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NEWSPAPER'S BROADER FIELD.

As a result of the present direct primary law the Democratic newspapers of Oregon will have much greater influence in public affairs than heretofore. While conditions stand as at present the Democratic press will assume the nearly certain election of the Republican nominees of state offices, with the exception of governor, circumstances making more than probable the election next year of a Democratic chief executive. With the understanding, therefore, than an office is to be filled by some Republican, it will become the duty of the press to advocate and urge the cause of the man seeking a primary nomination who is most fitted to fill the office. The support during a primary nominating campaign by a Democratic paper of one of several Republicans seeking a nomination will not obligate that paper to support this same man in an election campaign, providing he is nominated. On the contrary the paper may be expected to oppose his election and to urge Democrats to uphold the beliefs and teachings of Democracy by aiding in the election of the party nominee. But it must not be expected of a paper of character that it will assist in or acquiesce in the nomination of an unfit person, when nomination almost signifies election, merely because the chance of a Democratic candidate's success will be strengthened by the nomination on the other side of such a man. The Democratic party wishes to succeed. It does not wish for success in order that the personal ambition of a few of its members may be furthered but in order that the principles of government that it advocates may be applied in carrying on the people's public business. But it does not wish to be implicated in the selection of corrupt and unsuitable officials, not even furthering such a selection by its inactivity, in order that fraud and corruption and crime may reveal in the council chamber of the dominant party and eventually lead to its overthrow. The end is desirable but it does not justify such means.

SAGACITY OF DOUGLAS.

In the grant made to the Illinois Central Railway Company, it was provided that that company should pay into the treasury of the state of Illinois seven per cent of the gross receipts of the business. This result was brought about through the efforts of Stephen A. Douglas. Referring to this fact, a writer in the Dubuque, Iowa, Telegraph, says: "The Illinois Central opened for business in 1855 and that year paid into the state treasury the sum of \$39,751. In 1904 the state's share of the gross receipts was \$1,062,571. During the fifty years the road has been in existence it has paid to the state of Illinois the vast sum of \$29,130,529, an average of over \$450,000 per year. The railroad has prospered and built new lines southward and eastward since it began business and its receipts have grown to enormous proportions—perhaps far beyond what Senator Douglas conceived. The people of Illinois are relieved by its foresight and sagacity of a very considerable burden of taxation. No other state in the Union receives any part of the gross earnings of a railroad and no other road has paid a sou for its state franchise, so far as this paper has knowledge. The justice and wisdom of the principle laid down by Senator Douglas will not be disputed, and is shown to have saved the taxpayers of Illinois nearly \$23,000,000 in fifty years. Since 1855 the government has given away millions of acres of lands in aid of the construction of railroads, but the taxpayers of the states have received nothing for the franchise. Had the precedent set by Douglas been followed millions of taxpayers would have been benefited. The Illinois Central is one of the most prosperous railways in the country, notwithstanding it pays in perpetuity for the privileges granted by the state fifty years ago."—Commoner.

SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR.

The Nashville American points out that five months ago Roosevelt carried Chicago by 110,000 plurality, and that week before last a Democrat was elected mayor by 24,000 plurality.

"This," remarks the American, "is a change of 135,000 votes in a single city." The American, however, does not go into detail. It could have pointed out, if it desired, that a Republican carried Chicago five months ago because Democratic Democrats had nothing in particular to fight for, while week before last Democratic Democrats carried Chicago because they had a vital issue and a strong principle to fight for. When Democracy goes before the people on issues that are of vital interest, and defends principles dear to the hearts of all loyal Americans, Democracy will win. The Democratic party has tried catering to the plutocratic interests that control the Republican party and has found that it cannot outbid the Republican party for the favor of plutocracy. Let the Democracy now get back to the people, stand for the interests of the people and fight for the interests of all instead of the interests of the privileged few. The American is one of the Democratic newspapers that has tried to outbid the Republicans for plutocratic favor. If it has learned its lesson its case is indeed hopeless.

WORK FOR BOARD OF TRADE.

The business men of Oregon City have been fairly liberal in their subscriptions to the Board of Trade. Now it is up to the Board to show them that it is worthy of their support, and that the money subscribed is well spent. This done and the Board will find it an easy matter to secure additional subscriptions to aid in carrying on its development work. The recently burned Bannockburn woolen mills, of Albany, are going to be rebuilt and the town that can offer the company the best inducements will secure the enterprise. If the Board of Trade can "land" these mills in Oregon City it will have already accomplished enough to justify its organization. The business men who are lukewarm in assisting will rally to its support. The responsibility of energetic management now rests with the directors of the Board. In the board of directors, the president and secretary are expected to take the initiative. The Board of Trade is trustee of the fund subscribed by enterprising citizens of Oregon City. If it fails in the proper management of the fund or in getting results from it, the Courier shall consider itself at liberty to locate the responsibility and make a "howl."

MORE ABOUT THE FAIR.

A correspondent comes forward from Canby strongly advocating the Courier's suggestion of holding in Clackamas county an annual fair. When the question is brought to the "boiling point" there will be many locations bidding for the fair grounds. Good natured rivalry on this point will only aid in the success of the enterprise. But there must be no surliness or opposition from defeated localities. When the site is selected the issue must be considered settled and past strife forgotten. Canby would probably offer as an inducement the best race course in the state. On Canby Prairie a race track could be constructed at small expense that would rival any in the country. What do other localities think about the project? Is there a general demand for a county fair? The sentiment of the county on the subject can be gotten by an expression from someone in each locality. People are often reluctant about giving public expression to their views on questions of public interest but men who will "speak up" are useful members of the community in which they reside.

PENALTY IS SEVERE.

George Lauth, the convicted murderer of Leona Jones, has shown, since his trial began, traits uncommon to the natural criminal. Without bravado, but fearlessly, he listened to the pronouncement of the death sentence.

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When he was informed of the final decree of the supreme court that snuffed the thread of his last hope he did not bewail his fate or rail against man or law, but philosophically submitted to the inevitable. Lauth was well educated and a companionable man. A mad and misguided infatuation led to his deplorable end. A general sentiment prevails that there were mitigating circumstances connected with the crime that lessened the offense and that the penalty of death is too severe. To his frantic, fevered mind, in a moment of passion, the deed may have seemed justifiable. His victim was little wronged for she respected neither right nor law nor honor. Society was truly offended, but probably not so deeply that it should exact the forfeiture of a human life.

Land Changes Hands.

Three real estate sales have recently been made in this county. J. M. Churchill, of Linn county, has purchased 35 acres near Mullino from Andrew Zenger, for \$1650. Mr. Churchill will reside on the place. Forty acres on the Molalla road, three miles south of Oregon City, have been sold to Reid Bros., by I. Buckman, of Portland, for \$1700. T. C. Howell has purchased from O. E. Freytag, ten acres on the Clackamas bottom for \$250 an acre.

First Land Title Registered.

First land title ever registered under the Torrens system was ordered in the circuit court Friday. Several applications have been made in the past, but in every instance there was a defect in the proceedings that prevented their registration. By an order of the court Jacob Watne was declared the owner in fee simple of a piece of property near Marquam.

Recital at Parkplace.

Under the auspices of the Mothers' Club, of Parkplace and Gladstone, a recital will be given this Friday evening in the Parkplace schoolhouse by Mrs. Sylvia W. McGuire, reader and impersonator, assisted by Mrs. St. Martin, Miss Agatha Cutler, Miss Marie Frederick and Mrs. W. A. Holmes. The program follows: "The Royal Bowman;" music; (a) "Little Ikey and the Porter," (b) "Katrina Goes to New York;" "The Village Seamstress, old woman characterization;" music; "An Old Sweetheart of Mine;" Part 2—Negro dialect. "The Taming of Nicodemus;" music; (a) "The Watermill;" (b) "The First Banjo;" music; "The Ship of Faith;" "Higher Culture in Dixie."

Meyer Estate Probated.

Estate of the late Frederick Meyer was filed for probate in the county court Friday and Mrs. Minnie Latourette, a daughter of the deceased, petitioned the court for the appointment of her brother, Fred J. Meyer, as administrator of the estate, which is valued at \$5300. The heirs are Fred J. Meyer, Mrs. Minnie Latourette and Mrs. Lulu McCausland.

Given Up to Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians, who did me no good, and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." For sale by Huntley Bros. Co.

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Mrs. W. F. Hoffman, 601 North 6th street, Kansas City, Kans., writes: "For eight months I suffered with bearing down pains, dizziness, and wretched headaches. The doctors called it by different names, but all agreed that I had female trouble, which was really the cause of my illness. They prescribed for me, and I took their medicines, but kept getting worse, until a friend told me I would never get well until I took Peruna. Within a week after I started to take it I felt much better and I continued taking it for two months with almost marvelous results. I no longer had an ache or pain, feel ten years younger, and feel that I owe my life and happiness to Peruna."—W. F. Hoffman.



MRS. E. M. MERALD, 128 W. 28th St., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.



MRS. M. BRICKNER, 99 11th St., MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Mrs. E. M. Merald, 128 W. 28th St., Indianapolis, Ind., member of A. D. Straight Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R., writes: "I am to-day enjoying perfect health, thanks to Peruna. For nearly four years I suffered with ovarian troubles. The doctor insisted on an operation as the only chance to get well, but I had always dreaded an operation and strongly objected. My husband felt disheartened as well as I, and when a friendly druggist advised him to bring me a bottle of Peruna he did so, and I started to use it. In a short time my health began to improve, and my aches and pains diminished. Within eighteen weeks I was like another being, in splendid health. Words fail me when I try to tell you how glad and grateful I am."—E. M. Merald.



Mrs. M. Brickner, 99 11th street, Milwaukee, Wis., writes: "I had strong faith in the efficacy of Peruna to cure the illness peculiar to women. A short time ago I found my condition very serious. I had headaches, pains in the back and frequent dizzy spells, which grew worse every month. I tried two remedies before Peruna, and was pretty discouraged when I took the first dose; but my courage soon returned as I could see that I was being benefited, and in less than two months my health was restored."—M. Brickner.

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