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TODAY'S WEATHER PREDICTION.

Fair today and tomorrow.

A rare and salubrious climate—soil of remarkable fertility—beautiful scenery—mountains stored with coal, copper and gold—extensive forests—streams stocked with speckled beauties—game in abundance—a contented, progressive people—such is the Rogue River Valley.

Average mean temperature...55 degrees
Average yearly precipitation...21 inches

THE IMPENDING BATTLE.

Joseph Simon has been elected mayor of Portland. His election is portentous. He was chosen as the candidate of the Republican party at the primary election, through the apathy of progressive Republicans.

Although the primary nominee of that party, his election bodes ill for the primary law, for he was chosen by those divided and despite any measure that attempts to destroy the power of the political bosses and their tools.

Mr. Simon's election means an assault upon the primary law and upon the constitutional amendment that vests the lawmaking power in the electors. Soon the battle will be on all along the line.

The political plunderers and corporations will now put forth every effort to overturn all the progressive legislation of the past six years embodied in the constitutional amendments adopted during that time.

The fight will be one that will be highly interesting to the country at large. The Oregon idea has attracted the nation. The railroads and trusts fear the power of the initiative and referendum. They tremble at its possible workings and effects. Undoubtedly these would contribute bountifully to any program that would promise to discredit this powerful instrument of reform in the state that first adopted it.

All the railroad systems that terminate in this state, the express, telephone and telegraph companies, will contribute willingly to prevent the Oregon idea from marching on. They would probably find no abler distributor than Mr. Simon, or one whom they would more willingly trust.

The hour has come for the people of Oregon to put the watchers on guard. They must be able and alert, for the fight will not be open, but insidious and from beneath.

The attempt will be made to make the primary destroy itself, and also the initiative and referendum. To do this the methods resorted to in Portland will be used. Packed conventions will name candidates to be placed on the primary ticket, and those who oppose them will be denounced as enemies of reform.

By noise, deception and chicanery, thoughtless voters will be deluded into supporting candidates nominated through corrupt political bargaining as of old, and succeeding time after time, the primary election law will be set aside as a useless expense.

The initiative and referendum will be discredited by encouraging cranks to put numerous and freakish measures on the ballot to confuse and disgust the voters.

These are means that no one understands as well as the astute and crafty Mr. Simon. Politically ambitious, he cunningly connived for years to be elected senator from Oregon. He did not fit in that body, but in the lesser domain of Oregon he will find more possibility for control.

Already, those politicians who have to hang on to the favors of the boss, who know no other way to power than that of cunning and corruption, are predicting the nomination of Joseph whose surname is Simon for governor. Such is not impossible or improbable, for the number who would sell their birthright for a mess of pottage is legion, and Joseph Simon is a man who always kept his word—who always delivered the pottage as per contract.

SOME POLITICAL HISTORY.

The election of former Senator Simon as mayor of Portland is the initial move in a program to restore the rule of corporation controlled political machines in Oregon, dis-

credited machines smashed by the people through the direct primary law.

Mr. Simon was for many years boss of one wing of the Republican party, and he was a master of the game. He played to win. His success in manipulation brought about the adoption of the direct primary law through support of it by the rival or Mitchell faction, to crush him.

The direct primary law proved a boomerang. Not only did it crush the Simon machine, but also the Mitchell machine. Now we have the spectacle of the shattered remnants of both machines united under Simon's banner to restore machine rule in Oregon.

Politics makes strange bedfellows. Editor Harvey W. Scott and the Oregonian fought Simon as the disrupter of his party and a vicious influence in politics. They championed the direct primary law. They helped mold public opinion for Statement No. 1. Now they hail Simon as the savior of his party. There is nothing too loathsome to print, no insinuation, no distortion of facts, no falsehood too mean to utter in the frantic effort to discredit the direct primary, to undo the Oregonian's own creation.

Editor Harvey W. Scott was chairman of the executive committee that prepared and circulated the initiative petition proposing a direct primary nominations law. His name was first on the petitions. The Oregonian not only supported it, but refused to print arguments against it. Mr. Scott more than any one man is responsible for Statement No. 1.

Now, because the people of Oregon followed its own unanswerable logic and adopted the direct primary law, the Oregonian calls Oregon "the fool of the family." If the people followed its present flimsy arguments against the law and repeal it, in order to restore a political machine to power, it will take a strong adjective to qualify the fool.

If the Oregonian was sincere then in advocating the direct primary, it cannot be sincere now in desiring its repeal. It was either a hypocrite then or is a hypocrite now. It considers consistency a paste jewel, yet has worn it because consistent in hypocrisy—always governed by selfish political expediency, its policies swinging with the wind of opportunity.

SAYS ANARCHISTS ARE MAKING JACK DISCONTENTED

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Declaring that the anarchist element is trying to incite prejudice and discontent among the navy forces, Secretary of

the Navy Meyer today made a startling report to President Taft and members of the cabinet. Meyer stated that a secret investigation revealed the identity of the responsible ones. The details of the plot have been kept secret.

CENTRAL POINT ... POINTERS ...

Tribune's Special Correspondent Sends In Many Items of Interest.

The cubs defeated the second team at Phoenix last Sunday by a score of 18 to 9. The boys affirm that the diamond at Phoenix is covered with grass and weeds and almost surrounded by water. They also allege that several players from the Phoenix first team took part in the game and that some of the Phoenix players destroyed the score card at the close of the game.

Born—To the wife of Oscar Blackford of Willow Springs, Friday, an eight-pound boy.

O. H. Robinson and wife left yesterday for their future home at Coos bay. Mr. Robinson recently sold his ranch to R. H. Ellsworth.

Fruit in this vicinity is looking better every day and a bumper crop is now assured.

The lumber to be used for the interior of the new Rostel building has arrived.

J. Albert is confined to his home with the measles.

At the sale held by Mrs. T. M. Stanley last Saturday everything offered brought top prices, especially the stock. Three Poll Angus cows sold for \$165, \$150 and \$125, respectively. A. M. Porter of Shedd's was the purchaser. Other cattle sold at from \$25 to \$37 per head. A span of mares sold for \$500; another team was purchased by Dr. Ray for \$210. Two yearling colts brought \$80 each. The sale was well attended and the bidding lively.

The ball game on the local field Sunday between the first team and Jacksonville's first team resulted in defeat for the visitors, the score being 14 to 21. Before the game was finished a few fistfuffs were indulged in.

Postmaster Tex is contemplating the removal of the postoffice to the new Whiteside building. A popular move, indeed.

Mrs. John Ross and little daughter, Edith, visited at Grants Pass yesterday.

We sincerely hope that the high score in Sunday's ball game will not create the impression that either of the teams are weak.

Thoughts and Opinions.

By D. H. Hawkins.

When a man nails a lie, what a howl goes up.

To slander a man who cannot answer, is the recourse of a coward.

Envy and jealousy lie usually at the base of a man's enmity.

A true man or woman never speaks lightly of the faults of others.

Inordinate speculation is, always and everywhere, a menace to legitimate project and wise investment.

Some men have no use for other men, because the others are head and shoulders above the would-be user.

He that envieth the rich, simply because they are rich, persuadeth his own soul its ruin; and he that hateth the rich addeth unto his malice murder.

She that publisheth abroad on the streets among men the impulsive courtesies of a gentleman, seeketh admiration and notriety; she bringeth truth and slander to a level.

He that picketh his teeth with a fork is greater than he that drinketh from a finger-bowl; but he that spilleth the soup in his neighbor's lap,—he indeed is greatest.

Chronic Rheumatism.

This is a variety of rheumatism that usually attacks the larger joints, knees, hips and shoulders. It is aggravated by cold and damp weather, and for this reason a man afflicted with it can often foretell changes in the weather. Chamberlain's Liniment applied freely and with vigorous rubbing relieves the pain and makes sleep and rest possible. It will also effect a cure, but will not prevent the recurrence of the disease. For sale by Leon B. Haskins' Pharmacy.

T. C. White left Monday for Klamath Falls.

IF YOU are thinking of investing in the Rogue River valley—if you want an orchard or orchard lands—Go to the man who has lived 35 years in the valley, who has grown fruit for 20 years, who has bought fruit from practically every bearing orchard in the valley and who has shipped hundreds of cars of fruit to the markets of the world during the past few years. **REFERENCE—All the large orchardists in the valley since nearly all of them have located through me.**

JOHN D. OLWELL. Exhibit Bldg, Medford.

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