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CLARIFYING POLITICS BY MEANS OF

The vigor of the Republican assembly movement throughout Oregon will not be successfully belittled by Democratic politicians and their small group of so-called Republican allies.

The movement is so widespread and so strong that it cannot be mistaken for a minority effort. It is a party, it is obviously an expression of the spirit and the conscience of citizens who compose two-thirds of the voting population of this state.

Most counties of Oregon have held party assembly and probably everyone will be represented in the state gathering in Portland next Thursday.

Many of the county conferences have recommended candidates for nomination by party voters in the primaries. Despite false assertions of Democrats, the county meetings have been largely attended.

Such a movement could not take hold as it has done, nor attain its present impetus, unless the spirit of the people is the driving force.

But if now there are enough men, calling themselves Republicans, fond of Democratic alliances and of acting with the Democratic party who think they can leave the Republican party to a minority, let them go.

Whether they or the remaining members of the Republican party shall win, the result will tend greatly to simplification of political issues in the state.

However, there are not enough so-called Republicans to control the expressions of the Republican party. This is plain from the overwhelming success of that party in the last legislative assembly.

THIRTY-FOOT RIVER CHANNEL. The annual report of Major McIndoe, a synopsis of which appeared in yesterday's Oregonian, is the most encouraging contribution to the channel and harbor literature that has yet been made from this district.

On this feature the report states that "the channel in the Lower Columbia and Willamette Rivers is gradually improving, so that in order to obtain the same depth less dredging is required."

ing a higher passenger rate in Pullman cars than in day coaches. This is to offset a recent reduction ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its rates on Salt Lake, Ogden and California points.

MORTGAGE TAX FOR OREGON? The state tax commission of Oregon has suddenly decided that a law of 1907 requires taxation of mortgages and has instructed county assessors to levy the tax on all taxable property.

This tax on mortgage notes, if collected as proposed by the commission, is very injurious to activities that borrow capital for investment elsewhere, both outside and domestic funds. It will raise the interest rate to persons who would borrow in spite of the tax.

Perhaps it is natural, however, to expect a tax commission that is in league with Democratic-Populist factions, to demand collection of tax on mortgages.

NATIONAL EXTRAVAGANCE. At the session of 1910 Congress appropriated \$136,935,190 for the Navy. This is more than five times the sum devoted to the same purpose in 1895.

It is the extreme of negligence to allow navigation on the Willamette to lapse during the month of July, the farmers most need river transportation in order that they may promptly and regularly reach local markets with perishable products.

BAN UPON TUBERCULAR PATIENTS. The fact that patients suffering from tuberculosis have come to be shunned in public places is a distinct blot on the enlightenment of our community.

AN ERBONIOUS ARREST. The Pennsylvania policeman who arrested a tramp for taking a bath the other day may have belonged to the sect of Menemites who believe in the use of less sanctity attaches to dirt.

A Chicago dispatch says that the Harriman lines, the San Pedro & Salt Lake road and the Western Pacific are considering the experiment of charging

the next tramp he sees bathing instead of halting him to a dungeon. If the habit of bathing should ever grow common among tramps perhaps it will show infectious qualities and lead to the guardians of city jails.

MR. BRYAN, ISHMAELITE. Mr. Bryan, erstwhile apostle of free silver, anti-expansion, Government ownership of what not else, is certainly "getting in bad" with the powers of his party.

Undoubtedly Mr. Malarkey or any other man who desires to run for office on any platform has a right to do so. It is not impossible that amid present factional divisions Mr. Malarkey might be elected.

Portland, for the first time in its history, stands in second place among the big wheat-shipping ports of the country. Exports from this city for the fiscal year ending June 30 are exceeded only by those of New York.

The expected batch of lies about the assembly's being controlled by corporations and machine politicians appears, of course. The assemblies of Saturday were the work of bodies of men in all parts of the state, whose object is no other than the better fare.

Politics in Indiana. It appears from the gatherings and discussions of the candidates of both parties here in Indiana that (1) the East Side reads more than ever the state; and (2) that the Republicans are sure of a substantial victory.

The Los Angeles who has discovered that a large majority of the residents of any community have placed the ban of seclusion upon persons of tubercular tendencies and this same unreasonable fear has refused this distressed legion an asylum.

They say some of the old Republican wheelhouses were present at the assembly meetings Saturday, and hysterical exclamation is the consequence.

The trouble with the petitions asking Mr. Bryan to run for Senator is probably that the name-getters do not draw pay enough per head. The Oregon plan is different.

Speaking of Langwidge. Miss Etta Mohler, with a mother, sisters, brother and his family, will enjoy a two weeks' outing among the blues and dingles of the Mississippi River.

Uncle Joe was an old smooth-bore overheat in the Kansas sun. That was all.

TRUE REPUBLICANS UNITING. Others belong to the Rival Party and should seek Berth There. The showing made at the primary meeting demonstrates that all real Republicans are ready for a reorganization of the party in the county, and for county-wide democracy.

A united stand of Republicans was never more important than in the coming election in November, when state, Congressional and senatorial candidates are to be chosen.

Men for Democrat President. Harms, Gaynor, Dix, Woodrow Wilson, et al, but not Bryan. The renomination of Governor Harmon in Ohio is a step toward perfecting the machinery of the Democratic party.

Refuses Back Seat, Tries to Drive Ohio and Trains for "Next Time." There is assurance of a great Democratic victory in 1912, according to United States Senator Charles McNary.

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Literary Tastes of the Poor. The "five best sellers" may interest Fifth Avenue, but on New York's East Side the English classics are the greater attraction.

The Malodorous Cigar Butt. Boston Herald. Magistrate Krotel, of the Yorkville Court of New York City, is indeed a worthy judge.

Pointed Paragraphs. Chicago News. If a girl is all the world to a man he should be careful to engage in the real estate business.

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UREN'S "BEST GOVERNMENT" PLEDGE. A Neighbor Quotes Governor Har and Cites Folly of "System." Governor Har entered office as an untried man. He knew little of the business of government.

That's plain, practical and old-fashioned, but it is intensely true. It is true in spite of the best efforts of the Bourne and the U'Rens that make government a jumble.

But the people surrendered control of their affairs and control of convention to a group of self-seeking, unworthy ambitious. The people surrendered control of their affairs and control of convention to a group of self-seeking, unworthy ambitious.

CRITIC OF "NATIONAL BOSS." New York Writer Thinks Washington State Will Refuse "Dictation." An airship would fly it is approximately 100 miles from Oyster Bay to the northwestern corner of the country where is the State of Washington.

Triekery of Statement One. Bingen (Wash.) Observer. Through Senator Chamberlain Oregon set a Democrat to the United States Senate.

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"SYSTEM" FOILS PEOPLE'S WILL. Oregon "Improvements" as Viewed by California Observer. In Oregon the "new system" has now been on trial for something like five years. It has in a way had its success, but it has not been observed that they have led to anything commending.

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MOTOR OWNERS PAY FOR ROADS. Suggestion That Toll Gates Be Established to Bring in a Revenue. According to the suggestion of Cooper it is "up" to the auto drivers to maintain the highways that they use on their runs to the mountains or to the adjacent towns.

Outside View of Oregon. Yankin Republic. Under the initiative and referendum system in Oregon 32 measures will be submitted to the people at the general election.

Moral Victory for the Negro. Portland Advocate (Colored). The Advocate says that the issue of the mental bravery of Jack Johnson, and hinted that perhaps even a fabulous sum would be offered to "lay down" Of course we knew nothing about this, but only intimated it in speaking of the mental bravery as well as the physical prowess of the champion. Yet somehow the intimation was the "real dope" for those who read the papers.

Fits and Misses in Oregon. Weston Leader. Despite the fits and misses that Oregon is throwing and creating, we venture to hope that some semblance of unity remains. Voters should reflect that we now have some political experiments to digest without attempting more. Especially should they vote down the amendment authorizing state-owned railroads, a fatuous boob, and deserves the kibosh.

Democratic Assemblies Secret. Eugene Register. That was a striking cartoon in this morning's Oregonian "slinging up" the assembly and anti-assembly followers. These faithful party workers are Democrats to get together and slate ticket, but what a horrible howl goes up when the Republicans come out in the open to fight in a free-for-all gathering of suitable men to represent the taxpayers and people generally.

War-Gods as Carriers. London Telegraph. At the approaching French maneuvers a severe test is to be made of the value of dogs as carriers.