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RE-UNITES THE PARTY

At a harmonious reorganization of the Republican State Central Committee in Portland Saturday it decided to call a state assembly to be held in that city July 21st. The manner of selecting the delegates to the assembly decided upon by the committee will undoubtedly commend itself to the rank and file of the party as it leaves their choosing in the hands of the voters unhampered. The meeting to select them will be open to all members of the party upon whom will rest the responsibility of sending delegates to the assembly to represent their wishes. The large number of delegates under the apportionment allowed the state at large outside of Portland insures the country districts a fair representation. Their failure to get it will rest with these districts depending upon sufficient interest or lack of it.

The action in calling the assembly throughout the state, establishing it on a basis that is representative and insuring to it its prestige and influence in the affairs of the nation. Without attempting to arrogate the provisions of the primary law its tendency will be to suggest, provide and support candidates best fitted to assume the duties of political office.

As the Oregonian says, Mr. Cake's address, on retiring from the chairmanship of the state Republican committee, was excellent in spirit and matter. It was a clear and disinterested appeal for party unity, under the primary law, with assembly to harmonize and guide the course of the party, through fair and just representative action. Mr. Cake's suggestions as to constitution of the assembly were very fully carried out by the committee. The Republican party can be united on this basis, and its work carried to success, or not at all. If this cannot win, the case is hopeless. "A mere scramble for office," said Mr. Cake, "with as many platforms as there are candidates"—and this is what the go-as-you-please primary brings forth—"is the condition to which politics of the state have degenerated." Use of the representative system, in a broad and liberal way, is the only remedy.

COLUMBIA RIVER IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the Columbia river which will be made possible in case appropriations for the work which have been incorporated in the Rivers and Harbors bill are allowed, will be far reaching in their effect. In writing of them our Portland correspondent says: "That the Columbia river improvements fared well in the Rivers and Harbors bill now before congress was the advice received in Portland this week from the capitol. A total of \$2,153,500 is proposed to be spent on Columbia river work and items provided for in the bill are as follows: Wenatchee to Bridgeport, \$25,000; Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$50,000; Celilo to Snake river, \$90,000; at The Dalles, \$600,000; Cascades Canal, \$5,000; Vancouver, \$7,500; below Portland, including Willamette river, \$175,000; mouth of Columbia, \$1,200,000; gauging, \$1,000.

"If this money is appropriated, as now seems likely, the improvements to the Columbia during the coming year will be lasting in their benefits and will be of great advantage to the whole Pacific northwest. The work is too important to be claimed as a betterment by any one state for an open river from the inland empire to the sea will benefit almost every person living in the northwestern states more or less directly.

"By clearing out the upper river steamboat navigation will be aided

with a good effect on rates to and from the interior, while the improvement of the channel to the sea from the Columbia will facilitate ocean shipments both to and from the northwest states."

HELPING OREGON

The Great Northern Railway will exploit central Oregon and has sent two men through that territory to get data for bulletins and other railroad publications that will describe the country thoroughly and tell prospective settlers what they may expect there. The valley of the Deschutes river tributary to the Hill road now building up the Deschutes will come in for much favorable publicity and its resources, crop possibilities and general future will be told. The Hill lines are taking an interest in Oregon that will mean much for the state. At exhibit rooms in St. Paul the Great Northern shows Oregon products and similar exhibits are to be maintained by the railroad company in Philadelphia and Boston. These places will direct a great deal of attention to the opportunities in Central Oregon for the settler.

MEASURE TO PROTECT MIGRATORY BIRDS

A bill that has been introduced in congress in regard to protecting migratory game birds will be of interest to hunters and others. Its provisions are as follows:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That all geese, swans, brant ducks, snipe, plover, woodcock, rail, pigeons and other migratory birds which, in their northern and southern migrations, pass through or do not remain permanently the entire year within the borders of any state or territory shall hereafter be deemed to be within the custody and protection of the government of the United States, and shall not be destroyed or taken contrary to regulations hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 2. That the department of agriculture is hereby authorized to adopt suitable regulations to give effect to the previous section by prescribing and fixing closed seasons, having due regard to the zones of temperature, breeding, habits and times and line of migratory flight, thereby enabling the department to select and designate suitable districts for different portions of the country within which said closed seasons it shall not be lawful to shoot or by any device kill or seize and capture migratory birds within the protection of this law, and by declaring penalties by fine or imprisonment, or both, for violation of such regulations.

Objects to Locating Normal Here
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NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.
 Seattle, Feb. 21.—Oregon, Washington, and Idaho will begin early next month to reap the real benefits of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. A. M. Cleland, of the Northern Pacific, has notified Seattle officials that the colonist rates of 1909 will hold good this year beginning March 1 and ending April 15. This will mean a \$25 rate from St. Paul and \$33 from Chicago. Great Northern, Northern Pacific and other transcontinental railroad officials admit that inquiries from the east and middle west are very heavy, and they expect to see one of the greatest rushes of emigrants in the history of the Northwest.

If good roads are to become a reality and not a prophesy in the State of Washington, some definite line of procedure must be adopted and then adhered to. There is no reason why a satisfactory plan should not be adopted at the Good Roads Convention, to be held at Aberdeen, February 23rd and 24th. To be effective, however, it must be ratified by delegates representing every section of the state, and with the low fares offered there should be a large enough attendance to settle the vexing problems, and settle them for once and all. Advice from the ablest men in the state will be plenty. The delegates will decide.

The "Muck raker" seems to be going out of business of late, not because of any desire on his part, but because the people think it best that he should. In the city election, held in Seattle during the past week, H. I. Gill, a member of the city council for many years, was nominated for

LOCAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB

FEBRUARY 20, 1910.

The Golden Rule.—Temperance Lesson. Matt. 7: 1-12.
 Golden Text. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets. Matt. 7: 12.

Verses 1, 2.—Why is it that men, not very good themselves, are so harsh in their judgment of their men? When men condemn others on mere suspicion, what is generally the real ground for their condemnation?

Why is it that a truly good man will never judge another harshly, or on mere suspicion? What reason is there to believe that a person is guilty of the same, or a similar, sin, when he suspects another for it on mere suspicion, and does he not thereby cause others to judge him after his own judgment?

Verses 3-5.—Why are men so apt to think lightly of their own sins, and to magnify the very same sins in others? It is but right that a man should first forsake his own sins before trying to help others do so, but it is impossible for one sinner to induce another to repent. Why, or why not? How much success is attained by unspiritual pastors, or Sunday School teachers, in leading sinners to repentance, notwithstanding they may teach the real truth with ability?

Verses 6.—What considerations will prompt a truly good man to lovingly reprove sinners and try to turn them from their sins? What class of persons are those with whom advice or reproof is hopeless, and who but insult a person for his efforts to help them?

Good Land at Prices That Are Right

M.C.V.—10 Acres 3 miles out on west side, 3½ acres 4 year old Spits and Newts, 6½ acres 2 year old Spits and Newts, 4 acres strawberries between young trees. Splendid building site overlooking the east side and the Hood River. 10 shares water stock. Price \$9,000. Easy terms.

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mayor over A. V. Bouillon, who stated that he was identified with no party, but "sought the Republican nomination because the chances of election seemed better." Gill favored a restricted district, which under Mayor Miller had been abolished, with the result that fallen women have established themselves in houses throughout the resident districts of the city. Bouillon said, "If elected he would favor the continuation of 'no restricted district.'" The issue was a straight one and open. Gill won by several thousand. Now he must fight it out with William Hickman Moore, a former mayor of the city, who was renominated by the Democrats. Moore made an able mayor, and Gill will have a hard time beating him.

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Does Jesus hear direct us to give up all effort to save those who answer to "dogs" and "swine," and, if not, what does he mean?

Verses 7, 8.—Seeing God gives us so many things without our asking, or even knowing our need of them, why is it that he gives some of the most vital blessings only by our asking? What is the significance of the three words, ask, seek, knock?

Why does God often keep us waiting for what we seem to so urgently need, and to only give them to us after earnest and importunate prayer? What are some of the benefits of importunate prayer?

Why is it that notwithstanding the invitation and the promise of Jesus, and ten thousand testimonies as to the value of prayer, that it is so little used?

Verses 9-11.—If we are loyal to God, what reasons are there to believe that God will answer all our prayers in the sense at least of withholding all bad things, and giving us every necessary good thing?

Verses 12.—What is the relation between our love and actions to our fellows and our getting good things from them, and how does this bear on the question of temperance? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)
 Lesson for Sunday, Feb. 27, 1910.
 False and True Discipleship, Matt. 7: 13-20.

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