

POPULARITY OF PRIMARY WANES

Underground Antagonism to New Law on Increase in Washington.

SERIOUS FLAWS CROP OUT

Candidates Are Privately Hostile to Measure, While Majority of Editors Consider It to Be Unfair.

The primary nominees for judicial positions and the selections made by the minority parties shall appear on the general election ballot.

If the primary nominees were put under a separate heading in one corner of the ballot, most of the Republican and Democratic voters are likely to overlook them, and there would be a reasonable possibility that some convention nominees would have the highest vote in the general election by reason of his more advantageous position.

It has been suggested that the convention nominees might be put under the same heading as the primary nominees, but then the question is raised as to the order of the names, while some good lawyers think that the minority party by mandamus proceedings could upset such an arrangement.

The suggestion that the names of the primary nominees be printed on both Republican and Democratic ballots in the general election is met by the answer that the general election laws prohibit the printing of a candidate's name on more than one ticket.

It has also been suggested that if two Republicans and one Democrat should be nominated in the primaries for Supreme bench, the two Republicans' names should go on the Republican ticket and the one Democrat's name go on the Democratic ticket. The objection pointed out to this is that as a matter of law the County Auditor, who prepares the ballots, do not know the politics of the candidates for Supreme Judge voted for in the primaries.

Missing Link Apparent.

The omission in the law was called to the attention of Assistant Attorney-General L. R. Kniekerbocker today. Mr. Kniekerbocker said that there is undoubtedly a link missing in the act and that the question is the most serious one that has yet been raised concerning the workings of the primary election law. The question has not been formally presented to the office for an official opinion.

One legal authority here declares that if the question should go to the courts, they would either have to read a new section into the act or else declare the boasted non-partisan judiciary feature unconstitutional and void.

POSTMASTERS WILL MEET

Convention in Portland in August. Some of Speakers.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The coming convention of the Postal Postmasters Association of Oregon, to be held in Portland, August 7 and 8, will be attended by R. T. Bushnell, chief clerk in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General and by W. R. Hinman, assistant superintendent of the department of salaries and allowances, both of Washington, D. C. Mr. Bushnell will address the convention on the subject, "The postal savings banks and the extension of the parcel post on rural routes." Mr. Hinman will discuss, "Salaries and Allowances."

Other topics and speakers at the convention will be: "Postoffice Management," Ed Hostetter; "Postoffice Accounts," J. S. Van Winkle; "Common Errors," O. C. Riches; "Fourth-class Postmasters," M. F. Davis; "Rural Delivery," E. C. Clement; subject to be selected, T. T. Randall; subject to be selected, J. W. Minto.

Secretary E. W. Johnson, of the association, has been notified by the department at Washington that ten days' leave of absence will be given all members of the association who desire to attend the convention, and that the railroads have announced a one and one-third fare for the round trip. The convention takes place in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club building. The purposes of the convention are the betterment of the service in the state, by study of conditions and comparison of notes. The association was organized last December, and all postmasters of the first, second, third and fourth class are eligible to membership.

TEST SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

Proprietors of Candy and Tobacco Stores Arrested in Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—R. B. Malheux, Denting & Kent, E. Rhodes and E. Jennings were arrested this morning on complaints filed by District Attorney Brown, charging them with violation of the Sunday-closing law. These men conduct, respectively, a soft drink and confectionery store, a bakery and confectionery store. Their arrests will be made a test case, each defendant will plead not guilty.

The outcome of these cases is awaited with great interest. Coincidentally with the filing of these cases, Rev. J. K. Hawking, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, announced that the subject of his sermon tomorrow evening will be "Blind Pigs Discovered."

WILLIAM M'MATH DROWNS

Loses Life While Setting for Salmon on Miller Sands.

ASTORIA, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—William McMath, a seiner employed at the same time as the seiner who was drowned while at work this afternoon. As the seine was being hauled in McMath went out to it on horseback, as he had his horse and was riding along the beach. The horse stumbled into a deep hole, throwing McMath in the river, and he sank before aid could reach him.

The accident occurred shortly and was brought to Astoria this evening. The deceased was about 45 years old and had been employed at the Miller Sands for many years. He was unmarried and his only known relative is a sister living at Laurel, Indiana.

Has Used Same Wheel 13 Years.

ALBANY, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—County Recorder Grant Froman has a bicycle which he has ridden continuously for more than 13 years and which is yet in good condition. He has covered more than 22,000 miles on the wheel and all of its essential parts are the same today as when he purchased it in the Spring of 1895. Mr. Froman has used the bicycle principally in riding between his residence and place of business in this city. He has made four long trips with the bicycle, going once to Elk City, once to Belknap Springs, once to Cascade, and once to Mill City, all hard mountain rides. His longest trip with the bicycle, going 16,323 miles, was this was not put on the bicycle until after Mr. Froman had ridden it four or five years.

Bought Liquor for Other Women.

ALBANY, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—That she found her husband in a drinking resort in Portland in the act of sending a Manhattan cocktail to a woman in one of the boxes was a leading allegation in a complaint for divorce filed in the State Circuit Court here today by Margaret A. Gillett. Gillett was foreman of a printing establishment in Portland until recently, but squandered his money on liquor, his wife says, so she was compelled to make a living as a musician. The parties in the case were married at Oregon City, February 19, 1901.

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DIAMOND TIRES WIN GLIDDEN TOUR

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"Diamond tires won Glidden tour again. Cost per car on DIAMOND tires sixteen eighty eight. Cost per car on all other makes sixty four ninety four. Difference in favor of Diamond forty eight naught six. Blowouts of Diamond tires five. Blowouts of other makes fifty six. Detailed figures on tire cost and results on request. Perfect scores on Diamond tires nine. Perfect scores on all other makes combined thirteen. Penalties on Diamond tires none. Cars voluntarily changing to Diamond tires enroute two. Cars changing to other tires enroute none. Total cars contesting for Glidden trophy on Diamond tires thirteen. Total cars contesting for Glidden trophy on all other makes combined seventeen. Total of all cars in tour on Diamond tires twenty one. Total of all cars in tour on other makes thirty five. And had the three teams finishing with perfect scores run off the tie there would have been five sets of Diamond tires against four of all other makes combined in that contest. The above figures are impartial and accurate. They speak for themselves. Diamond tires have won the Glidden tour on tire cost the only cups there were for tires, every year since the inception of the contest. The nineteen naught eight tour particularly emphasized the superiority of both Diamond casings and Diamond tubes. It showed plainly also that the Marsh Rim is the only hundred per cent efficiency quick acting rim made."

TO WALLOWA IN SIX WEEKS

TRACK-LAYING IS ADVANCING HALF-MILE DAY.

Elgin Extension of O. R. & N. Being Rushed to Completion by Large Force of Men.

WALLOWA, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The work on the "Wallowa extension" of the Elgin branch of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company's line is being rapidly pushed to completion. Already the road has been extended some six miles into Wallowa County and is being advanced at the rate of over half a mile a day.

Ever, Marion County claims an equal right with other counties, and if any of Wallowa County's citizens wish to see real big things, Hubbard people will be glad to show them a cherry tree which exceeds theirs by a foot and four inches in circumference and a foot in spread. Right in town and immediately back of the postoffice on ground owned by Mrs. Sewell, so close in fact to the building as to be a serious handicap to the tree, Hubbard has a seedling cherry tree 30 years old, as near as can be ascertained, which measures eight feet two inches in circumference at two feet from the ground. Although the limbs have been cut back several feet on each side as well as the top it still measures 43 feet spread and the same in height.

In measuring the tree at a point two feet from the ground it was measured at its smallest circumference. Immediately above this point the tree begins to bulge, as its huge limbs force their way through the branches. It has never neglected its duty at harvest time, and although no record has ever been kept of its yield it would be hard to find a tree more loaded than this one is annually, nor a prettier sight at blossoming time.

TURN DITCH ONTO LAND

Experiment in Irrigation Being Made Near Hillsboro.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—A. P. Stover, Irrigation Engineer for the United States, has just finished putting water out of a branch from the east fork of Dalry Creek, on 50 acres of land on the George R. Bagley ranch, four miles northwest of this city.

This is the largest irrigation experiment made by the Irrigation Department in the Willamette Valley and the outcome is being watched with interest. The land irrigated is very productive without water, but it is expected to produce a great deal heavier with water turned on in July and August.

HUBBARD TREE LARGER YET

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HUBBARD, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The citizens of Hubbard read with a smile the statement in Thursday's Oregonian wherein Yamhill County claims to have the largest cherry tree in the state. "Hubbard people wish to inform the Yamhillers that old Yamhill is not the only sun-dog on the horizon when it comes to big things. Marion County was barred in the contest for prizes at the recent cherry fair at Salem because the contest was held in Marion County."

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Water was turned on in the laterals yesterday and the engineering proved highly successful. With an expense of about \$400 an additional 50 or 60 acres can be thoroughly irrigated. The ranch is being used for dairy purposes and is known as the Dudley Mill ranch. It is understood that the 50 acres furnished the scope of Uncle Sam's experiment.

DEATH ROLL IN NORTHWEST

STEPHEN MERLAU, Well-Known Resident of Lane County.

EUGENE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—Stephen Merlau, a well-known resident of Lane County, died at his home on Seventh and Washington streets this morning at 10:30. Mr. Merlau was a native of Canada. He was over 78 years old, and since he moved to this county, to the place known as Merlau's Park, has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the community. Besides his wife, he leaves five children, as follows: Mrs. Nettie Ryan, of this city; Mrs. Theodora Churchill, of this city; Mrs. Clara Heyer, of South Dakota; Mrs. Mae Baker, of Salem, and Mrs. Lila Businell, of Eugene.

ONION-PATCH SUIT DRAGS

COURT ADJOURNS BECAUSE OF M'BURIDE'S ILLNESS.

Attorney Fenton Lays Claim to Rails. Crey Asks if He Wants Them for Harriman.

HILLSBORO, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—After three days of trial the Oregon Electric condemnation case against David Reighton, et al., is still in court. Adjournment was taken today, owing to the acute illness of Judge McBride.

One of the features of the trial was the bringing out of a point of law covering the ownership of the 1400 feet of ties and rails laid on the disputed property. The company entered the premises, and graded and laid the rails before condemnation proceedings were filed. Messrs. W. D. Fenton, Rufus Mallory and E. E. Tongue, counsel for the Reightons, contended that the ties and rails became real estate, and that in the matter of damages, the Oregon Electric would be compelled to buy back the material. They sustained their contention with many authorities, but Judge McBride decided, under the circumstances, that he was justified in holding contrary.

The anomaly of Mr. Fenton, the well-known Harriman attorney, of Portland, appearing as counsel for a farmer, as against a corporation, provoked interest, and Judge Carey facetiously asked Mr. Fenton if he wanted the rails for his Harriman.

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PLAY BALL, SAYS PREACHER

REV. PHIPPS DOES NOT OBJECT TO SUNDAY GAMES.

Lectures to Wallowa Sunday School Convention—Meeting Best of 23 Held in County.

WALLOWA, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—The twenty-third annual convention of the Wallowa County Sunday School Association closed its sessions here yesterday after one of the most enthusiastic and successful meetings in its history. Nineteen delegates from other Sunday schools, besides the members of the three local Sunday schools and numerous other guests, were present and enjoyed the lectures and discussions.

The convention assembled Tuesday evening and held sessions Tuesday evening, Wednesday forenoon, afternoon and evening and Thursday forenoon. Rev. Charles A. Phipps, of Portland, state field worker for the associated Sunday schools, was present and led the discussions. He lectured Tuesday night on "The Real American Boy," and during the course of his lecture came out strongly in favor of the National game.

"Don't complain about Sunday baseball," he said, "encourage Saturday baseball. Give the boy something better and he will stop Sunday baseball. Reach down into your pocket, help him buy suits for his team, and then take Saturday afternoon off and go and encourage him. If you attend the Saturday afternoon game, he will want to play on Saturday afternoon. Win the real American game through the real American game."

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