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IT HAS COME TO STAY.
 In making a change so radical and revolutionary as the direct primary, there was necessarily some confusion and delay. It was the same when the people for the first time tried the Australian ballot, but they had the sagacity to hold fast to that great reform, and the Spokesman-Review believes they will hold as tenaciously to the direct primary reform. The American voter is quick to master political duties. The voters of this state, having tried out the direct primary, know now its workings and will apply it next time still more intelligently and effectively.

Attempts will be made to discredit the reform, but they will be futile. The people will not return to the old system, which had become so loaded with abuses as to be a travesty on the representative principle of government.

Under the old plan not one voter in 10 could go to the primaries and vote intelligently or effectively. Particularly was this true in cities and large towns. In a great majority of cases the primary battles narrowed down to a contest between rival factions. Generally, it was a fight to the death, one faction or the other sweeping everything and driving through the convention its slate and program without regard to the rights and feelings of a strong minority.

The average voter, appearing at the primaries, was offered the choice of two sets of delegates. He had no knowledge as to how these delegates would vote on any of the offices. His nearest approach to an expression of his choice for congressman, governor and other high state officials was an opportunity to vote blindly for a few delegates to the county convention. These, in turn, voted nearly as blindly for a small committee to frame up a delegation to the state convention; and this delegation to the state convention, if especially favored, had the privilege of naming one man on a small steering committee which sat behind locked doors far into the small hours of the night and framed up a slate for the body of the state delegates to ratify the next day. This was diluting the principle of representative government to the sixteenth tribulation.

The voters, comprehending their blindness and hopelessness, would go out to the primaries. The next system, even with all the objections that can be urged against it, though they were many times magnified, is a stupendous improvement over the old. It is real representative government. —Spokesman-Review.

How many are going to increase the strawberry acreage of this county. The fall is a good time to set out the plants. There is not another section of the state where as much money can be made in strawberries as right here. Other places may talk about being the first in the market, but after these localities have educated the public taste and their supply is out of the market, the Grande Ronde valley crop steps in. Always sure of reasonable prices to the growers. We should be shipping strawberries out of the valley in carload lots. Some day we will. For some unexplainable reason we are not growing as many berries as we did a few years ago. The reason for this condition is that a few years ago when the orchards were young in Cove, around Union, May Park and Fruitdale, strawberries were

grown for several years between the trees. As the trees grew the strawberries were crowded out and others have gone into the business.

One thing always brings another. A few years ago we were experimenting with the dairy business. About the same time we also began experimenting with alfalfa. Both for several years, have passed the experimental stage and today we are one of the largest dairy counties in eastern Oregon, and when our irrigation project is completed, our alfalfa yield will also materially increase. Under present conditions, however, our alfalfa acreage is increasing each year as its value becomes more generally known.

There is rejoicing in the hearts of masculine America this fall, because of the fact that small hats are to be worn this season. The latest importations from Paris are all diminutive in comparison with the "Merry Widow" monstrosities that have been affected. In Europe impetus has been given to this movement by King Edward, who in issuing invitations to certain of his friends to attend a box party at the theater, specified that the hats worn must be small.

While we raise pears, cherries and other fruits on a large scale, there is no question but what the winter apple will always be the money-maker in this valley, from the fact the grower has from three to five months to market his product. Our acreage is increasing much more rapidly than many realize. The time is not far distant when we will be shipping solid trainloads of winter apples out of Grande Ronde.

The reconciliation of Senator Foraker and Mr. Taft removes, without doubt, the state of Ohio from the doubtful column. The facts are, there was never much doubt regarding the electoral vote of Ohio, but Senator Foraker is no small factor, but with his support the Taft managers will give their attention to other localities.

Let the irrigation project become a reality, and then we will be talking about trolley cars through the valley. Trolley cars follow small holdings. And small holdings in this valley are only possible through irrigation.

BOURNE TREADS ON "WATERLAND"

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was turned into an informal reception.

Senator Bourne stated that he was mighty glad to return to Oregon that he expected to be at home at least two months and expected within the next two weeks to visit La Grande and spend a little time with the boys and getting in touch with the conditions in eastern Oregon.

When questioned regarding the presidential campaign he remarked that the campaign proper had nearly commenced, but unless there proved to be an unexpected turn in the minds of the people, there was absolutely no question but that Taft and Sherman would be elected by very large majorities.

He was surprised when informed that Congressman Ellis was in the city and regretted very much that he did not have time to meet him, but remarked he would meet him a little later.

From this time on Oregon politics will take on another color. Jonathan enjoys the game and past experience has proven time and again that he is just as good a loser as he is a winner. Now that he is in the state there is no question but what he will be very much in evidence during the next few weeks. He expects to see a big majority rolled up in Oregon and will take pride in making it just as big as it is possible. It is a well known fact that he was first, last and all the time a staunch supporter of President Roosevelt, and the president could at no time put sufficient emphasis on the third term to make him believe that he would not reconsider. However, he played golf later with Mr. Taft, and if he can take back to congress with him a nice bouquet from Oregon to the tune of 25,000 or more, it will be undoubtedly pleasing to both Senator Bourne and President Taft after next March.

Buys a Home.

C. W. Nibley, jr., today purchased the residence at 1310 N. avenue, belonging to J. E. Steinbeck, the consideration being \$2500. Mr. Nibley is now moving into his newly purchased home.

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OPEN HALL ON MONDAY SKILLED AS AUTO DRIVER

The exhibit hall at the depot is to be opened next Monday morning, according to announcement made today. Manager Colt, who is to be in charge of the stand, is now out in the valley finding exhibits. There are already enough fruit and exhibits in the building to make an ordinary show, but the club is going to open up with the best exhibit possible. The formal opening will take place next Monday morning, in time to catch the morning train from the east.

AUTO PARTY HERE.

Comes From Athens in Small Auto and Visited Wallawa County.

A party of Athens auto tourists were in the city today. With a light Buick they went from Athens to Wallawa county, visiting all the towns in that section, and coming on out to Union county. After visiting friends in the city today, they started back to Athens by the Meacham road. They crossed the Blue mountains by way of the Tollgate in coming here. Among the party is Dr. J. D. Plamondon, who not long since was a practicing physician here. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. C. A. Barrett and her son, Henry Barrett. Mrs. Barrett is the wife of Representative Barrett of Umatilla county. The entire party are old-time friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Osburn of this city.

The Will Stoddard runabout figured in excitement on Adams avenue today. Mrs. Stoddard of Perry, was driving the car and on reaching the Depot and Adams junction she collided with an electric wire that was being strung across the street, but had sagged so far that it caught the nose of the machine. A pedestrian warned the driver at the same time, and for a moment she lost her presence of mind, but when the machine, bolted and landed squarely on the sidewalk in front of the Lilly-Foster hardware store, she regained control of her faculties and remarkable skill brought the machine to a standstill, after but trifling damage had been done to the running gear. No one was near the path of the plunging machine. Mrs. Stoddard has been declared by those who saw the accident as being splendidly equipped with powers to think and act simultaneously. The entire incident transpired in a moment's time almost, but for all that the machine was stopped about two feet from the plate glass window.

SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Mary McCoy Seeks Dissolution From James McCoy.

Mrs. Mary McCoy has filed divorce proceedings against James Edward McCoy, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, and asking that a decree be granted her.

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