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WHY VOTE FOR BOWERMAN?

The few who have registered in this part of Oregon, are going to nominate candidates for office along in September. They are going to exercise their sovereign rights as American citizens and cast their ballots. There will be one name on the ballot which will read "Jay Bowerman." Just a plain name of a plain man. He does not part it in the middle; he does not have a handle to it. The owner of that name is a boy who is climbing up the ladder by his own efforts. He probably never wore a suit of clothes that cost more than \$20 and there have been many days he has gone to work without shining his shoes.

He began life determined to make good. First he could have been seen in the harvest field. Big and brawny, full of energy, he pitched his share of grain and in threshing time did duty on the straw stack. Then he started his study to become an attorney. He did not have an annual allowance from a rich father, neither did he have any kind of a snap to obtain his education. If you care to trace his history you will find he worked his way through school, and in many instances the work he did would not appeal to a man who loves to wear kid gloves.

He graduated, rather green and ungainly but honest and square. He settled in the little town of Condon at the end of a branch road that amounts to very little. Many men would have been buried in the little hamlet, but Jay Bowerman was not. His people sent him to the legislature and he was a good man for the constituents. They returned him to the state senate and again he made good. When the normal school fight came up he had the grit to take a stand and say to the combination, "I am against you for I believe you are not playing fairly with the state." His fight killed the

normal schools of Oregon and it was the best victory he ever won. He will advocate one good normal school, but never consent to four.

Bowerman is a friend of education. He has children of his own and he is a good father to those children, desiring that they and all the other children of Oregon have the benefits of a public school system.

There are several men in the state who can make a better speech than Jay Bowerman; there are a number of men who would feel more comfortable in a dress suit than he; and there are probably any amount of men who can do more handshaking and mixing than Bowerman, but if you want a man for governor, who will work, who will treat every citizen on the square, who will look first of all to Oregon's good name, who will cut out the Salem graft on purchasing supplies, and who will be a man large enough for the job, there is abundant reason why you should vote for Jay Bowerman.

THE SAME OLD TROUBLE.

Voters refuse to register.

The books show only a small per cent, in Union county who have gone through that formality which is compulsory under the direct primary law in order to be able to vote at the primary nominating election.

Why don't they register?

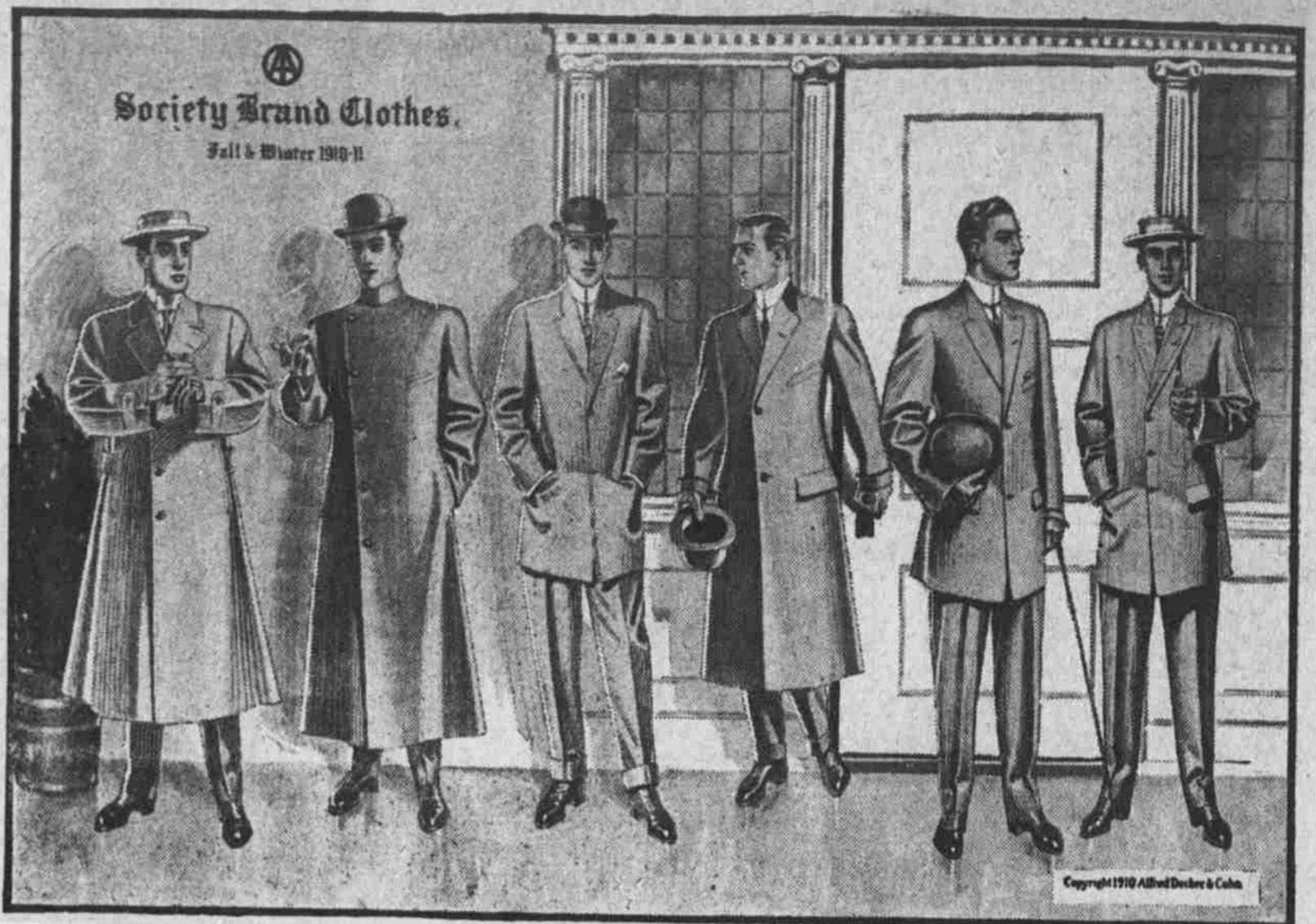
It is the same old story: Why did not voters attend the old-fashioned mass meeting that selected candidates? They did not, at least they did not attend in numbers and as a result a few men fixed things according to their own liking, and then there was a wall about bossism and machine. There would have been no bosses and no machine if every voter had done his duty and attended the mass meeting, which was the very foundation of government.

Well, they did not attend anyway, and as time went on there were a number of 'purists' pushed themselves to the front, waving the white banner upon which bronze letters were inscribed, "Down with the bosses." It was popular and the bosses were downed, machines were broken and the country went wild over reform.

Then came the direct primary with its demand for registration and many other rulings which are really good if followed out. It was thought that the problem had been solved and America had been jerked away from ringsters at a psychological moment. Everyone rested upon his oars, thinking, "all is well." But now we wake up to find that the average voter does not care a whit about the primaries whether they are run under the direct primary law, or whether they are run by the mass meetings. The present condition shows it, when men will not take enough interest in governmental affairs to register.

Is the direct primary law a success?

It most certainly is if someone can devise a method of awakening people



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WHAT BAND CONCERTS MEAN.

Sunday afternoon La Grande enjoyed a first-class band concert at the Federal building site. Several hundred people congregated to hear the music. Between the numbers the audience joined in conversation. People met each other and had friendly chats with those who had not met for several weeks, although they live within the corporate limits of the city. Old friendships in this way are enlivened and strangers in the city soon become acquainted.

One of the things La Grande has been short on is a meeting place—a public meeting place where neighbors can meet neighbor. It makes a better feeling, associations broaden everyone. It is a leveler that promotes unanimity of purpose and inculcates a desire to push La Grande—the home of our people—to the foreground.

These concerts should be made permanent as long as the season will permit. Not only should there be a Sunday afternoon concert, but at least twice each week everyone should enjoy hearing a band program.

Now comes the all-important feature: A band cannot run without proper support. Usually at best the boys give their time at less than half price, and a director is only fairly paid. But to reach an end that will in anyway be satisfactory, let some plan be adopted to insure a support for the musical organization that will

relieve them of anything that smacks of charity, for a brass band is not a charitable organization. Make it worth while for the boys to practice and endeavor to raise their grade of music, and La Grande will have an institution that will be a valuable asset to the community.

Meeting of Firemen.

General call of the fire department at the fire house tonight, Aug. 23. By order of Fire Chief Joseph Jones.

WILL FEED PULP THIS SEASON

PURCHASE BIG PULP CONTRACT FROM J. A. RUSSELL

Also Bought All Pens and Other Feed Yard Equipment.

McKennon & Chandler, one of the largest stock firms in Eastern Oregon, has closed a deal with J. A. Russell, whereby the firm becomes owner of the pulp contract at the sugar factory for one year, and also takes over all the pens and appliances of the Russell feed yards. It is the intention of the new owners to feed at

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours, C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon.—I wish to announce my candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

least 500 cattle this season and will begin about November 1st.

Pulp is one of the splendid feeds for cattle and beet that is rounded out with this feed and takes a high

placed on the market. Mr. Russell has handled the pulp contract for several years, but owing to other business demanding his attention, decided to sell to the above named firm.