# MR. MOORES GIVES POLITICAL HISTORY

## Argument That Assembly Is Enemy of Primary Is Badly Shattered.

## REPLY TO JUDGE M'GINN

**Undesirable Peripatetic Officers May Slip In Under Any System, Particularly in Oregon—Read This Letter Through.**

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—To the Editor: The recent attack of Judge McGinn upon the proposition to hold Republican "assemblies" for the nomination of candidates for the coming state election may carry weight because of his high standing, because he is not one of the army of office-holding and office-seeking patriots who are always exploiting Statement No. 1 for what they imagine may be in it for them, and because he has not found it necessary to denounce every man who differs with him as a corrupt and boss-ridden scoundrel. His arguments, however, do not reach the marrow of the question. He winnows out various illustrations of abuses suffered under nearly 60 years of the old system, as against less than six years under the new system. He "saw Joseph Simon and Charles H. Carey come to blows over the control of a convention." And yet we had a thousand conventions in which neither they nor anybody else came to blows. He "remembers once when Larry Sullivan and his shotgun kept voters from the booths." And yet we had ten thousand different precinct elections in which Larry Sullivan and his shotgun did not appear, and there is absolutely nothing in Statement No. 1 that would keep him from appearing at the next election with a dozen shotguns.

The argument doesn't reach. Judge McGinn says we had to get a Democratic Sheriff to close the gambling hells; yet that Democratic Sheriff was the product of a Democratic convention. He says "Harvey Dale was doing business here until the Police Judge threw a bomb into the public print," but that Police Judge was the product of a Republican "assembly." From another source we are told of the continued success under the old system of a United States Senator who received a regular monthly salary from a great railway corporation. Whether this is true or not, Senator Mitchell was a zealous champion of the system of electing United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, and under Statement No. 1 he would have been invincible. Judge McGinn was a loyal supporter of Senator Dolph. He admired him as a man who had the courage of his convictions, as a man who would not demagogue on any subject, and as a man who took his political life in his hands to defy an overwhelming free silver sentiment in this state, and yet there is not a plausible, palavering, glad-hand Democrat in Oregon who could not have beaten Senator Dolph out of sight under Statement No. 1.

Under the old system money was lavishly spent for corrupt purposes. It is one of the regrets of the real friends of the direct primary that money is still spent for corrupt purposes. The cry against Senator Stephenson, in Wisconsin, was that he succeeded in the direct primaries there by the corrupt use of money. The defeat of Senator Hopkins for re-election in the Legislature, in spite of the fact that he carried the primaries, was for the alleged reason that he was a machine politician. Joe Bailey carries the primaries in Texas and defies his enemies in spite of his proven Standard Oil affiliations.

The real root of all our political evils is the indifferent voter. Human nature is the same under any political system. Mere laws will not cure this indifference, and they will not curb or allay the rapacity of the political schemer. The most dangerous menace to the primary law is the man who responds to any attempt to lop off the excrescences of the law with the cry of "machine." No real friend of the law should proceed upon the hypothesis that the old system was the cause of all our political evils, or that the new system is a cure-all.

An irrational application of the direct primary law will kill it sooner than anything else. In the lower house of the last Legislature there were 26 members out of 60 whose names began with one of the first four letters of the alphabet, and there were 52 of them whose names began with one of the first 13 letters of the alphabet, while the other eight members represented the last half of the alphabet, probably because nobody representing the upper end of the alphabet card to run against them. Under present conditions the man with an alphabetical handicap stands no show unless he has a long purse or a wide political acquaintance. The corrupt practices act in some ways aggravates this alphabetical injustice, and it is easily evaded by the man with the long purse. The campaign of Senator Bourne for re-election, and of half a dozen candidates for Governor, has been going on merrily for months, and they will have to report only such campaign expenses as are incurred after they "formally" announce their candidacy. Is it heresy to attempt to counteract the evils referred to?

Judge McGinn declares that no "assembly" can bind him to the support of an Aldrich or a Cannon, and yet Congressmen Hawley and Ellis, both elected twice under the direct primary law, without the intervention of an assembly, are supporters of Cannon; and Collier's Weekly tells us that Senator Bourne, when the new tariff bill was under consideration, voted twice against Aldrich, 52 times with him, and that he was absent at 75 roll-calls. Judge McGinn declares that an assembly will be dominated by the gas and electric light companies and the street railways. Then he can ask for nothing better, for this whole community is a unit in believing that we are paying two prices for gas and electricity, and that we have the most abominable car service that was ever tolerated in a civilized community. But why say that? The nominees of any assembly have to run the gauntlet twice, once in the primary and once at the general election, and to say that the effect of an assembly would be to nullify the direct primary law is to discredit the primary system and to impeach the wisdom of the people. The assembly which nominated Joseph Simon for Mayor was denounced in the same way, but it was composed of men who were as fairly representative of clean politics and good citizenship as any like body that its opponents could have mustered. We were told its ticket was doomed to defeat, but it cleaned up, not only a plurality, but a majority over the combined opposition not only in the primary, but in the general election, indorsed it, and as a result we have a city administration that has never been surpassed in the City of Portland.

Senator Bourne, as a candidate for Senator, was a plurality nominee, receiving 12,575 votes out of 41,486, and getting a bare plurality of 426 votes in the Republican primaries. His name, beginning with B, was at the top of the list. His inherited wealth enabled him to spend more than all of his competitors, and repeatedly flood the state with his campaign circulars. George H. Williams, in an open letter, urged that the best way to beat him would be to vote for Cake. Congressman Moody responded that the best way to beat him was to vote for E. L. Smith, and friends of Lowell and Watson thought the best way to beat him was to support Lowell and Watson. His opponents were divided in four camps. These three accidental reasons gave the Republican Senatorial nomination to the most active and powerful supporter that William J. Bryan had in the State of Oregon in the campaign of 1896. An ideal way, certainly, of securing an expression of the people's will. Today he stands at the head of the Republican machine in this state. From long experience he knows every point in the political game. He rewards his favorites after the old methods of the old-time bosses. He goes to Baker City and brings to Portland John C. Young, his private secretary, a courteous and capable gentleman, and gives him his choicest political plum, the Portland Postoffice, as against a thousand equally competent actual residents of Portland. His other nominations are made upon the plan of the old-time politicians, paying personal debts with offices that are his to give only by reason of the fact that he is a public servant, and the favored ones are those that were with him in his old campaign for Bryanism, populism and free silver. It is the method of the machine boss—treating Government property as personal and political asset.

In a recent open letter addressed to the public through the columns of a Democratic newspaper, Senator Bourne denounces the friends of an assembly as "Tweeds" and "conspirators" and "machine operators" and "enemies of the primary law," and advises Republicans to "knife" all "assembly" candidates, both at the primaries and at the general election. Very well. The boycott will naturally invite the blacklist, and history will probably repeat itself during the next few years in a crop of Democratic Senators and Governors elected by the votes of men who never voted a Democratic ticket before. Epithets and threats always provoke retort and invite dissension and destruction.

Against the advice of Senator Bourne we interpose the advice of Charles Evans Hughes, Governor of New York, who has a record as a real reformer, and who is known as the sworn foe of the bosses. In proposing a primary law in New York he favors assemblies or conventions to suggest candidates, and gives in detail his method for selecting membership in such conventions.

Governor Hughes did not support Bryan in 1896. He was never a champion of free silver. He had no hand in the "holdup" of the Oregon Legislature in 1897. He never kept open house in the notorious Eldridge block in Salem. He did not have on the market for sale to the highest bidder $25,000 worth of cattle in the Legislature of 1903. And finally, he is in favor of the assembly method. He is therefore a "Tweed," a "conspirator," a "machine operator" and "an enemy of the direct primary law," but he is a sound Republican and a mighty good man all the same.

CHARLES B. MOORES.

**PASTOR OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH SAYS FAREWELL TODAY.**

Rev. W. T. Jordan.

Rev. W. T. Jordan will close his pastoral relations with the Central Baptist Church, East Twentieth and East Ankeny streets, today. He will deliver his farewell sermons this morning and evening. Next Friday night the congregation will give Rev. and Mrs. Jordan a farewell reception. Rev. Mr. Jordan will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Seattle next Sunday in the absence of the pastor. He expects to make his headquarters in Portland for the present. The report that he is to become city missionary is unfounded, and he has no immediate plans. Mr. Jordan has been pastor of the Central Church for the past four years. His successor there has not yet been called, although a special committee has the matter of selecting a new pastor in hand.

### Alliance Bumps Bridge.

The West Side span of the Burnside bridge yesterday afternoon received a heavy bump from the steamer Alliance, while it was making a landing at the dock just north of the bridge. Owing to the swift current, the Alliance was moving under a full head of steam and struck the bridge with a force that caused the span to tremble in an alarming manner. About 20 people were crossing the bridge at the time, and when the Alliance run into the bridge they sprinted off at a lively rate. The iron railing of the sidewalk was bent inward, but the bridge cord was not damaged.

### Steamer Alliance Arrives and Sails.

Strong current in the Willamette and Columbia rivers, together with drift and contrary winds, have served to delay shipping to a great extent. Barbound for two days and bucking heavy gales, the steamship Alliance arrived up at an early hour yesterday morning. She sailed on schedule last night. While making a landing at the Couch-street dock, the vessel shot ahead in the eddy and broke a plank on the north guardrail of the bridge. The damage was nominal.

### Davenport Given Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—James L. Davenport, recently promoted from the position of First Deputy Commissioner of Pensions to that of Commissioner, received his commission from the President today.

For trunks go to the Harris Trunk Co.

# DREDGE LADD SOLD

## Columbia Contract Company Secures Old Steamer.

## HIGHEST BID WAS $3175

**Boat Was Used as Dredger on Lower Columbia for Many Years—Will Be Remodeled Into a Towing Steamer—Waterfront News.**

On a bid of $3,175 the Columbia Contract Company has secured the old United States dredge W. S. Ladd, which was offered for sale by the United States Engineers. The Ladd has been stripped of her pumps, but the machinery remains intact. She is a craft of 700 gross tons and measures 143 feet in length, 28.4 feet beam and 12 feet depth of hold. She was built at Portland in 1893.

Three bids, beside the one presented by the Columbia Contract Company, were presented for the consideration of the United States officials. The Oregon Round Lumber Company, Joseph Supple and L. Leve, each presented bids, all below the offer of the Columbia Contract Company. The lowest bid was $532.50.

Bids were opened at the same time for the tug Lincoln and she went for $300. Charles Delaet was the highest bidder. There were three bids for the Lincoln. The lowest was $57.50.

For many years the Government has operated the dredge William S. Ladd on the lower Columbia River. The dredge Clatsop, which was built at Norfolk, Va., came around the Horn to take her place and since the arrival of the Chinook she has been out of commission at the Government moorings. The heavy pumps were taken off the vessel, but the operating machinery was left in her.

It is supposed that the Ladd will be placed in service as a tug boat and will operate between Fort Stevens and Waterford towing barges to Fort Stevens. With sponsons and guards removed she would be a good craft for this work.

**STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.**

**Due to Arrive.**

| Name. | From. | Date. |
|---|---|---|
| Argo | Tillamook | Wr'ked |
| Falcon | San Francisco | In port |
| Breakwater | Coos Bay | Nov. 28 |
| Roanoke | San Pedro | Nov. 28 |
| Rose City | San Francisco | Nov. 29 |
| Alliance | Coos Bay | Dec. 1 |
| Kansas City | San Francisco | Dec. 5 |
| Geo. W. Elder | San Pedro | Dec. 5 |
| Henrik Ibsen | Hongkong | Jan. 3 |
| Selja | Hongkong | Indef't |
| Sue H. Elmore | Tillamook | Indef't |

**Scheduled to Depart.**

| Name. | For. | Date. |
|---|---|---|
| Roanoke | San Pedro | Nov. 30 |
| Breakwater | Coos Bay | Dec. 1 |
| Falcon | San Francisco | Dec. 2 |
| Rose City | San Francisco | Dec. 3 |
| Alliance | Coos Bay | Dec. 4 |
| Geo. W. Elder | San Pedro | Dec. 7 |
| Kansas City | San Francisco | Dec. 10 |
| Henrik Ibsen | Hongkong | Jan. 12 |
| Sue H. Elmore | Tillamook | Indef't |
| Selja | Hongkong | |

**Entered Saturday.**

Alliance, Am. steamship (Parsons), with general cargo, from Coos Bay.

**Cleared Saturday.**

Alliance, Am. steamship (Parsons), with general cargo, for Coos Bay ports.

### ROBINSON TO JOIN THETIS

**Lieutenant of Engineers on Cutter Manning Given New Position.**

ASTORIA, Or. Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Orders have been received directing Lieutenant of Engineers Robinson of the cutter Manning to join the Thetis, which will soon leave Puget Sound for Honolulu.

Pilots arriving down the river report that both the Columbia and Willamette are filled with drift and so many logs and other obstructions are in the streams that navigation at night is extremely dangerous.

The tug Tatoosh returned this afternoon from cruising as far south as Tillamook, but saw no trace of the wrecked steamer Argo except a step-ladder floating a short distance below Tillamook Rock. Captain Reed reports a terrific gale blowing outside and he was seven hours making the run from the bar to Tillamook.

The steam schooner Bee, which arrived yesterday with a cargo of explosives for the quarries at Hoffman Landing, sailed this morning for Willapa Harbor to load lumber for San Francisco.

### LAUNCH PORTLAND STEAMER

**Eastern Builders Send Vessel for Coast Route Into Water.**

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 27.—The steamship Beaver, under construction at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, for the San Francisco-Portland Steamship Company, was successfully launched today. The Beaver will cost $500,000.

The Beaver is the second of the vessels for the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company to be launched at Norfolk, Va. The Bear, a sister ship of the Beaver, was launched a month ago at the same yards. During the coming week, Captain William Kidston and Chief Engineer Paul, of the steamship Kansas City, will leave San Francisco for Norfolk in order to outfit the vessels for the voyage around the horn. Captain Nelson, of the steamship City of Panama, and Chief Engineer John Jackson, of the steamship Rose City, will bring out one of the steamships.

### Repairs to Rainier About Complete.

Repairs to the steamship Rainier will be completed this afternoon and the vessel will be ready to receive cargo tomorrow morning. A new stem has been placed in the ship and the cost of repairs will not exceed $500. A settlement for damages to the bridge has been effected and the bill paid.

The Rainier bumped into the west span of the Burnside-street bridge Thursday morning. She was held prisoner by the heavy current for nine hours and was finally released. The greatest item was the loss to the street-car service.

### Notice to Mariners.

Captain Ellicott, inspector of the Thirteenth Lighthouse District, has been notified that the Harrington Point gas buoy, which was put out several days ago by the flood, had been relit and until further notice would continue as before.

### Marine Notes.

With passengers and freight from San Pedro and way ports, the steamship Roanoke arrived up early this morning.

The steamship Ascunsion sailed from San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

The steamship Catania, of the Associated Oil fleet, will leave down this morning for San Francisco.

The steamship Eureka, from Eureka and way ports, arrived up last evening with passengers and freight.

From Rainier with a full cargo of lumber, the steam schooner J. B. Stetson sailed yesterday afternoon.

### Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—Arrived—Steamship Falcon, from San Francisco; steamship Thomas L. Wand, from San Francisco; steamship Eureka, from Eureka and Coos Bay; steamship Alliance, from Coos Bay. Sailed—Steamship Asuncion, for San Francisco; steamship Alliance, for Coos Bay.

Astoria, Or., Nov. 27.—No bar report. Sailed at 3:30 A. M.—Tug Tatoosh, for Tillamook. Arrived at 7:30 and left up at 9:20 A. M.—Steamer Falcon, from San Francisco. Arrived at 7:40 and left up at 11:30 A. M.—Steamer Thomas L. Wand, from San Francisco. Arrived at 8 and left up at 11:15 A. M.—Steamer Eureka, from Eureka. Left up at 8 A. M.—French bark L'Hermite. Sailed at 8:30 A. M.—Steamer Bee, for Willapa. Sailed at 9 A. M.—Steamer Yosemite, for San Pedro. Sailed at 9:30 A. M.—Steamer W. S. Porter, for Monterey. Arrived down at 12:30 and sailed at 3:30 P. M.—Steamer Kansas City, for San Francisco. Arrived at 1 and left up at 3 P. M.—Steamer Roanoke, from San Pedro and way ports. Left up at 2 P. M.—Steamer Elmore. Arrived down at 3 P. M.—Steamer J. B. Stetson.

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Arrived at midnight last night—Steamer Nome City, from Portland. Arrived at 4 A. M.—Steamer Santa Clara, from Portland. Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from Portland, for San Pedro. Sailed at noon—Steamer Rose City, for Portland. Sailed at 8 A. M.—Steamer Maverick, for Portland. Sailed at 10 A. M.—Steamer Yellowstone, for Columbia River.

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Sailed—Steamer Rose City, for Portland; steamer Maverick, for Astoria; steamer Yellowstone, for Astoria; steamer Svea, for Grays Harbor; schooner Hahukona, for Puget Sound; steamer Governor, for Seattle; steamer Jim Butler, for Grays Harbor. Arrived—Steamer Santa Clara, from Astoria; steamer Claremont, from Grays Harbor; steamer Geo. W. Elder, from Portland; schooner Oregon, from Coquille River.


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