# DEALS SAD BLOW

Primary Law Knocks Out Machines.

PARTY CONTROL IS LOST

Voters Will Elect County Central Committeemen.

EACH PRECINCT CHOOSES ONE

Rank and File of Both Parties and Not Organization Managers Will Have Voice in Naming Men to Run the Machinery.

High mighties of the Republican and Democratic machines in Portland are fretting their brains over a clause in the direct primary law which requires election of new central committees at the primaries May 6. The Republican "organiza-tion" is especially worried, for its man-agers have been planning to keep alive the present Republican central committee until next year, when they expected to use it for perpetuation of the "regular"

"There shall be elected by each political party subject to this law," ordains the law, "at said primary nominating elec-tion, a committeeman for each election precinct, who shall be a resident of such precinct. The committeemen elected in each precinct in each county shall constiemen elected in tute the county central committee of each of said respective political parties." Blow to Masters of Machines.

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saw the fearful clause for the first time yesterday. He clapped his teeth together for a moment, and when he jaws hinged open again they let out the ejaculation: "That's h—, ain't it?" The purpose of a central committee, ac-cording to the public explanation of ma-chine leaders, is to manage political cam-paigns. The real purpose, however, vital to the designs of political managers, is to name regular primary tickets of delegates for conventions, at least such has been

Central committees have been elected by conventions, not elected at primaries, as they are to be chosen hereafter, and they have been picked out with great care. The importance of appointing a cen-tral committee which should be safe for "organization" in power may be realized from the fact that had the Mitchell people failed to appoint a safe central committee in the convention of 1902, the Simon element would have got control of Simon element would have got control to lit, and thus stolen the organization which perpetuated itself in 196. That central committee, or rather its leaders, chose the regular convention delegates who were the underground work at present will be confined to hauling the cable into

grammed to them by the managers of the organization. That committee is still in existence. It was to have put up the regular delegates for the primaries this year

Rank and File to Have Voice.

But the direct primary law has come against nominating conventions, but it also provides for a new central committee, not chosen by the organization managers, but elected by the party rank and Such is also the case with the Demo-

In this way does the direct primary law deal a and blow to the two political ma-chines in Portland and Multnomah Coun-ty. Political managers profess to care not one whit. They say that central com-mittees have no important functions un-der the law, anyhow, because delegates to nominating conventions are no more to to nominating conventions are no more to be chosen. But they do care, neverthe-less, and the pill is bitter and big.

Precinct Committeemen, Too. Brethren in each organization have bravely doubted the necessity of electing

law with that end in view.

And whether the new precinct committeemen shall supplant those already on the county committee is a second point of doubt. According to some persons the law makes plain that the precinct committeemen from the 50 city precincts are to be members of the county committee though themselves constituting a city committee. The law in addition to the The law in addition to the words already quoted says:

The committeemen who reside within the lim-its of any incorporated city or town shall con-siliute ex-officio the city central committee of

cratic county committee, says that city precinct committeemen will have to be elected snew in the next primaries and that they will supersede the present city committeemen on the county committee.

W. L. Boise, chairman of the present Republican committee, declined yesterday to be interviewed on the matter, saying he

How about the central committee-"

"I don't know."
"Will new precinct committeemen be elected at the next primaries." don't know." Will there be a convention this year?"

don't know; probably not."

Mr. Boise shook his bead to affirm what

Mr. Van Zante was not so reserved. "Precinct committeemen will be elected in the city precincts," said he. "No, I don't think there will be a Democratic

for the Lewis and Clark Felt. A greater sum wak asked for, but the Commission-ers decided that this sum was aufficient, at present at least, until the character of the exhibits is more definitely deter-

mined.

It is probable that \$2000 will be appropriated for this purpose. Those having the matter in charge will prepare the greatest fruit exhibit of any district in the Northwest for the Fair. The total cost of the display will reach \$4000 or

TICKET NAMED IN ST. JOHNS Good Government League Announces Candidates and Platform.

The Good Government League of St. ohne, A. L. Miner presiding, last night nated the following municipal officers to be voted for at the election to be held Monday, April 2: Mayor, W. V. Jobes; Recorder, J. W. Hank; Treasurer, Fred-erick Vallentine; City Attorney, S. H. Green; Councilmen-First Ward, Charles Linquist and C. D. Edwards; Second Ward, H. W. Brice and J. H. Shield, Councilmen at large—C. E. Thompson, B. T. Leggett and E. C. Thurston, These hominations were made to be voted for at the election to be held

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These nominations were made unanimously. The candidate for Mayor is president of the Johes Frour Mill Company.
The following platform was adopted:
The Good Government League of the City of St. Johns. desiring the good and safe government of our municipal affairs, submits to the considerable of our fellowcitizens the following platform:
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"We desire the people, instead of non-resident corporations, to have the benefit of St. Johns' natural advantages; we seek the advancement of the City of St. Johns by all honorable methods; we desire to see St. Johns progressive, but we want that progress regulated by common sense and business methods: we want a clean, healthy and beautiful city, well lighted, well drained and well paved; we want the officials as well as the people to be ho est, just and intelligent; we want a city where vice and crime can usualn to far-ors, and where corporations will be obliged to treat the public fairly; we want plenty of pure water, good business facili-ties and moderate taxes; we wish to make the City of St. Johns so attractive that there will be steady increase in its popu-lation, and in the demand for wage-earners; and we especially desire a pure, energetic and efficient government—one that will guard the people's interests with care, wisdem and fidelity, one with which the people can co-operate for the general good and prosperity of our young and plenty of pure water, good busing good and prosperity of our young and growing city."

Another ticket will make its appearance about March 16, which will probably nominated at a mass meeting.

TO PLACE WIRES UNDERGROUND Telephone Company Ready to Begin Work on Condult.

Preparations are rapidly being made for the installation of the complete un-derground wire system of the Pacific States Telephons & Telegraph Company and actual work will soon begin. to the designs of political managers, is to name regular primary tickets of delegates for conventions, at least such has been the case in the past before nominating conventions were put under the ban by the direct primary law.

Central committees have been elected the most should see the work of laying the most should see the work with soon begin. A same store of the soon begin. A same store work with soon begin. A same store work with soon begin. A same store of the soon begin. A same store work with soon work wi the most should see the work of laving the pipe begun. In several parts of the East Side forces of men are now open-ing up the streets.

The present plans for improvement ontemplate the installation of an un-lerground system radiating from the East Portland central station to all points including Stephens, Hawthorne's and Holladay's Additions and Upper and Lower Albina, and also the openelected over the Simon delegates at the primaries of March 1994.

Thus Mitchell delegates dominated the county convention of last year. They chose a central committee which was proposed for further extension of improvement. This later work will conprovement. This later work will conprovement. This later work will con provement. This later work will con-sist in extending the underground sys-tem on the West Side and the construc-tion of aerial cables from the outer termini of the various conduits. Local offichals of the company were

Local officials of the company were informed today that the St. Louis Pair exhibit of the American Telephone & between the central committee and its goal. Not only does it put up barriers against nominating conventions, but it pavilion showing a model central station in all its workings. The local company made arrangements with the Eastern people to have the exhibit sent here for the Lewis and Clark Fair and will use it as their central static at the Fair grounds.

SILK SHIRTWAIST SUITS

Free! Free! Free!

With each order for a gentleman's suit or the remainder of this week only-no longer. See our windows. Ellegant gents' suits, \$25.00 to \$30.00, and you get a silk Store open this week until 8:30 P. M.
Why we do it—to introduce our line of ladies' silk shirtwelst sults. For it is well known that in the past we have not handled this line of ladies' wear, and to Brethren in bravely doubted the necessity of electing precinct committeemen until next year, but City Auditor Deviin says it is his opinion that the committeemen should be let everyone in Portland know that we elected at the next primaries and has an elected at the next primaries and has an elected at the will proceed under the make this remarkable offer for five days beginning this (Wednesday) mornonly, beginning this (Wednesday) morning. What we lose during this sale would be a handsome profit for any store. But it's not lost, it's advertising—the most expensive in the world, the best in the world. We have been here for years, and our old reliable motto is still in force-"It shall not cost you one cent if you are not satisfied."

No other store in Fortland can truthfully make the following statement:
We have not got a ladies old style or its of any incorporated city or town shall consistency of any incorporated city or town shall consistency of said respective political parties of such of said respective political parties, and shall have the same powers and jurisdiction as to the business of their several parties in such city matters, save only the power to fill vacancies in said committee, which power is vested in the county central committee, which power is vested in the county central committee.

What the Law Implies. Still the law speaks of the city and county central committees as if there were two; at least such is the interpretation of some politicians. But John Van Zante, chairman of the present Dennotratic county committee, and the county committee and every particle of it has been manufactured since February I, 1995. We were, by a long ways, the first house in this city to place on sale Spring-style covert fackets, which we did January 7. Having our own factory enabled us to do it.

gents' merchant talloring. Our old customers, when they come in now, say: "My, but you have increased your stock." So we have. It is double that of any concern in Portland. That means, you can find what you want, from the lower and medium grade of cloth to knew nothing about it.
"I don't know anything about politics." the finest. We ask you to take nothing declared Mr. Boise stoutly. for granted-all linings, trimmings, etc., will be exhibited for your inspection. No dissatisfaction will be tolerated. "It shall not cost you one cent if you are not sat-isfied"-that is our rule; we will not break

it with anyone.

The J. M. Acheson Co., Fifth and Aider Streets, Merchant Tailors, Manuf. and Dealers in Ladies' Suits, Coats and

Building Falls, Crushing Cottage. Buring a high wind yesterday afternoon don't think there will be a Democratic convention to indorse or nominate any candidates. The county committees in my optimion will have to elect chairmen again. The new Council of Milwaukie, Mayor and the deet chairmen again. The new Council of Milwaukie, Mayor and the schoolmost convention to indorse or nominate any candidates. The county committees in my optimion will have to elect chairmen again. The new Council of Milwaukie, Mayor are favorable to the allocation of the routine business the Council adjourned and came to by Contractor Kelly and wife, the latter and mine will end after the next primaries."

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The Meier & Frank Store Portland's Leading Cloak Store New Suits \$12.50 to \$65

A remarkably complete showing of new Spring Suits will be found here today-200 handsome garments added to the already large display-Every new style, every new shade, all the desirable materials, the latest creations of America's foremost manufacturers at prices ranging from \$12.50 to \$65.00-included are Etons, blouses, tight-fitting, box and three-quarter tight-fitting styles in voiles, henriettas, Panama cloths, serges, cheviots, cashmeres, alpacas, broadcloths, etamines and coverts, blacks, tans, navy, brown, grays and the new colors green, red and mahogany-We

call particular attention to the great variety of Spring Suits in checked materials, black and white, blue and white, brown and white, styles you won't find anywhere else about town-Let us show them to you

# \$14 Covert Coats

By express late yesterday afternoon, 100 of the nattiest Tan Covert Jackets we've

seen this season-Strapped and plain effects, collar or collar less, fancy trimmed styles, coats you would expect to pay \$20 for-Only 100 of them-They won't last many days at \$14.00 each-If you want one you better come today

#### **New Shirtwaist Suitings**

Handsome, new embroidered Voiles, in the very best styles for Shirtwaist Suits, 20e values on sale today at, yard ...... 14¢ Brilliantine Voiles-a new, stylish, serviceable material for Shirtwaist Suits; regular 25e value, on sale today at, yard . . . . . 19¢ 5000 yards of new flaked Cotton Suitings, 18c and 20c values, on sale for today only at the low price of, yard. . 14c

BIG HOSIERY BARGAINS FOR TODAY

Women's plain Lisle Hose, sizes 81/2 to 10, our best 35c 24c values, on sale all day at, pair..... values, on sate an oay at, part.

Children's full-fashioned Hose, fine ribbed, sizes 5 to 7½, 15c best 35c values, pair..... Boys' and Girls' black Cotton Hose, seamless, fast black, sizes 6 to 10, values 18c and 20c a pair; today only at, pr... 9c

Women's Neckwear Specials New Crepe de Chine Windsor Ties, in all the light and dark shades; regular 35c values, 24c Pique Stocks, with black and light blue crepe! Four-in-Hand Ties; regular 75c values, today at..... 49c Deep lawn Turnovers, hemstitched edges; 17c - 77 New, fancy Arabian Braid Cape Collars, handsome styles, \$3.50 to.... \$5.00 Stock of same material, in assorted colors. \$1.00

### Sheets, Pillow Slips, Sheetings, Etc.

You can't always buy them at these prices.

Cases, good cotton, great 8c value, each ..... 45x36-inch bleached Pillow Cases, great special 10c 45x36-inch hemstitched Pillow Cases, matchless val 13c ue at, each..... Hemmed Marseilles pattern Bedspreads, large size, great value .........\$1.12 Hemmed Marseilles Bedspreads, large size, great \$2.05 72x90 bleached Sheets, good quality, great value, 42c 81x90 hemstitched Sheets, best quality cotton, great 68c 81x99 hemstitched Sheets best quality cotton, great 73c

42x36-inch bleached Pillow

81x90 bleached Sheets, great special value at, each . 48¢ 90x99 hemstitched Sheets, best | great value, yard ..... 17¢ Brown Sheeting, 21/4 yards wide, great value, yd.. 18¢ Brown Sheeting, 2½ yards wide, great value, yd. 20¢ 45-inch Bleached Sheeting, great value, yard ..... 11¢ Bleached Sheeting, 2 yards wide, great value, yd. . 18¢ Bleached Sheeting, 21/4 yards wide, great value, yd. 20¢ Bleached Sheeting, 2½ yards wide, great value, yd. 22¢

TABLE OILCLOTH

White and faney colored, best 20e quality, being sold all this week at, yard......14c

# Curtain Dept. Bargains

8000 yards of dotted and figured Curtain Swiss, 36 inches wide, great variety of patterns, great value, yd. 11c Ruffled Swiss Bed Sets, for full-size beds, flounced sides and foot, including bolster-cover, great bargain, \$5.50 values, on sale for three days at, set......\$2.98 Great special purchase of 100 Oriental Tapestry Couch Covers, 50 inches wide, three yards long, three patterns, heavy knotted fringe all around, \$3.50 values for ... \$2.17

Muslin Underwear White Cambric Petticoats trimmed in cluster of tucks, embroidery, inser-Second Floor tion and edging, separate

dust ruffles, the very best \$1.50 values, on sale for 83c three days at low price of.

Women's Cambric Gowns, round and square necks, trimmed in embroidery, beading, ribbons, tucks and hemstitching, all 69c sizes, very best \$1.25 values, on sale for ......

## Wednesday BARGAINS

Special lot of new Malines, in all the leading shades, superior fon Veilings, suitable for hat drapes, \$1.50 values, on sale today at, each . . . . 89c 'Spachtel' Searfs and Shams, a variety of patterns and extraordinary values for today only at the low price of each .... 16¢ 20 dozen fringed Tray Cloths, good size, exceptional value for

today only at, each ..... 11¢ Women's unlaundered and handembroidered Handkerchiefs, 20e and 25c values, on sale all 

lawn Handkerchiefs, 25 dozen, lawn Handacters at, 4c each.... inch satin Ribbon, black and white, with colored dots, 75c

values, on sale for today only at this low price, yard ..... 25¢ 4-inch taffeta Ribbons, all shades, 

#### Garden Necessities

Long-handle Shovels, each. . 6.34 Short-handle shovels, each . 63¢ Short-handle Spades, each .. 63¢ Rakes, each .... 25c, 42c, 54c Hoes, each ..... 21¢ and 33¢ Trowels, each ..... 4¢ and 8¢ Weeding Hooks, each.......8¢ Spading Forks, each......4¢ Pruning Shears ..... 29¢, 49¢ Grass Hooks, each ... 21¢, 28¢

#### Children's Shoes

Little Gents' vici kid, satin calf and kangaroo calf Shoes, plain or quilted soles, extra value-Sizes 10 to 131/2, for, pair.\$1.12 Sizes 1 to 2, for, pair ... \$1.24 Sizes 2½ to 5½, for, pair \$1.37 Misses' viei kid and box calf Lace Shoes, great special value-11 to 2; \$2 values, for, pr. . \$1.32 Children's sizes, 81/2 to 11.\$1.17

#### Children's sizes, 5 to 8, pair. 95¢ Women's Oxfords \$1.63 Pair

300 pairs of Women's new Low Shoes on sale today at an extraordinary low price. Patent leather Oxfords, chocolate kid Oxfords, vici kid, patent tip Oxfords; all this season's best styles; shoes of equal quality cost you \$3.00 a pair at other stores; all sizes and widths, your choice, pair ... \$1.63

## Sale of Hair Tonics

Coke's famous Dandruff Cure Large size bottle, 69e; small size bottle, 37c Newbro's Herpicide, bottle. 67e Bay Rum, the finest grade, 39c Coigate's Bay Rum. 42c, 66e Pinauda Eau de Quinine, small, 48e; large. 90c Superior Bay Rum, bottle 18e Hair Brushes, polished wood 25c back, pure gray bristles. 25c

## April Delineator on Sale 15c Copy Spring Millinery at \$1.98

Opening sale of Spring Millinery for today and tomorrow. 300 new Spring Hats at about half their value - Ready-towear Hats and ready-to-trim Hats in pyroxylin braids, shirred silk chiffons, lace hats, fancy braids in "Charlotte Cordays," turbans, and the new "Polo" shapes, the best shades in great variety-Hats worth \$3.98 are yours at \$1.98 each. New line of Caps and Hats for boys

New Silk Caps for misses

### **Great Sale of Screens**

3-fold Draft Screens, in mahogany, oak and white enamel, silkoline filled; great special values for three days at... 98c Oak-framed Screens, with separate rod for filling, silkoline filled 3-fold oak Screens, filled with plain-colored denim, \$3.58 best make; regular \$4.25 values..... 

Weathered oak and natural oak India Stools, new models; great special value..... Printed Panels, 3 colors, for cozy corner or wall decorations, 30x42 inches; great special value ....

## New Popular-Priced Waists

Immense showing of new popularpriced Cotton Waists for the Summer season 1905; unequaled values at the following prices:

Thousands of new Lawn Waists, lace or embroidery trimmed, wide or narrow tucks, all are well made and perfect fitting, each .........\$1.25 Fine quality Lawn Waists, with 1-inch

tucking, solid front of embroidery or lace and embroidery to form a yoke, handsome styles, great \$1.48 Attractive Victoria Lawn Waists,

round yoke of fagotting or embroidery, lace or tucking, splendid waists; best value ever offered at, each, \$2.00 and ..... Black Lawn Waists, tucked, lace or em-

broidery trimmed, big variety of styles at . \$1.25 to \$4.00

## Boys' and Girls' Reefers

Boys' and Girls Reefers, in dark blue serge and cheviot, sizes Boys' and Girls' Reefers, in tan coverts, ages 21/2 to 10 years, handsome styles, at each ..... \$6.00, \$7.50 and \$8.50 

## Boys' Clothing, New Arrivals

Great shipment of new Spring apparel for Boys unpacked yesterday. The very latest in Suits, Reefers and Topcoats, smart styles, and with every purchase to the amount of \$5 or over a year's subscription to the "American Boy," the biggest and brightest boys' magazine published.

New lines of Buster Brown Suits for Boys, 21/2 to 6 years, blues, grays, tans and browns .....\$4.00 up to \$8.50 New lines of Eton Sailor Suits



for boys 5 to 10 years of ......\$4.50 to \$10.00 New lines of 2-piece and Norfolk Suits, blue serges, gray or brown mixed cheviots, ages 8 to 16 years, \$12.00 suit, \$3.00 up to ..... Immense line of new Washable Suits for Boys 21/2 to 6 years,

Russian styles, in white, colored and fancy styles, \$6.50 suit, \$1.25 up to

### Great Special Sale of Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Choc'late There is Money to Be Saved on Every Item---Read Carefully

Fancy English Tea, lb ..... 37 1/2 | Best Gunpowder Tea, lb......48c Fancy Gunpowder Tea, lb .... 37%e Uncolored or Spider Leg Tea, 15.42e M. & F. Co. Green Jap. Tea, lb.: 40e Country Club Mocha and Java Cof-

Baker's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans.....42e Ghiradelli's Cocoa, 14-lb, cans 20e Ghiradelli's Cocoa, 1-lb. cans .... 40e Huyler's Cocoa, 14-lb. cans.....28e 16 lb. Huyler ready-to-serve Choc-Epps' Cocoa, 1/2-lb cans......23e Ghiradelli's Eagle Sweet Choc ... 23c Ghiradelli's Unsweetened Choc .. 32e Baker's Eagle Sweet Choc, 16 1b.25e Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate .. 30c

We can save you money on all lines of groceries and provisions. Odds and ends in fancy china on sale at very low prices. "Lindway" Incandescent Gas Lights, complete for 79c.

MILWAUKIE'S NEW COUNCILMAN the next two years, they having re-John Kelso Elected to Fill Place of the saloon out of that place, as these two and the Mayor are favorable to the

asted the whole party in his most affable manner, and expressed his fidence in the future of Milwaukie.

He is Locked in the Vault by Humorists.

PLAY JOKE ON COUNTY AUDITOR tricity. This was done with the Auditor yesterday, and then a searching party was sent out looking for him all over the building but he could not be found. The Auditor soon tired of his prison and hammered and shouted to be re-