PAUL MORTON IS GUEST OF HONOR

Talks to Business Men at Dinner Given by Theodore B. Wilcox.

PRAISE FOR PORTLAND

Visiting Insurance Magnate Expresses Warm Admiration for City and Citizens—Gives Views on Railroad Rate Problem.

Representative Portland men, prominent in the financial and business life of the city, attended a dinner, given in honor of Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and ex-Secretary of the Navy, at the Commercial Club last night, by Theodore B. Wilcox, chairman of the executive committee of the club. The dinner was most enjoyable and the guest of honor paid a high tribute to Portland in a short impromptu speech, when toasts were called for.

Mr. Morton also took occasion to come to the defense of the railroads, saying they have been the victim of unfair treatment. He asked for more consideration for the transportation interests of the country. In the course of his remarks he said that his company has almost $200,000,000 invested in railroad securities.

The company at last night's dinner was not large, only 26 covers being laid. Mr. Wilcox presided, the guest of honor being seated at his right, while on his left sat Judge George H. Williams. The table was decorated with garlands of red roses and carnations down the center and crimson candles with crimson shades were placed in the candelabra that lighted the banquet hall.

When coffee and cigars were brought in Mr. Wilcox rose to greet his guests. He said:

"It gives me more than ordinary pleasure to introduce to you tonight a man who has carved out for himself a high place in the United States. In his world-wide operations, he is passing this way. We have with us tonight another who has also been a member of the Cabinet of this country, and before I call upon Mr. Morton to speak, I am going to ask Judge George H. Williams to address you."

Judge Williams Speaks.

"It would afford me much pleasure," said Judge Williams, "to attend a dinner some time, somewhere, when I would not be called upon to make a speech. I am glad, however, to extend to our distinguished guest a welcome to the City of Portland.

"When I first came to Portland there was a frog-pond where the Chamber of Commerce building now stands. I have lived to see a great city built here, one which owes its greatness to its natural advantages. Besides being the marketing and distributing point for a great and rich tributary country, Portland has a great commercial future. It is a seaport where the ships from all the world come for their cargoes.

"I have found no place where the climate all the year around is so attractive. We have in addition to that more magnificent scenery than surrounds any other city in the United States. Twenty-five years from this time I expect Portland to have 500,000 people. When that time comes, Portland will be the great commercial center of the Pacific Northwest.

"We are always pleased to have distinguished visitors from the East come here, because we believe they will be impressed with the advantages of Portland. We trust our visitor tonight will find it so pleasant here that he may visit us again and take some part in the business life of Portland."

Mr. Wilcox spoke briefly of the commercial possibilities of Portland and the State of Oregon. He said:

"The trade of a territory of 250,000 square miles is entirely tributary to Portland. Recently the Willamette Valley has been reached by trolley roads, to which I look for the greatest development of that section. The only outlet for the Willamette Valley is Portland. We have no competition there and to that part of the state I look for the future backing of our city.

Needs More Railroads.

"East of the mountains the surface has been barely scratched. Through that country there is one straight line of railroad and that does not fatten it very much. What is needed is more laterals and feeders. Capital has come in here and invested in timber lands. Lumber has produced $30,000,000 in this state in a year, wheat yielded over $40,000,000 last year to the farmers alone, dairy products last year amounted to over $17,000,000. A total of from $125,000,000 to $150,000,000 in new wealth was produced in this state last year and was divided among from 650,000 to 700,000 people.

"Development here has only begun. But people are coming. Efforts of the commercial organizations have been directed to increasing the population of the state; this is its great need. J. J. Hill says 80 cars can be hauled down the North Bank road at the same expense that eight can be hauled over the mountains to the Puget Sound ports. This must be the outlet for the great Columbia River basin. All this seems to point to the day when Portland shall come into her own."

W. L. Boise was introduced and spoke briefly of the growth of the East Side, emphasizing the point, however, that the one great aim of that district is the development of the entire city.

S. G. Reed, president of the German-American Bank, and formerly head of the Chamber of Commerce, said that the future development of the city and state depends upon the settlement of the surrounding country.

"Portland will grow and increase in importance as railway lines are built and extended," said he. "I believe no section of the city today offers such inducement to outside capital as Oregon. The utilization of the resources already here is alone needed to build a great city."

C. F. Swigert, president of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the need of keeping the river open to the sea. He said that vessels of 26 feet have been sent down the river all through the past year, and that with very little additional expense ships of 27 and 30 feet can be brought here with safety.

Railway President Talks.

Benage S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was introduced as a newcomer who would give his impressions of Portland.

"I am satisfied," said he, "that the resources of this state have been barely touched. In 1907 streetcar traffic showed an increase of 9.6 per cent over 1905, the year of the Fair. During 1907 we added to our equipment 32 1-2 per cent, and we expect to do the same this year. If the population shall increase at the same ratio it did in 1907, Judge Williams need live here only six years longer to see a city of 500,000 people. We have 40,000 horsepower produced by streams within reach of Portland, and we have ready for development when the city shall need it 75,000 horsepower additional, produced in the same way."

Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, told of the great work of publicity being done by commercial organizations all over Oregon. He called attention to the splendid harmony that is being shown in all quarters.

"Oregon has the first place in the greatest assets that have to do with building up the country between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast," said he. "Her fir timber alone, valued at $5 per 1000 feet, is worth considerably more than the combined capitalization of the Standard Oil Company and the steel trust. I should like to see Mr. Morton bring some of his big Equitable fund here and invest it. I would like to see a splendid $2,000,000 hotel built here, and I should like to see Mr. Morton's company take $1,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds in that enterprise."

The speech of Mr. Morton, who was called upon at the conclusion of Mr. Richardson's talk, were entirely extemporaneous, and indicated his gifts as an after-dinner speaker. He said:

Mr. Morton's Address.

"I thoroughly appreciate the hospitality that has been shown me here and I have been very much instructed tonight. I do not believe there is a man here who thinks more of the future of Oregon than I do. When the Panama Canal is finished I expect to see ship loads of immigrants coming in here. Not only your population but your industries will increase ten fold.

"I got a liking for the upbuilding of the West when, as a very humble clerk, I was engaged in promotion work for the Santa Fe road. My first railroad experience was in sending out circulars descriptive of the value of Iowa and Nebraska lands. I have been interested in what has been said tonight in relation to Portland. I realize you have a vast empire here and I recognize your great resources. I congratulate you on living in this great state. I want to congratulate you gentlemen on the commercial harmony that seems to exist here. You are following the idea that solid growth beats a boom and it certainly does. Team work counts.

"There has been a good deal said about investments. I am out here looking for investments. I want our society to be known as the company that invests its money where it gets the business. I do not know of investments that can be made anywhere that will be more valuable than those on the Pacific Coast. I do not know where one can find such a good climate. We have nearly $300,000,000 invested in railroads. We think there is no way we can invest money to serve our policyholders better than in providing transportation.

Rates Are Low Enough.

"Rates in the United States are lower than anywhere in the world. The service is generally better. I do not think the country is suffering for lower rates. What we need is more railroads. Much of this country has been pioneered by the locomotive. The Government has been repaid for helping build the railroads by the free carriage of troops and munitions of war. I think the great mistake is that the people of the territory served by the railroad do not own the road, if they did there would be less trouble over the railways. Throughout the country generally I do not think the railroads are treated as fairly as they ought to be.

"I am not going to forget Portland or Oregon. You may depend on me to do whatever I ought to to help this community."

Those present at last night's dinner were:

T. B. Wilcox, Paul G. Morton and secretary, Mr. Rosenfeld; H. L. Pittock, George H. Williams, C. E. Ladd, S. G. Reed, J. C. Ainsworth, B. S. Josselyn, C. F. Jackson, Whitney L. Boise, T. D. Honeyman, W. B. Ayer, E. L. Thompson, C. F. Beebe, I. N. Fleischner, Walter F. Burrell, J. Frank Watson, Julius Meier, S. M. Mears, John F. Carroll, Tom Richardson, C. F. Swigert, W. D. Wheelwright, E. B. Piper, C. M. Hyakell, Clark Williams.

APPLIES FOR DUPLICATE

Seth Wells, Associate of "Fer-Don," Wants New Medical License.

Seth Wells, who received much notoriety here last June on account of his connection with the "Great Fer-Don," is seeking to secure a duplicate of his medical license from the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners. What use he could make of this in California, where Fer-Don is at present operating, he does not say in his letter to S. D. Van Meter, M. D., secretary of the Colorado Board, at Denver. The letter was written from Redland, Cal. Writing to Dr. Byron E. Miller, of the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, Dr. Van Meter says:

Inclosed find a letter from one, Dr. Seth M. Wells, who has an application pending for duplicate of the license granted to him by the Colorado board in 1900. This man is a native of Fort Dodge, Ia.

We are anxious to know if he is the Seth Wells mentioned in connection with "The Great" Fer-Don and Dr. G. E. French case written up in The Oregonian of June 15, 1907.

If possible please let me hear from you before the next meeting of our board, on April 7.

Fer-Don's plan is to send Wells on ahead, where he takes the medical examination, and if successful, acts as a licensed physician in the Fer-Don operations. He took the examination in Portland in May, 1907, obtaining a percentage of 64.8. At the time of the Police Court trial of Fer-Don, the license was revoked. Fer-Don offers to cure every ailment known to man.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say.

Tonight, Twice Tomorrow.

Tonight, tomorrow night, with a special matinee tomorrow afternoon, the attraction at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, will be the musical comedy success, "The Burgomaster." Seats are now selling at the theater.

Moving Pictures at the Marquam.

The most extraordinary display of moving pictures ever shown in the city is to be seen at the Marquam this week where the latest ideas in Pathe films are being shown. Every day from 2 until 10 P. M.

Who Is Raffles?

"The Mysterious Mr. Raffles" is on everybody's lips, and they are all trying to solve the trying question as to the identity of the clever thief. The Baker Stock Company is presenting this great success for the first time here at popular prices this week.

"Black Hand" Matinee.

This afternoon there will be a matinee performance of "The Black Hand" at the Star Theater. This is the most sensational modern melodrama ever produced in this city by a stock company at popular prices.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Mannering's Seat Sale.

Seats are now selling at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for the charming actress, Mary Mannering, who comes to the above theater next Thursday for three nights in the comedy, "Glorious Betsy." Special Saturday matinee.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

The noted English actor, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, will present "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" at the Heilig Theater next Monday night, April 6, and Tuesday night, "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith."

Grease, paints and professional supplies at Woodard, Clarke & Co.

Spring styles Hanan shoes at Rosenthal's

Spectacles $1.00 at Metzger's.

CHANGE FORM OF AMUSEMENT BAN

Portland Methodist Ministers Propose Amendment to Church Discipline.

THEY FRAME MEMORIAL

General Conference Asked to Expunge Specific Naming of Worldly Frivolities—Removal of the Taboo Is Not Contemplated.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY METHODIST MINISTERS.

In view of our general rule against "the taking of those diversions which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus," and of the fact that the last general conference adopted from the bishop's address a special chapter on amusements, placing it in the first part of the discipline under the head of "Special Advices," we respectfully memorialize the general conference to omit all references to specific amusements in the much-debated paragraph 248. Our other legislation is ample without it and a paragraph that provokes ceaseless agitation for its repeal can hardly command the united indorsement sufficient for its permanent enforcement.

Portland Methodist ministers yesterday memorialized the general conference, which is to convene in Baltimore next May, to eliminate from paragraph 248 of the discipline specific mention of "worldly amusements" now contained therein. This does not mean that they wish the ban removed from those pastimes, but signifies their desire to expunge the words "dancing, card playing, theater-going" and other enumerated forms of pleasure forbidden to the members. Under the title of general advice it is explained that there is ample provision for the enforcement of the policy of the denomination in this regard.

Rev. D. A. Watters, D. D., Elected President of Portland Methodist Ministerial Association.

The Methodist ministers were petitioned to retain intact the amusement paragraph by several chapters of the Epworth League in the city, but after a full discussion of the matter, it was voted to ask the general conference to expunge specific mention of those forms of amusement now contained in the discipline, for which expulsion is the penalty, after due process provided for. In reality, it is said, the petition of the league chapters sought only to insure the present high standard by the church, which is the same position taken by the pastors yesterday. Although it is sought by the preachers to secure the elimination from paragraph 248 of certain words, it is not the intention to remove the ban from the amusements now specified. The policy would be the same as now; and by some it is thought that the revision would enable the church to enforce the provisions of the discipline as to "worldly amusements" more efficiently.

Although the discipline has for years specifically mentioned dancing, card playing, theater-going and attendance at races or circuses, it is said that instances are of very rare occurrence where the penalties provided by the discipline have been inflicted. It is also argued that there are some forms of pastime not specifically mentioned in the discipline which are equally as harmful, and perhaps more so than those definitely set forth. That the general advices paragraph of the discipline is sufficiently strong to cover all cases, if the change asked by the Methodist ministers yesterday is made, is the contention. In that event, it is said, not only those forms of amusement named, but all others as well that are not proper under the rules of the church would be made punishable with equal force.

The amusement question, with several other matters, was referred to a special committee, of which Rev. Clarence True Wilson was the chairman. The committee reported yesterday and action was taken on most of the items.

The association members voted to memorialize the general conference to continue the Swedish work in the Oregon conference, instead of making of it a special conference. This is an important and rapidly-growing feature of Methodism in this section.

A resolution was also adopted, memorializing the general conference to continue the publication of the Pacific Christian Advocate, the official paper of the Northwest, in Portland, and to re-assign Bishop David H. Moore, with episcopal residence in Portland. A more economic administration of the missionary societies was also asked.

Officers for the ensuing term were elected by the association as follows: President, Rev. D. A. Watters; vice-president, Rev. H. P. Blake; secretary-treasurer, Rev. S. J. Keester.

Roller Signs for Match.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Dr. F. B. Roller, of this city, and Olle Donnelson, of Rockford, Ill., today agreed to wrestle Monday night in a local theater for $500 a side. Donnelson is a bigger man than Roller, weighing 219 pounds. He is blind in his left eye and says that it was put out in a wrestling match. He has been touring the Southern States and says he has not lost a fall in the last 25 matches. He has been beaten by both Burns and Gotch, but both matches were long ones.

SALOONS IN DRY STATES

Their Number Smaller Than in the States That Have License.

PORTLAND, March 28.—(To the Editor.)—In a recent issue you have a special dispatch headed, "Says Prohibition Is Working Harm," in which are some tables which show up the prohibition states unfavorably, the figures being taken from United States reports. The first table is from the United States census for 1900 and refers to the death rate from alcoholism. I have not been able to find the figures quoted for the license states. In the report that I have I do find, however, that they are not registration states; that is, the reports of deaths in them are not even approximately correct. If we take the states in the registration district we find the death rate for alcoholism for each 100,000 of population for the year 1900 was:

PROHIBITION STATES.	
Maine	2.20
Vermont	3.20
New Hampshire	2.30
Average	2.53
LICENSE STATES.	
Massachusetts	6.8
Connecticut	7.5
Rhode Island	10.5
New York	8.4
Michigan	3.5
New Jersey	5.3
Average	7.0

Thus we see that where approximately complete figures can be obtained the death rate, instead of being 50 per cent greater in prohibition states, is only about 36 per cent of that in the license states.

Now as to the second table, that referring to the retail liquor licenses issued by Government, I find the following to be the case in prohibition states; using the number of retail licenses granted in 1905 and the population given by the census of 1900:

Kansas, one for every	486
Maine, one for every	1,085
North Dakota, one for every	408

These are proportions materially less than those given in the table in question, where the figures are:

Kansas, one to	428
Maine, one to	661
North Dakota, one to	241

The figures given for the license states are practically the same as I get. But the nineteen license states listed are nearly all, if not all, local option states, and with the exception of Nebraska and Oklahoma, have large areas, and in a number of cases practically the whole state, under prohibition. The dispatch gives the average for the nineteen as one liquor license for every 611 of population. But suppose we take some states where there was comparatively little of even local prohibition, as follows:

New York, one for every	6
New Jersey, one for every	181
Indiana, one for every	276
Illinois, one for every	214

Here is an average of one retail license for every 222 of population, as against one for every 660 in prohibition states. In other words, the proportion of liquor sellers is from two to three times as great in states where prohibition sentiment is weak, as in those in which it is strong. It is evident from this how honest and fair this argument of the Model License League is.

From the nature of the case it is not possible for me to analyze the last table taken from the St. Paul Record, for I do not know how or where that paper obtained its figures. But, judging from what goes before in the dispatch and the experience of Kansas City, Kan., and Atlanta, Ga., it is reasonably certain that the figures would demonstrate about as much as those of the previous tables if the facts could be brought to bear on them.

J. S. BISHOP, M. D.

WOULD RECALL MESSAGES

Kaiser Asks They Be Considered as Not Sent.

BERLIN, March 30.—In its communication to Baron von Sternberg, the German Ambassador at Washington, regarding the acceptance of Dr. David Jayne Hill, as American Ambassador to Germany, in succession to Charlemagne Tower, the Foreign Office directed Baron von Sternberg to say to President Roosevelt, among other things, that Emperor William hoped the President would consider the messages forwarded through Mr. Tower and Lloyd C. Griscom, the American Ambassador to Italy, as not sent.

EXCURSION RATES

Via Oregon Electric Railway Company for Horse Show at Salem, Oregon, April 4, 1908.

This company will make a round trip rate of $1.50 from Portland to Salem for the above occasion. Tickets on sale Saturday, April 4, good going and returning on that date. Depot and ticket office, Front and Jefferson streets.

Kills Drunken Motorman

SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—L. Arnold, a motorman off duty, who had been drinking and was quarreling with Conductor Koch on a South Park car, was shot and killed about 1 o'clock this morning by C. F. Cushman, a passenger on the car. Arnold struck the conductor, who was an elderly man, and Cushman interfered. Cushman, who is a watchman at the United States Assay office, gave himself into the hands of the police, and claims self-defense.

Takes Lumber to Bay City.

ASTORIA, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The steamer F. S. Loop, which sailed today for San Francisco, carries a cargo of 820,000 feet of lumber, 240,000 feet of which was loaded at the Astoria Box Company, 150,000 feet at Portland and 500,000 feet at Knappton.

Red Cross shoes at Rosenthal's.

MORTON CONSULTS REAL ESTATE MEN

Seeks Investment for Funds of the Equitable Life in Portland.

MAY MAKE LARGE LOANS

President of Great Insurance Company Here to Investigate—Says Hughes Is Out of the Presidential Race.

Seeking investments in Portland for the surplus funds of the Equitable Life, and planning also to install a new manager for the company's Oregon agency, Paul Morton, president of that great insurance organization, reached the city yesterday morning, accompanied by H. L. Rosenfeld, his assistant. The life insurance magnate spent a large part of yesterday and last night in consultation with local real estate men, and intends to make a number of loans on real property here during his stay. He says the extent of these investments will depend upon circumstances.

A manager for Oregon will be installed in the Portland office during Mr. Morton's stay here. There are several applicants for the position and the name of the man to be appointed will probably be given out today. Mr. Morton leaves this afternoon for Puget Sound.

Mr. Morton stands high in financial circles and because of his former prominence in the railroad world and through having been Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, has gained a high place among men of affairs. He is optimistic and believes that the financial clouds that have hung over the country for the past few months are about to disappear. He says conditions are improving all the time, and while it will take some time to restore confidence, considers there is already a marked improvement.

"The railroads have suffered a great deal from hostile legislation and unfair regulation," said Mr. Morton. "What we need in this country is better service and more adequate facilities, rather than lower rates. I think the rates are low enough.

"Conditions are improving all over the East. People are gradually gaining courage. We had a bad panic but we are gradually getting over its effects."

Mr. Morton, who is deeply interested in politics, believes that Taft will be nominated for President by the Republicans on the first ballot. He considers Hughes out of the running and says that Cannon has a better chance than the New York Governor.

"There are many good men to choose from," said Mr. Morton. "Taft is a good man, Cannon is a good man, so is Hughes, and so is Fairbanks. But, in my opinion, Taft will get the nomination hands down."

Mr. Morton was met yesterday morning by a delegation from the Commercial Club and invited to take luncheon at the Arlington Club and to dine at the Commercial Club. He accepted both invitations. Yesterday afternoon he spent in going about the city and noting the growth it has made during the past 20 years. Mr. Morton has not been here since 1888. He found that there has been such a great growth in that period that he hardly knew the place. He commented on the fact that the city's growth has been slow and substantial. Mr. Morton spent the remainder of the day in consultation with real estate men and in visiting with railroad men of the city whom he knows.

Mr. Morton started life as a farmer's boy. He was born in Detroit, Mich., in 1857, and spent his early youth on his father's farm in Nebraska. He became office boy in the Burlington's employ when he was 15, and rose in the railroad service until he was second vice-president of the Santa Fe. From that position he was taken in 1904 by President Roosevelt to become Secretary of the Navy.

He was chosen to head the Equitable Life upon its reorganization after the exposure of the life insurance scandals.

ADDITION TO IRON-WORKS

Many Improvements Throughout the East Side.

The proprietors of the Pacific Iron Works, on East Third and Burnside streets, have started extensive enlargements of the plant. The company owns the entire block, purchased several years ago, and now worth eight times what was paid for it. Excavations have been started under the machine shop department for a full basement, in which will be located the blacksmith department. The material is being used to make a fill of the ground on East Second street, where the company will erect a building 50x100. All the ground fronting on East Second street will be filled up. On the north side of East Burnside street, at the bridge approach, R. A. Proudfoot will fill up the ground on the west side of his new hotel out to East Second street. These improvements will aggregate between $5000 and $10,000.

Fred W. Brooker, formerly of Walla Walla, superintendent of the Country Club and Livestock Association, has purchased a lot on the corner of Alameda and Coleman avenues, Rose City Park, and will erect one of the most attractive and pretentious residences in that addition, at a cost of $7000. Work on the foundation has been started. M. I. Billyeu, of Eugene, has bought a lot on Halsey and Twenty-second streets, Holladay Park, for $1300, on which he will erect a home. William Holdge purchased a lot in Rose City Park on Alameda street, for $1100, which means another dwelling there.

The contracts for the erection of the new home of Charles B. Moores, of Salem, to be erected on Fifteenth and Wasco streets, to cost $12,000, have been let. W. C. Knighton is the architect.

Goodrich & Goodrich have awarded the general contract for the two-story business building for F. M. Pliter, on the corner of Dawson and Fisk streets, University Park, to Black & Kerr. It will occupy the corner lot, and the cost will be about $7000 and is the most pretentious structure projected at University Park so far this year.

W. W. McMurray will erect a seven-room dwelling on East Seventeenth and Clackamas streets, to cost about $3000. Plans are being built for a two-story, 11-room, frame residence for Albert Brix on East Twenty-first and Clackamas streets, the cost to be about $10,000.

Excavating for the foundation for the Christian College, in Holladay's Addition, will be started next week. Contract has been let. Cost of building will be $30,000.

P. B. Sinnott will erect a two-story frame flat on Ross street, in McMillan's Addition, to cost $4000.

Plans are being drawn for a flatiron building to be erected at Myrtle Park, on Mount Scott railway, the cost to be $6000. It will be a frame structure and two stories in height. Churchill & Ross are the owners. It will be the most pretentious structure built in that district so far this year.

Charles O. Sigglin is having plans prepared for a $10,000 frame building on East Sixteenth and Alder streets.

Architect Otto Kleemann is preparing plans for a Roman Catholic parsonage of 11 rooms, to be erected at Hillsboro, for Rev. Father Buehholzer. It will be of frame construction and two stories high.

A hotel, costing $15,000, will be built on Umatilla avenue, Sellwood, covering 60x90 feet, this Summer. Work will be started on the building in ten days. Mallett & Elkerton is behind the enterprise.

At the special school election of the Gresham district it was voted to erect a four-room addition, and an assembly hall to the present building, at a cost of $3000. Also the old building will be renovated and a new heating plant installed. It is proposed to have the addition completed for the Fall term.

Roy Davis Gets New Job.

SALEM, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Roy Davis, stenographer in the office of the Oregon Railroad Commission, has been appointed court stenographer in the Ninth Judicial District, composed of Grant, Harney and Malheur Counties.

MAKES HARMONY PLEA

And Says That Oregon Republicans Should Get Together.

PORTLAND, March 28.—(To the Editor.)—The forces of the Republican party in Oregon are and have been for a number of years somewhat disorganized and scattered—due very largely, if not entirely, to disagreement and strife among those who seek control and management of party affairs. Consequently, the party is divided into opposing factions, each endeavoring to convince the other, and the public, of the justice and wisdom of its claims.

Some favor the direct primary law and Statement No. 1, while others of the party denounce them. The latter element is composed mainly of those who desire to see the old political machine once more in operation. This is about the condition of the Republican party, as it appears in Oregon today. Apparently Statement No. 1 and the direct primary law are issues upon which the party cannot agree.

It is said that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Now, I do not believe that the Republican party in Oregon is going to fall and never again to rise to its former power and influence, but believe that if the Republicans are to again have control of the politics of the state, they will have to work together in harmony, and abandon the idea of re-establishing machine rule, such as has controlled elections heretofore. The present primary law simply takes the power of control from the hands of a few politicians and places it more directly with the people.

If the results of the law are not satisfactory, it is for the people to say, and not for those from whom this power was taken, to decide as to the wisdom and practicability of the law. Before election, every voter should familiarize himself with the important questions involved, and then decide and vote according to the dictates of his own conscience, regardless of party affiliations. In other words, consider the principle before partisanship. I am aware that this, to the machine politician, is like waving a red flag at a bull. But there is no danger of doing away with party. It will simply cause reorganization of the party, with a different set of men as leaders, not "bosses," and will result in good. Old parties, in some respects, are like old buildings—reconstruction may become necessary for public safety.

D. MILLER.

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Cinchona Red Bark	6 Grains	Iodid of Potassium	4 Grains
Buckthorn Bark	4 Grains	Glycerin, C. P.	3½ Drachms
Stillingia Root	4 Grains	Flavoring	Oil Sassafras, Oil Wintergreen
Burdock Root	3 Grains		

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