

THE BALLOT BILL.

Introduced in the Senate by Hon. J. P. Wager and Fully Endorsed by the Representative of the Oregonian.

The representative of the Oregonian who is reporting the proceedings of the Legislature writes as follows to his paper: Senator Wager's bill to more fully secure the independence of voters and secrecy of the ballot, introduced in the Senate to-day, in its essential features is based upon the famous Australian law, which Massachusetts recently adopted. Its principal objects are to prevent bribery and intimidation, to place all candidates upon an equality before the law, and to undermine the dangerous powers of political machines. It will take the printing of ballots out of the hands of private individuals and politicians, and put it in the hands of the county, prevent noxious congregations around polling places, and in general, effect a great deal of good. All nominations of conventions representing political parties which, at the last election, polled at least 3 per cent of the entire vote cast in the State, county or district for which the nominations are made must be certified by the president or secretary of the meeting and forwarded, with the acknowledgement of the nominee, to the secretary of State for filing. This portion of the law applies to nominations for State and Congressional offices, while nominations for county offices are to be filed with the county clerk. Nominations can also be made by 1 per cent of the electors of a district. For this purpose a certificate is required, but in no case shall it contain more than 1000 names for a State office, and 100 for county offices. Nominations for State officers must be filed with the secretary of State not more than sixty nor less than twenty days before. Eighteen days before the election the secretary of State shall certify to the county clerk the name and description of each person in nomination, and seven days before the election the county clerk shall order published in two newspapers a list of all nominations.

The ballots must be furnished by the county, and must contain all nominations legally made. The names shall be grouped in columns under the head of the political party to which they belong, or the principal or creed which they represent. One hundred ballots must be furnished for every fifty votes, or fraction thereof, cast at the election.

On arriving at his polling place, the elector is required to go to a booth in charge of two ballot clerks, and receive from them one ballot, indorsed with the initials of both clerks; otherwise the ballot is void and the judges cannot accept it. If an elector spoil his ballot or change his mind as for whom he intends to vote, he can return the ballot and get another. If illiterate, the clerk can prepare the ballot for him, and upon furnishing it must read its contents, so that the voter shall know what he is doing. Immediately upon receiving the ballot the elector shall retire to a booth, where, screened from observation, he shall designate those for whom he wishes to vote by placing a cross (X) before or after their names, or if he wishes to vote the straight ticket, by writing X alongside of the political organization. No more than one person shall occupy a booth at one time, and no person shall occupy it for more than five minutes; and, having prepared his ballot the voter shall fold it to conceal the face and expose the clerks' initials, and forthwith cast his ballot. No voter shall tell any one for whom he voted, nor ask any one how he voted, nor shall ballots be shown to others after being marked.

No electioneering shall be done within 100 feet of any polling place or by any officer of election. The bill, if it pass, will take effect next June.

Fits the Case Exactly.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian.

Unfortunately, we have in our midst a number of specimens of the genus "moss-back," whose property has advanced by force of circumstances, unaided by efforts of their own. These mossbacks claim that they have lived without Hunt's railroad and can continue to live in their way, of course, without it. The following squib from the Milwaukee Sentinel fits the case exactly. Please put it in display type: A CONTENTED SPIRIT MAY BE ALL RIGHT, BUT IT IS DEATH TO STAGNATION. PROGRESS.



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STRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by the subscriber, about January 1st, 1889, at his residence in Whitow Springs precinct, Umatilla county, Oregon, one dark gray horse, three years old, brand on his left hip, no left shoulder; side of his face is quite white, spot on nose near the eye. At a distance he is said to be black and white. This horse has been advertised by Joseph Anthony, a Justice of the peace at \$50. WILLIAM RUST.

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FRED A. DALY,  
School Clerk District No. 1.

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