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PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1900.

you may rely upon my using my very

ward to better government under the new conditions. F. P. MAYS, Senator for Multnomah County.

IS HE WITH THE BOSSEST

One Senator Makes a Mighty Mys-

tery of His Attitude.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 16 .- (To the Editor.)

-Referring to your favor of the 15th inst., which is just at hand, I would say that at this time I do not desire to state my

position upon the matters referred to therein.

PERCY R. KELLY,
Senator for Linn County.

WANTS SENATORS CHOSEN, TOO.

Representative Colvig Proposes

Somewhat Radical Measure. GRANT'S PASS, Or., Nov. 16 .- (To the

Editor.)—I am in favor of a law to give the voter at primary meetings an oppor-tunity to express his preference for every officer elected, whether state, coun-ty or district.

I am also in favor of some measure which will give the voter a right to express his choice in the primary for United States Senator in all elections following, for which members of the Legislature are

chosen, who will be required to vote for such officer. Whether the latter measure can be so framed as to make the choice of a political party thus expressed

choice of a political party thus expressed obligatory on the Senator or Representative-elect of such party, or only as letter of instruction or preference, I amnot yet settled as to my opinion. I have collected some data from other states on the subject, and intend to examine the statutes of those states before framing a measure.

I think there can be no doubt of the

I think there can be no doubt of the utility and justice of such a law, and shall at the earliest possible moment endeavor to present a measure at the coming session which I trust will meet with support sufficient to pass it.

About the only argument which I have heard urged spainst such a measure this far is that the voter does not in fact attend primary meetings it any consider.

tend primary meetings in any consider

Fourth-Am not so opposed, as above

Representative for Crook, Klamath, Lake and Wasco Counties.

CAREFUL OF PARTY INTEGRITY.

Senator Daly Also Wants Measure to

Be Constitutional.

CORVALLIS, Or., Nov. 17.—(To the Editor.)—Yes, I am in favor of primary reform. If a bill is presented at the next Legislature combining primary reform with party integrity and constitutional law, I will vote for it.

JOHN D. DALF,

Senator for Benton County

Representative Allen Favorable.

present system. Therefore I could con

Yes to Four Questions.

4 Already answered.
5 I have no definite plans.
I presume the answers to your questions is all The Oregonian decires at

present. I hope to have something to say on the subject in the near future. C. B. MONTAGUE,

No Pretended Reform for Him. HARRISON, Or., Nov. 17 .- (To the Edl.

tor.)—As to your first question, Yes; your second, Yes. And I shall oppose any scheme of pretended reform designed to perpetuate the existing system. I have

not made any pledge to any person or par-ties whatever, and shall not do so now. I shall go to Salem perfectly free. O. E. EDSON,

Representative for Washington County.

Offered Government Position.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 18.-President Mc-Kinley, it is said, offered the directorship

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of the

Representative for Linn County.

tor.)-My answers are:

Representative for Clatsop County.

. Senator for Benton County.

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Fifth-I have none.

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SENATOR DAVIS' CONDITION GERMAN TARIFF AGITATION

Improvement Seems to Have Received a Decided Check.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 18.-The improvement

HOUSTON. Tex., Nov. is.—Martin Irons, once leader of the union labor organizations, and who directed the great Missouri pacific strike in the "Sa, is dead. He came to this country is years ago, and began organizing social democracy clobs, using "anti-money rent" as a slogan to arouse the farmers.

Centrist members they do represent about the abandonment of the present system of bosses, delegates and conventing tem of bosses, delegates and conventing to Frank F. Sargent, grand master tions. I am convinced that the reform will correct many of the abuses of of sicallem, and that it will aid in putting into the bands of the people the power to choose their servants without dictation. The present plan of having a political test, and will, it is eaid, give his answer to President McKinley Monday.

Proposed Legislation Would Discriminate Against United States.

ST. PAULA Nov. 18.—The improvement which had marked the condition of Senator Davis seems to have received a decided check, and his physicians report that he passed a very bad night last might, and was restines and feverish throughout the day. The delirium, which was a feature of the disease in the early part of last week, has returned, and is more marked. His pulse has again risen materially, as has also his respiration.

Two Men Killed by Colinpse of Deck.

BUFFALO, N. T., Nov. 18.—A section of the Minnesotn ore docks, situated in this harbor, collapsed today, under the weight of 90.000 tons of ore. Max Tors and Thomas Ford were killed, and William Burke was injured. The property loss is estimated at 100.000. The crash came without warning, 300 feet of the dock disappearing beneath the surface of the water.

Martin Irons, Famous Strike Leader. HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 18.—Martin Irons, half the members they do represent about half the members they do represent about half the members they do represent about half the members hey do represent about her the surface of the members hey do represent about his high the a

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 18.—Martin Irons, once leader of the union labor organizations, and who directed the great Missouri Pacific styles in the 'Sos, is dead. He came to this country E years and

ALLARE FOR REFORM

Oregon Legislators Write About Direct Primaries.

MANY MEET QUESTIONS SQUARELY,

Others Are Somewhat Guarded, and One Does Not Propose to Let

the Public Knew.

For the purpose of ascertaining the attitude of members of the new State Legislature toward primary reform, The Oregonian several days since addressed letters of inquiry to all of them. Replies are already beginning to come in, and so far they disclose a common sentiment against the old boss system. The questions of The Oregonian were as follows: Are you in favor of primary re-

formf Are you in favor of direct primary nominations and abandonment of the present system of bosses, delegates and conventions?

Will you pledge yourself to vote for direct primary nominations, and oppose any scheme of pretended reform really designed to perpetuate the existing system? If you are opposed to direct primary nominations, will you please

state your reasons? If you have a definite plan in mind or bill formulated, will you please outline it for the renders of The Ore-

Here are some of the letters.

HE OPPOSES BOSSES, NOT LEADERS. Senator Josephi Wants the Mulino-

mah Delegation to Agree. PORTLAND, Nov. 16.—(To the Editor.)

—I am in feceipt of your letter of November 15, in which you propounded to mecertain questions relating to primary reform and request categorical answers to the same. To your first question I respond I am in favor of primary reform. To your second I answer affirmatively, but in doing so I do not wish to be unbut in doing so I do not wish to be un-derstood as assenting to the popular idea that all leaders of organized parties are to be considered as "bosses" in the sense of assuming dictatorial powers. Unfor-tunately, this is the case in some in-stances, and has led to the inclusion of all party leaders as "bosses." It will scarcely be denied by thinking men that leaders and executive workers of party organizations are necessary to success in the course of political campaigns. Sys-tematic effort cannot be made without the machinery of organization. But the man who abuses his privilege of leader-ship by assuming the powers of a dicman who abuses his privilege of lenuer-ship by assuming the powers of a dic-tator is a "boss," and to such I am un-To your third question I answer un-

qualifiedly, Yes.

As to formulating a bill, I have not done so for the reason that I have understood that several bills were in pro-cess of formulation, and I have not want-ed to confuse matters by adding to the number. I sent some time ago for copies of the direct primary laws enacted or proposed in several states, and have given them careful attention. I realize that it is very desirable for the enactment of a proper bill on this subject that Multnomah County shall go to the Legislature with only one bill, which shall have been agreed upon by the members from this county. In order to arrive at such a reproviding for direct primary elections invite all members of the Multnemah delegation to meet at a certain time and place, and that upon that occasion each proposed bill be presented by one person, who should give a resume of his proposed bill and a brief presentation of arguments in its behalf. Let copies of the respective bills be then given to each member of the delegation, and let all retire except the legislators, who can then discuss or arrange a future meet-ing to discuss the merits of the proposed bills and take such measures as may seem best to promote harmonious adoption and support of a single measure This matter is too important to be left to the eleventh hour and then thrown into the legislative tangle, to be extricated, if eradicated at all, in an unrecognizable shape, totally unfitted for the purpose of its inception. S. E. JOSEPHI, Senator for Multnomah County.

PLEDGED TO THE REFORM.

Senator Hunt Declares Himself Enraestly for the Reform. PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 16 -- (To the Edltor.)—Answering your inquiries of No-vember 15, seriatim, I will say: First—Yes, I am in favor of primary re-

Second-Yes. I am in favor of a direct primary law which will entirely elimin ate party bosses, delegates and conven tions, in short, wipe out vile politics and substitute pure politics therefor. I be-lieve this can be accomplished if a proper effort be made and the support of the moral element of the people be given

Third-Yes. Every member of the Leg-islature elected by the "Citizens" last June is already pledged to the so-called Bingham bill (or a better one, if it can be devised), by his signature to the platform upon which we ran, and I cheerfully re-affirm my pledge thereto, believing as I do that the enactment of such a law is of more importance to the people of this state, particularly the more populous portions if it, than all the proposed legislation combined, including the election of a United States Senator. With such a law enacted we will have a system of election laws which will be almost, but not quite, complete. We will then have provided pretty well for a full, free and secret ballot. We must next provide for an honest count of the ballots and a proper safeguard over the re-turns until the results are officially pro-mulgated. I will try to have a bill drafted covering these points, because the June election developed the necessity for

J. B. HUNT, Senator for Multnomah County. LET THE PEOPLE GOVERN.

Senator Mays Thinks the Political

Boas Should Be Abolished. PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 16 .- (To the Edtor.)—In answer to your inquiry as to my position on the subject of primary re-form, I will say that I am very earnestly in favor of direct primary nominations and the abandonment of the present sys-tem of bosses, delegates and conven-tions. I am convinced that the reform will correct many of the abuses of of-ficialism, and that it will aid in putting

vention, and slating a ticket to be put through the pretended process of nom-ination by these delegates in convention,

ination by these delegates in convention, deprives the voters of all power except that of ratifying the action of the politicians by voting the ticket at the politicians by voting the ticket at the political boss should be abolished and the people given a chance to govern themselves for a while. The new system, at any rate, could not be worse, and is likely to prove much better in practice than the present one.

In answer to your inquiry whether I Fighting In Philippines.

In practice than the present one. In answer to your inquiry whether I will pledge myself to vote for direct primary nominations and oppose any scheme of pretended reform, really designed to perpetuate the existing system, I want to say that I am already pledged by the platform on which I was elected to the State Senate last June; but if any further statement is necessary, you may rely upon my using my very you may rely upon my using my very DUE TO TERMINATION OF RAINS

Americans and 50 Natives Were Killed-Other Operations.

of an honest primary law such as will be approved by the real friends of the measure. MANILA, Nov. 18.—Last week witnessed a very considerable increase in rebei and American activity in the field. Many skirmishes occurred; and several small engagements in Northern and Southern Luxon. The termination of the rains permits a resumption of operations. neasure.
I have given a great deal of thought to this subject, but have not as yet pre-pared a final draft of a bill. I intend, however, on conference with my asso-ciates in the Legislature, to give my cor-dial support to a bill that will be both practical and thorough.

I hope this reform will be adopted without sour serious contest and without any conflict of opinion among those who look for-

Rebels and Americans Renew

In Engagement North of Manils, 11

threatens a derangement of business in the Philippines. The commission passed the bill, as it felt under obligations to provide so far as possible a stable and ample currancy for the protection of

PHILIPPINE TARIPP LEGISLATION. Depends on Constitutionality of Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Congressman George H. Ray, chairman of the House committee on judiciary, expressed while in this city that unless a test case ought to determine the constituti

brought to determine the constitutionality of the Perto Rican tariff bill is decided by the United States Supreme Court there would be no tariff legislation by Congress for the Philippines.

"What if the decision of the court should be that the Porto Rican tariff is unconstitutional, and that Porto Rico is part of the United States!"

"If such should be the decision of the court," said Congressman Ray, "It might court," said Congressman Ras, "It might necessitate our having to give up the Philippines. We are bound to maintain the open door in the Philippines. That

rains permits a resumption of operations. The Americans are making a series of aggressive movements against the insurgents, notably on the Island of Samar against General Lukban, whose forces

A WASHINGTON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR.



S. G. Comprove, of Pomeroy, Cardeld County, Wash., Presidential Elector, was born in the State of Ohio in 1846, and has resided in the State of Washington since 1888. He served as a private in the Union Army, and was commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Washington and Alaska. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1888. He has practiced law for 17 years in this state, and has been Mayor of Pomeroy for many successive terms.

tend primary meetings in any considerable numbers, and that the same fare usually conducted by a few designing persons. I think this matter will regulate itself in a short time after the people ascertain that their presence and co-operation mean something tangible and direct.

G. W. COLVIG, Representative from Josephine County. hold the entire island with the exception of three coast towns, each of which is garrisoned by two companies of the Twenty-ninth Infantry and a platoon of artillery. The robels are continually shooting into the garrisoned towns, and the American forces have not been sufthe American forces have not been sufficient to retaliate effectively

HE WILL NOT PLEDGE HIMSELF. But Representative Roberts Is All
Right on the Reform.

THE DALLES, Or., Nov. 17.—(To the Editor.)—I will say that I am in favor of primary reform. As to the second cuestion, I am in favor of all that the or primary colorin. As to the second question, I am in favor of all that the proceed energetically to crush General context implies, most assuredly; but if Lukban. Meanwhile United States gunquestion. I am in favor of all that the context implies, most assuredly; but if by "direct primary nominations" you apply this term (which sounds well) to some patent affair, which might later on develop itself to be a worse machine than the present system, I must say no. To the third I emphatically say no. I will pledge myself to nothing. I will say that I am in favor of any reform that is reform.

not yet been returned from the insurgents. All of the Marinduque garrisons are being continued. Notable among the week's engagements

was General Grant's advance with Mac-cabebe and American scouts on a rebel stronghold 35 miles north of Manila, which was defended by 200 insurgents armed with rifles. After skirmishing and fighting for the greater part of a day and night the enemy was dislodged and im-mense quantities of rice and stores, with ammunition, were destroyed. Fifty Fili-pinos were killed and many others wounded. The insurgents carried off their dead. The American losses were 11 privates, one officer injured, and one Mac-cabebe killed.

Lieutenant F. W. Alstaetter, of the en-gineers, who was captured by the insur-gents in Luzon last September, has sent, with the permission of his captors, a let-ter to Manila asking for food, money and clothing, which will be forwarded to him by a native runner. His health is broken, and his release is probable.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 16.—(To the Editor N.—Yours of the 15th inst. zeceived. In reply I will say that, while I have not General Wheaton, commanding the De-partment of North Luzon, is sending re-inforcements to General Young's provgiven the matter you refer to much thought, yet it is not a complicated one, and to me it seems very clear at first sight. I believe that direct primary nomiinces, where the natives, under Generals Tinlo and Aglipay, the excommunicated Filipino priest, are showing signs of rest-leasness, deserting the domiciles that they have occupied during the rainy seanations would be an improvement on the dentiously indorse direct primary nomithey have occupied during the rainy season, and joining, under compusion of
fear the insurgents in the mountains.
General MacArthur has gone to Subig
Bay with Admiral Remey on the United
States cruiser Brooklyn, for the purpose
of examining the locality.

It is probable that 1800 marines now in
Philippine waters will be used to relieve
certain Army posts, randering the relieved soldiers available for other and
more urgent duties. It is understood that
General MacArthur is considering the
question of establishing more marines in
the vicinity of Subig. LEBRANON, Or., Nov. 16,-(To the Edi-

the vicinity of Subig.

Captain McCalla, of the cruiser New-ark, is undergoing trial by court-martial convened by Admiral Remey. He is charged with "irrational and bad management and lack of discipline" on board the cruiser. The trial is the result of a letter written by Lieutenant-Commander

Colwell to Admiral Remey.

The remains of Baron Dumarias, the
Frenchman who was killed by the insurgents while within their lines last year, where he had gone to intercede with Agui-naldo for the release of the Spanish pris-For the purpose of maintaining the ex-

isting ratio of two Mexican aliver dollars to one gold, arbitrarily fixed by General MacArthur hast August to be maintained until such time as the Philippine Comuntil such time as the Philippine Com-mission should consider the date had ar-rived for establishing a gold medium in the Philippines, Henry C. Ide, of the commission, introduced a bill, which had passed the commission, providing for a charge of 10 per cent on all Mexican all-wer coin exported from the Philippines. The demand of China for Mexican cur-rency has greated exportations and rency has created exportations, and

MORAL CRUSADE IN NEW YORK

Bishop Potter's Letter to Mayor Van Wyck Has Good Effect.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 .- Police Captain Horlipy, in command of the Elizabeth-Street Station, the official charged with having insulted the Rev. Mr. Pardock, one of Bishop Potter's assistants, was today transferred to another station. The transfer is put down as the effect of Bishop Potter's letter to Mayor Van Wyck concerning the prevalence of vice on the East Side, known as the "Red Light" district. A noticeable change was apparent in this district tonight. It was

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS. Philippines.

done a "song and dance act." Friends bailed them out. The police raided a club on East Minety-seventh street, arrested 17 men and two women and captured a lot of dice and chips. A Brooklyn gam-

ing-house was also raided and 11 person-

done a "song and dance act."

taken into custody.

Rebel and American activity in the field has been greatly increased. Page 1.
n engagement north of Manila 11 Americans and 50 Filipinos were killed. Page 1.

China. confirming fate of Boxer leaders. There is a scarcity of food in Tien Twin. there is considerable suffer

anitary conditions at Pakin are becoming se rious. Page 2. roumstances point to the early completio the note of the allied powers. Page 2.

Porrige. he condition of Russia's sick Emperor is slightly improved. Page 1. Proposed change of German tariff law would be discrimination against the United States.

Domestic. The Improvement in Benator Davis' condition is to have received a decided check werner Dele reports on conditions in Hawaii. Page 2

Past fiscal year was most prosperous period known to American shipping for some time. Kentucky bank is out \$201,003 through the Page 9. diabonesty of a clerk. Page 2.

Four men were burned to death in a fire that
destroyed a Pennsylvania hotel. Page 2.

Pacific Count. Statement showing that the prune industry is one of most profitable in Oregon. Page 2. Opinions of Oregon legislators on direct pri-mary election law. Page 1. Quits a bilinard swept over Tacoma yesterday, Page 3.

The distressed flan Francisco steamer Robert Dollar called in at Astoria for repairs Page 3. Local.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, says that a fair count would have given electoral vote of his state to McKinley. Page 1. Mrs. S. D. Gustin drops dead while attending night services at First Presbyterian Church. Page 9.

Page 9. Ex-Consul C. E. Macrum, formerly at Pretoria talks of the Boer war. Page 9.

Senator Pritchard on North Carolina Election.

STATE SHOULD HAVE GONE W'KINLEY

Distinguished Southern Republican Now in Portland Talks of Disfranchisement of Negro.

"North Carelina would have given its lectoral vote to McKinley by 25,000 majority this month, had there been a fair election and an honest count," said Unit-ed States Senator Pritchard, of that state, at the Imperial last evening. The Sen-ator, who is accompanied by his wife, is on his first visit to Oregon, and declares the beauties and resources of this state are quite a revelation to him. He is now serving his second term as Senator from that ultra Southern State, although a life-long Republican. He was first elected in 1855, to fill the unexpired term of Senator Vance, and in 1897 he began his second term as a result of a fusion of

Republicans and Populists, who united on the local question of fair elections. "The negro vote," the Senator said, "has been either suppressed or counted for the Democrats, aithough the colored mace are plainly Republicans, when permitted to vote as they please, but it is hard to keep the various election boards of the country from committing wholesale frauds. I think the National Government should, therefore, do one of two things—either ab-rogate the 14th and 18th amendments to the National Constitution or take steps to enforce them. The 14th amendment provides that the representation shall be cut down where any portion of the legal voters are forcibly deprived of electoral privileges, and the lists provides the restriction of the ballot on account of race

"In regard to the disfranchisement of the negroes of North Carolina, by the amendment to the state constitution adopted last August, I do not think it is constitutional, as it was plainly aimed at the black race. The amendment provides that each elector shall be able to read the Constitution of the United States, but that this provision shall not apply to those who were voters previous to January 1, 1887, or to the descendants of these. As North Carolina was not reconstructed previous to that time, all negroes were slaves, and so these slaves and their descendants cannot vote under the provisions of the recent amendment. The law does not come into effect, however, until 1962, se that no case has yet been predicated on

its merits. "The white voters of North Carolina have largely become Republicans of late years, but still there seem to be Demo-crats enough in some portions of the state to nullify the will of the people in the

most flagrant manner.

"Asside from the way elections are carried on, I am proud of my state, which is rich in agricultural, timber and mineral resources. Cotton, corn and tobacco are raised to a great extent, while the lum-bering interests have grown to vast imbering interests have grown to vast importance in recent years. Besides these, there are mines of mica, knolin and iron, which employ very large numbers of men. There are nearly 2,000,000-of prosperous people within the boundaries of North Carolina, and if the Democrats can be kept from nullifying the free white vote of the North, her people will also be among the happiest in the Union."

Senator Pritchard and wife dined with ex-Senator Corbett yesterday, and today ex-Senator Corbett yesterday, and today

will take a flying trip to the state capitol.

GOOD DAY FOR THE CZAR. Condition of Russia's Sick Emperor Is Slightly Improved.

LIVIDA, Nov. 18.—Emperor Nicholas, according to the best information obtainable, had a favorable day. He slept some of the time. His temperature at 9 P. M. was 181.6 and his pulse 54. Last night he slept well, and on waking this morning was comfortable, his head being quite clear. At 9 A. M. his tem-perature was 95.6 and his pulse 68.

How People View Ruler's Illness. ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18.—The Rus-lan official world is anxious regarding the condition of Emperor Nicholas, but there is a feeling of confidence that he will recover. A Foreign Office official told the correspondent of the Associated, Press last evening that the builetins were regarded as favorable. He called atten-tion to the distincton between typhus in the American sense of the word, and typhus as understood in Bussia, where the term corresponds to typhoid in Ameri-

can terminology. Typhoid is common, the official pointed out, in all Russian cities, owing to the deficient hygienic conditions, but it is not feared as in the United States. "Moreover," continued the official, "the Czar's general health is good. Persons who have seen him at close quarters during the past few months give no credence to the stories of his sileged feebleness. They have not observed the slightest condition of lingering injury from the saber blow he received in Japan. They utterly dis-believe the assertion often made abroad that the Czar is an epileptic."

Considerable surprise is expressed that His Majesty should have contracted a disease attributed to tainted nourishment. It appears, however, that he is imprudent in his diet, and does not always follow medical direction, and often

ways follow medical direction, and often drinks any water he can get when walk-ing or driving. The possibility of his having contracted disease from milk is also being considered.

The news of the Czar's illness is gradually reaching the general populace, and many sympathetic references to his condition are heard among the people of St. Petersburg, who are apparently specific. Petersburg, who are apparently greatly attached to the person of the monarch. Special prayers for his recovery were offered today in the churches of St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kharkow.

LONDON, Nov. 19,—According to the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Ex-press, the weakness of the Czar's heart causes some apprehension. There seems to be no doubt that the Royal Castles at Lividia are in a bad hygienic condition. They are damp and ill-drained, and they would have been demolished, were it not that the Car is already building a new residence beautifully situated on the Messandra estate, east of Yalta. There have been numerous infectious outbreaks in that district during the Summer, and much anxiety has been felt regarding the imperial children.

Vardon Will Return Home. NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Harry Vardon, the celebrated golf player, has decided to return bome to England for the holidays, instead of taking the contemplated Callfornia trip and spending the Winter on the Pacific slope.

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