

# THE POLITICAL SITUATION

**T**HAT was a great gathering of the clans last week. It seemed that every politician of importance in the state had come to town. Of course, some of them came to attend conference, some came to attend the conventions, while many came for both purposes. Perhaps some came just to take advantage of the excursion rates, but the point is that they were mostly all present. There were the standpat Republicans, the insurgent Republicans, the Moyle Democrats, the Wallace Democrats, the proverbial Democrats who could not be branded because they were as usual against everything in sight, and here and there were a few stray Bull Moosers with their horns still extended, endeavoring to make up in noise what they lacked in numbers. Some banqueted, some harangued, some conferred, some caucused, some convened, but in one way or another every mother's son of them had something to say about saving the country.

Now that they have returned to the diggins we venture to renew our assertion that the time is ripe for a new deal in state politics. The sentiment universally expressed by the visiting political leaders of all parties uncovered nothing to dispute this claim, but on the other hand substantially affirmed it. The citizens from the cow counties were out-spoken in their demands for a decided change in party control and for a general housecleaning from cellar to garret in both of the old line parties. The cry for a new deal was in the air and it has already had its effect in local political circles.

This situation is especially noticeable in the Republican ranks. The "new dealers" are optimistic over the outlook, for their program found strong favor with the country representatives, and some hard and fast alliances have already been effected. In contrast to the insurgent element of the party, the bosses seem to be very much at sea, and the professional office holders—those who continually succeed themselves in office, or who have become proficient in the art of hopping from one office to another—seem to be altogether too worried to be comfortable. One good look at them tells the story. Their fences are down and they look desperate already, although the convention is four months away.

It developed also during the week that the prohibitionists mean business this year. They have blood in their eyes and are a host to be reckoned with. The politicians fully realize this and are trimming their sails accordingly. At that, aside from certain intolerant leaders, we do not anticipate that those who honestly desire prohibition will be unreasonable in their demands. Once given the assurance that the people will actually be given a fair opportunity to express their will on the question, we believe that they will be duly considerate of the vested rights of those whose interests will be materially affected when the new order of things come about.

The prohibitionists are moving cautiously this year. They fear trickery. They feel that they have been tricked in the past and are bound not to let it occur again. Because of this many of them are extremely bitter in

their attitude, but this feeling is directed not so much against the mass of the citizens who honestly oppose their views, as it is against certain office holders and politicians who, it is claimed, took advantage of their position to subvert the will of the people on this question. The prohibitionists will never forget the defeat of their pet measure at the last session, nor will they ever forgive those directly responsible for the fate it met. The memory of that event only tends to aggravate the present situation, and those who have something at stake this year will do well to play the game fair this time.

But by far the most significant development of the week was the sensational speech delivered by Neph L. Morris to the Progressive State convention last Saturday. Without warning, Mr. Morris startled the delegates with the statement that so far as fundamental principles were concerned the Republicans and Progressives stood on common ground. He asserted, moreover, that the time had come for all good citizens to set aside their party prejudices and support a sound public policy, and that he for one saw his course plainly before him. There was no mistaking his attitude.

His proposal was plain that Republicans and Progressives alike should immediately get together and unite against their common enemy, the Democrats. Much to the chagrin of the Progressive party politicians, his appeal found quick response in the rank and file of their party and precipitated a stampede to the Republican camp. Thereupon Mr. Morris promptly started out to practice what he had preached. He returned to the Republican camp himself and renewed his allegiance to the old colors.

The return of Mr. Morris and those who responded to his call promises the rehabilitation of the old party along lines acceptable alike to them and to the insurgent Republicans, and presages the speedy disintegration of the Progressive party. We even venture the prediction that it will spell the defeat of the Democratic party this year, for the Democrats cannot hope to cope with the reunited Republicans. We use the term "reunited" advisedly, for aside from a few arrogant leaders who still claim the power to say who are Republicans

and who are not, Mr. Morris and his followers were taken at their word and given a royal welcome upon their return.

In line with this movement, and to show their good faith in the new order of things, the Republican voters in Mr. Morris' district turned out in numbers Monday evening and elected him a delegate to the Republican judicial convention by a handsome vote. Mr. Morris accepted the honor, received his credentials and yesterday, as a regularly accredited delegate, participated in the convention. All of which goes to show that the insurgent Republicans and the former Progressives have come together on a common basis. Both have burned the bridges behind them, and have joined hands to wrest the control of the old party from those who would rule or ruin it.

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When we made our prediction several weeks ago we little dreamed that Mr. Bamberger would go us one better and become an open advocate of Republican policies. Of course, we are

delighted, and so is everybody else who has the real interests of Utah at heart. All except the Democrats—they are dumbfounded. And we say in passing that it is a sorry day for the Democracy of this state when one of its most distinguished leaders, guided by his conscience and common sense, comes to the conclusion that he can't represent both his party and his state in the United States senate, and be consistent.

Some time ago we said that former Senator Bamberger was first of all a loyal citizen of Utah. That was at the time when his terse message was received over the wires from Havana, saying that he would not be a Democratic candidate for the United States senatorship. We supposed then, and said so, that Mr. Bamberger's real reason for withdrawing from the race was that, if elected to the senate, he would never be able to reconcile his duty as a disciple of Democracy with his duty as a citizen of Utah. And so we supposed that after sober reflection he chose to be consistent and sur-

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