

FAR PLAY AT POLLS

Illegal Voters at Primary Will Be Spotted.

NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE ARREST

Police Powerless to Protect Hobos, Floaters and Repeaters—Sheriff and District Attorney Will Help Enforce Law.

Challengers will be at the polls Saturday, to see that every illegal voter is arrested; and Deputy Sheriffs will be there to aid them. If the floaters, hobos and repeaters think they can beat both the primary law and the election laws, they are there to see fair play and an honest count, let them try it.

Watchers at the polls Saturday will cause the arrest of every person attempting to vote who is not legally qualified to do so. Sheriff Frazier said yesterday that he would instruct his deputies to arrest any illegal voters detected in the act of casting a ballot or attempting to do so. District Attorney Chamberlain has announced his intention to prosecute all accused persons against whom a complaint is issued. The Independent Republicans are responsible for the present primary law having been enacted by the Legislature. The same people who secured its passage will insist upon its enforcement. It has been a somewhat large undertaking to run down the registration of the Tenderloin gang, and where illegal registration has taken place. But it has been done, and on Saturday complete and accurate information will be in possession of men who will be at the polls Saturday to see that the voters who cast ballots are legally qualified.

Even if the Simon machine should vote all of the floaters and repeaters, the cheap hotels and rooming-houses in the Tenderloin who have been registered at the expense of the Simon campaign fund, its victory is not assured. Less than a half dozen precincts have been concerned in the colonization of hobos and criminals in the Tenderloin. Should the Simon machine carry these, which even his friends admit is doubtful, the number of delegates from the precincts involved will not be sufficient to change the result. The other city precincts and the country precincts are where the greatest expression of antagonism to the Simon gang will come from. The Tenderloin precincts are not factors in the fight, except that the methods of the Hoes are more plainly shown there than elsewhere. But the "silent" vote is what the machine fears. By this is meant the large body of voters who are Republicans, and so vote in the general elections, but who refuse to consent to the Simon gang's primary fights. Often in the past the primaries have been farcical, and the undemocratic voters have known it. The present law guarantees a fair count and an honest one. The protest which have been unvoiced through the years of the Simon machine's domination of party affairs will find expression Saturday. A man who has been identified with the Simon interests and has contributed liberally to campaign funds and otherwise helped, said yesterday that each ballot cast by the Simon gang Saturday will be "a bullet in a vital spot to the Simon machine." The man who made the statement is still regarded as a Simon man; if he has experienced a change of heart, the business part of the Saturday will be a "bullet in a vital spot to the Simon machine."

Three prominent professional men were in the office of a well-known lawyer yesterday afternoon. The talk was not political, but when the business part of the Saturday was transacted, the conversation turned to the probable result of the primary election.

"No more of the Simon ring for me," said one who has always been with the machine. "I'll vote the independent ticket straight," said a second, and the third announced his intention of deserting the standard of the Boss for government and honest administration. All three have always been regarded, and in fact, admitted having been, Simon men. But the methods and the men, whose efforts are relied upon to continue the Boss in power, have offended them, and they have revolted.

Similar expressions are being heard everywhere. A straw vote, taken on a Mount Tabor car the other day, showed 19 for the independent ticket and the three remaining men passengers would not declare themselves as voters, but by Simon. Portland's Tenderloin is limited, and no matter how large a majority is rolled up there, the precincts outside of the North End are in no way affected.

A large force of Deputy Sheriffs will be sworn in to act specially at the polls at the primary election. These men will be instructed by Sheriff Frazier to arrest every person attempting to vote illegally. The deputies will work with the challengers and watchers, and will investigate every disputed assertion regarding a voter's qualifications. He will be compelled to show that he has lived in the room from which he registered since he registered, and he will also have to prove himself a citizen of Oregon. Any person doubting the statements made when he registered.

It will be a Waterloo for the floaters, the hobos and the criminals and hangers-on of the Tenderloin saloons when the Deputy Sheriffs will arrest. The District Attorney will prosecute. The penalty is a fine and imprisonment. And the police cannot "square" it.

VOTING PLACES OF COUNTY.

- Where Ballots Will Be Received in Saturday's Primary Election. Following is a list of polling places designated for the primary election to be held Saturday, March 15:
- First Ward. Precinct 1-776 Spraker street, near electric station. Precinct 2-718 North Twelfth street, near Quimby.
- Second Ward. Precinct 3-323 1/2 North Twelfth street, near Quimby. Precinct 4-352 Gilliam street. Precinct 5-313 Gilliam street. Precinct 6-232 North Fourteenth street. Precinct 7-173 North Twenty-first street. Precinct 8-285 North Nineteenth street.
- Third Ward. Precinct 9-404 North Sixth street. Precinct 10-282 Burnside street. Precinct 11-38 Sixth street. Precinct 12-406 Burnside street. Precinct 13-683 Washington street.
- Fourth Ward. Precinct 14-209 Alder street. Precinct 15-348 Alder street. Precinct 16-170 Third street. Precinct 17-Tenth, southwest corner West Park and Yamhill streets. Precinct 18-270 Sixteenth street, near Jefferson.
- Fifth Ward. Precinct 19-Tenth in Plaza, Third street, near Madison street. Precinct 20-224 Columbia street.

LAST SAD MOMENTS OF THE SIMON MACHINE



ASK FOR A RAILROAD

GRAINRAISERS OF WHITMAN COUNTY SEEK RELIEF.

Now Pay More Than \$100,000 a Year to Market Crop, Besides Teaming Long Distance.

Dr. H. D. Mills and T. M. Trowick, of the neighborhood of Alder, Wash., are in Portland for the purpose of inducing the O. R. & N. Co. to build a branch railroad into their section. The district desiring this kind of relief lies in the extreme northwestern corner of Whitman County, and its outlet to market now is by way of Sprague on the Northern Pacific. These gentlemen represent that last year the Graham and Alder region sent 87,600 bushels of wheat to market through Sprague, all of it going to Tacoma. This amount of grain was hauled in wagons, and is now in cultivation. It is estimated that there are 56,283 acres more of cultivable land in the same locality, capable of producing at least 20 bushels per acre, or 1,125,666 bushels. This would make the total wheat production of that section 1,920,000 bushels. The freight rate from Sprague to Tacoma is 13 cents per bushel. This necessitates that teaming building and operating the road to get a building to reach the locality. These people say they would prefer to do business in Portland, but this is not the chief reason for their activity to get a railroad. They now have to team their wheat 15 to 25 miles over rough roads through scrub land to reach Sprague. They wish to avoid the necessity for that teaming and the expense of it. They also want to avoid the necessity of building a building and operating the road to get a building to reach the locality. These people say they would prefer to do business in Portland, but this is not the chief reason for their activity to get a railroad. They now have to team their wheat 15 to 25 miles over rough roads through scrub land to reach Sprague. They wish to avoid the necessity for that teaming and the expense of it. They also want to avoid the necessity of building a building and operating the road to get a building to reach the locality.

HOBBOS AND ILLEGAL VOTERS, BEWARE!

You cannot "square" it. If you attempt to vote at the polls Saturday, you will be arrested. It will not be made "all right" by the police, who urged you to register. The names of all persons who have registered without legal right to do so are known. The fact of illegality has been investigated and verified. Read what Sheriff Frazier says: "I shall instruct each one of my deputies to arrest any persons trying to vote at the primary election Saturday who are not entitled by law to cast a ballot." Prosecution will follow arrest. Here is District Attorney Chamberlain's warning: "I will prosecute every case for which a complaint is sworn to against persons attempting to vote illegally at the primary election Saturday. The law provides for an honest and fair election, and so far as the District Attorney's office can aid to that end the people may be assured that everything possible will be done." And the police cannot "square" it.

MOVE POOL DISSOLVED.

Important Action by the Trunk Line Association. NEW YORK, March 12.—The Herald reports that the railroad presidents and traffic managers composing the Trunk Line Association met yesterday and decided that the "money pool" of the railroad association shall cease to exist after April 1. The railroad companies, which is the strongest traffic association ever formed in the United States, are the New York Central & Hudson River, the Pennsylvania, the Erie, the Baltimore & Ohio, the West Shore, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Lehigh, the New York, Ontario & Western and the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The dissolution of the association, the Herald says, was precipitated by news that President Roosevelt had intimated that proceedings would be commenced against all roads which were members of the pooling agreement. Several Western



AMBITIOUS NEW SCHEME

RAILROAD FROM EUREKA TO BOISE AND WEISER.

Agreement for Construction Work Said to Have Been Entered Into—Total Cost \$25,000,000.

There has been a good deal of talk about an ambitious railroad scheme from Eureka, Cal., eastward somewhat indefinitely beyond Boise, Idaho, connecting with the Southern Pacific at Redding, and with the Oregon Short Line near Boise, and with the Northern Pacific or Great Northern, or both, at some other point not specified. The latest report is that the railroad will go to Boise and then bend back to Weiser. The Wall-Street Journal prints this interesting discussion of the project: "We are informed on good authority that the plans for a railroad from Eureka, on the Pacific Coast, through the Rocky Mountains, to Weiser, Idaho, are well under way. The plan will involve capital to the extent of \$25,000,000, which is to be provided by England and American investors. The new road will be important as forming a direct link between the Hill and Harriman lines. Lord Thurlow, the promoter of the new road, has been in consultation with E. H. Harriman, Robert Gibson and William B. A. Wilson are the men immediately interested in the organization and development of the plan as outlined. Three surveys have been made, and the one chosen shows a maximum grade of less than 2 1/2 per cent between Eureka and Redding, with 2 1/2 per cent between Redding and Weiser, east and north, the altitude is 5000 feet, against 8000 on the Southern Pacific. With regard to the future of the road the promoter is very optimistic. It is pointed out that Eureka, the Western terminus, is the only big harbor on the coast between San Francisco and Portland. The Government has lately spent \$1,000,000 in harbor improvements there, and the town is now the emporium of the Humboldt district, with an annual trade of \$6,000,000. Since the new railway competition in the district, the trade will be a valuable asset. The timber lands of Northern California and Idaho, as well as the mines of Idaho and California, are to be traversed. An agreement has been entered into with a New York contracting firm for work on the lines projected, but the statement that contracts have been signed for the whole undertaking, and bonds underwritten, are discredited as premature. This statement bears evidence of looseness. The new railroad would reach Weiser without having been near any part of the Rocky Mountains. The line would traverse 60 to 70 miles of country that is mostly grazing land, and comparatively little of which can be cultivated without irrigation. A livestock country does not yield much traffic for railroads. The Humboldt Bay country bears a lot of valuable timber, and it is a fine dairy country. Investment of \$25,000,000 in such a scheme does not seem to Portland railroad men to be rational.

DEB MOINES, Ia., March 12.—By a vote of 35 to 9, the Senate has passed the way and means committee bill for the taxation of railroad property on a basis of stocks and bonds net and gross earnings, and physical condition. The measure requires publicity of the records of the executive council in making the assessment and its reasons for reaching results. An effort to substitute the Nichols stocks and bonds law of Ohio for the committee measure failed. It is predicted that the measure will pass the House also. The House committee on railroads has voted to report for passage the Carter bill reducing the passenger fare on railroads in Iowa to 2 cents a mile, and to report without recommendation the Donahue bill to require railroads to furnish all public officials with passes.

Charles H. Warren Resigns.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Charles H. Warren, vice-president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has resigned his position to accept service with another railroad, the name of which has not been disclosed.

Francis Will Succeed Eastis.

OMAHA, March 12.—Although not given out officially, it is stated by a high official of the Burlington Railroad that John Francis, general passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington & Missouri line, will, April 1, become general passenger agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Francis will succeed E. Eastis, who is said to be elected to become general traffic manager of the entire system.

Dining-Car Service on Union Pacific.

OMAHA, March 12.—About April 1 the Union Pacific will begin operating its own dining-car service. The new arrangement will be put into effect over the entire system. The plan was completed by President Burt while on a trip to Chicago, from which he returned today.

No Action on N. P. Dividend.

NEW YORK, March 12.—In the absence of a quorum of directors, no action on the Northern Pacific common dividend was taken today. The meeting of the directors for this purpose was indefinitely postponed.

The New York "Amen Corner."

NEW YORK, March 12.—Frequenters of the "Amen Corner" in the City Hotel have prepared papers of incorporation which will be filed with the Secretary of State. The object of the incorporation is stated to be social enjoyment of the members. The "Amen Corner" has been popular for many years with state and city Republican politicians. Plans are now being made for the annual dinner on April 4, when Senator Thomas C. Platt will be the guest of honor.

Mine Disaster Victims.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., March 12.—The bodies of four of the 10 victims of the Negaunee mine disaster of January 7 were recovered today. They are mutilated beyond recognition. The drift where the bodies are is in a treacherous condition owing to quakes.

Valuable Racehorse Stole.

NEW YORK, March 12.—W. C. Whitney's \$40,000 filly, Endurance by Right, which has been near death from pneumonia within the past 48 hours, is better and the veterinary in attendance now expresses the belief that she will recover.

Pennsylvania Tunnel Bill Passed.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 12.—The Pennsylvania tunnel bill passed the Senate today. The bill permits the City of New York to award a franchise to the Pennsylvania Tunnel Company for a reasonable annual compensation to construct tunnels from New Jersey under the North and East Rivers and to maintain terminals on Manhattan and Long Islands. The period of revaluation of the franchise is placed at not more than 25 years.

Van Sant Is After the Iron Range Road Combination.

ST. PAUL, March 12.—Governor Van Sant has instructed Attorney-General Douglas to begin proceedings in the state courts against the alleged merger of the Iron Range Railroad. The bill will be filed very soon, and the United States Steel Corporation, which is reputed to own the stock of the Duluth, Mesaba & Northern, and the Duluth & Iron Range roads, has not actually consolidated, and maintain separate organizations, but are alleged to be under a common control. The same question as is involved in the state's complaint against the Northern Securities Company is at issue in the present action.

SUIT AGAINST A MERCHANT.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The Pioneer Press tomorrow will say that the attorney for the state in the prosecution of the so-called merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railway Companies has about decided that the state is in a helpless condition, owing to the inability to find a court with juris-

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SOFT SNAP FOR HOBOS

HAND IN GLOVE WITH POLICE, THEY OVERRUN WHITECHAPEL, AND No One Molests Them, the Machine Gives Them Food and Drink, and Things Come Easy.

Hobos are beginning to look upon Portland as a sort of transitory paradise. They are at present no hobos adorning the rockpile, and there are no hobos being arrested. Yet there are plenty of idle men loafing around Whitechapel saloons and restaurants and a pickie by the police for what is vaguely known as "election purposes." These vagrants have had a well-fed look these past two months, and they are spending money recklessly, buying drinks, cigars, and sumptuous meals. They say that they wish election time blossomed all the year round.

Any stranger who looked in at the police station would imagine that Portland had suddenly developed into a moral city, and that crime is unknown here, for hardly anybody is being arrested. The policemen are taken off their beats and are dressed in citizen's clothes, electioneering. So they are not looking for people whom they may arrest—they are bent on looking after people to vote at the primaries. They are not attending to business as sworn peace officers. They have developed into politicians, and it is only after an arduous search that you can find any policeman in uniform on the streets in the day time.

Upstairs in the Municipal Court, Municipal Judge Cameron and Clerk Thomas B. McDevitt, Jr., are having the "snap" of their lives. As very few people are being arrested, few prisoners are brought before the Municipal Court for sentence, and the sessions of that court are usually over in a few minutes' time. Some days the session lasts four minutes. Cobwebs are beginning to grow over Judge Cameron's desk as the courtroom is hardly being used any more. His Honor is also electioneering, and is busy at work hunting machine votes to enable him to succeed himself as Municipal Judge. Yes, the hobos love Portland under present conditions.

"We've got the ducks, and all that is expected of us is our vote at the primaries," is an expression often heard among gangs of idle hobos around town.

BOERS SEEK AMERICAN HOMES

Inquiry Received as to Lands Available in Oregon.

Boers confined in the British military prison at Aldershot, in the Presidency of Bombay, India, have made formal request for homes in the United States. It is understood that several thousand of the Afrikaners are confined there. A few weeks ago they made application to the United States Consul at Bombay to ascertain what lands on the Pacific slope of the United States are available for settlement and purchase by Boers. From him it reached the time when they should be liberated was not far away, that they did not want to go back to South Africa, and would like to get homes in this country. While most of them are content to buy improved farms, a considerable number of the prisoners were men of means and wanted to be assured that they might purchase in America. From him it reached Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, and he reported on the nature and extent of the Government lands on the Pacific Coast, but could not give the information asked for as to improved farms. This part of the subject has been referred to William Reid, of Portland, who will make the application to the Bombay Consul for a reply. From him it reached the United States Consul at Bombay, giving such information about Oregon as may be useful to the homeseeking Boers.

The application to the Bombay Consul by the Boers appeared to speak more confidently of their release than recent events in South Africa would seem to warrant. It is not known whether they expect to be repatriated, or whether they believe their countrymen were about to give up the struggle.

Denver Makes a Bid.

DENVER, March 12.—The Coliseum Athletic Club will offer a \$20,000 purse or 65 per cent of the gross receipts for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. The officials talk of holding the contest if they succeed in landing it, at Arlington Park, in this city, and will construct an amphitheater to seat 20,000 people.

Diamond Merchants Fail.

LONDON, March 12.—H. G. Emms & Co., diamond merchants, have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at £70,000.

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