained an election was not able to keep a majority of the people back of it. The Supreme issue this year is whether there shall be elected a Machine-controlled Governor or a Governor who will respect and obey the mandates of the people. If the Machine by means of an Assembly forces a Machine nominee on the people he will be defeated just as Missouri and Indiana elected Republicans when those states went Democratic, and states like Minnesota and Ohio went Republican but elected Democratic Governors.

#### THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOMINATE.

I have been accused in the newspapers of being a candidate for Governor and have been urged by many friends to

announce myself as a candidate for the office. I will say: For this particular office I do not believe a man should try to force himself on the party or the people by spending a large amount of money to secure the nomination. Two Republicans have tried that plan and both were defeated. I shall not hire men to go around with petitions to make myself a candidate, but if the petitions come from the people voluntarily upon the principles which I am here to announce to this gathering of taxpayers and property owners in the great farming body of Marion county, I shall go out and make a campaign and put my newspaper into the fight for reform principles. It is up to the people to ask some man to become a candidate. If you wanted a man to run a big ranch or some industry, you would not take some man who was foisted upon you because he wanted the job but you would go out and hunt for a man qualified to do the work. If you didn't do that you would be very apt to get an incompetent man and pay very dearly for the experience. The people have no confidence in the self-made candidate who is ready to get on to any kind of a platform that will help him get the office and make back from the people the enormous sums of money that are sometimes spent to get an office. The people want a man for governor whose hands are not tied by the Machine and who has not been a participant in all the abuses of power that result in the high taxes we are paying in many parts of Oregon—the greatest obstacle to our development.

#### WILL HAVE NO MANAGER OR BOSS.

I will spend no money hiring men to go around with petitions and I will have no boss or manager. If I cannot become a candidate directly at the hands of the people I will not be a candidate. As an example of the way men spend money and "do things" in so-called practical politics, take the office of state treasurer. Headquarters were opened in the Title Guaranty and Trust Building at Portland four years ago to secure the nomination of a man for State Treasurer. Large sums of money were spent sending out literature and sending men over the state and the plan succeeded. When the little bankers panic came on and caught some of the Portland banks, the banker who had managed that campaign had \$430,000 of the state funds and school funds in a busted bank. He had drawn on the State Treasurer to pay for that nomination. But for the vigilance of a plain conclusion Governor, who had exacted double amounts of bonds from the Treasurer, the state would have lost that money. The money was lost so far as that bank was concerned. The Baltimore bond company had to make it good. The banker has been convicted and sentenced to a term in the state penitentiary, and the Supreme Court has sustained his conviction, and he has appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States on a technicality, and petitions are in circulation for his pardon. It is stated that the most prominent politicians in the state are on his petition for a pardon, but I do not believe it is the business of a Governor to pardon such men after they have had a fair trial and had the ablest counsel.

#### PUNISH BIG MALEFACTORS.

I believe the "big boys" should be made to obey the laws as well as the little fellows. In the minds of some ministers of the gospel "Civic righteousness" means nothing but the prosecution of a saloon keeper or gambler but I believe the time has come when civic righteousness should include the wreckers of banks and men who violate their trusts even though they hold high positions in the churches and Sunday school work, and stand high socially and politically. An executive who would so far forget himself as to put a pardon in the soft hand of a banker and politician and send him out to renew plunderings of the unfortunate is not what the people of Oregon want in a Governor. How are the people to have any confidence in their government, in their banking system, or in their state treasury if such things can be done and go unpunished? Do not expect that men will spend large sums of money to secure nominations and elections or let other men do it for them, or have the money put up by large corporations, and then not make it back out of the people. The Portland banker who secured the nomination of a state treasurer was doing just what might have been expected—he was making it back from the man he nominated and at the expense of the people. Unless the people are going to get behind an independent man and see to it that he is nominated and elected they have nothing to expect but to be plundered by the Machine as they have been for the past twenty years, and to have their state taxes go still higher, and capital kept out of the state and the state remain undeveloped.

#### WHAT AN IOWA GOVERNOR DID.

When Governor Larrabee of Iowa took office the State Treasurer stepped into his office and filed his monthly report of the condition of the various funds in his keeping. In that state the Governor was required to certify to a monthly statement made by the State Treasurer as to the exact condition of each fund and the amount of cash on hand. Governor Larrabee said he would go into the treasury vaults and check over the amounts stated by the Treasurer as being on hand as soon as he returned from lunch. During the hour and a half—between noon and the Governor's return to the state house at 1:30 p. m. a half dozen express

wagons in the city of Des Moines were busy flying back and fourth between the banks and the state treasury carting in the money—about \$300,000 that the report called for, as the Treasurer knew Governor Larrabee was a man of his word and a business man and when he said he would check over the money and then certify to the report, he meant just what he said and for the first time in many years there would be a show-down as to the condition of the actual cash in the Iowa state treasury. The Governor went into the vaults of the state treasury and stayed in there all the afternoon and checked over every dollar and the money was counted and certified to as being correct. But as a result of that policy of having the official reports show just what was the truth about the matter two banks and an insurance company that had been doing business with state funds in violation of law went out of business but the state treasury funds were protected, as those institutions had better go broke with the state funds out of their coffers than to go broke with the state money in their precarious keeping. Governor Larrabee was re-elected and was the best governor Iowa ever had.

#### OFFICE SEEKERS AND OFFICE BOOSTERS.

What have the people to expect if they elect one of the professional office-seekers and office-chasers to the Governorship? Such a governor will have to stand in with the whole professional caste to which he belongs, and he will not be able to stop the most gigantic graft of all—the creation of new offices, and the raising of salaries of those already in office by the legislature. How did one senator get several offices by being a member of the Senate forty days at three dollars a day? Did that warrant unloading a number of new judicial districts on the people of the whole state, at a cost of about ten thousand dollars a year per district for all time to come? Did anyone ever hear of one of these judicial districts with district attorneys and deputies and bailiffs and all the expense of other officials connected with holding courts being abolished. The creating of these offices is going on at every term of the Legislature and the political lords fill them with their relatives, law partners and fellow lords of both parties. This is not said as a reflection on the integrity of any Senator because they have only done what the whole aggregation of graft have practiced for the forty years at the expense of the taxpayer. It is said to point out the ridiculousness and futility of putting one of the professional class of office boosters and standpat politicians for revenue into the office of Governor. I say when it is done in the name of Republicanism and pretended devotion to the cause of good government, it is a fraud and a farce, and the people are foolish to expect any reforms to come from such a source. As well expect the Ethiopian to change his color, or the leopard to change his spots as to ask one of this class to wield the veto axe and lop off any of the ever-increasing swarm of parasites who propose to get onto the political easy street. When these same political imposters and professional tax-eaters propose to name the candidate of the Republican party in an assembly of their own composition, alleged to be in the interest of the people as well expect a convention of gamblers to regulate the gambling business or to make rules and to frame up a program for morality and virtue. The people should elect a governor who will curb the aggressions of organized graft and that is a proper name for an average legislature from start to finish. (See sessions laws of 1909, where three-fourths of all the bills are to create new offices, raise salaries, or make appropriations.)

#### THE OREGON HOUSE OF LORDS.

The people of Oregon have been ruled for many years by a lot of political lords, not confined to one party, and these gentlemen are the real menace to reforms in our state affairs. These lords of politics want one of their number to become Governor of the state and lord it over the taxpayers for four years in ways that have not hitherto been possible. The people turned down this class when they elected Penoyer Governor and again when they elected Chamberlain Governor. It was not a protest against clean decent Republicanism that respects the people, but for sixteen years out of twenty-four the Oregon House of Lords has been kept out of the Governor's office which they now seek to capture.

#### THERE HAS BEEN NO SHOW-DOWN.

For many years by the crookedness and corruptness of legislatures there has been no show-down or clean-up in state affairs. The Democratic Governor was kept busy vetoing bills and stopping further grafts and the big financial grafts have gone on without thorough investigation. The legislature in 1895 in which I was a member and fought the whitewashing of the treasury and other departments, did whitewash the state school land office and declared its work all right, when at the same time the Davis defalcation of about \$30,000 has just been committed. The suits to collect that money were stipulated out of court by the money-lords of Oregon, and to this day no man knows who did get that money. The J. Thorburne Roess prosecution has been carried on against him because he is a Canadian and was caught, and to cover up and protect bigger game. If a Governor like Chamberlain had not jumped in and made the bonding companies protect the state against a defalcation

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#### Notice of Assessment—Improvement of Mission Street.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, will at or about 8:00 o'clock p. m. on the 6th day of June, 1910, at the common council chambers at Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon each lot or parcel of land liable therefor, its proportionate share of the cost of the improvement of Mission street from a point 19 feet west of east line of Commercial street in the city of Salem, Oregon, to the west line of Twelfth street in said city, according to the plans and specifications adopted for such improvement and on file at the office of the City Recorder.

All persons interested in said assessment shall appear at said time before said common council within five days following said date for the privilege, if they so desire, to make said improvement in lieu of their assessment.

Done by order of the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, the 31st day of May, 1910.

W. A. MOORES, Recorder.

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#### Notice of Assessment—Improvement of Highland Avenue.

Notice is hereby given that the common council of the City of Salem, Oregon, will at or about 3 p. m., on the 6th day of June, 1910, at the common council chambers at Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon each lot or parcel of land liable therefor, its proportionate share of the cost of the improvement of Highland avenue from a point eight feet west of the east line of Broadway to the fair ground road in said city, according to the plans and specifications adopted for such improvement and on file at the office of the city recorder.

All persons interested in said assessment shall appear at said time before said council and present objection if any they have to said assessment and apply to said council within five days following said date for the privilege if they so desire to make said improvement in lieu of their assessment.

Done by order of the common council of the City of Salem, Oregon, the 23d day of May, 1910.

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#### Call for Bids—Improvement of High Street.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive bids up to 5 o'clock p. m., on Monday, June 6, 1910, for the improvement of High street from the south line of State street to the south line of Mill street in the city of Salem, Oregon, according to the plans and specifications adopted for said improvement and on file in the office of the city recorder. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Said bids will be considered by the common council on June 6th, 1910.

W. A. MOORES, City Recorder.

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