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| The present system of conducting primaries and elections in Oregon has proved itself to be the means of putting in power the minority party. It has been the means of nullifying the use of political parties entirely. No longer is it necessary for the preservation and conduct of the government of the state of Oregon and the various counties that great political parties should exist. These things have been amply demonstrated. There is absolutely no use for a primary election and a general election. Parties no longer cut any figure. No longer can a man who is nominated by his party expect or look for the support of that party. If a man is defeated in the primary election for nomination to office by his party, he generally turns on his successful opponent and either organizes a new party or flops to the other party. With these conditions which have been brought about by the present method of conducting elections in the state, already firmly established, why not do away with one of the elections? Why not let every man who has political aspirations put his name on the ballot for the office he wants and then vote on the whole bunch without regard to political parties? It would save money to the taxpayers and the candidates. It would make shorter campaigns. It would be the means of getting just as good men as under the present method. It would simplify matters considerably and be more satisfactory all around. <br> Ever since the day that Roose- | ever blame, if there is any, for his election also belongs to Roosevelt and those who were blindly led to the slaughter, by an astute politician. <br> Now that the election is over we will all get down again to the business of making a living. We have passed through a strenous campaign and every man has been more or less interested. Other matters have been somewhat forgotten but the officers have been elected and we have to abide by the result. The principal business of the Mist from now on will be to give the news of St. Helens and vicinity and let the veople know that St. Helens is still growing and taking on more life. There are several new enterprises slated to start within the next few months which will add very materially to our already large pay roll and make the population increase very rapidly. Of these things it will br our duty to keep the public informed. <br> CONSUMER'S MONEY <br> For every 100 cents which the consumer pays for food, only 35 to 50 reach the producer. About 15 cents for transportation charges and the rest are absorbed by profits and expenses of the various middlemen. A recent comprehensive inveatigation in New York showed that while no middleman makes an excessive profit, there are too many of them between the producer and consumer, says an expert in Farm and Home. <br> Various plans have been tried to bring these two parties nearer together so that the consumer can buy for less and the producer get more than at present. Public markets are being conducted successfully in many cities to the advantage of all parties concerned. They work better in cities of 15,000 to 50,000 | joy many little things that they could not afford at the old-time store price. <br> Previous to the development of the fruit and truck interests and the establishment of a public market in Oklahoma City that place was dependent on outside states for her fruit and vegetable supply. Now farmers bring in their wagons loaded with fruits, vegetables and other products, and sell out quickly to either retailers or consumers who come with baskets and bays and take home enough for several days' supply. <br> The experience at Waterloo, la., a city of 30,000 people, is typical of many others. A farmers' market is maintained where farmers may offer their produce for sale at any price they can get. From 500 to 3000 people gather daily to buy these prodisets. They come with baskete and buy from a few quarts to a half bushel at a time. Some farmers drive 16 to 20 miles, but most of them not over seven or eight. There are 30 or 40 storekeepers who are kicking, but 30 ,000 people are happy, so the success of the plan can be voted as nearly unanimous. <br> During the last two weeks of the campaign many communications were sent to the Mist on various measures to be voted on, principally the Single Tax. Owing to the length of the articles and the lack of space in our paper we were compelled to leave them out. One article on this question by Mr. A. M. Parker of Vernonia was really a first class argument against the measure and we had fully intended to publish it, but when the paper was made up there was no pnssible space for it so it had to be laid aside. This paper is always ready and willing to publish any article on any important question and we trust that the persons |
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