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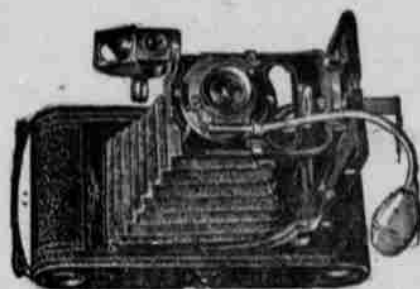
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THE COMING ELECTIONS

Our correspondent at Redmond writes that the people of his neighborhood want information in regard to the coming election. A Salem dispatch to the Oregonian covers the ground pretty thoroughly. It reads:

Chief Clerk S. A. Koser, of the office of the Secretary of State, and I. H. Van Winkle, Assistant Attorney-General, have computed the various dates that must be observed in filing initiative petitions, nominating petitions, pamphlets, etc., for the general and primary elections this spring. As initiative petitions must be filed by January 31, it is evident that there must be some active work in the next few weeks on the part of those who have initiative measures in charge. The primary election will be held April 17, and the general election June 1.

The information compiled for the instruction of the public is in condensed form, as follows:

"Proceedings under initiative-initiative petitions must have 7465 signatures; initiative petitions must be filed by January 31; arguments advocating measures must be filed by February 3; persons filing arguments must pay cost of paper and printing; arguments opposing measures must be filed by February 24; persons filing such arguments must pay cost of paper and printing; initiative measures must be printed by the Secretary of State by March 2; copies of measures and arguments must be mailed to voters by April 7; Secretary of State must make up the form of ballot by May 4.

"Primary election—Candidates for state and district offices, to be voted for in more than one county, and for Circuit Judges and District Attorneys, must file with the Secretary of State, at the time of beginning to circulate petitions, a copy of the petition for nomination, signed by himself, as evidence that said elector is a candidate for nomination by his party. The vote cast by a political party in each voting precinct for representative in congress at the last preceding general election is the basis on which the percentage for petitions shall be counted, and need not exceed 1000 signers.

"Petitions for nomination for office to be voted for in the state at large must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the party electors in each of at least one-tenth of the precincts of at least seven counties of the state, and need not exceed 1000 signers.

"Petitions for nomination to be voted for in a congressional district must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the party electors residing in at least one-tenth of the precincts in at least one-fourth of the counties of such district, and need not exceed 1000 signers.

"Petitions for nominations to be voted for in districts comprising more than one county must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the electors residing in each of at least one-eighth of the precincts in each of at least two counties in the district, and need not exceed 500 signers.

"Petitions for nominations to be voted for in districts comprising only one county must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the party electors in each of at least one-fifth of the voting precincts of the county.

"Petitions for nomination for offices to be filed by the state at large, or by any district of more than one county, and nominating petitions for judges of circuit courts and for district attorneys in districts consisting of a single county shall be filed in the office of secretary of state not less than 20 days before the date of the primary nominating election, March 27, 1908.

"Petitions for nominations for offices to be voted for in only one county, or district, shall be filed with the county clerk not less than 15 days before the date of

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the primary election, Wednesday, April 1.

"Primary election will be held Friday, April 17."

The form of primary ballot must be certified to by the Secretary of State by March 30.

Canvass of votes for nominations for state and district offices must be made by May 2.

The vote cast for representative in congress at the general election of June 4, 1906, first district, Democratic party, was 19,340; Republican party, 25,120.

The vote cast for representative in congress, second district, Democratic party, was 12,151; Republican party, 28,315.

Delegates To National Conventions

That delegates to the national political conventions must be elected by means of conventions in Oregon, is the opinion of Attorney General Crawford, who was requested to make a thorough review of the primary law by G. A. Westgate, former chairman of the republican state committee.

Mr. Crawford says that he sees nothing in the Oregon primary law to change the manner of electing delegates to national conventions and therefore it is thought that both democratic and republican parties in Oregon will hold state conventions for that purpose.

This matter has been discussed widely by leaders of both parties and while it has been the desire to follow the primary law to the letter, yet there have been doubts as to the provisions for the election of delegates to conventions and after a most careful and painstaking review of the law the attorney general declares that it does not affect the election of delegates in any way.

The national republican committee urged the republicans of every state to carefully and scrupulously observe the primary law in states where it exists and it has been the opinion of many leading republicans of the state that the Oregon primary law provided for the election of delegates.

However, the opinion of the attorney general will change the entire program in this state and it is probable that both parties will call conventions for the purpose of selecting delegates to their national conventions.

How the delegates of the state will be selected is another puzzling question as the primary law does not provide for state conventions and so it seems that a side issue will have to be made of the selection of state delegates through precinct primaries, county conventions and other routine forms observed for years in Oregon.

Already there is a demand that the Oregon primary law be amended to provide for the selection of delegates to conventions, since there is a lack of uniformity in the manner of selecting delegates and in the manner of electing officials under this law.

The holding of precinct primaries and county conventions for the sole purpose of selecting delegates to a state convention aside from holding the regular primaries, will entail a great cost and an extra burden on the voters and it is thought that some action will be taken looking to the amendment of the law at the next session of the legislature.

Will Weave Carpets
Anyone wishing Mrs. Joe Taylor to weave carpets for the next two months will please leave orders at the brick store. 2tpd
Subscribe for the Journal.

COUNTY EXPENSES FOR 1907

County court and commissioners—covering the salary of judges, commissioners, livery, experting books, etc., \$1280.38.
Circuit court—This includes salary of bailiffs, reporter, jury and witness fees, meals, special council, etc., \$2532.95.

Justice courts—Consisting of fees of justices, constables, jurors, witnesses, etc., \$78.90.

Clerk's office—Salary of clerk and deputies, \$2362.50.

Sheriff's office—Salary and expenses of sheriff and deputies, \$3265.50.

Treasurer's office—salary of treasurer, \$522.09.

Coroner's office—Fees of coroner, physicians, jurors, witnesses, etc., \$145.70.

School superintendent's office—Salary of superintendent, fees, etc., \$1157.91.

Assessor's office—Salary of assessor, deputies, extra help, etc., \$1409.01.

Assessment and collection of taxes—Copying tax rolls, collecting, levying on property, etc., \$196.56.

Taxes refunded, \$31.09.
Current expenses—Books, stationery, postage, expressage, telephones, etc., for all offices, \$1754.65.

Court house expenses—lights, water, fuel, repairs, furniture, etc., \$871.98.

Jail—Repairs, supplies, etc., \$70.23.

Care of poor—Salary of county physicians, provisions or transportation furnished, burials, etc., \$1862.57.

Insane—Examination and expense, \$23.13.
Election expense—Registration, ballots, and supplies, pay of judges and clerks, deputy sheriff's etc., \$147.65.

New court house—\$15,814.18.
Library fund, \$300.
High school, \$4614.87.

Summed up the total expenses for Crook county (except for roads and highways) for the year 1907 are \$38,441.55.

THE REAL BOOSTER

The East Oregonian describes the booster in the following clear cut, decisive manner:

"There is much talk these days of boosters and boosting, much of it that is backed by the real work along that line and a good deal of it that is purely and simply 'hot air'."

"The real booster in a town is the man who always has a good word for that town and its institutions; the man who, when a stranger is within the gates of his town will exert himself to speak a good word for the place."

"The real booster is always to be found lending his financial and his moral aid to any project which has for its object the betterment of his community and one who is never found shaking his head wistfully and questioning the motives of the men who are trying to do something for his town and consequently for him."

"The real booster seldom stands on the street corner and bemoans the fact that the town is going to bow-wows. He does not have time to sit around and complain while doing nothing to make things better."

"No, the real booster, the man who's entitled to the name, will tell you that his town is the best one on earth."

"He will always be found on the firing line and if he has a kick because business is dull he keeps it to himself and lets you think he is doing more business than any one."

"The real booster contributes to the uplifting and betterment of his town and its people; he takes its local papers and advertises in its columns. He is a genial, energetic, whole-souled individual,

whose life is lived that others are made happier and better. Here's to him: "May his tribe increase."

DRY FARMING CONGRESS

The official call for the second session of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress to be held in Salt Lake January 22-26, has just been issued.

The objects of the congress are set forth as follows:

1. The consideration of the best methods of rendering the lands of the semi-arid west productive where ditch irrigation is impracticable.
2. The determination of the best agricultural methods where crop and livestock farming is practicable.
3. To encourage the establishment of experimental farms to determine the limitations of scientific soil culture and seed selection; these farms to be operated under the direction of state and federal experiment stations or private enterprise.
4. To assist the prospective settler in every practical way to determine what land under scientific soil culture methods is susceptible of crop production.
5. To encourage the use of every conservative practical method for developing the semi-arid regions of America.

The people of Crook county are vitally interested in the success of the propositions above stated. Indeed, any movement having for its ultimate object an increase of the cultivatable area of the country is obviously of grave concern to all the people. As the limitations of the reclamation of our arid lands by means of irrigation are brought nearer realization, the necessity for the general adoption of a system, or systems, of scientific soil culture that shall bring under cultivation the immense areas of land for which no water can be obtained, save such as falls in the shape of snow or rain, becomes more and more urgent and important. That this can be done profitably has already been demonstrated by the accomplishments of Burbank, Campbell and other individuals and by the results of the work of the state and national experiment station.

We are convinced that the success of the dry, or arid farming movement, as represented by this Congress, is of greater importance than either irrigation or swamp drainage, for the reason that the extent of country subject to redemption is infinitely greater in the former than in the latter cases combined.

But, whether this is wholly true or not, the fact is apparent that coming session is fraught with much interest to the citizen of the arid states.

Taking In The Town

J. W. Robinson, reported to be the "whole thing" at Madras, a small town in Eastern Oregon, is being trailed around by Attorney McCann, who is seeking an opportunity to attach his person, under Oregon code provisions, if the lawyer succeeds, Robinson will be the second man in Portland imprisoned under this provision of the code says the Telegram.

Robinson, it is alleged, rode in an automobile from midnight until 5 o'clock this morning, being taken through the red light district and other parts of the city. He proffered \$2.50 in payment. W. L. Payson, the chauffeur, demanded the schedule price of \$25 for the five hours. It was refused. Thereupon Payson had Robinson arrested on a charge of abusive language. He was released on \$30 cash bail, whereupon Attorney McCann at once camped on his trail.

LOST
A buckskin faced fur-backed glove lost on Saturday evening on the grade southwest of town. Return to Dr. Dunsmore, at Prineville Hotel and get reward.