

A PRIMARY ELECTION ECHO.

The San Francisco Argonaut, a newspaper which has a wide reputation throughout the country for saying what it thinks on all political questions and whose editor is gifted with more than ordinary intellectual endowments, in its issue of April 27 has something to say about the primary election held here last week.

The editorial is headed "Rule of the People in Oregon". On account of its timely character we quote the entire editorial. There is much of truth in what is said and the rank and file of Oregon voters are beginning to realize it. The article follows:

"Rule of the people" worked its usual miracle in the Oregon primary last week. The delegation which goes to Chicago was elected by the customary thirty per cent (or thereabout) of the total poll. In spite of the fact that practically two-thirds of all the votes polled were cast for other candidates, Mr. Roosevelt gets the delegation—under the plurality principle. "Rule of the people" is truly a beautiful thing in theory. But for the sake of precision there should be a change of phrase—the style should be 'rule of a minority of the people.'

"The Oregon election supplies another anomalous result in the nomination in the republican primary of Mr. Ben Selling for the United States senatorship as against Senator Jonathan Bourne. Mr. Bourne is the pre-eminent champion of what has come to be known as the Oregon idea. That is to say, Mr. Bourne is a progressive of progressives. He stands for all the novelties, all the isms, all the quakeries. Mr. Roosevelt in his maddest moment goes no whit further than Mr. Bourne. Yet, in a primary election in which two-thirds of the votes polled were for Roosevelt and LaFollete, ultra-progressives, Mr. Bourne is decisively beaten. It would be difficult to account for this result on any theory not fatal to the consistency of the people of Oregon. Apparently the voting body has gotten itself in a state of mind so confused as not to comprehend the plain significance of anything.

"The more the operation of our modernized 'rule of the people' is observed, the more it appears marked by the vagaries of chance and less by the guidance of consistency and reason. The most obvious fact is that the new system of 'rule of the people' is in fact the rule of a peculiarly low type of adroit and self-seeking politician. We have yet to see one instance under the new order of things, so loudly exploited as 'rule of the people,' in which the final result has not been attained by a minority vote. It is so in Oregon. It is so in California, where even our own Hiram came into office by the will of much less than half the total vote. It is so everywhere. In other words, the 'rule of the people is not 'rule of the people' at all."

The News prints today another bank statement. This shows a good healthy increase over the last statement made on February 20th. The loans and discounts have increased about seventeen per cent over the former statement. The cash in vault and other banks has increased fifty-six per cent. The deposits have increased forty-six per cent. The total resources of the bank have increased twenty-one per cent. Statements like the one published a few days ago and the one published today indicate a good business condition of these banks and the community in general.

We were informed that the Roseburg Commercial Club Band which played yesterday is contemplating giving open air concerts this summer. There is no reason why once a week the band should not play on one of the street corners. Other cities have band concerts and they are not only well attended, but they bring the people from neighboring cities and the surrounding country in and make better business and friendship. All the band here needs is a little encouragement from the local business men and the concerts are then assured.

Several families have moved to Roseburg within the past few days. Their intention is to make this place their future home. If each week brings as many as this past week the population of the community will grow rapidly. Every family that comes may be expected to bring sooner or later another family. Douglas county has plenty of good land for new comers to utilize. And the more of it that it utilized the greater will be the returns.

This Date in History

APRIL 27.

- 1813—Gen. Zebulon M. Pike, American soldier and explorer, killed in battle with the British near Toronto. Born in Lambertton, N. J., Jan. 5, 1779.
- 1822—Gen. U. S. Grant born at Point Pleasant, O. Died at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., July 23, 1885.
- 1863—Ship Anglo-Saxon wrecked off Cape Race, with loss of 237 lives.
- 1873—William C. Macready, famous actor, died at Cheltenham, Eng. Born in London, March 3, 1793.
- 1876—Queen Victoria declared Empress of India.
- 1892—British house of commons rejected a bill for the extension of the parliamentary suffrage to women.
- 1911—President Taft in an address at New York urged Canadian reciprocity.

The Idler's Corner

A Wonderful Telephone.

They tell a capital telephone story in Antwerp. A merchant had an instrument fitted between his house and his office, and shortly after it was finished a friend called on a matter of business, and the merchant showed the telephone to him.

On leaving, the visitor detected a strong smell of beef and onions issuing from the kitchen, and on his way down to the Bourse he planned a wicked little scheme, which he communicated to half a dozen congenial spirits upon "change".

Within the next half hour the merchant was summoned six times to the telephone to speak to six different people in his office, and every one of them ended his message with a wish that the beef and onions might be satisfactory.

The following week, when, fully recovered, the merchant was among his friends again, he told all of them a story of the wonderful new telephone. "Not only can we hear each other's voices," said he, "but last Friday my friends could smell the dinner cooking."

Sang For The Doctor.

A little girl, eight years of age, was taken to the doctor to have a bad cut in her head dressed. It was necessary to take a few stitches with a surgeon's needle. The mother was trying to encourage her little daughter to be brave. "It will do no harm for her to give way to her feelings," said the doctor, kindly, "if only she holds her hands still. You may cry as much as you like," he added to the little girl. "I'd rather sing," replied the child. "Yes, that would be better. What can you sing?" "I can sing, 'Give, Said the Little Stream.' Do you know that?" "I think not," said the doctor. "How does it begin?" "The little patient proceeded to illustrate. "That is beautiful. I want to hear all of it," declared the doctor. All the while the skilled fingers were sewing up the wound, the sweet childish voice sang bravely through the verses of the song, and the only tears shed during the painful operation came from the mother's eyes.—The Christian Herald.

Six of One; Half Dozen of the Other.

One of the most discouraging features of life in Tirpoli, as in other Mohammedan countries, is the condition of these veiled fatalistic women. Those of the richer classes live in untutored idleness; the poor, in even more ignorance and constant, ill-directed drudgery. A missionary, for whom the wife of a muleteer was preparing supper, noticed that she set aside in a furtive way a small part of the tea and sugar.

"Why do you do that?" was asked. "Oh," said the woman, "I must provide against the day when my husband may divorce me."

She then made the startling announcement that she was her husband's sixth wife, and that he was her sixth husband.—The Christian Herald.

His Masters Voice.

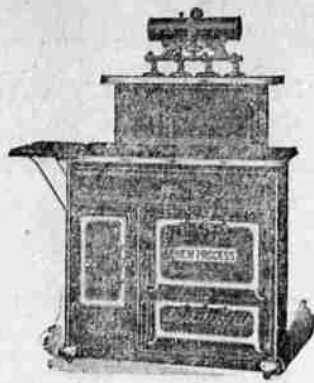
Casey—"Now, phwat wu'd ye do in a case loike thot?"

Clancy—"Loike phwat?"

Casey—"The walkin' diligate tills me to strouke, an' me ould woman orders me to ke-ape on wurkin'."—Western Christian Advocate.

Aspiring Vocalist—Professor, do you think I will ever be able to do anything with my voice?

Perspiring Teacher—Well, it might come in handy in case of fire or shipwreck.—Cornell Widow.



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