

BUYS RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON

Senator Chamberlain Will Make His Home in the National Capital.

Senator George E. Chamberlain has purchased a residence in Washington, D. C., and will make the national capital the home of himself and his family during the sessions of congress for the remaining five years of his term as senator from Oregon.

It is the intention of the senator to return to Portland immediately upon the close of each session of congress, but the fact that he will of necessity be in Washington a large part of each year made it desirable that he have his family with him while there. Not feeling that he could afford to keep up homes both in Washington and in Portland, the senator has arranged to lease his Portland home to his son during the time that he is away. The Chamberlain children will attend the Washington schools during the winter.

The senator's new home is a modest residence, and he expects to dispose of it upon his retirement from the senatorship.

Mrs. G. L. Shirley went to Ashland Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. F. E. Berdan.

THE POLITICAL GAME IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Politics, like baseball, has a virus that, once inoculated into the human system, is hard to eradicate. So many abuses have been introduced into Oregon's political system that of its own corruptness weighed and preyed on the public at large. The situation became unbearable. Cliques, machines and bosses have run rampant in Oregon for many years. These abuses could not be tolerated any longer, hence the need of reform, and with it, of course, reformers. The direct primary law, Statement No. 1, the initiative and referendum and hosts of what are called reform measures naturally sprang into existence. While it is not the intention of this article to discuss the merits of any of the so-called reform measures, but simply to state the cause for the political turmoil as it exists in Portland. And these reform measures are the direct cause. There is no question but that all of the prominent politicians in the state, especially the republican politician, after many weary and bitter fights, joyously welcomed a change. But it was found after trying out to act with such a precision that it left the republican party entirely in the hands of the people themselves, with no leader; it put out of action organization anybody of machine cut-to-

order program, and said to the people every citizen can go to the convention; every citizen can run for office of any nature in the gift of the people by simply declaring his intentions and presenting a petition; so easy in construction and compliance that no one was barred from seeking office. These conditions so galled and wrung the withers of the old time politician, especially Portland ones, that instead of healing the "old sores" it has made them more acute. It has sent to the senate a democrat from a state normally 40,000 republican. It has sent to the senate Jonathan Bourne, Jr., who is just now the "thorn" of the losing aspirants, and Bourne's offense was his perception to flood the state with literature and the people took to the new innovation and elected him. It aroused the ire of disgruntled republicans to such a pitch that to heal their soreness they voted in droves for George Chamberlain and elected him. The wail of the Oregonian, whose editor was one of the first to subscribe to the reform measures, is simply the result of a life's ambition to be United States senator being defeated. For a quarter of a century the city of Portland has made the political slate for the state and is still struggling mightily to put the reform gun out of action and gradually relapse back to the old system. That the venom of the assembly gang is directed at Bourne is well known. It was seen in the president's visit, but as the Oregonian said, "A little, natively attired man stepped jauntily from the president's car, bowed low to the ground; and was not the president as expected by Mayor Simon and his carefully selected anti-Bourne host of friends, each from Portland, no other part of the state, but the object of their hatred, the urbane, irrepressible Statement No. 1 Jonathan Bourne, Jr., United States senator for Oregon! Ye gods, what a pill. And so neatly administered they had to swallow it. This ludicrous incident was made possible by the "primary law" and caused a titter throughout the state, which, though insignificant in itself, goes to prove that Statement 1 enacted by the people has not only the power to put the voters' choice in the highest position on earth, but to furnish that choice with a power to success fully punish his antagonists for their temerity.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS

Mr. Humphrey, representing the Portland Timber Syndicate, with several other parties have been here looking over the grounds as to fire damages.

Wheeler and Claspill have had a very attractive sign painted over their store room.

The town has been full of strangers of late looking after property as their rapid approach of the railroad has awakened a deep interest in this point as a fine business locality.

It would be an excellent plan to gravel the road between Veral and the school house as this piece of road will be used very much in frieghting

raidroad machinery and supplies to the right of way.

Heavy rains have fallen here during the past week and all fires are extinguished.

Mrs. Sweet was visiting her father at Butte Falls on Saturday. She is teaching at the Obenchain new school house.

Mr. Ayes and family very kindly entertained your correspondent on Thursday.

Ira Tungate is still visiting among his kin, but will soon return to his range work.

Construction and location camps are established all along the line of the railroad between Eagle Point and Edsall.

There are several government officials among us lately looking after timber interests.

Mr. Hawk killed a large bear in the unsurveyed lands during the week past.

One has no idea of the magnitude and amount of construction work going on all along the construction line of the railroad unless he takes a trip over the ground. Immense cuts and fills are to be made that will involve the expenditure of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Harmon and Carlow are camped at "Ayres" and doing excellent and thorough work.

Mrs. Newport is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ayres. Her husband is with the Sawyer location party.

Lumber is being hauled to Perry for the new school house.

Mrs. Bell of Brownsboro has thoroughly repaired her store and the improvements are very noticeable.

Will Brown of Eagle Point as also Rube Johnston have gone to the Seattle fair.

Scott Claspie came in from Medford on Saturday with a large load of store goods.

Many are the inquirers for town property but it will have to be purchased of private owners as the company has taken all of its lots off the

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market and such a course seriously blocks the growth and progress of our town.

The mill is to be placed under new management as it is said that Mr. G. E. Olson and S. D. Naylor will have charge of the operations.

We do not understand why the local telephone line is not completed. The railroad company is placing its poles and likely its line will be here

before long.

Fred Reinke and Mr. Way and family have left here. Fred will go into employment with the Crater Lake company.

The dam at the mill has been undergoing needed repairs preparatory to the fall and winter run.

Judge Pentz who has been in the valley on railroad business has returned and is now at his office.

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