

IS IT SCHEME OF BOSSES?

NOVEL PLAN PROPOSED FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

Resolution Adopted That May Tend to the Creation of a Political Machine.

Near the close of a convention at which the speakers denounced centralization of power, and advocated placing the control of affairs more directly in the hands of the people, the Democrats of Oregon adopted a resolution which may tend to the creation of a political machine. The purpose of the resolution is to save confusion in the organization of a convention, and it will undoubtedly have that effect. The requirement that credentials be submitted to the state central committee prior to the day of the convention will save an immense amount of labor and trouble and hasten the work of organization. But the provision authorizing the state central committee to appoint the temporary chairman may prove unsatisfactory. While the main purpose is good, and present party managers may not attempt to use the new programme to advance their own interests, yet the scheme, on the whole, is one that could hardly have succeeded in a Republican convention, where machine methods are by Democrats declared to be the rule. The plan of convention procedure set forth in the resolution is as follows: "First—That the state central committee shall be prepared at least one day before the meeting of the convention to receive credentials of delegates, and that original or duplicate credentials of all delegates shall be presented to the committee, from which the committee shall make up a provisional list of the convention, reserving all questions of contents in representation to the convention. "Third—That upon the assembling of the convention the roll shall be called according to such provisional list and for purposes of temporary organization the names upon such roll shall constitute the convention. "As everybody knows, much depends upon the control of the temporary organization of a convention. Though it is provided that all things shall be subject to the approval of the convention, yet if any time and confusion are to be saved, the convention must abide by the choice of the state central committee for temporary officers. To attempt to set aside the officers named by the state central committee would precipitate a conflict more serious than was ever seen in the selection of a temporary chairman by the usual method. The importance of securing control of the temporary organization lies in the fact that the temporary chairman appoints all committees. Giving to the state central committee the right to name the temporary chairman virtually carries with it the power to name the members of the committees on order of business, platform, etc. This centralization of power is something new in Democratic politics.

OPENING GUN AT SALEM.

Club Organizes to Take Active Part in Campaign.

The Salem Republican Club is first to announce a meeting for the purpose of re-organizing for the coming campaign. Salem Republicans can always be depended upon to begin a campaign as early as possible to keep up the work until the ballots are counted. Such men as Claud Gatch, George F. Rodgers, George P. Hughes, F. T. Wrightman, L. L. Pease, George G. Bingham, Len Greener, J. N. Smith and W. H. Odell are always plain Republicans after the convention has been held. They are hard fighters in primaries and conventions, but still harder fighters when the contest gets outside of the family. The spirit of the Salem Republican Club is likely to be contagious and reports will now be coming in of the revival of Republican clubs in every city and town in Oregon. Nearly every such organization is permitted to sleep during the interval between two campaigns. The clubs take no part whatever in the contests between factions of the Republican party, but just as soon as the two opposing tickets have been named meetings are called, new officers are elected, and the work of the new campaign begins in earnest. The loyalty of Salem Republicans could not have been better attested than by their early move in this direction.

FIRE SURVEY NEARLY DONE

East Side Will Next Be Visited and Quickly Disposed Of.

Fire insurance surveys are nearly done with the West Side of the river. They expect to have the new survey and the new rates all made up by about the end of next week. They will then begin the survey of the East Side. That part of the city will be more quickly gone over than the other, on account of the simple character of the buildings. Insurance agents have received about all their minimum rate cards for the West Side. These cards show an advance in rates for many public buildings east of Third street, among the structures being the Abington and Worcester blocks. West of that street the advances are not so numerous. On the water front there is an average advance in rates. One structure was raised one-third of 1 per cent, but this is an unusual case. Dwellings have received a general re-

duction. The surveys have no discretion in raising or lowering rates, and are supposed to adhere rigidly to the rules of the Pacific Board of Underwriters. In the East this year there is a universal advance in rates, owing to the losses the companies sustained last year, but the Coast charges are the same. "It is apparent, however," said an agent yesterday, "that the underwriters of the Pacific are disposed to charge all the traffic will bear." The local office of the Board of Underwriters is sending out notices to property-owners, informing them of faults on their premises. Removal of such faults increases the security of the property and secures a lower rate of insurance.

HOME FROM MEXICO.

Salem Physician Tells of a Long and Interesting Trip.

Dr. H. H. Olinger, of Salem, was in Portland yesterday on his way home from a three months' visit to Mexico, Cuba and Eastern cities. Most of the time he spent in Mexico City, where he visited Dr. W. W. Conrath, formerly of Salem. Dr. Olinger says he is quite well satisfied with Oregon, and has no particular desire to go to Mexico to live, though in many respects it is an attractive place. Mexico City is about four times as large as Portland. All the business blocks erected in the last few years are of modern American style, and have all the modern conveniences. An American laboring man has no business in Mexico, for the reason that he cannot compete with native laborers; an American professional man has no inducement to go to that country, because the field is already well supplied with Americans. But Dr. Olinger says that the mutual concessions to outside enterprises, many American and British capitalists are being encouraged to invest their money in manufacturing establishments in Mexico, and the general opinion is that good profits are being realized. Among the large enterprises recently established there by American capitalists is a steel plant. Manufactures concentrated upon the plains which make them successful in America will be still more successful in Mexico, where the competition is not yet so close. But for a man without a considerable amount of capital, Mexico has nothing to offer. Dr. Olinger attended a Spanish bull fight every week he was in Mexico. He didn't particularly enjoy the bull fights, but went in hope of seeing a Spaniard killed. The fights were very exciting, because of the danger involved, but in the fights Dr. Olinger witnessed no men were injured. Being horses gone by the bulls were killed, and several serious doubts as to the real intentions of the Government. Dr. Olinger returned to the United States by steamer from Havana, New York. He spent several days in Albany, and will not have an opportunity to meet President Roosevelt.

CARRIED BY DOG SLEDGE.

Oscar Fish Gets \$25,000 a Year for Two Trips a Month in Alaska.

New York Sun. Washington.—Oscar Fish, of Valdez, Alaska, so whom the contract for carrying the United States mails from Valdez to Eagle for another four years was recently awarded, is the best-paid mail-carrier in the world. By his contract he receives \$25,000 a year for making two trips a month between the points named a distance of about 415 miles, nearly 1,000 each trip. The mail carried is limited to 300 pounds, and consists generally of letters only, papers and more bulky articles being carried, however, when the mail is unusually light. Postoffice Department officials say that the sum paid to Fish is very reasonable when it is considered that he makes the trip by dog sledge and that he has the most dangerous route of any mail-carrier in the world. His 34 trips a year keep him busy most of the time, and he practically takes his life in his hands every time he starts out on his solitary journey. Fish has the finest team of dogs in Alaska and some of the trips are made in record time. He has several times been given up for dead by residents of Valdez and Eagle, but so far he has always managed to reach the end of his journey, although sometimes overdue, and occasionally very much battered up. He has fallen down precipices, got mixed up in avalanches and has been starved and frost bitten, but is still drawing his \$25,000 a year from the Government and says he expects to continue making his adventurous trips until "snowed under."

Eugene Wants Local Train.

People of Eugene have begun a movement for a local train to Portland. They want the run of the Albany local extended to Eugene. That train now leaves Albany at 7 A. M. and reaches Portland at 10 o'clock; returning, leaves Portland at 4 P. M. and gets to Albany at 7:15. The distance between Portland and Albany is 90 miles, and the speed is a little less than 20 miles an hour. Between Albany and Eugene the distance is 43 miles. That would add a little more than 1 1/2 hours to the time for each trip, and if the six-hour bus for business in Portland were to remain, the train would need leave Eugene about 5:30 A. M. and arrive there on the return

at about 8:40 P. M. Trains now leave Eugene for Portland at 7 A. M. and at 1:15 P. M. and arrive there from Portland at 1:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. Application for the additional service has been made, and is now being considered by the company.

ACTIVE WORK OF W. C. T. U.

Mrs. H. D. Harford, State President, Visits Local Unions.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Multnomah County has been particularly active during the past week. The state president, Mrs. Helen D. Harford, of Newberg, has visited the local unions in her official capacity, strengthening here and encouraging there, addressing mothers' meetings, parlor meetings and giving public lectures. Mrs. Harford is a member of the organizing board of the National W. C. T. U., and is a strong, logical and convincing speaker. Her grasp of the work of the various moral reforms is broad and comprehensive and her lectures are instructive and entertaining. She will speak under the auspices of the Central Union this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the First Congregational church. Her subject, "The Octopus," is suggestive. White Ribboners from various unions, all people interested in temperance and reform movements and the public generally are most cordially invited. In the evening Mrs. Harford will give an address in the Evangelical Church, corner of East Tenth and Sherman streets, under the auspices of the East Side union. These meetings are but the forerunners of greater activity in W. C. T. U. circles. Arrangements are now pending the coming of Mrs. Mary Teats, of California, national evangelist of the Purety Department. Her subject, "The Octopus," is suggestive. Later Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, until recently the president of the board of national organizers, will visit our city and inaugurate a vigorous campaign for righteousness and Christian citizenship.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Postmaster Walter L. Toose, of Woodburn, is at the Portland. Collector of Customs L. J. Patterson is spending Sunday in Salem. Judge Thomas A. McBride of Oregon City, was in Portland yesterday. A. S. Tibbs, president of the Tibbs Cordage Manufacturing Company, of San Francisco, is at the Portland. Judge J. W. Hamilton, of Roseburg, who has been in Portland for several days, will return to his home today. Dr. W. P. Smith and wife, of Turner.

Married Women

Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

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are at the Perkins. Dr. Smith is the resident physician of the State Reform School. G. H. Morrill, a prominent wholesale ink merchant of Boston, is at the Portland. Among the guests at the Portland are G. A. Chaffant and family, of Pittsburg, Pa., who are staying through the Pacific States. Mr. Chaffant is at the head of a large steel manufacturing plant at Pittsburg. E. V. Carter, Republican nominee for senator from Jackson County, spent yesterday in Portland, returning to Ashland on last night's train. Mr. Carter says that his county will give the Republican ticket a good majority in the coming election.

Benjamin Warner, of Oregon City, probably the oldest printer in the state, celebrated his 84th birthday yesterday by coming to Portland and looking at some of the sights of the city. To him, of course, the most wonderful thing was the linotype machine, which casts lines of type five times as fast as the hand type can set. He was a first-class workman in his time, a careful thinker and accurate writer as well as a competent man at the case, but he could not feel at home in the modern newspaper establishment. Up to about four years ago Mr. Warner made his living at the printer's trade, but he now prefers to enjoy a serene old age by tending a fine garden from which he draws most of his support.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Henry L. Wilson, United States Minister to Chile, was among the passengers on the steamer Philadelphia, which arrives from Southampton today.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Robert Steehr, of Portland, accompanied by his wife and child, called at the New York office of The Oregonian today.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—Attorney-General D. R. N. Blackburn was in his office at the Statehouse today for the first time since his illness of three months with typhoid fever. Mr. Blackburn's protracted illness has left his hearing considerably impaired.

OLD HORSE SALE

Gilman's Auction House, 411 and 413 Washington Street. 330 pieces of unclaimed baggage, consisting of trunks, valises, bundles and bicycles, will be sold at public auction Thursday, April 10, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

Homeowners, Attention! We take this method of informing homeowners that farming, fruit and pasture lands can be purchased in vicinity of Harrisburg, Linn County, Or., for less money, quality considered, than elsewhere in the Willamette Valley. Address W. W. Briggs, secretary Board of Trade.

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Great Sale of Wash Silks, 44c Yard Over 1000 yards finest quality wash silks. These are our own importation, direct from Japan. Colorings and styles are the very best. On sale Monday at, per yard 44c

Handsome New Wash Goods Figured lawns and dimities, in all the new patterns, stripes, figures and floral designs, grades for which you would expect to pay 10c, at, per yard 8c Colored lawns, solid colors of red, pink, light blue, green, yellow, lavender and linen shades, also plain black and white, splendid values at 15c; our price, per yard 12 1/2c Fancy dimities and organdies, a full and complete line in every color combination, stripes, figures and zerril designs, grades that are being sold about town at 20c; our price, per yard 15c

Nottingham Lace Curtains, \$1.00 Pair We will place on sale for one week about 125 pairs Nottingham lace curtains, in white and ecru, 3 1/2 yards long by 48 inches wide; regular prices \$1.25 and \$1.40; sale price, per pair \$1.00

New Walking Skirts, \$1.90 50 ladies' Oxford gray walking skirts, made of heavy melton cloth, nine rows of stitching on flounce; these are good values at \$2.75; special sale price \$1.90

New Waists and Skirts Our new stock of Spring and Summer shirt waists are prettier than any we have ever shown before. No weave or make of desirable fabric is missing or overlooked in our collection, and each waist is a masterpiece in style and finish. We cordially invite your inspection and criticism. Percale waists at 35c, 55c, 85c and \$1. Waists made of mercerized chambray, dimities and dainty white lawns, at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Men's Working Shirts, 48c If these weren't unquestionably better than any you could ordinarily get for the money, we would never use expensive space to tell you about them. They are made of good, strong shirtings, in light and dark colors, put together with a mother's own care, and nicely finished in every respect. It would be hard to find a better shirt at 65c.

Bargain Sale of Men's Hats, 98c This is about the luckiest purchase we ever made. We will offer two cases of men's Spring-style hats, which we bought from the railroad company at 50c on the dollar. These were being shipped to a clothing store in Seattle, but on account of delay in transit were rejected. Not a hat in the lot worth less than \$1.50; your choice, while they last 98c

Bargains in Shoes We received last week from the best factories in the world over 50 cases of shoes for men, women and children. Women's vic kid shoes, good, dressy styles, all solid leather; worth \$1.75; special price \$1.57 Women's vic kid, Oxford ties, new styles, light and heavy soles, all solid leather; worth \$1.50; special price \$1.35 Men's vic kid and box calf shoes, dressy styles, worth \$2.50; special price \$2.65 Men's vic kid and box calf shoes, new styles, medium weight, soles of good, honest leather, "union made," worth \$2.50; special price \$2.00 Infants' fancy kid and patent leather soft-sole shoes, very latest patterns, worth 60c and 75c; special price 50c Our special brand Paste Shoe Polish, worth 15c; special price 7c Wrappers, 75c 20 dozen flannellette wrappers, all sizes; regular price \$1 and \$1.25. Monday only.

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