

TO BREAK THE CRAFT

Judge Carey Tells How It Can Be Done.

PLAINLY: REGISTER AND VOTE

If Citizens Whose Interests Are at Stake Will Turn Out at the Polls There Is No Doubt of the Result.

The overwhelming sentiment against boss rule and machine corruption and extravagance in the administration of county and city affairs has grown until it is becoming an avalanche of popular protest against the methods and the men involved. The committee appointed by Judge C. H. Carey, chairman of the meeting held last Friday night at the A. O. U. W. Temple, will see to it that voters in each precinct are registered and qualified to vote at the primary election. As Judge Carey says in an interview, the business men and citizens of large affairs are reluctant to give the time necessary to register and vote, but they must if they would place their affairs, both here and at Washington City, in capable hands.

The sole purpose of the organization effected last Friday night is to get a better condition of political affairs here," said Judge Carey yesterday. "The situation must be cleared so that members of the Republican party, participating in the primary election, will have their votes received and honestly counted. It is a well-known fact that, previous to the enactment of the present primary law, it was worse than useless for independent Republicans to go to the primary elections. No matter how many votes were cast at the polls, returns were made by the judges, who were mere creatures of the machine, for the sole purpose of returning the boss in the Multnomah County and the City of Portland have been burdened by a machine that has known no conscience save the dictates of its master. Its minions have fought together, and at all times against all efforts for purer politics and economical administration.

"We have now in the new primary law an opportunity to take the reins of control from the machine and vest it in the hands of a majority of the Republican party. The law enables every Republican voter to have a voice in the selection of city and county conventions, and by this means to have part in naming the party ticket and formulating the party platform. It will obliterate the scandals that have attended political elections in the past, and will abolish state conventions and state tickets that have been so obnoxious in the past. It remains with the voters whether they will now register the opportunity given them under this law to overthrow the boss, or whether on the other hand they will, by their inaction and indifference, indirectly aid in perpetuating the power of the machine.

"Will citizens take patriotic interest in a clean, honest local government, sufficient to deprecate the boss? If so, they must register, attend the primaries and vote against the machine. There is no doubt that an overwhelming majority of the Republican voters of Multnomah County are opposed to the domination of the machine and the methods employed. But it is always difficult to arouse the interest of citizens, who pay but little attention to politics, and it is the left arm of this class of voters, men who are really vitally interested in clean government, that has awakened hope with the machine that the boss will remain in power. To make the protest against corruption and extravagance effective, the full vote of each precinct must be registered before primary day. But eight more days remain before the registration books will be closed, and citizens must give up enough time to register, attend the primaries and cast their votes.

"Thousands of dollars have been wasted by machine administration. The slogan has been, 'How much is the graft?' If the voters of Multnomah County do not deprecate the boss at the coming primary election, the law will certainly be repealed at the next session of the Legislature. It is distasteful to the machine, and was passed over its earnest protest, and once the statute books, it will mean the continuance of boss misrule for years to come.

"As instructed by the mass meeting last Friday night, I have appointed five reputable citizens in each of the 37 precincts. The organization of these citizens, which can be requested these committees to use their best endeavors to get our citizens to register. I have no fear of the result if the people will qualify to vote at the primary election. The members of the committees appointed are expected to see every voter in their respective precincts and urge upon them the necessity of joining in this movement for good government."

PRINTING CONTRACT AWARDED.

Glass & Prudhomme Will Furnish Primary Ballots.

The County Court yesterday awarded the contracts for printing the ballots required for the primary election to the firm of Glass & Prudhomme, which submitted a bid of \$175.50 for ballots and envelopes. The matter was not settled in open court, but in Judge Calk's chambers, and it is understood that the vote stood 2 to 1 in favor of awarding the contract to the lowest bidder. County Commissioner J. G. Mack, it is said, was in favor of giving the contract to the C. H. Crocker Company, whose bid was \$225 for the ballots only.

There has been reluctance on the part of the machine men to accept the bid of Glass & Prudhomme, if evasion was possible, and a flaw was thought to have been discovered in the fact that the bid provided for 1500 ballots less than called for in the specifications from the County Clerk. Graham Glass, Jr., senior member of the successful firm, has said that the error was due to an imperfect and indistinct copy of the specifications, which made the misreading of the figures possible. He said that his firm was willing to print all the ballots called for by the specifications, and, if necessary, give a sufficient bond that the obligations of the contract will be fully carried out.

Judge Calk pointed out to the Commissioners that more ballots had been called for than the law demanded, and that the \$1.00 for the ballots was \$10.00 for the Democrats would be sufficient.

HOP MARKET IS DULL.

Last Season's Crop Is Sold—Contracts Made for Delivery of New Crop.

The hop market is very dull. Most of the business in the product is in the coming crop. Contracts for delivery of new hops are about on the level of 12 cents per pound. About one-fourth of this year's output is engaged ahead. It is estimated that 20,000 bales are thus secured. In the past week advance contracts have been entered into readily by growers. Twelve cents is regarded as a good price, and in order to make certain of good returns, many farmers have sold their hops ahead.

Prices for 1901 hops have been ranging up toward 14 and 14½ cents. As very little of the crop is left with growers, probably not over 500 bales, the market is nearing its end. About 62,000 bales have been shipped from the state. In the railroad warehouse city, nearly 700 bales—2000 at Portland, 3000 at Salem, and the rest at minor places, including Woodburn

and Aurora. At Eugene about 1500 bales are held by speculators, who will not let go for less than 10 cents. Of the quantities still in the hands of growers, about 200 bales are at North Yamhill, 200 at Dayton, and 150 in Marion County. In Washington growers retain only about 300 bales out of a 25,000-bale crop. Last week about 1500 bales were forwarded Eastward from that state. California growers still have about 2500 bales out of a crop of about 50,000. In that state contracts by growers for future delivery have not been so numerous as here. It is estimated that dealers in Oregon hold between 5000 and 6000 bales.

IRRIGATION PLANS DELAYED

Settlers May Go Elsewhere on Account of Non-Approval of Contracts.

Men who have started irrigation projects in the Deschutes Valley fear the delay in the matter of getting the contract with the state authorities settled will operate to defeat some of their plans to get settlers into that country this year. For some time a colony of about 400 families of Danes and Bohemians from Minnesota and Nebraska has been expecting to make a deal for a large tract in the Deschutes Valley that would come under irrigation. Three times they have been put off because of the state of negotiations for the irrigation projects, it not being possible to deal with them in definite terms. Yesterday President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern Railroad, with whom the agent of the colonists has been in correspondence,

EIGHT DAYS. ARE YOU REGISTERED?

But eight more days remain before the registration books will close until after the primary election. All voters who neglect to register before Friday night, March 14, will not be qualified to vote at the primary. If the machine is to be maintained and the friends of good government are to prevail, it is necessary that all citizens in sympathy with an honest administration of the affairs of the city and county register and vote at the primaries. Remembrance, the registration books are open until 9 o'clock each night. Yesterday was a fairly good day, 540 voters being registered. REGISTER TODAY.

ence, received a letter from Agent J. P. Kosharek, dated at Mountain Home, Idaho, March 1, and running as follows: "I am having heard from you in some time and being anxious to settle my people as soon as possible, I write to you to find if you still desire me to look over the Oregon proposition; and, if so, how soon could I do so?"

I am very anxious to see the land, as I have other propositions under advisement, and am anxious to see my people settled, as they keep writing me constantly and will soon lose confidence in the country if I do not give them a definite reply.

This letter was turned over to Mr. Drake, of the Pilot Butte Development Company, which has an application and contract before the State Land Board for approval. It but added to the annoyance he felt over the delay in getting his contract approved. When a reporter asked him what he intended to do in the matter, he said he did not know what he could do. He hoped it would be settled very soon, whether the State Land Board would make a contract that the company could accept. He recognized that the Oregon law was unlike those of other irrigation states, and for this reason it behooved the State Land Board to proceed carefully, but he was inclined to the opinion that the board has until the time for closing the contract before making an investigation that ought to have been made months ago in order to avoid delay to so important an enterprise. Still he hoped all would come out right in a few days, in time to get the large colony represented by Mr. Kosharek.

DROWNING OF J. W. REEDER

Falls Into River at Rainier and Sinks Within Ten Feet of Shore.

John William Reeder, youngest son of Simon M. and Catherine Abel Reeder, aged 30 years, was drowned at Rainier on Monday, March 3. He was endeavoring to attach his boat to a raft of logs, and it is supposed he slipped in some way and fell into the river. He swam about 200 yards, but when within 10 yards of the shore was either overcome by the force of the current or seized with cramps, for he sank. The body was recovered the next day.

The funeral will take place from Taylor Street M. E. Church at 12 M. on Friday, Rev. A. J. Montgomery, of Oregon City, will officiate. The interment will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. and Mr. Reeder are among the best-known pioneers of this section, having taken up the farm on Sawyer's Island, where they have resided ever since, in 1932. Mrs. Reeder was a daughter of General Abel, and an intimate friend of General Joseph Lane. They have raised a family of four daughters and five sons, the eldest of whom is 52 years old.

Mr. Reeder was 71 years old last Christmas, and Mrs. Reeder is 72. The aged couple are completely prostrated with grief, and confined to bed, on account of the loss of their son, and will not be able to attend the funeral. They have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement. The deceased was a young man of sterling integrity, and was a general favorite with all who knew him, and his loss makes a break in a happy family circle, which time cannot repair.

AGAIN TO WEIGH MAILS.

All Railroads in the West to Have Postal Pay Readjusted.

The quadrennial weighing of mails to determine the compensation of railroads for carrying began in the fourth section of the United States Tuesday, and it will continue for 35 days or more. Eight special weighers are employed on the run between Pocatello and Portland, about the same number on the run between Portland and San Francisco, and a less number between Seattle and Portland. One weigher will run between Portland and Corvallis. On the Astoria road, the Corvallis & Eastern and other local lines the regular clerks will keep account of the weights. The steamship lines are star routes and the compensation paid for transporting the mails by boat is not determined in the same manner as for the railroads.

What is known as the fourth section includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California. The readjustment of pay for transportation of the mails will take effect on July 1, 1902, and it is expected that the new rate will run considerably over \$10,000,000. The yearly rate of compensation per mile as fixed by law is on routes carrying their whole weight and averaging a daily weight of 200 pounds, \$42.50; 500 pounds, \$44.12; 1000 pounds, \$45.75; 1500 pounds, \$47.37; 2000 pounds, \$48.99; 3500 pounds, \$50.61; 5000 pounds, \$52.23; and each additional 2000 pounds, \$2.57. Postal cars are allowed for at rates ranging from \$25 to \$50 per mile, according to their length. If the cars are under 40 feet in length, the roads get nothing for their use.

Ownership of Washington & Oregon. Somebody in the East seems to have a pretty good idea of the controlling force behind the Washington & Oregon Railroad, according to the following item from the Railway Age of Chicago:

A committee of Northern Pacific directors is

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The New Millinery

It takes clever artists to rival nature, but our millinery creators have your attention. Hats—a burst of floral beauty—like nature when she's at her prettiest with buds, blossoms, berries and foliage so marvelously beautiful. It's to be ignorant of the new styles to miss visiting the millinery store these early March days. A special feature of the millinery display is the mammoth array of pattern hats, in superb styles—every new shape and trimming, and marked at the wonderfully low prices of

\$2.98 \$4.98 \$5.00 \$7.98

No store in the West has ever attempted to offer stylish headgear in such profusion at these ridiculously low prices.

Friday Surprise Sale



Tomorrow the 656th Friday Surprise Sale—the weekly event that always attracts great throngs of economical shoppers. This week is a great sale of axminster and moquette Rugs at a BIG reduction from regular selling price, as follows:

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\$1.98

In Cloak Dep't

With the opening of the Spring and Summer season there comes prominently to the front the Meier & Frank cloak store with its great stock of the newest and best of everything. For six weeks the cloak chief and his assistants have been gathering until the results present all that is notable in ready-to-wear apparel for women and children. Only three weeks to Easter—wise ones will do their choosing now while assortments and styles are at their very best—suits, wraps, costumes, long silk coats, jackets, silk waists and petticoats, walking suits, separate skirts in silk or wool, children's coats and dresses. If you're not ready to buy, come and look anyway—they are here to be shown. (Second floor.)

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