

DISCUSS PRIMARY LAW

Initial Test the Favorite Theme for Conversation Yesterday.

MANY OPINIONS ARE GIVEN

Politicians, Lawyers and Clergymen Explain the Light Vote Cast and Talk Concerning the Results of Primaries.

Mayor George H. Williams' runaway race in Saturday's primaries was the choice bit of political gossip discussed yesterday. The present Mayor's overwhelming victory over the other candidates, while it was a foregone conclusion to the Williams supporters, was in the nature of a great surprise to those working for Albee, Glafke and Rowe.

Talk of Independent.

There was still a great deal of talk of an independent candidate bobbing up within the next couple of days. Who this politician "Moses" will be is not known. The name is a name which has been used in the past, but among the knowing ones the opinion exists that Mr. Albee will refuse to run as an independent candidate.

Smith Will Not Run.

Among those who opposed Mayor Williams there is still a strong disposition to place a candidate in the field and the Municipal Association is still to be heard from, and the disappointed ones are banking their hopes on this association settling upon a man who will be their standard bearer. The fact that friends of Dr. Andrew C. Smith, when the candidates for Mayor was first discussed, called upon him and asked him to enter the field, and he has refused, caused the rumor to spread around that he would come out as an independent candidate.

Stalwarts Are Busy.

While there is persistent talk of an independent candidate, the regulars are out with the cry, "Get into the wagon and ride." The stalwarts are busy already and they will soon start on the big rounder. The wheel horses feel sure that when the time comes to enter the field, an independent candidate will be the party to rise above personal prejudice in the minds of those who have kicked over the traces.

Was an Experiment.

W. S. U'Ren—Probably every man who voted in the direct-primary law recognized that it was an experiment. No one realized it any more than the lawyers who helped to make it what it is. It appears to have been fairly successful. Every man whose friends thought he ought to be nominated had a fair and equal chance before the members of his party.

Test is Encouraging.

We hoped that the law would tend towards keeping tried and faithful men in important offices without any great effort on their part, and the immense vote received by Messrs. Devlin and Werlein is certainly very encouraging. The results indicate, I think, that in obtaining a nomination at the direct primary, the man who is well and favorably known for ability and integrity cannot be defeated by any combination. In my mind, this is a good result, because I believe the

people should be well acquainted with the character and capacity of every candidate before he is given a nomination for an important office.

The registration and vote, I think, is not as good as for former years. It is interesting that this is the first election of the kind and also the revival that drew so many of the voters' attention away from earthly things during the time for registering. Of the men who ordinarily vote a party ticket, probably not more than half are strict party men to such a degree that they wish to take part in and be responsible for party nomination. The other half are, in large measure, independents, and prefer to express their choice at the election in voting for the candidate who most nearly represents their principles.

Good Men Chosen.

We hoped that the result of this tendency would be to cause each party to put up its strongest good man for each nomination. So far as my experience in politics qualifies me to judge, I think that has been for the most part the result of this primary election.

I do not think the Democrats could have named a stronger man than Harry Lane, and any analysis of the Republican vote would indicate that Judge Williams would have defeated any other one of the Republican candidates for the nomination if they had been the only candidates in the field. Some minor defects have appeared. For example, the law should not provide for keeping the ballot boxes locked for two years, and probably we shall find other things that need to be corrected in the workings of the law at this election, while others may develop at the election next year. These can be corrected in the next Legislature. The principal features of the law appear to be satisfactory, but we cannot be sure until we have had more experience under it.

Doom of the Boss.

On the whole, the result of this election strengthens my faith that it will help in the practical destruction of the party boss and his political machine. The men who were nominated yesterday must surely feel a much more direct responsibility to the people than could be expected under nominations made by a convention.

C. E. S. Wood—Political good or evil is always relative. The intelligent citizen of the primary nomination law can be made without considering the evils aimed at. They were: The secret methods of conventions, the unknown pledges and affiliations of the candidates, the "take-it-or-leave-it" trading in convention. In short, the primary nomination law was intended as a blow at "boss" or "machine" rule. It was hoped that the people would become more inquisitive and intelligent in politics as they felt their power, and that candidates would feel more directly answerable to the people and more independent of the party bosses, and that the personal element in the primary fights would bring more voters to the primary polls. I for one never expected the primary nomination law to work in the manner in which it has. It has not taken an interest in politics you cannot make do so by law, and unless the people do take an interest, it will be quite impossible for organizations to continue machine politics as formerly, and if we must have government and will not ourselves be the governors, then we must submit in the future as in the past to the rule of the party bosses, and special class who do take an interest in it—the politicians.

Williams Had "Walkover."

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Churches Could Elect.

I have no doubt whatever that when the Christian people will get together on any candidate they will elect him, but they do not elect him. They are more busy in "making a living than making a life." And while this is true, they will vote for their business interests. When they seek to "make a life," look out for their votes. The professional politicians once more have it their way, but there is a healthy agitation in progress, and the number of candidates for Mayor, the attitude of the press, and the ever-increasing municipal organization, what Portland needs is a stalwart public conscience, organized, active, sleepless, and unshakable. It is not that we lack a public conscience. Our people have it; they love virtue; they love their city. But what Portland does lack, as every other city lacks it, is an organized public conscience before whose face of evil cannot endure. The battle is still on, and God's right always prevails to be might in the long run.

No Test of Strength.

Rev. Andrew J. Montgomery—The result yesterday cannot be held to be a test of strength for the reform vote, the opposition to the present Mayor, or of the Mayor himself. The direct primaries were more to voters an experiment, with more or less uncertainty connected with them. If Glafke had been eliminated from the contest, Albee would most likely have won. To me it looks as if the opposition to Mayor Williams was divided among three candidates, with the usual result. The church people were very much interested, and some were not. Some of those who had registered failed to vote, just as did others. It does not seem to be wise just at this stage in the proceedings to minimize the strength of the opposition to the present policy of the city government. The issue is now clearly defined, and they seek to "make a life," look out for their votes. The professional politicians once more have it their way, but there is a healthy agitation in progress, and the number of candidates for Mayor, the attitude of the press, and the ever-increasing municipal organization, what Portland needs is a stalwart public conscience, organized, active, sleepless, and unshakable. It is not that we lack a public conscience. Our people have it; they love virtue; they love their city. But what Portland does lack, as every other city lacks it, is an organized public conscience before whose face of evil cannot endure. The battle is still on, and God's right always prevails to be might in the long run.

Verifies Every Claim.

F. McKeercher—What do I now think of the primary election law? As one who has been somewhat active in the efforts which led to the adoption of this law, I can but think well of it, now that it has had its initial trial. It has verified every claim made for it, although not utilized by the people with the avidity hoped for by its warmest advocates. It has proven its effectiveness in permitting any citizen who claims a peculiar capacity to serve the public in a particular capacity, full opportunity of proving that claim in a fair, free candidacy for the office. It has also proven that such men must be ready to supply the evidence, or they run without having been sent. While this permitting the fullest freedom to individual candidacy, it throws an obstacle in the way of the masses who, contrasting their votes upon the candidates

TABLE SHOWS VOTE CAST FOR THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES AT THE PRIMARY

Table with columns for Precinct, Municipal Judge, Councilman-at-Large, and various candidates (Albee, Glafke, Rowe, etc.) with corresponding vote counts.

Through a difference between the figures of City Auditor Devlin relative to the primaries of Saturday and those received by The Oregonian, there has arisen a contention as to the successful candidates for Councilman-at-Large. City Auditor Devlin states that, according to his figuring, Hyland is the successful candidate instead of Gray. He gives Gray but 230 votes, while the totals of The Oregonian give that candidate 233 votes. The Auditor gives Hyland 236 votes, thus giving him a greater vote than Gray, while the figures of The Oregonian give Hyland but 234 votes.

The figures of The Oregonian were received by messengers from judges in every precinct, and also from the official count as received in City Auditor Devlin's office at the City Hall, and it is reasonably safe to presume that these figures are correct. The official count will determine whether Mr. Gray or Mr. Hyland is the fortunate candidate.

was supported by others than church members, but all church members did not vote for him. Some of them voted for Mayor Williams, some for Albee, some for Glafke, still others for Mr. Rowe.

In short, the advocates of a change in the city administration scattered. The stand-paters were not so united as the apathy formerly demonstrated toward the old style primary. They may have been just a little "skittish" about the municipal management as I was in riding my wheel. They will get over it.

What is the matter with the churches? The Lord only knows, unless it is that the church members had not been awakened in the realization that the ballot is one of the most sacred trusts that has been given into his care and keeping, and that, falling to use it aright is a reproach to his highest and best self.

They may, however, have properly held aloof from the primaries, with the intention of voting for Page!

Not a Fair Test. B. Lee Page—I don't think that Saturday's result is a fair test of the law. Now that the voters have had the experience of one primary election under the law, they will probably register more freely in participation of the company of the law. With respect to the law severely at all, I shall want to have more experience with it, before indorsing it unqualifiedly.

The light vote cast by the church people is explainable. The liquor and allied interests always realize that their personal and business interests are at stake and are more faithful in regard to the political duty of the church people. Of the most unfortunate features of all our elections is the great lack of interest manifested by those who otherwise are, and should be, our best citizens.

When they see you are willing to resign in favor of Mr. Albee, in case he should come out as an independent candidate?

I think I made myself very clear on this point when I received the nomination from the Prohibition party. I understand that Mr. Albee's position on this question is settled—he will not run as an independent candidate. I do not accept his statement to this effect in absolute good faith. However, should the contingency arise, I stand ready to serve my party to its best interests.

Law Not a Failure. O. E. Miller, Prohibition—The first test of the direct-primary law and the lightness of the vote cast under its first usage, must not be construed to mean that the law is a failure. It will take repeated tests to prove this. The choice politics does not by any means indicate the full strength of the moral forces. The church vote was divided between Mr. Glafke and Mr. Albee. Mr. Rowe also received some support from the church vote, so did the Democratic nominee. It must also be taken into consideration that declared Prohibitionists did not vote. Mr. Albee would have received a great many of the Prohibition votes had they registered, as Republicans instead of straight Prohibitionists.

If Mr. Albee should come out and declare himself as an independent candidate would you be in favor of B. Lee Page, the Prohibition candidate for Mayor, withdrawing?

In Favor of Reform. "I would be very much in favor of this, if Mr. Albee would indorse the principles advocated by the Prohibition party. I am heartily in favor of the reform element getting together. I think the prospects bright for a reform victory June next.

Forbodes Evil for Law. Dr. Andrew C. Smith—The indifference shown yesterday by the people for the law is all right. It is up to the people to more fully understand it and do their duty.

Doctor, is there any truth in the rumor that you are to come out as an independent candidate?

"Absolutely none. I would not think of running as an independent candidate."

Law is Useful. A. L. Mills—I think that the results of Saturday's primaries proved the usefulness of the direct-primary law. The light vote cast is due, I have no doubt, to the lack of interest taken in the primaries, more than the lack of knowledge of the law itself. I have always maintained that the law was a good one, and I think the results of the primaries demonstrate this. I have heard some talk about some of the defeated

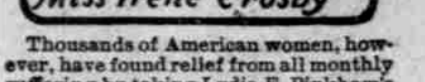
FOR FREE PLANO PAINFUL PERIODS AMERICAN WOMEN FIND RELIEF

The Case of Miss Irene Crosby is One of Thousands of Cures Made by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many women realize that menstruation is the balance wheel of a woman's life, and while no woman is entirely free from periodical suffering, it is not the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely.

Local Societies Celebrate the Anniversary. IMPASSIONED TALKS MADE Sons of Land of Kosciusko and Pulaski Remember One Hundred and Fourteenth Birthday of Their Constitution.

The two Portland branches of the Polish National Alliance celebrated yesterday afternoon the one hundred and fourteenth anniversary of the promulgation of the constitution for the Kingdom of Poland. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion—the American and Polish flags side by side, to large pictures of Kosciusko and Pulaski, the Polish national colors—all this contributed towards reviving old memories in the hearts of the emigrated Poles.



Miss Irene Crosby

Thousands of American women, however, have found relief from all monthly suffering by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as it is the most thorough female regulator known to medical science. It cures the condition which causes so much discomfort and robs menstruation of its terrors.

Had some of the official servants of the Russian or German governments listened to the stirring speeches and Polish national airs that were sung by the men, women and children assembled in Davis Hall, Russell street, they would have certainly realized that Poland was not altogether dead.

There were about 300 families represented, some with their wives and children. Those families are all hard-working people, and their simple recital of their country's past, as well as their appeals for that unfortunate country's future, was indeed pathetic.

A. Czerwinski, the chairman, opened the meeting by stating briefly the significance of the occasion. The meeting was then addressed in Polish by W. Szalanski, F. Spetalski, F. Supelski, C. Weselowski, Z. Spetalski and others, who earnestly raised their voices in behalf of old Poland.

William H. Galvani, the only invited guest who spoke in English, told how he viewed Poland's story from the time Frederick of Prussia sent his brother Henry to Catherine II of Russia with the plan of dismemberment of the kingdom, how by force and fraud those crowned robbers with the assistance of Austria had carried out one of the greatest conspiracies known in the annals of humanity.

There were some recitations from the great poets of Poland, some songs and the meeting closed with singing by the entire audience of the Polish National Hymn.

Two Ball Games Played. In the series of baseball games played on Sunday mornings at the Multnomah Club, the Little Potatoes defeated the Dark Horses, with a score of 5 to 4, and the Irish Giants defeated the High Balls, with a score of 7 to 1.

CONDUCTORS ARE COMING DELEGATES OF BIG RAILWAY ORDER DUE TODAY. Question of Convention Is to Decide Whether to Make Future Sessions Triennial or Not.

The men who have charge of the great passenger trains of the country will begin to pour into Portland today. They will come in three sections, one train being poured out in each section. The Northern Pacific, and another over the O. R. & N. The biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors of America meets in Portland beginning tomorrow and lasts for a week.

The business of the convention has been mapped out to a certain extent by the jurisprudence committee, which has been working since the beginning of the year. The train over the O. R. & N. will be looked after by Assistant Grand Conductor A. B. Garretson, on the Northern Pacific by Grand Junior Conductor E. Shepherd, and on the Great Northern by Grand Senior Conductor C. H. Wilkins.

Wind Bothers the Shooters. CENTRALIA, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—The Southwest Washington Gun Club Association tournament ended this afternoon at Centralia. Good shooting prevailed today as on yesterday, but the general run of scores was not as high as yesterday. A strong wind was blowing from the north and this interfered slightly with the shooting.

Caricature and Bird Lore. Homer Davenport to Lecture at Fair on Interesting Topics. Arrangements are being made by the Exposition management with Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist, for a series of lectures to be delivered in the Auditorium during the Summer.

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Mrs. Marion A. White's Lecture. Mrs. Marion A. White, of Chicago, will lecture under the auspices of the Woman's Club at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, in the Marquam building.

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