

FOR DIRECT PRIMARIES

MR. BINGHAM PRESENTS HIS PROJECT IN DETAIL

And Offers Himself as a Candidate for Joint Representative.

PORTLAND, May 5.—(To the Editor.)—It is now over 11 years since I inaugurated the movement which culminated in the enactment of our present Australian ballot law. Evidently that law and our registration law, which I drafted, have come to stay with us. I feel equally sure if we can secure a good, direct primary election law of the character I outlined in an article printed in the Oregonian of April 2, 1900, that the people will never consent to its repeal.

Our recent "primaries" and numerous "conventions" have been instructive. The people well know that the party officers are elective—that a few skillful politicians, well styled "the bosses" of the parties, really name the party candidates and pass through them undisturbedly or control every department of government, the legislative, executive and judicial, and both state and National.

Just, instead of a government by the people and for the people, we are living under a government of "the bosses" and "the bosses."

Under the circumstances, to present myself as a candidate for the office of Joint Representative from Clackamas and Multnomah counties, to be voted for at the next June 4 election, the chief object is to secure the enactment of a good direct primary election law, such as was outlined by me in the Oregonian of April 2. I do not feel that I am jeopardizing the election of a good candidate for the office of Joint Representative from Clackamas and Multnomah counties, to be voted for at the next June 4 election, the chief object is to secure the enactment of a good direct primary election law, such as was outlined by me in the Oregonian of April 2.

I would by law fix a date, about two weeks before the date fixed for holding the general election, at which all the parties which cast 3 per cent or more of the votes at the last general election should meet to nominate their primary candidates.

WILL TEST OUR TIMBER

BILL APPROPRIATING \$40,000 HAS BEEN FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Thirty Per Cent to Be Spent in Testing Pacific Coast Woods—Information for the Public.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A bill providing for an appropriation of \$40,000 for investigations and report on the strength and durability of American timber has been favorably reported by Senator Foster as a subcommittee to the Senate committee on agriculture and forestry, of which Senator Proctor is chairman.

The report shows that, while a number of railroad companies are informed regarding the great merits of fir timber, the public generally has no reliable data and can secure nothing sufficiently authentic to be accepted as a standard.

oak for purposes of strength and durability, as well as cheapness. The bill which was introduced by Senator McBride, provides that in expending 30 per cent of the appropriation on the Pacific Coast the interested parties must furnish a suitable place for the tests to be made.

Each voter will thus become, in a measure, responsible for the candidate put forward by his party, and the electors will come forward and vote at the primaries with the same interest as they would at the general election.

ED W. BINGHAM.

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INTEREST IN THE PRUNE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY.

Believed That Great Benefit Will Come to This Northwestern Industry by Study Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—In increasing the appropriation for botanical investigations and experiments from \$20,000 to \$30,000, as provided by a Senate amendment to the Agricultural Department appropriation bill, it is proposed to give particular attention to the prune culture in the Pacific Northwest.

The pruner in the Pacific Northwest, Senator Foster, who secured a \$3000 increase, believes that a thorough investigation is needed covering the questions of earlier maturing varieties, which will avoid the autumn rains, and which are not subject to certain diseases.

Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, estimates that the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have established 1,200,000 prunes in the industry representing an estimated investment of \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000.

IN JOHN BROWN'S MEMORY

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Society Will Hold a Celebration.

The Paul Lawrence Dunbar Society will hold a celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Brown, May 3, 5 P. M., at the A. M. E. Zion Church, following is the programme:

Hotel Arrivals.

Hotel Donnelly, Tacoma.

EVERYBODY GET A BUTTON.

PLACES WHERE BUTTONS ARE ON SALE

Everybody get a button. The Spanish bronze cannon souvenir buttons are sold for the benefit of the Soldiers' Monument fund.

Mark L. Cohn, 23 Washington. George J. P. Silter, 204 Russell.

State Nominations.

For state nominations, to be voted for throughout the state, the results will be collected by the Secretary of State and canvassed the same as the state vote now is at the general election.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. Edwards, of Sumpter, is registered at the Perkins.

Portland Girl Married.

East Side Notes.

DAYLIGHT ON THE COLUMBIA.

DEATH OF ROSS MERRICK.

Well-Known East-Sider Passes Away—Republican Meeting.

Ross Merrick, pioneer of 1832 and a well-known resident of Portland, on the East Side, died at his home on the corner of East Pine and East Twenty-third streets, yesterday forenoon at 10 o'clock, after an illness of two years.

THE FUTURE ROOTS IN THE PRESENT.

That is the fact to be impressed on the mind of every young woman. While she is looking forward to the future, what fate may have in store for her, is herself determining the future about which she is so anxious.

"I WISH I WERE A GIRL AGAIN."

How many a woman voices that wish. Yet it is not girlish she wants. What she really craves is to get away from present misery and have the health and vigor of a young girl.

THE IMPERIAL.

At the English Lutheran Church, of Oakland, Cal., Wednesday, April 26, by the Rev. William Kelly, Miss Emma Eugenia Smith, of Portland, was married to George D. Young, of Port Bragg, Cal.

Castle Crag Soda Springs.

WORTH \$100; SELLS AT \$1.

THE FUTURE FORETOLD

HOW THE MAIDENS OF INDIA FORECAST THEIR FATE.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Travellers in India sometimes come upon a group of village maidens on the bank of a river or stream, who are endeavoring to forecast the happiness or misery which the future has in store for them. The method is very simple.

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feel better today than I have for a year. I thank you, dear doctor, from the bottom of my heart, for well do I know that you are the one who cured me.

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For over 30 years Dr. R. V. Pierce, as chief consulting physician to the Ingham Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., has made a specialty of the treatment and care of the diseases peculiar to women.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

The offer of free consultation by letter has been initiated so often by those having no medical knowledge or ability that it seems necessary to point out the difference between the real offer of a real physician and the imitations of it.

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