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THE COBB BILL FOR OREGON.

Interest increases daily in the direct primary law and how some propose to doctor it. There is not a voice raised against the principle of the present law but how to remedy it so that the party organization will not become obliterated is the question.

Senator Abraham of Roseburg, purpose introducing the Cobb bill in Oregon, so he claims.

Three central ideas are to be included in the amendments, he said. One of these provides the manner in which the names of candidates in the primary may be placed on the ballot, its purposes being two-fold. One is to preserve party organization, and the other intends the selection of the best material for party candidates.

This is to be accomplished by an authorized committee of each party. At each primary election it is proposed each precinct shall elect men to serve on the party committee. This committee is to meet before the next primary election and make recommendations of names as party candidates. This, however, does not bar others from becoming candidates in the same manner as is now followed by petition, but the party-recommended candidates are to be given a preferential place on the ballot.

It is proposed also to abolish the printing of slogans opposite the name of candidates, excepting as to position on Statement 1. Another proposed amendment contemplates doing away with the practice of persons not in sympathy with a party registering as members of such party.

After the party affiliations of the registered voters are made known, anyone has the right to question the sincerity of any voter in the statement of his politics and through the party machinery to take up the matter in a summary way with a court of competent jurisdiction and have the name canceled if the voter is falsely registered. This would do away, it is thought, with insincerity and fraud in party registration, as it is said to have had that effect in New York state.

In the laws proposed in the New York legislature and favored by Governor Hughes, excellent provisions were made governing the method of holding the meetings of the party committees and its proceedings and the keeping of their records, which do much to remove the objections which might otherwise be made to the plan," said Senator Abraham. "So that, hav-

ing carefully considered their provisions, I favor the amendment of our primary law so as to adopt the provisions in these bills, applying them to nominations for all offices, including designations for United States senators as covered in our primary law, and preserving our means and form of pledging legislative candidates to vote for popular choice for United States senator, and indicating briefly on the ballot the fact of such pledge or absence thereof.

As to abolishing the use of declaratory articles on the ballot, it must be admitted that the use of the same has degenerated into mere catchy advertisements which are calculated rather to confuse than to enlighten.

"The New York plan provides that booths, similar to election booths, shall be provided at the place of registration, and instead of announcing to the register the party affiliation and having it immediately entered at the time of entering the name of an elector, the number of the elector on the registration book is written on a blank which contains the names of the different parties and a statement to the effect that the person registering desires to register as a member of the party indicated by him by means of an "X" placed under such party name. This blank is then sealed by the elector in an envelope provided for that purpose, and these envelopes are not offered immediately, but at a some time prior to the primary, which is ample to allow public access to the information contained therein and for objection by any member of the party, and the party preference is then entered in the poll book in the proper column, opposite the elector's name. The obvious purpose of this provision is to allow no undue influence to interfere with the free exercise of an honest registration of the party preference.

"It is essential, in order to get a full understanding of the excellency of the Hughes plan of party committee recommendations to describe the method of procedure under which alone the committee may act. Meetings for the purpose of making designations are required to be open to the public. A roll call of the members of the committee is completely called in alphabetical order, or in the order which may have previously been adopted by rule, for the purpose of ascertaining the names of those proposed as candidates. Upon such roll call, each member of the committee, who desires to propose a candidate, or candidates, must rise and declare the name of such candidate or candidates. The roll is then called a second time for voting upon the candidate proposed. As each name is called, the member votes and the secretary records the vote. If any candidate receives a majority of all the votes, which the members of the committee are entitled to cast, whether present or not, such candidate is deemed designated by the committee. If no one receives a majority of the votes, the roll is again called in like manner as the first roll call, for the purpose of again proposing candidates, and a vote is then taken upon a fourth roll call in like manner as upon the second roll. This procedure is continued until the proper majority is received. Record is kept of the proceedings and is required to be filed with the custodian of records.

NEWCOMERS ARE MANY.

Because special trains are not being

run into this valley carrying hundreds of people do not think that the newcomers are not many, for a number arrive each month and are usually nicely located in either Union or Wallowa counties.

True, the number is not nearly as great as it should be considering what we have to offer, and not nearly so great as it would be if a thorough advertising campaign were carried on. But it is gratifying to know that the truth about the Grande Ronde Valley and La Grande, also the wonderful Wallowa country, is percolating through the country and that a few are listening to this gospel. Those who have lately come into this part of Oregon and located are well pleased. In fact they are delighted and honestly believe they have driven good bargains in purchasing land here. And they have, for no place in this part of the world are there such bargains.

UNCLE SAM'S DOCTORS.

Rank and Pay of Physicians in the Government Service.

Uncle Sam employs more than 1,000 physicians.

These doctors are pretty evenly divided between the medical corps of the army, the medical corps of the navy, the marine hospital and the public health service. The complete army medical corps includes 444 medical officers in addition to the medical reserve corps, the hospital corps, the nurse corps and the dental corps. The medical corps embraces "a surgeon general with the rank of brigadier general, 14 colonels, 105 majors and 300 captains or first lieutenants, with the rank, pay and allowances of officers of corresponding grades in the cavalry arm of the service."

The pay of doctors is interesting. The lowest rank held by medical officers is that of first lieutenant. The medical lieutenant gets \$2,000 per annum, or \$166.66 monthly. At the end of three years he is promoted to captain and receives \$2,400 a year. In two years he receives an increase of 10 per cent, or five years' service, making \$2,640, or \$220 per month. After ten years' service the pay would be \$2,880, or \$240 per month. The pay attached to the rank of major is \$3,000 per year, which, with 10 per cent added for each five years' service, becomes \$3,600 after ten years' service, \$3,900 after fifteen years' service and \$4,000 after twenty years' service. The monthly pay of lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general is \$375, \$416.66 and \$500 respectively.

In addition to their salaries, officers are furnished with comfortable quarters and the keep of two horses free, and groceries, fuel, etc., at wholesale prices.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Bald Eagle's Nest.

Among birds the home of the bald eagle is perhaps the most striking, possibly because of the majesty of the bird itself. It appeals to the imagination. Built of huge sticks loosely interwoven and situated on some lofty and inaccessible ledge, with the bones of the eagle's victims scattered round about it, it gives a proper setting to the stern and savage character of its builder. Here the eagle reigns supreme, and here year after year he and his mate rear their young. This is the acric from which he can scan the whole countryside and, like the robber barons of old, levy toll on all who pass his door.

Her Lost Jewels.

Backlotz—What's this I hear about Mrs. Swellman being robbed of her jewels? Subbubs—Fact. They're gone, and Mrs. Kraft is the guilty party. Backlotz—What! You don't mean to say she stole—Subbubs—What else can you call it? She offered the cook 15 shillings a week and the chambermaid 10 shillings, and now she's got 'em.—London Tit-Bits.

Kipling's Corncob.

"Did Kipling ever steal one of my corncob pipes?" said the late Mark Twain once.

"Never, and if he says so he's wrong. He tried to steal one and failed; then he tried to steal another, but I prevented the theft and gave it to him, probably the only pipe that Kipling ever got honestly."

Thrift.

An economical housewife drank a quantity of silver nitrate by mistake. The doctor, who had been hastily summoned, ordered large drafts of the white of eggs to be administered. "Mary, Mary," murmured the almost unconscious patient, "save the yolks for puddings!"—Success Magazine.

The Champion.

"By the way," continued the near sport, "who is the lightweight champion of America?"

"It is still a matter of doubt," answered the wise guy. "Some claim the title for the coal dealer, while others say the iceman is entitled to it."—Chicago News.

YOU SHOULD SEE These Bargains. To Realize what a Saving it Means to buy Right Now Sale Closes Monday, July 18th All Ladies' Wash Dresses reduced 1-3. 12 1-2 cent Lawn and Batiste on sale at 6 1-4 cents per yard. 15 cent Lawn and Batiste on sale at 7 1-2 cents per yard 50c Marajah Silk on sale at 39c per yard Large line of \$3.50 and \$4.00 Pumps and Oxfords for \$2.90 Benjamin Clothing reduced 25 per cent Ladies' Tailored Suits, Jackets and Skirts reduced 25 per cent Every Article in the Store Reduced Only 1 Day More N. K. WEST, THE QUALITY STORE

For a Rainy Day. "In your pursuit of pleasure," said the serious citizen, "you should not neglect to lay something by for a rainy day." "Of course," replied the light hearted man. "Nearly every member of our fishing club brings along a pack of cards."—Washington Star. After the Carouse. First Reveler—I say, old man, your wife won't do a thing to you when she smells the whisky. Second Reveler—When I'm near her I hold my breath. First Reveler—You won't be able to. It's too strong.—Boston Transcript. The Way It Goes. "This is an odd way girls have of getting into society." "How is it odd?" "Why, to get in they first have to come out."—New York Journal. Let him who would move the world first move himself. Socrates. A Substitute. "Pardon me, gentlemen," said the individual who had just moved into the little town as he entered the grocery store, "but is there a chicken raiser here?" "Why don't you take an ax?" asked the village Tailorand. "A razor will lose its edge if you use it on a chicken." Well Fed. The Barmaid—Your dog is getting very fat. What do you feed him of? Mr. McPherson? McPherson—Oh, I donna gie him any reg'lar meals. He whenever I drop in for a drink he gets a biscuit.—London M. A. P. Right and Wrong. It requires something of a hero to give up when he is wrong and a good deal of a family man to give up when he is right.—Puck.

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