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There has been a movement started in Oregon to try to defeat Hon. Geo. Chamberlain for U. S. Senator. This is following the precedent established by the machine politicians, to defeat the will of the masses as expressed at the polls. While this has been looked for by those who know the personnel of the republican leaders in Oregon, yet we do not believe that they will be able to accomplish Chamberlain's defeat. If the legislators who have pledged themselves to abide by the choice of the people as expressed at the polls at the general election, as was done last June, repudiate their pledge it is a sure shot that Oregon has cast her last republican majority and henceforth that state will be found strongly democratic.

Such is the Law.

The comparison of the public sentiment of this locality with that of the vicinity of Caldwell in reference to the aid and sympathy extended to unfortunate widows and orphans, is much to the credit of Silver City. It makes one feel grateful for having located in the midst of such a community as this. Here, all is sympathy, and every want is supplied to the unfortunates, while in and about Caldwell they invoke the aid of the law and send poor children to a penal institution simply for the crime of being poor. If the "boosters" of that region would expend a small amount of the money that they are spending in advertising the country into a relief fund and aid the helpless and destitute, they would find it would work to advantage. As it is they are getting considerable notoriety that they would be glad to suppress. The republican prosperity that that republican community is experiencing seems to be only for the rich and well-to-do. Only a few more years of such "prosperity" and we can look for a law to be enacted that will make it a capital offense to be poor. The following from the Parma Herald hits the nail squarely on the head:

A few days ago at Caldwell three children were taken from their mother and sent to the reform school. The only reason for doing so was that the mother could not make enough to afford to send the children to school. She had worked day in and day out in order to get enough to clothe and feed her children, and they were taken from her because she couldn't earn more in these piping days of republican prosperity. It was not claimed that the children were vicious—they simply don't attend school, and the state took them away from a mother that has shown her devotion to their welfare as few mothers have done, and sent them to a penal institution when there wasn't a shadow of guilt against either mother or children. Day after day the mother would grab sagebrush and haul it into Caldwell and sell it to obtain the necessities of life for herself and children. Day after day she thanked God that she was still permitted to keep her children, even at a

cost that, providentially, few mothers know. Yet the law took these children from her, while with tears running down her withered cheeks she pleaded to the judge that she might keep them and still toil for their support. They were sent to a penal institution—and from their future that stigma will never be removed though they live a century—when there was not a single charge of misconduct against them. Who is to blame? The mother? She did all in the limits of human endeavor to care for and protect her children. The citizens of Caldwell? They should, perhaps, have done more than give the mother the name of "Sagebrush Jane." The Church? We pass it up, although there are good, earnest Christians and humanitarians in Caldwell. The law? Aye, THE LAW.

Of all the rotten laws inscribed upon the statute books, the law that will take unoffending children away from a loving mother, whose only crime is that she can't work hard enough and earn enough to give her offspring the opportunities she would, the Idaho compulsory school law is the worst. It goes beyond the limits of idioocy, and in a measure approximates the mentality of the Ninth Idaho legislature. About the only duties of parentage that the law doesn't place in charge of the probation officer is the family increase, and it's a wonder that he isn't empowered to supervise that.

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