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EDITORIAL

WASHINGTON STATE TICKET.

To Governor McBride's political friends in Washington about the only pleasing feature of his overwhelming defeat in the state convention at Tacoma on Wednesday was the graceful manner in which he accepted it.

But, of course, McBride could not win on such an issue in a progressive state like Washington, in which commonwealth the railroads have done more than any other ten agencies combined for the permanent development of a Northwestern empire.

But the state ticket nominated seems to be a generally popular one. The nomination of Hon. Albert H. Mead for governor, while a surprise to certain Eastern Washington districts, was anticipated by the Western part of the state as a solution of the problem presented so persistently by the McBride forces.

The renomination of the congressional ticket—Cushman, Jones and Humphrey—was not only expected, but generally desired. They have been active and influential members of the house of representatives and are popular with official powers in Washington, D. C.

There are many new names in the state ticket, however. Washington is a great state geographically, as well as politically, and it will require a good deal of vigorous campaign work to familiarize the voters of the state with the general personnel of the proposed new official calendar.

The Tacoma convention though unusually placid superficially, all of the candidates except one having been nominated by acclamation, has apparently settled for a long time the question of a railroad commission. It is scarcely probable that McBride or his party friends will ever again attempt to renew it. Its predominance could never have accomplished anything for the state which the railroad companies have not already conceded, but it might have produced a grievous loss to those who most need generous treatment by the railroads.

THE LOCAL OPTION LAW.

So few, even among our most intelligent voters, really and fully understand the intent and extent of local option law in operation that The New Age will be pardoned for accorded further space to a discussion of the matter. It is, in fact, one of the most important questions to be determined at the coming election.

A local option statute simply permits the people of a given precinct or district the right to express by popular vote their desire or lack of desire to suffer the conduct of the saloon business in their community. If a majority of the voters therein favor the business, a license may, in the regular way, be granted on application by a proper person. If a majority of the voters cast their ballots against it, there can be no saloon business conducted in that precinct.

To the reasonable voter there ought to be no objection to such a law. It is simply a case in which the majority is given the right to rule—a God-given right, which no loyal American citizen ought to oppose.

On the other hand, the whiskey element contends that if it desire to establish a grocery in any neighborhood where the business prospect would seem to warrant it, it ought to be permitted to do so, even against the wish and will of a majority of the people of the district in which the saloon is proposed.

tendency, and to refuse to allow the people of any given precinct the supreme right to determine such a question by popular vote is anarchy, pure and simple.

The New Age cannot commit itself to such a policy. The spirit of the proposed local option law is just and right and ought to prevail.

DIRECT PRIMARY STATUTE.

The proposed initiative and referendum amendment to the Oregon constitution suggests a long stride in line with progressive government. It will give to the people the power to destroy party machines and ignore party bosses. The latter are responsible for the fact that the people have not enjoyed this privilege ever since state constitutions were written and ratified.

The proposed direct primary law is an important issue in the present campaign in Oregon, and there is little doubt that it will carry overwhelmingly, for the great mass of voters have begun to understand it quite thoroughly as a statute, when enacted, that will protect them from a horde of mercenary party leeches in every important district and from corrupt combinations by officials of city, county and state after they are safely inducted into office. It will prevent wholesale robbery through official channels and render it impossible for office-holders so to organize their forces as to insure re-election. It will put the people nearer to the center of public business and enable them to guard public treasures with greater certainty of good results.

The amendment of our constitution in order to permit the people to enjoy the incomparable benefits of the direct primary statute will practically close the ballot box to corruption and make it possible for popular suffrage to put cleaner men into office. It ought to receive almost a unanimous vote, the only dissenting ballots cast being those of selfish politicians who are afraid to risk their unworthy ambitions to a popular expression of the honest masses.

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Popular Candidate for Representative That Elmer B. Colwell will be one of Multnomah county's representatives in the next session of the Oregon legislature, is, even at this early stage in the campaign, almost an assured certainty.

As things generally go in Oregon it is a rare thing for a man to jump into prominence at one leap, and when this is done you may be certain that such an individual possesses an extraordinary amount of push, ability and general worth. This fact is suggested by the rapid rise in the political and business affairs of this community of the subject of this brief review.

he swung a republican majority in the county, though there was a large popemurder vote to offset.

Five years ago Mr. Colwell, desiring a broader field, came to Portland and immediately connected himself with one of the city's largest manufacturing concerns, the Multnomah Trunk & Box Company, with which he is at present.

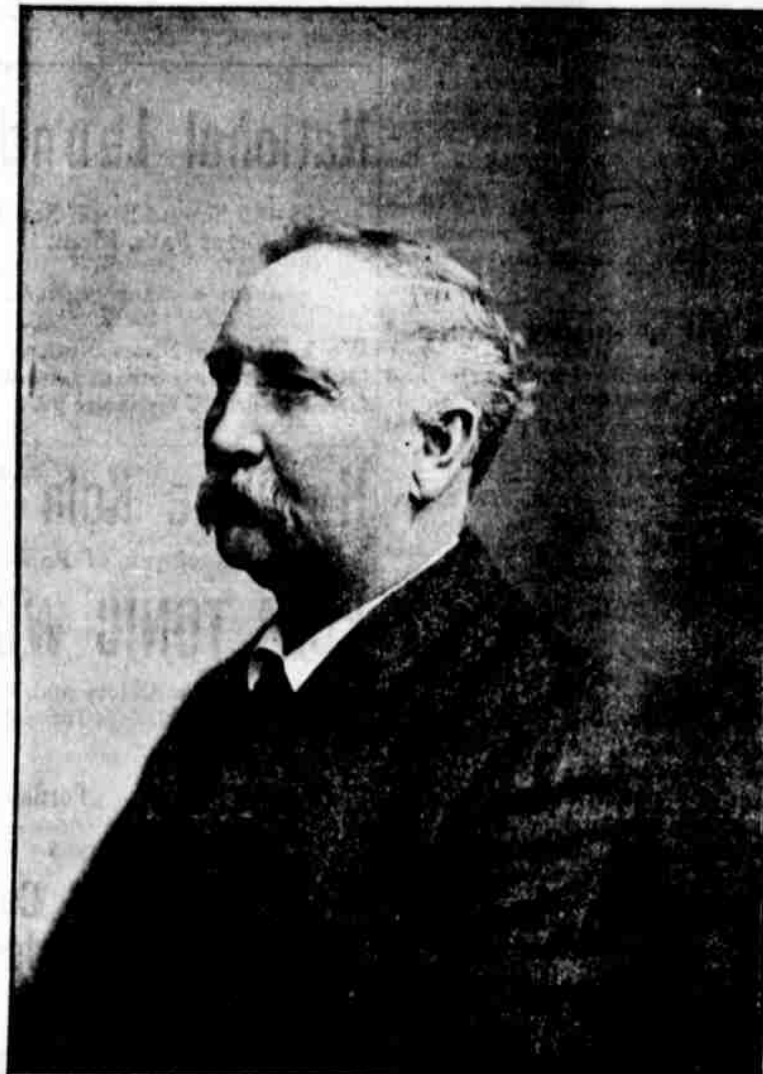
Mr. Colwell is one of the most aggressive young men in the republican party of Multnomah, and was rewarded by his fellow citizens with a nomination for representative for a thousand years. Let the people themselves determine where they shall be.

A sufficient vote for the proposed local option law will do that. You owe it to yourself and to your neighbors to give it your vote, Mr. Citizen, for ninety-nine times in a hundred you would not dare to snipe your soul with the fire of anarchy.

Mr. Colwell occupies a high place in the fraternal world, being a 32d degree Mason, both York and Scottish Right.

M. F. HENDERSON.

A Popular Candidate for Representative. The subject of this brief sketch was born in Washington county, Penn., in 1848. In 1864, at the age of 16, he enlisted in the Union army, serving in the 16th Pennsylvania cavalry under General Sheridan. As a soldier M. F. Henderson saw considerable service, though the war was nearly at an



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end when he enlisted. He was at the surrender of Lee in 1865.

In 1874 Mr. Henderson came to the Pacific Coast and 1889 became a resident of Oregon, where he has continuously resided ever since.

The name of M. F. Henderson is a familiar one to all residents of the City of Portland, and particularly to the business community, as he was one of the first men in the state to recognize the vast importance and wonderful possibilities of the lumber industry of this section, and has done possibly more than any other person to develop this great trade which has done so much for Portland in particular, and Oregon in general.

In naming such a worthy man to represent Multnomah county in the next legislature, the convention has established a precedent which subsequent gatherings will do well to follow.

There is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Henderson will be elected by a large majority, as he is one of the best known and most popular business men in the City of Portland. He has been a life long republican and has never before sought political office, and in fact did not seek his present nomination, but yielded to the demand of his many friends who recognized in him those sterling qualities of moral and intellectual worth, which the times demand our law-makers should possess.

For ability, integrity and honesty of purpose, Mr. Henderson stands prominent.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

Commercial travelers usually have an excess of baggage, political and otherwise.

Chairman Sweek, of democratic state central committee, will prob-

ably open headquarters in the Marquam building in a few days.

The fact that Sanderson Reed, republican candidate for the district attorneyship, was recently a democrat

The local option law is for the temperate, quiet masses, whose members ought to have some rights that the whiskey element should be bound to respect.

Democratic candidates for the legislature on the Multnomah ticket declare with earnestness that they have no doubt of the result! How could they have?

The saloon man would know no law when it comes to obtaining a place for his liquor business. Hence, the local option proposition displeases him, to be sure.

When you elect a man under the direct primary law, the bosses cannot run his office for him in the interest of a selfish clique of politicians or for any other purpose.

The Oregon delegation in the national congress, during the session just closed, certainly won laurels for itself as well as for the great state it so busily and efficiently represented.

The ghost in the local postoffice will not down. The matter of its presence, both by day and by night, is growing serious, politically and otherwise, for some of those inter-

and opened a vigorous campaign against local option. They want no restrictions whatever placed upon the whiskey business, no matter what the great majority may desire in the matter of a clean, quiet neighborhood.

Let those who cater to revelers in the flowing bowl establish their business in districts where there is no objection to it. There is nothing wrong with a law that will compel them to respect.

If a liquor dealer desired to open a saloon next door to your residence in which your sons and daughters enjoy their evenings with proper company, music and good cheer, would you not like to refer the matter to the good people of your precinct rather than to suffer from the neighborhood of a groggery? The local option law will permit you to protect your home in that manner. Would it not be a good law in that case? And, if so in your case, would it not be in thousands of others?

Some Facts that Have an Effect Upon the Result. Corruption is declared to be unknown in Japanese politics.

Among the Japanese one divorce takes place for every four marriages. The proportionate circulation of newspapers in Japan is about the same as in this country.

A Japanese private soldier is paid 70 cents a month; a major general is paid \$131 a month. In time of peace the Japanese army, consisting of 421,000 men, costs but \$18,500,000 a year.

Russia has the largest number of soldiers and reserves of any country on earth except Germany. This is the fourth time Japan has made war on a foreign nation, except for early barbaric expeditions against the Koreans.

The word Japan comes from the Portuguese pronunciation of the Japanese characters, "Ni-Hon," meaning the land of the rising sun. A Japanese officer who has not reached the rank of major at the age of 48 is compulsorily retired as unworthy of further service.

The Emperor of Japan is the direct descendant of the Emperor Jimmu, who ascended the throne 2,564 years ago, making the dynasty older than any other dynasty that exists or ever did exist.

The true name of Korea is "Choson," meaning "land of the morning calm." It is by this name that the country is designated in diplomatic papers at the State Department at Washington.

Japanese soldiers are fed on rice, salted fish, dried seaweed and pickled plums—a diet that is almost universal in Japan, except in the navy, where rations of meat are served. Soldiers are allowed meat when on campaign, but rarely eat it.—New York Times.

What Caused the Delay. This story is told of a well-known Philadelphia physician. He was called recently to the bedside of a man whom he had never before seen. "Why," asked the physician of the patient's wife, "did you delay sending for me until your husband was unconscious?" "Oh," she said tearfully, "as long as he retained his senses, doctor, he wouldn't let me send for you."

In the Battle of Life. "Don't you think that there is great danger in these accumulations of wealth?" "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "But you are not neglecting to increase your own possessions?" "No. Wealth may be a dangerous weapon, but I regard that fact as all the more reason for not going around unarmed myself."—Washington Star.

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It has been said that "Harmon's", on the corner of Third and Couch, is among the undesirable resorts of the North End, but the plain facts are that "Harmon's" is one of the cleanest places in Portland. There are no ladies' entrances nor any wine rooms; in fact it is only a place for men, and men only.

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Locating New Guinea. Having returned from British Guinea to England, Rev. Mr. Crookall, as he relates in his book on his missionary experiences, visited a public school to tell the children of the foreign land.

"Now, children," he said, "first of all, where is British Guinea?" "A number of hands went up, and the missionary called upon the nearest pupil.

"On the map of the world, sir," was the ready answer. "Practical Economy. A man whose impetuous condition is chronic, and who borrows with the airy grace of a bean in an old comedy, recently approached an acquaintance, all smiles and geniality.

"You're just the fellow I wanted to see," he said. "Could you lend me \$5 for a minute?" "I could," said the acquaintance, dryly. "But let me tell you how to save that \$5. Wait a minute and you won't need it."

What Started It. First Awful Punster—Who is that slab-sided man with the board look? Second Awful Punster—Why, he's a lumberman. I knew that as soon as I saw dust on his clothes and the way he planked down his money when the hotel clerk thought he had him stumped with his charges.

And when the policeman found who they were he let them fight it out, in the hope that one or the other might be killed.—Philadelphia American.

How to Manage It. Lady Caller—But I thought children were not tolerated in these apartments? Hostess—Ah, but you see, we named the baby after the janitor.—Town Topics.

DOCTORING IN IRELAND. A physician in the out-of-the-way corners of Ireland has many opportunities to laugh, although his amusement must be mingled with anxiety, for his ignorant patients do strange things. They have great faith in the doctor, a superstitious faith in his drugs and appliances, but they often make nonsense of his orders. Mr. Michael MacDonogh, in his "Irish Life and Character," gives some instances of Irish simplicity in dealing with the physician.

A dispensary doctor once prescribed two pills for a sick laborer, which he sent by the man's wife in a small box, bearing the direction, "The whole to be taken immediately."

On visiting the patient a little later, the doctor was surprised to find that the pills had not helped him. He asked the man's wife if she had given him the medicine.

"I did, doctor," replied she; "but maybe the lid hasn't come off yet." The sick man had swallowed box and all.

Mrs. Murphy's husband was extremely ill, and she consulted the physician.

"I'm sorry, madam," he said gravely, "but your husband is dying by inches."

"Well," she said, with an air of hopeful resignation, "wan god thing is, me poor man is six foot tree in his stockin' feet, so he'll last some time yet."

An Irishman who had sent for the doctor for the first time in his life watched with astonishment while the physician took his clinical thermometer from its case, slipped it under the patient's armpit, and told him to keep it there a second or two.

Mike lay still, almost afraid to breathe, but when the doctor removed the thermometer he drew a long breath and exclaimed, "Ah, I do feel a dale better already, sorr."

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