J. W. KNOWLES ON DIRECT PRIMARY LAW

Its Becoming Permanent Remains Largely with the Action Taken by the Voters of Multnomah County

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As the time approaches for the next state election, we hear a great deal of discussion as to the merits and demerits of the present direct primary law. That the direct primary law is imperfect and could be improved by amendment, its most ardent supporters admit. That it is a failure or has so far proven a failure they deny. That the distinguished and worthy Republican candidate for mayor of Portland was defeated at the recent election in that city is no more evidence that the direct primary law is a failure than it is evidence that the city of Portland is Democratic Every one knows that local issues caused the defeat of the Republican candidate.

The fact also remains that the whole Republican ticket with the exception of the mayor was elected. True. George H Williams might not have been nominated under the convention system, but can anyone doubt that the result would have been the same had he been so nominated.

Again, have we not numerous illustrations in the political history of this state, where candidates nominated under the convention system have been defeated for office? Recollection presents to view as an illustration the state election of 1902.

Then Mr. Furnish, the standard bearer of the Republican party for governor, was nominated in convention receiving almost three fourths of the votes in the convention, yet was defeated in a state that elected Judge Bean, the Republican candidate for supreme judge, by a plurality of 17,146. Disaffection in Republican ranks caused the defeat of Furnish for governor in 1902, and Williams for mayor of Portland in 1905, and these defeats can in no wise be attributed to either the convention or the direct primary system of nominating candidates. By the enactment of the direct primary law the political boss, whose principal stock in trade is his unscrupulousness and ability to manipulate conventions and defeat the will of the people, will be relegated to oblivion

Whether the direct primary law has come to stay will rest largely with the action of the voters of Multnomah county. If, on account of the large vote Multnomah county will have in the primaries for the nomination of candidates for state and district offices, the ticket should be loaded down with nominees from that county, not only will the Republican party be in danger of defeat at the polls next June, but the people will demand the repeal of the direct primary law.

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"THE HOTTEST COON IN DIXIE"

The above attraction carries in all forty colored performers, including a Band and Orchestra of fifteen pieces The Military Parade will be one of the largest and most elaborate attempted by any musical organization of this nature. Only artists of note are included and a full equipment of electrical effects, together with a full line of special scenery makes the attraction the strongest and most complete of any now traveling. As an addition to the novelties with this show they use a tent theatre which will be erected opposite the High School building for their engagement Friday eve. Aug. 25.

Range War

Sheep-shooters are again busy in Wheeler county and the range wars, which have flourished in this section of Eastern Oregon in the past, promise to burst forth again The latest victims of range emnity are Butler Bros, who lost from 100 to 200 sheep which were camped three miles from Keeton's sawmill, about 12 miles east of Mitchell.

Good Lesson

The La Grande sugar factory is the clearing house this year for $300,000 for Union bounty. With that county's wheat, lumber, fruit, live stock, wool and vegetables our neighbor gives us a good lesson in diversified agricultural and other affairs The prosperity of the Grande Ronde should be at least at 99 per cent.—Pendleton Tribune.

In Commemoration

After the regular business meeting of the Eastern Star Wed. evening Aug 23rd., there will be a lawn party at the home of Mrs Fred Schilke This is to be given by the Eastern Star in commemoration of the birth of Robert Morris. All resident and visiting members are cordially invited.

Castro Would Fight

New York Aug 22—Venezuela has placed orders in Europe for torpedo boats, guns and ammunition at a cost of $2,500,000. An American returned from Venezuela is authority for the statement that President Castro declared that he was going to fight the Yankees. It is said that when Castro heard of the appointment of Judge Calhoun as special commissioner of President Roosevelt to investigate Venezuelan matters he announced that he would not permit him to land.

Tent Meetings

The subject at the tent this evening will be, "The Institution of the Sabbath."

For tomorrow evening the subject will be, "The Sabbath in the New Testament."

Indian Children

There are 27,000 children in the government Indian schools, and upon their education the government annually spends between $8,000,000 and $9,000,000.

Take Notice

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Bock and Thomas are requested to call at the old stand at the market where they will find Mr G W Thomas or Miss Cora Harding who will make settlements.

G W Thomas.

Stock Of Switches

Wigs and toupees, switches and pompadours made. Switches made of combings. Hair dyes and tonics for sale. Hair dyed and scalp treatments given.

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