

HERE'S A SIMON JOB

Bogus "Independent" Tickets for the Primary.

INTENDED TO CONFUSE VOTER

Characteristic Scheme, in Line With Former Machine Methods—Joseph Simon's Record as a Candidate.

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The Simon machine is not going to be content with one set of candidates for delegates to the approaching county convention. It will have other tickets on the official ballot at the primary. They will not be placed there with the honest pur-



Daily whisperings on the curb.

pose of giving the voter the option of selection from among a variety of eligible citizens; but they will be designed to confuse the elector and confound the opposition to the Simon machine. This is a favorite device of Mr. Simon, practiced with almost uniform success through a long series of years. He has always managed through some mysterious influence to cause an "independent" nominee to be placed in the field, whenever he has been a candidate for State Senator; and the result has been in almost every instance since 1884 that, although he has had a



A machine worker gives a pointer.

minority of the popular suffrages, he has gone to Salem just the same, with the credentials of a State Senator in his pocket. His crowning achievement in this style of subterranean politics was in 1898, when he became United States Senator by virtue of votes originally intended to be cast for other candidates and audaciously "appropriated" by him through the secret processes of a caucus. But that is another story, and a familiar one.

The great Simon scheme of working the forthcoming primary has been formulated. It is in exact accord with historic machine methods. He had many lieutenants in the field yesterday, preparing "independent"



Register to smash machine.

primary tickets. These it is intended to place on the official ballot. They will follow the regular (Simon) candidates, and will be designated "Independent No. 1." The unsuspecting voter will naturally suppose that they represent the opposition to the Simon machine, and will innocently vote for them. That is to say, he will vote for "Independent No. 1," delegates unless he is fully warned beforehand that they

have been placed on the primary ballot with deceptive and fraudulent purpose, and that by voting for them he has been trapped into playing the Simon game. It is a very cheap and dishonest trick; but of such are, and always have been, the infinite resources of Simonism. They have been effective in the past, mainly because the public had not been sufficiently warned. They cannot count for much in future, because long experience and familiarity with the Simon method has taught the voter to be on his guard. The Oregonian will take the trouble to discover for the general good just what "independent" tickets are bogus, and what are bona fide. It will do it with adequate detail; and it will print the names.

It will be interesting to disclose precisely how far and how often in the past the now thrice-repeated device of "independent" candidates has been beneficial to Joseph Simon. In 1884 Joseph Simon was Republican candidate for State Senator against the late E. D. Shattuck. The result was: Simon, 492; Shattuck, 416; Simon's majority, 76. The average Republican majority for Representatives in the lower house was 1274. So it is obvious that, even in that long-ago time, the running qualities of the future United States Senator were not first-rate.

They have steadily diminished in power and endurance during the past 18 years. In that period Mr. Simon has been able to give a most surprising demonstration of the great truth that, to succeed as a candidate, it is not necessary to run fast, or to be much of a vote-getter. The main point is to make sure that the other fellow—the opposing candidate—is hobbled in some way, and gets fewer votes. And also to provide some effective means by which ballots intended for him do not reach their destination.

The year 1888 was the first in which Oregon took place in the Republican column, there to remain, and never more—at least, up to this time—to be classed as "doubtful." It was then that Oregon gave its record-breaking majority of more than 7000 against free wool. Republican candidates who were not elected in 1888 were very scarce. Party feeling was high and strong in 1888. So Joseph Simon, once more a candidate for State Senator, did very well—for him. There were four Republican candidates—Carson, Simon, Mackay and Waite, and, sandwiched in between these gentlemen, Mr. Simon ran



"Don't vote for me. Vote for my friends."

only 800 behind his ticket. The vote was: Carson, 570; Simon, 506; Mackay, 588; Waite, 596.

In 1890 came a painful break in Mr. Simon's onward and not ever upward career. Certain persons became tired of his domination of the Republican party, and arose to dispute his boss-ship. They succeeded, with comparative ease. Simon was overwhelmingly defeated in the Republican primaries, and his leadership repudiated.

In 1894 Joseph Simon was again Republican candidate for State Senator. He had one strong opponent in W. W. Thayer. He also managed to drum up from obscure and unsuspected sources several other candidates. The result of the election was: Joseph Simon, 4902; W. W. Thayer (Dem.-Pro.), 5069; I. M. Davis (Ind.), 1606; H. A. Kerns (Pro.), 943; H. W. Prettyman (Pro.), 381; Simon's plurality, 923. The combined strength of the opposition was 3811, leaving the Senator a minority candidate by 1091 votes. But he got there just the same, thanks to the consideration shown him and his cause by several other persons who, by a remarkable coincidence, had been persuaded to become candidates for the same office at the same time.

In this same election Mr. Simon received, as stated, 4902 votes. Other candidates for office on the same ticket received the following: Northrup (County Judge), 870; Smith (County Clerk), 913; Moore (Clerk of the Circuit Court), 936; Hammond (Surveyor), 909; Ackerman (School Superintendent), 1032; Lambert (Treasurer), 959; Allen (Recorder of Conveyances), 939; Minto (Sheriff), 767. Observe that the total number of votes cast for Joseph Simon in this election was 166 less than the total for John W. Minto for Sheriff. Yet the latter was defeated by George C. Sears by 1395 majority. And Joseph Simon, having fewer votes than Minto, was elected!

It should be added that the average Republican plurality on the Representatives' ticket in 1894 was 2005.

Joseph Simon next appeared as candidate before the people in 1898. He was again miraculously fortunate in the quantity and the quality of the opposing candidates. Here was the result: Simon, 6156; Hume, 5616; Riggan, 2219; Ewing, 384; Evans, 436. It may be said, without fear of successful contradiction, that any other person in Multnomah County but W. T. Hume would have beaten Joseph Simon in the year of grace 1898. And with anything like unanimity on the part of the opposition, even Hume might have been successful. The lowest man on the Representative's ticket was J. T. Whalley, who had 839 votes, or 763 more than Joseph Simon; and he defeated John Gill, who led the opposition, by 290 votes.

From the record, the esteem and regard in which Joseph Simon has been held by his fellow-citizens is thus revealed. It is not especially designed by this showing to make the point that he is as a candidate weaker than any other person who has been before the public in all this time; but it is intended to set forth plainly and unmistakably the truth that all the devices and devious practices of the skilled and experienced politician have been barely sufficient to keep him in public place. The

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public will soon see how these methods are to be employed in the coming primary. The trouble with the Simon campaign is that he is up against a law that is intended to give everybody a fair opportunity to cast his ballot and have it counted.

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SUGAR IS DOWN AGAIN.

Drop Yesterday Was 15 Cents Per Hundred Pounds.

"Sugar is down again."

This is the stereotyped expression in Pacific Coast markets. The drop yesterday was 15 cents per hundred. Declines have succeeded each other in such quick succession that the Coast trade is wondering where it is at. The derangement of prices is the result of a war among refiners. It began Jan-

uary 1 in a dispute between San Francisco jobbers, presumably instigated by the interests of the Western Sugar Refinery. All attempts to patch up a truce have been futile. Not long ago an attempt was made by the allied jobbing interests of the Coast, which assembled at San Francisco.

The jobbing price to the retail trade in the local market is \$4.35 per hundred for cane granulated. Beet sugar is 10 cents less. The refiners' price at San Francisco is \$4.25 per hundred. Local jobbers, therefore, are selling at a loss, for it costs at least 12½ cents per hundred freight and cartage, to bring sugar here from California. The actual freight charge is 11 cents.

This last reduction is another hard blow to retailers who thought they were safe when they bought direct from the warring jobbers of San Francisco. They paid about \$4.55 at the Bay City, and since then the price has dropped 30 cents. Beet-sugar interests are also hard hit.

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