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THE ARGUMENT AGAINST THE CONVENTION.

Sunday's Oregonian presents as an argument in favor of a convention the defects, as it sees them, of the present direct primary law, as follows:

First, there is improper intrusion of one party into the affairs of another, by various tricks, one of which is false and perjured registration. The effect is that Republican candidates are often nominated by Democratic votes, which, in the election later, are turned against these candidates.

Second, a multitude of candidates come forth, nominating themselves; the party vote is divided and subdivided, and the candidates who get but the barest pluralities on a vote split into fragments are left unsupported in the general election. The party vote is refused to them, because they are not regarded as entitled to it, and the opposition walk away with the victory.

In what respect, then will the proposed "advisory convention" remedy these alleged evils? Will it prevent Democrats from voting for the Republican candidate before the primary whom they believe to be weakest, or will it prevent the unsuccessful ones from knifing the nominees. Who can give assurance, even, that the men who comprise the advisory assembly will support its beneficiaries, either at the primary or in the election?

To the convention, legally made a part of the direct primary law, very many would consent who are opposed to the convention proposed by the Oregonian, for the reason that they believe the proposed convention is inimical to the primary law and will be in the hands of its opponents. Many of the leaders in this illegal convention plan are men who refused to vote for the Republican nominee for Senator and directly assisted in the election of Chamberlain. Ralph Williams, whose duty it was as national committeeman, to do everything in his power to send a Republican Senator to Washington, violated his trust and aided in the election of a Democrat, and he, and such as he, are the loudest shouters for the convention, and join with the Oregonian in denouncing as Bourne-Chamberlain Republicans all who do not fall in with their ideas.

No ticket nominated by a convention such as the political bosses now propose will receive the confidence of the Republican voters. The fight will break out on the convention floor and will not cease until the campaign closes. Loyalty to the nominees of the Republican party at the last election would have removed the inducement for Democratic interference in Republican primaries, but many of the men who are now shouting for the "advisory assembly" have no more idea of loyalty to party principles than they have of personal loyalty. They hate each other and are held together only by their detestation of a system which takes from them the power to dictate politics and control the political usufruct.

OUR JURIES.

A story in Success magazine very clearly points out a weakness of our jury system, and we speak of it because it has a local lesson. The jury, in the story,

has brought in a verdict of guilty, and the accused requests the privilege of questioning the jury as to how they arrived at the verdict. They were sworn, as are all juries, to decide upon the testimony, and upon that alone. The privilege is granted, and his first question is, How did the jury stand upon the first ballot? The answer, Eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. Further questioning developed that not one of the jurors based his verdict upon the evidence alone. A stubborn juror, by holding out for conviction, forced them all to finally vote with him. One had a sick wife, another a business engagement, and so on. Each and every one of them committed perjury in order to avoid discomfort. As a rule such disregard of the sanctity of a juror's oath is in favor of the accused.

We say this story has a local application. Men in Columbia County disregard their oaths and render verdicts not in accordance with the evidence. They yield to influences they have sworn to disregard. Jurors in a recent case did not hesitate to admit that they were influenced in their decision by the fact that they did not like the manner in which the district attorney tried the case. They believed others, as well as the accused, were guilty of improper conduct, and for this reason they violated their oath. It is also notorious that it is next to impossible to secure convictions here for violations of the fish and game laws. Men who are good, law-abiding citizens in other respects, allow their prejudices against these laws to influence them, notwithstanding they swear to do their full duty. It is not a good state of affairs and we hope Columbia County jurors, in the future, will be controlled strictly by their oaths.

Football Dance Saturday.

KIST

Edwin Smith is having an awful struggle with a stubborn young mustache.

The excessive rains have turned into an excessive snow. There is about 14 inches here now (Tuesday morning) and still snowing.

The foot log that was placed across the river at the Dallas place last year was washed away during the recent high water.

Mr. Schulspeck, of Rock Creek, went to Bonanza last Sunday for supplies. He got back to Mr. Felde's last night and will have to cross Cape Horn to-day in probably three feet of snow, and a storm overhead.

A petition is in circulation to change the Vernonia-Kist mail route from the old Grindstone Hill road to the river road. The new steel bridge at this place has proved a great convenience already. There have been very few days since the first of November that the cream wagon could cross the river.

Dance at Acme Hall Saturday.

NOTICE.

My wife, Maad Ternahan, having left my bed and board I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

ROBERT TERNAHAN.
 Dated at Scappoose, Ore., Nov. 26 09

WARNING TO ALL.

This is to give notice that I will not be responsible for any bills incurred hereafter by Charles Herr, as he is not in any way connected with me in business.
 JNO. MCKIE,
 St. Helens, Ore.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court, of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
 Grace E. McFaul, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph A. McFaul, Defendant.
 To the above named defendant, Joseph A. McFaul:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: That the said complaint be granted, and that the defendant be dissolved, and for such other and further relief as to the court shall seem meet and equitable in the premises.
 This summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made and entered in said suit on the 26th day of December, 1909, by the Hon. J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled court, which said order requires you to appear and answer the complaint in said suit within six weeks of the date of the first publication of this summons.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the estate of Florence R. Godfrey deceased, will please present the same, properly verified, to James Dart, at the court house in St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
 Dated St. Helens, December 10th, 1909.
 J. B. GODFREY,
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