

OREGON WAY NOT POPULAR IN EAST

Primary Law Advocated by Governor Hughes, Opposed by His Friends.

TOO COSTLY TO POOR MAN

Schurman Says Direct Primary Destroys Parties and Does Not Secure Nomination of the Best Candidates.

BY LLOYD F. LONGERGAN. NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Governor Hughes' plan for an "Oregon primary law" attracts less and less favor as the days go by.

The most interesting feature that has developed has been the unstinted disapprobation which has been manifested by independents. In fact, men who have been the Governor's unwavering allies for years have frankly announced their opposition to the proposed "reform."

Prominent in the list of men who have stated their disapproval are Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell University; Seth Low, ex-Mayor of New York, and Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia.

At the state convention last Fall President Schurman was offered the nomination for Governor. He declined, as he refused to stand in the way of his friend, Charles Evans Hughes.

Opposed by His Best Friends.

Seth Low was one of the organizers of the Hughes League and a delegate-at-large to the last Republican National convention. He was one of the leaders in the movement to promote the Governor.

President Butler is one of the original Hughes men. In days gone by he has rendered valuable assistance to the Governor and has "backed him up" on numerous occasions.

None of these men are self-seeking politicians. The chances are very strong that none of them will ever aspire to office. Consequently their views on the matter, because of the utter lack of self-interest, are deserving of consideration.

Kills Party, Says Schurman.

President Schurman has made public a long article over his own signature, in which he declares that direct nominations are the worst possible from a party standpoint, and do not conduce to the selection of the best candidates.

Ex-Mayor Low talks along the same line as does President Schurman and then points out that the direct primary law has been a sad failure in many Western States.

"A poor man cannot afford to be a candidate under its conditions," he asserts. "He is compelled to make one battle for the nomination and a second for the election. Then the so-called reform places a premium upon the man who can invent a catch phrase or best speech to the patrons of the hour."

President Butler's remarks are fairly well covered in the statements made by the two other gentlemen. Last year the Governor's crusade against the race-tracks aroused interest and enthusiasm. He had the people with him on that issue. Now the general sentiment is one of indifference.

Party Boss Feels Public Pulse.

Arbe Gruber, the smallest leader, with the largest Republican district in Manhattan, the "Grubery" district, says that he does not care personally what system is in vogue, but he believes the present plan works better in practice than any proposed substitute would.

Gruber keeps close to the members of his district, consults them as to nominations and all in all is a most satisfactory boss. One thing that proves this is that his relationship has not been seriously disputed in a decade.

"For example, the machine men want John Doe named for Assemblyman. They are not at all sure that he is the best man for the job. I find that John Doe has aroused the animosity of hundreds of independents, and that his selection might damage party success. So I turn John Doe down. Under direct primaries he would probably have won."

Oregon's Bad Example Feared.

The two worst blows to direct nominations have been dealt by Oregon and Wisconsin. The case of Oregon particularly is ridiculous. There is a state that gave Taft a big majority and voted in a Republican Legislature. It beats me to understand under these circumstances why a Democrat should be sent to the United States Senate. Surely as a majority of the voters are Republicans they want a Republican to represent them.

"Then take Wisconsin. Under the old system of conventions, La Follette, an independent, poor but popular, was enabled to beat the strongest kind of an opponent. Then along comes Stephenson and under direct primary rules gets a majority of the state for Senator by the lavish use of money.

"I tell you the old way, when party leaders are compelled to sound sentiment before they go ahead, has many advantages. So far as I am concerned, it is a matter of indifference to me whether I hold this job unless the people favor me. And I know I can win out one way as well as another."

Roosevelt Cautions Delay.

State Chairman Timothy Woodruff, after consulting with President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft, favors delay until the entire subject can be properly investigated.

"If we are to have direct nominations," he says, "I am personally in favor of the plan embodied in the bill which has been worked out by the committee of the Young Republican Club of Brooklyn." "There is so much testimony from Western states which have the direct primary law, to the effect that it is unsatisfactory, that I believe we should thoroughly investigate the matter before installing it here."

The Young Republican Club bill, to which reference is made by Mr. Woodruff, would provide for a system of committees to be elected by the voters at primary elections, including Assembly District, Senate District, Congress District, etc., which would do away with all conventions.

These committees would select the "regular" ticket, which must be filed no less than 30 days before the nominating primary, and any other candidates would then have ten days in which to make their canvass. "In other words," said a politician who has studied the subject, "the organization as represented by the party committee would have a year in which to select its nominee, while opposing elec-

ments would be limited to ten days in which to circulate nominating petitions. "Why, the organization would have a bigger clench than it has now." No New York politician has dared to take a stand in favor of any legislation similar to Oregon's famous Statement No. 1. They fear what would happen if a stalwart Republican legislator like John Raines, for example, found himself pledged to vote for "Fingy" Conners. They also tremble when they think what would happen to "Fingy."

GOOD JOBS FOR SENATORS

Desirable Committee Places to Be Filled by 61st Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Many desirable committee places are to be filled in the Senate when the 61st Congress assembles. Including the successor of Senator Knapp, there will be 13 new Senators. The committee places of Senator Allison, of Iowa, also remain to be filled.

The vacancy as chairman of the com-

NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT BECOMES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.



J. C. Loughlin, WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—J. C. Loughlin, who has just been confirmed as Assistant Secretary of State, has been for a good many years a newspaper correspondent at Washington. More recently he was made secretary of the Commission to the Japanese Exposition. The postponement of the exposition led to his assignment to his present position. He is not expected to remain in it after March 4.

mittee on appropriations caused by the death of Mr. Allison will be filled by Senator Hale, whose retirement as chairman of the committee on naval affairs will cause the promotion of Senator Perkins to that place. The retirement of Mr. Hemenway, Republican, and Mr. Teller, Democrat, will make vacancies in the committee on appropriations.

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The most important committee during the extra session will be that on finance, which will be charged with considering the tariff bill when it comes from the House. Vacancies were made on the committee by the retirement of Senators Teller, Hambridge and Platt and by the death of Mr. Allison.

Senator Gallinger has declined an appointment on finance and the vacancies may be filled by Senators Lodge, Carter and Nelson, although McCumber and Clapp are also possibilities. Senator Teller's place may be given to Senator Clay, of Georgia.

DEEP WATERWAY ON LAKES

Chicago-to-Buffalo Channel Via Soo Will Be Asked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A deep water channel from Chicago to Buffalo, via the "Soo," is in contemplation. In a few days a measure will be introduced in Congress providing for the complete survey and, perhaps, for the construction of such a waterway.

That the plan is feasible is indicated by the fact that already there is a Chicago-to-Buffalo channel 21 feet deep. Contracts have already been let for the construction of a lock at the Soo which



Booker T. Washington, Who Is Urging That Liberia Be Sent Aid to Struggling Liberia.

will accommodate three of the largest vessels on the Lakes at one time. The cost of the project will be approximately \$2,000,000.

Scientific Tariff Desired.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—Preparations for the National tariff convention, which meets here Tuesday, have been completed. The convention will be the first held to promote a statistical and scientific basis for the tariff revision. The numerous speakers will be confined to 20-minute addresses and issues not bearing directly upon the purpose of the convention will be prohibited.

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NATION SHOULD LEND AID

United States Dutybound to Help Negro Colony in Africa—Other Nations Have Helped Colored Republic.

Storm Bows Over Negro Church.

LARNED, Miss., Feb. 14.—A storm struck this place from the northwest, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with terrific force. Snowing down a negro church, killing Mrs. Richard Harris and Mrs. Maggie Bennett's child and injuring eight or nine persons. About 75 persons were in the building at the time.

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