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**STATEMENT NO. 1.**

The Observer certainly appreciates the feeling of those republicans who are opposed to statement No. 1, and sincerely believe that statement No. 1 modified to the extent that a promise to support the republican candidate who receives the highest vote at the primaries for United States senator, would be sufficient to prevent any possibility of an opportunity for a disagreement in the legislature, as compared with the literal statement. We confess we personally advocated this modified form until quite recently, and it was only after tearing up a few editorials along this line that we arrived at the conclusion that this position was not logical, neither is it good politics at this time. The Observer is a firm believer in political parties. This country must of necessity be governed through parties and the best possible legislation will only be secured when we have two strong national parties.

The only serious objection that we have to the primary law is that under its present operation it has a tendency to destroy parties, which we believe is not conducive to best government. This might be adjusted through proper legislation. Under the present system we have no provision for what might be termed a state convention, not to nominate officers, but to formulate a party policy or platform. We have 32 counties and it is easy to see how we could have 32 platforms and all different and all claiming to represent either republican or democratic principles as the respective candidates for the legislature might see fit to promulgate. This is in a measure, foreign to statement No. 1, but does have some bearing on the primary nominating system. The only objection that anyone can present against subscribing to statement No. 1, is that a condition might arise whereby republican representatives might be

called upon to vote for a democrat for United States senator. We all know that if the voters of this state had the opportunity to change the constitution of the government to provide for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people, that fully 95 per cent of the voters of this and every other state would vote for the change. Oregon has simply provided a manner and the people are going to see that it is carried out. Again, when it is recalled that notwithstanding the fact that some of the most able men in the democratic party in this state have aspired to go to congress from this state, that not for 30 years or more has a single democratic candidate been successful. In this district, Attorney Butcher and Attorney A. S. Bennett have been the standardbearers. In the other district the names of such men as Col. Robert A. Miller and James K. Weatherford have graced the democratic ticket, but in no single instances was their election considered probable. Why? Simply because the great majority of the voters of this state believe in the policies and principles of the republican party. So it is today. Therefore, we say it is not only the right thing to do today, to subscribe to statement No. 1, but it is good politics, for, suppose the republican candidates for the legislature would all subscribe to this statement, what possible issue could the democratic party present at the coming election?

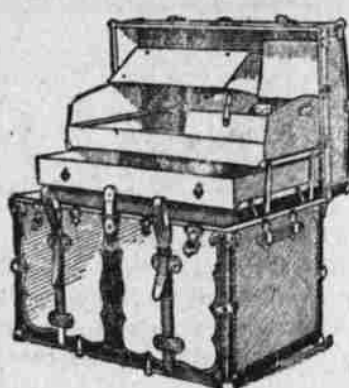
The republican party would be united.

As it is, we are more or less divided for the reason some of us are for statement No. 1, and some are for a modified statement. And if we are not careful there will be more democratic members in the lower house of the next legislature than there were at the last (Hon. Herman Rothschild of Union county, had the honor of being the only member). Some of the voters do not understand what the modified statement means. They have the impression that it means going back to the old legislative scandal days, while such is not the case, they believe it, and it will require a strenuous campaign to make them see it otherwise, and what is the use? Why not capture all of the democratic campaign thunder by subscribing to statement No. 1, and rely on the loyalty of the 25,000 republican majority in this state to see to it that no democratic senator will be sent to Washington?

Roseburg is preparing for a big booster campaign. The Commercial club of that city is arranging to have 20,000 booklets, descriptive of their county, issued at a cost of \$2240. The business men have subscribed to a fund that now insures an expenditure of not less than \$500 per month. There is no question but that the Willamette valley and southern Oregon towns have woken up. They are all doing consistent and persistent advertising.

**GENERAL NEWS.**

Roseburg's booster fund has reached \$4400. The Douglas county capital

**ROMADKA  
READY ACCESS TRUNK**

RAISING the cover brings every corner within reach without removing trays. Saves the time of an ordinary trunk to pack or unpack. Easy to operate. Nothing to get out of order. Will stand all the knocks and hard usage of traveling. Costs no more than a common trunk.  
 34 Styles at.....\$5.00 and up.

**Something Good in Trunks, Bags, and Suit Cases.**

Call at Our Stores and Examine These Lines

This week we will show new patterns in Carpets and Linoleum. We have a new stock in Feather Pillows, Feather Beds, and Feathers in bulk for sale, any quantity. Trade us your old stoves and secure an ACME RANGE, fully warranted. Good Plows, a bargain in these.

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 213 FIR STREET.

**F. D. HAISTEN**

'Phone Red 1161.  
 1411, 1413, 1415 Adams Ave

certainly means business.

It is reported that the Walla Walla Traction company is surveying a road from Milton up Pine creek to Weston.

The Oakland Owl reports that one firm at that place is shipping 300 dozens of eggs daily to Portland.

That Baker City's horse show and market day, April 4, will attract many people and the best in the way of stock, is now a certainty.

Ross Nelson recently told the Independence Enterprise that he and his father will plow up their hop yards and raise corn for ensilage to be fed to dairy cows.

While the Baker City Democrat is not authorized to make the statement by the management of the Eagle Valley railway, it will say that the building of that road seems now well assured.

The Eugene Register states that the Lane County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association, recently organized, has already contracted for the sale of over \$25,000 worth of fruit.

The Dallas Cannery company has purchased a site, and a committee is now investigating the plants of the successful canneries in Oregon, with a view to ascertaining what will be needed to equip the cannery.

**GRANGE ENTERTAINMENT.**

Grangers Hit Upon Splendid Scheme to Raise Money for New Organ.

A very interesting program is arranged by the Blue Mountain Grange for next Friday evening. It will be carried out in accordance with the olden-day school, and admission will be 25 cents. The receipts will apply on the fund to purchase a new organ for the hall. Included among the preliminaries will be:

The last day of the "Village Skewl" of ye long ago; a visit from the skewl committee; the twins who bring their onliest little Bubby boy to skewl; the old maid in love with the master, and the woman who comes to hear her children speak their pieces.

**Ye Characters.**

Ye schoolmaster, John McAllister.  
 Ye skewl committee:  
 Deacon Josiah Partridge, Will Stein, Hezekiah Snooks, C. D. Huffman, Zebedee Von Pelt, Will Hughes.

**Ye Visitors.**

Mrs. Humility Partridge, Mrs. C. D.

Huffman.

Mrs. Hannah Parsons, Mrs. W. F. Gekeler.

Miss Charity Hornwell (spinster), Mrs. J. R. Fraker.

Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. C. E. Golden.

**Ye Pupils.**

Males—

Abraham Whitestone, Joseph Anson.

Jonah Partridge, Walter Parker.

Josiah Barebones, Ernest Holman.

Ebenezer Doolittle, John Golden.

Peter Paul Peterkins, Earl Hughes.

Bud Hornwell, Alex Robertson.

Obadiah Bangs, Fred Groat.

Melchizedek Littlejohn, Brooks Campbell.

Patrick Von Pelt, Frank Millering.

Bubby Boy, Ben Gekeler.

Ichabod Doolittle, Clarence Redhead.

Ye girls—

Temperance Whitestone, Stella Anson.

Judith Doolittle, Zella Robertson.

Salvation Doolittle, Etha Huffman.

Belinda Bassett, Cynthia Stein.

Prudence Patience Peterkins, Reba Williamson.

Dorcas Skinner, Ethel Redhead.

Delora Tubbs, Grace Groat.

Penelope Hornwell, Kate Gekeler.

Triphenia Parsons and Sophenia Parsons, (twins), Ruth Hughes and Zoe Golden.

Ye first part: Morning session.

Ye second part: Afternoon session.

**PICTURES AGAIN.**

Patrons of the Electric theater are

again being entertained with strictly

high grade and moral pictures and

songs. During the period that the

theater was dark, Mr. Sherwood was

devoting his time to improving the

service and arranging for a better

entertainment. The program has been

lengthened and new features added.

The usual strong program will be

presented each evening with the regular

changes, but special attention

will be given to the Wednesday and

Saturday matinees. While the town

is quick to take advantage of these

two special opportunities to see the

pictures and listen to the songs, the

out-of-town patrons have not, to any

great extent, availed themselves of

the opportunity. At the Wednesday

matinee a beautiful present will be

given to each lady and little girl.

See regular ad. for change of program tonight.

LOOK HERE! I AM IT!

The right man in the right

place is what you want. Before

ordering your sale bills don't fail

to see C. J. RICHARDS, proprietor

of the Little Gem, next

door to the postoffice.

EIGHT YEARS' EXPERIENCE

AS AUCTIONEER.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

For Sale.

Eggs from Rosecomb Rhode

Island Reds, the best general

purpose bird; good layers; good

size. First-class stock. Eggs,

\$1.00 per 13. 'Phone Red 512.

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Sales cried on short notice.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

No extra charge for distance.

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**CLOSING OUT SALE**

Look at the many bargains to be had at the Heacock old stand. Fine Jewellery, Cut Glass, hand painted China, fine table Silver, sterling Toilet Sets, fancy sterling Spoons, and extra quality silk Umbrellas.

**Watches**

We have the Rockford, South Bend, Elgin and Waltham movements in the best cases.

This stock was purchasee at a bargain from the trustee in bankruptcy and the public is invited to participate in this profit sharing sale.

Edison Records can be had here at 25 cents each. The store will be open evenings until eight thirty to test records.

50 per cent reduction on nearly all the stock.

**THE LA GRANDE INVESTMENT CO.**

HEACOCK'S OLD STAND

Mr. Heacock will be on hand to do all repairing

**LET ME**

examine your eye and fit your glasses. My glasses fit and give satisfaction.

**O. M. HEACOCK**

At the same old stand

If you want your watch to run right, let Heacock

repair it, at the same old stand.

**STEWART'S OPERA HOUSE**

D. H. STEWARD, Proprietor

Monday, March 23

Engagement of the Eminent Actor

**Charles B. Hanford**

Under the Management of

F. LAWRENCE WALKER

in a notable revival of

**Antony AND Cleopatra**

A Sumptuous Scenic Production, New and Novel Electrical Effects, a Chorus and Ballet of Unusual Attractiveness, Beautifully Costumed, Will Tend to Make This Engagement One of the Most Substantial Offerings of the Year

CURTAIN AT 8:15. POSITIVELY NO ONE SEATED DURING AN ACT

Seats on Sale, March 21

PRICES Orchestra, \$1.50; Orchestra Circle, \$1.00; Dress Circle \$.75; Gallery, 25c and 50c.