

ASSEMBLY IDEAS GAINING FAVOR

Main Objections to Plan of Advancing Voters Come From Party Enemies.

LEADERS EXPRESS VIEWS

Republicans in Some Sections Believe Assemblies Only Needed in State and Congressional Elections at Present.

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In solidifying the dominant party, as approved by the Republican of this county.

Make Fight on "Machine."

Republicans of Lincoln County are strongly in favor of the assembly plan. R. A. Bensell, one of the strongest Republicans of this county, charges that the present "loose" system has given the state the strongest machine ever seen in Oregon politics.

Dr. F. M. Carter, also of Lincoln County, criticizes the present system under which there is no limit to the number of candidates, with the result that many who become candidates have no qualifications to command them for public office. Dr. Carter cites the election of Senator Bourne as a misrepresentation of the choice of a majority of the Republican voters of the state.

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Tillamook Favors Plan.

In Tillamook County, the Republicans are especially in favor of the assembly plan. As H. T. Bots says: "This plan seems to have worked out well for the Democrats, and the best is none too good for Republicans."

As a rule, those opposing the assembly profess complete satisfaction with the direct primary as it stands, and declare they do not wish to do away with it.

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COLUMBIA WOULD ALTER LAW

Republicans Want Assembly, but Believe Law Should Provide It.

CLATSkanie, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Republicans of Columbia County are a unit in declaring for the assembly. The need of such a plan for bringing suitable candidates before the people is very generally recognized, but there are members of the party who feel that before assemblies are held, the direct primary law should be amended so as to provide such a method.

Chorinan Merrill—I am for the assembly plan, but believe the primary law should be so amended that it would leave no doubt as to the legality of the proposed assemblies. The county assembly should be called by the Republican County Central Committee, and should be composed of delegates from the various precinct assemblies.

W. H. Conyers—You can say that I am in favor of the assembly. The county assembly should be called by the Republican County Central Committee, and the delegates to it chosen from the different precinct assemblies of the county.

E. W. Conyers, State Representative—I am decidedly in favor of the assembly plan, and believe that the county assembly should be called by the people at the primary election. It is the only safe and honorable plan yet devised for the preservation of the Republican party.

for holding assemblies. Delegates should be elected at called meetings of the voters in the precincts and the county assembly should precede the state assembly and elect delegates to the latter gathering. V. S. Despain—I am opposed to the proposed assembly, believing that it is an attempt to evade the direct primary law. Dr. H. R. Cliff—I believe in the assembly plan for the reason that in my opinion, a delegated body will come nearer together, and recommending satisfactory candidates on whom the party can unite than the people will be able to in the primary election.

COOS COUNTY SEES NEED, TOO

Republicans Are Not Satisfied With Present Election System in State.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The proposal that Republicans hold assemblies meets with the approval of some of the leading members of the party in Coos County, while others are not entirely favorable to the change. It is likely there is a division of opinion, taking the feeling of the voters of the county throughout.

Dr. F. M. Carter, president, Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, officially approve of the plan of the Republican party for holding assemblies. We must have a new system and an organization with a recognized head, and the assembly plan would accomplish this.

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Fourth Week of Our Annual Clearance Sale of Homefurnishings



Our January sale, which ends next week, offers the best opportunity of the year to buy furniture, carpets, rugs and draperies of real merit at the prices of inferior furnishings. One of our buyers is now in the markets. Another has just returned. It is our policy to offer, for the Spring season, nothing but brand-new merchandise.

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Our entire stock of high-grade Office Desks is offered at very special prices. Here are a few values: 54-in. High-roll oak Desk, reg. \$37, reduced to \$30.00. 55-in. High-roll Sanitary oak Desk, reg. \$80.00 reduced to \$72.00.

Sale of Domestic and Imported Rugs

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Every Leather Chair and Rocker left over from the Christmas season is to be sold this month, to make room for new patterns. We offer: Patent Leather Rockers, \$18.50 value... \$15.00. Patent Leather Rockers, \$48.00 value... \$30.00.

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assembly, but are as a rule opposed to Statement No. 1. It will be remembered that two years ago we carried the county for Senator Fulton in the primaries, and then carried it for Mr. Calk in the general election against George E. Chamberlain and gave Taft about 1200 plurality over Mr. Bryan.

HARNEY DEMANDS ASSEMBLY

Primary Law Disorganizes Republican Party and Favors Minority.

BURNS, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Charging that the direct primary law gives every advantage to the minority party and has served badly to disorganize the Republican party, Harney County Republicans indorse the assembly plan. Discussing the assembly and how these gatherings should be organized and conducted, representative Republicans today gave the following interviews:

James J. Donegan, County Assessor—Under the present operation of the direct primary law the Republican party of the state is practically disorganized, and I am in favor of an assembly. In my opinion the delegates to the assembly should be sent from a county assembly composed of delegates elected direct from the precincts of the county.

I. S. Gear, merchant and member of the Legislature in 1907—I am in favor of the assembly, and agree on candidates, caucus, etc., and agree on candidates. Why not the majority party? I would recommend the naming of a ticket, providing candidates desired, the recommendation, and have the nomination ratified at the regular primary. This would not prevent any other party contesting the assembly, and would perhaps be the means of naming a ticket that would be representative of the whole party.

JACKSON COUNTY IS DIVIDED. Republicans Unqualifiedly Indorse Assembly, Democrats Oppose Idea. ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Much interest has been aroused in this county in the assembly plan for the rehabilitation of the Republican party in Oregon.

PROMINENT OREGON REPUBLICANS WHO DECLARE FOR ASSEMBLY.



county in the assembly plan for the rehabilitation of the Republican party in Oregon. Those who have been active workers and leaders in the party for years are strongly in favor of the plan, though, of course, independents and the Democratic nonpartisan brethren are naturally opposed to the proposition that means defeat for them.

E. V. Carter, ex-State Senator—I have not gone into the details of the plan for the proposed assembly, but I would favor any measure that would bring together the party representatives for the formation of party platforms and the selection of candidates before the party primaries. The Republicans can accomplish nothing without organization, and under the existing order of the state the party platform and representative gathering of county Republicans, I do not think such a gathering is in the least in contravention of the principles of the primary law.

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It was decided to resort to arbitration to settle the controversy. In order to bring the matter down to a working basis, a committee was appointed to adopt a new transit rule to be submitted for the approval of the railroads and shippers. It is believed that in this way the carriers and the shippers can come to an agreement. Yesterday's conference was called by the lumbermen for the purpose of discussing the transit shipment privileges, with a view to inducing the carriers to modify the present rules, which they consider a menace to the lumber and shingle industry of the Northwest.

HOLMAN AGAIN HONORED

Dayton Judge Holds Place for 20th Successive Time.

DAYTON, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—For the 20th successive time, Judge J. W. Holman was today appointed by the council as judge of Dayton's police court. There was no opposition to the aged veteran. Judge Holman is past 60 and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He came to Dayton soon after the close of the Rebellion.

Among other things claimed by the Judge is the honor of having held office longer than any other justice on the Pacific Slope and to having tied more matrimonial knots than any person in the same territory. He boasts of having married couples and holding office long enough to marry the children.

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