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## THE NEW ELECTION LAW.

The indications are that the next eneral election in Oregon will not be held under the primary election law, and that nominations for state and county offices will be made as
formerly under the primary and county convention system.
torney General Crawford has ren dered an opinion to the effect that the law will not be effective for nominating purposes until after there has been a registration under it, giving electors opportunity to declare political preferences. general registration occurs under he new law in time for nominations to be made for the next elecion, the date for such registration expiring the 15th of May, but two weeks before the election actually occurs. Under this, view of the law, in order to make nominations for the next general state election here would have to be resort to he usual primaries and county conventions. As a matter of fact, It would not be surprising if the law never becomes operative. The acreased expense that its operation would entail, doubling, in fact, the already large cost of an election, all without securing the benefits arged for it, is a feature that will always stand in the way of its suc essful operation.

## the LaND 7hieves.

The spectacle presented in Judge Bellinger's court at Portland for the past two weeks has been humiliating to the people of Oregon. The disclosures there in connection with the land fraud cases have bee revoiving panorama of swind icture of shame and rottenness picture of the restima, revealed by the testimony,
is the worst that has been seen in an Oregon ations of a gang of adventurers ations of a gang of adventurers, banks but even salaried servants of the government have smeared shame all over the fair name of Oregon. In some cases, men whose business it was to defend the public domain against the operations of land-grabbers, have actually joined the gang and become aiders and abettors of the frauds. False land entries, false certificates, false statements and false representations have been the assets of the swindlers, and the despoiling of the public lands their achievements. In the process, honest men have been corrupted, perjury has been suborned and theft promoted.
Sometimes when a government
official became troublesome, a share of the ill gotten profits was thrown to him, and apparently he surrendered to the pirates, to wink thereafter at their corrupt machinations.
As the disclosures multiply, and the surprise of them wears off, the wonder grows as to how far up in tends, and what guilty ones more or less remotely connected with ment their pil escape the puinishment their perfidy calls for. in this instance of Oregon frauds, in which the operators are "tin strous steals of ciss, what monlands have not timber and other the government by railroated on porations, syndicates and other full fledged pirates, whose capacity and power for opportunity them adepts in conspiracy and successful in its procy and more condition prevalent notion that to plunder the government or the people, by fair means or foul, is not stealing, It also suggests the query of pronit be not all through the government service, dishonest scrubs gho draw official salaries with one hand while they plunder, peculate and pilfer with the other present instance, is that the rotten
members of the gang are at the end officials who could not be bough are prosecuting them, and that the prosecution-is merciless.

MAKES ANOTAER OFPER.
of Mountain Water-Council is Con sidering it-Old Company Another offer of mountain water has reached the city council. It is company, and president of the local hands of the special committee of the council. It differs from the that the city shall be owner of thes system, buty that for 30 owner of the property shall be under the control is to issue enough in bonds coty curing one half the funds, and additional bonds for raising the balance of the money to be issue
the plant. To take care of the bond issues, a sinking \$2,000 per, year is to be set
from the receipts. from the receipts. In lieu of in terest on the bonds, the clty is to
receive all water for city pur receive all water for city purposes,
except for street sprinkling, with out charge, The offer in full, is as
follows: follows:
"I propose to construct a system
of water works in Corvallis, gow, which shall receive its supply of water from Rock Creek near the base of Mary's Peak.
"This system to
"This system to be modern i all its appointments and construct Corvallis by which the city becomes the owner of the plant as soon as completed and assumes control o the same at the end of thirty years. to be paid by the City at the plan of the construction and the balance at the end of thirty years. For
the remaining one half of the cost the remaining one half of the cost
price the City shall authorize the price the City shall authorize the
issuance of "Water Plant Bonds" whose payment shall be secured by a mortgage on the plant, but
contain no further obligation of contain no further obligation payment on the part of the City.
"During the thirty years while remain in control of said plant, am to provide a sinking fund which
shall be increased an shall be increased at the rate o sinking fund to pay off the "Wat er Plant Bonds," and the remain ing half of said sinking fund to se cure the City against loss on it
original payment. original payment. "At the end of 30 years when
the remaining half of said purchase price becomes due, the City shal receive credit on said balance o
purchase price, of the amount purchase price, of the amount o epreciation which said plant shal
have suffered, this depreciation to have suffered, this depreciation $t$
be determined by a commission ap pointed in some manner hereafte to be agreed upon. Should saic depreciation exceed the amount o price, then such excess shall b paid to the City out of the sinking und provided for security as above.
"During the 30 -year period above "During the 30-year period above the City shall have, free of charge,
all water for municipal purposes except sprinkling.

## G. R. Farra,

The new offer is very similar to hat under which the Dalles moun was substituted for the former offer because of a provision in the state constitution which prohibits ', raising money for or lowns from credit to any company, corporation or association. Article XI. sub
division 9 says: division 9 says: "No county, city, town or other municipal corpora-
tion by vote of its citizens or otherwise, shall become a stockholder in any joint company, corporation, or ey for, or loan its credit to or in aid of, any such company, corpor-
ation or association." The former
offer contemplated offer contemplated that the city
should, in effect, issue bonds to the amount of $\$ 25,000$. and loan to the
and am to the local water company for
a period of 25 or 30 years. which period of 25 or 30 years. which
fact brought within the prohibi-
tion of the provision quoted above tion of the provision quoted above. beginning, however, the city can was done in the case of Dallas, per mitting the company to manage city then to take possession under the terms of the contract.
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| Fatsups, |  |  |
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