Republican Committee Tells Voters It Means Party Success and Best Men.

PRESENT SYSTEM CHAOTIC

If Citizens Meet for Recommendation, Strong Tickets Are Possible and Direct Primary Law Will Be Upheld.

Emphasizing the salient features of the Assembly plan of nominating Republican candidates for office, and answering the objections to it, a full and masterly discussion of the subject, in a formal statement, was issued to the Republican voters of Oregon yesterday by the State Sentral Committee.

The statement, which is signed by Chairman George and Secretary Little-field, treats the subject thoroughly and with apparent fairness in every phase. It first fluds authority for holding assemblies, on the ground that the primary law does not contemplate that the convention system of nominating can-didates shall be eliminated. Unfortu-nately, it is added, this was done and to the loss of the Republican party in Oregon. The original intended functions of the primary system are not impaired in the least by the assembly

plan, says the statement. On the other hand, it is declared, it is safeguarded and strengthened.
"Bossism," one of the plaints of the opposition, it is recited, would be an impossibility under the assembly, with the primary on a check. the primary as a check. It follows in full:

HEADQUARTERS OF REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF OREGON.

PORTLAND, Or., April 20, 1916. To Republicans in Oregon; We desire to correct any wrong im

We desire to correct any wrong impression created either through misinformation or design by opponents of the assembly.

Party organization is necessary—men must unite if we are to get results.

Our purpose is to strengthen and maintain our party in the interest of good government. Citizens have a right to combine for good purposes, and not a word in our law prohibits it. Every requirement of the direct primary will be strictly observed in its letter and in its spirit, in our party assembly.

Reasonable party spirit is essential to practical government—the same as in Lincoln's day when war feeling was supported and inspired by party spirit. The Union could never have been sustained without the Union party and representative party government. In popular choice without a convention, Seward would have beaten Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

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In Oregon party chaos has prevailed. It is needless to recite enuses. It is the old story—Abram begat Isaac, Isaac begat Jacob, and so on. Naturally those who now wish the Republican party to remain disorganized insist that it shall partake more of that which paralyzes it. It is the rule of faction here, the rule of minority, and resulting defeat of the real main purpose of the people. Party is the effective working tool and organization its handle, and if parties are to enthrone measures, there must be convention assembly to discuss and declare them and recommend for official positions.

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If there is to be no party assembly there will be no common political principles outlined and we shall continue to vote at random for men who print personal platforms on ballots more speckled and spotted than the ancient earlie of Genesis.

Our direct primary law declares the necessity and protection of belitical parties, and that the law shall be construed so to operate. It provides for party organization and for committeemen with power to make rules and regulations for party government. It mays "the numbing of candidates by political parties is the best plan yet found, and to such purpose assistance will be afforded by widely assembling for recommendations. It never was the intention of the law, nor good practice under it, to work without aid from party assemblies to consider and resemmend "names of qualified and worthy efficients." ommend "names of qualified and worthy citizens." Veters have little

worthy citizens. Voters have little epportunity for consultation as to fitness in primary booths, and oftenett is too late.

It was never the intention of the direct primary to destroy representative assemblies, but simply to avoid abuses by giving final power into the hand of the members in the primaries to vote on each nomination ore it is finally and legally made. Without assembly there is utter rejection of all representative system, which is unwise. Abuses in some of the many conventions held arone through packing and bossing, thus forching party members, who were deprived of a final say on nominations, to swallow the ticket at the polls, or you against their party. The law to correct this merely took away final against their party. correct this merely took away final sominations from conventions, leaving all other inherent convention powers intact. It never undertook to abolish conventions or assemblies. It could not had it tried. The right is constitutional. See Art. 28 of our Bill of Rights.

Portland Results Good,

So, recently, the Supreme Court of Nebraska has ruled. Republican assemblies have not been held since the law. Such was a mistake. In the Fortland municipal election an assembly was recently convened under the law with effective result, although our opponents affected apprehensions of disaster to the public and to our primary law. No harm can arise under the assembly and direct primary system, and through it former abuses in bossism was eliminated. The assembly meets, deliberates and reports lack suitable mames, and the party members in direct primaries pass upon them. Assemblies will ald the voters. All power is reserved by the people. Better men will be nominated and the public better served by officers.

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Assemblies will check evils of self-nomination, and serve to bring out better candidates than those who thrust themselves forward without other than self-invitation. A general assembly is a better judge of qualifications than any single individual, it is impracticable to call every man into a general mass meeting or council, but a fair and effective expression can be had through aid of wisely selected representative citizens. Even though partisans in office may not be so all important, yet a party selected assembly will better secure honesty and ability in public places. This is our end in view.

The our recent primary abuses are not remedied, they will prove a menace to the law itself, but assemblies will strengthen the direct primary.

Conventions, with recommendatory powers, is Governor Hughes' idea.

Present Practice Perverts Law.

Though it is the expressed purpose of our law to preserve all parties, yet through it many seek the demoralization of the majority party.

Another purpose is to secure to party the control of the party; but outsiders register and vote in the majority party, where they have no business, and seek to awing the balance of power to some faction, or to engender internal strife, ending in the party defeat.

Even the political "boss" had some merit of trying to bring out a ticket

put up a weak ticket to be besten. All chosen leadership is rejected in the go as you please.

Such is a perversion of the direct primary law. As Republicans, we have the right that such use be made of the law as will preserve, not destroy, our party. As the law contemplates that we shall be free in our internal management from intrusion of outside opponents; as Republicans we naturally wish for assemblles where Democrats cannot come in to vote candidates upon us, or to turn the scale to weak Republicans. Such intruders bent on political mischef intend finally at the polls to vote against the very candidates they folst uron us.

Without assembly, men now nominate themselves to highest positions by meager pluralities, and the appeal for party loyalty to pull them through in another beggarly plurality at the polls; but our party does not intentionally select them, many feeling unhound finally to vote for them. It is, however, still the policy of our opposition to insist on mere plurality for Republican nominations and afterwards denounce our candidates as nonrepresentative, and thus defeat them at the polis. Under assemblies none need to be nominated unless backed by a clear majority of the representatives, and then they must be approved in the primaries, for the people by assemblies give up no political rights, privileges or powers.

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The direct primary guarantee of independence to each voting member of a party is a permanent part of our law. Our primary rights were formerly not under law protection. Now they are strictly. Candidates were formerly nominated by convention. Sometimes abuses occurred, election abuses and legislative hold up' abuses afficted us—many of them admittedly participated in by leaders now upposing us, who now freely admit 'all of this I saw and part of which I was.' If such leaders have now reformed, a.. will indeed rejoice and pray that their reformation may be permanent.

Candidates can now be nominated only at a direct primary strictly governed by law. No party could, if it wished, repeat old convention abuses. The direct primary law can and will absolutely defeat it, an ** is the absurdity of folly for those, now our enemies, to conjure up the spectral ghosts of their own former political practices in order to inspire terror against an absolutely fair assembly and direct primary system now. Neither can the assembly 'be substituted' for the direct primary. No one thinks of so trying, assembly be substituted for the direct primary. No one thinks of so trying. Assemblies are merely sanciliary and assistant to the direct primary. Even a convention cannot now n mate, and of course an assembly cannot. However, through a representative assembly, we Republicans can exercise our inherent right to meet, consult and select any good ticket we desire to support, and can vote for it on compliance with law; and should such ticket le so good and strong that the rank and flue of Republicans raily to its support, and can vote for it on compliance with law; and should such ticket le so good and strong that the rank and flue of Republican party, we can comprehend the opposition, or where it is purely selfish, we can understand it, but consistency is not apparent in groups of citizens, assembling and denouncing assembles, nor in circular appeals of a beneficiary of late practices, urging our

Present Disadvantage of Voters of the Primaries.

Primary electors should be well informed concerning candidates, but under the practice, unknowns are thrust before us. In Multnomah County, of the 30 to 40 names for House legislators on the primary blanker ballot, in the last two primaries, not one-third were known to voters of general public acquaintance. Even conventions consulted sections. Geography was given some consideration, but now the remote country is left out, and the city centers get the nominations. Selecting among names which self-assurance furnishes is often mere choice between evils. New voters are badly handicapped. Many wish to cast their bailots intelligently, but, confronted with unknowns, go it blind. Often they vote for the first on the list. Too often it is a mere lottery. Some don't vote at all. The good, bad and indifferent all look alike. Some are perplexed, others puzzled, and the new voter is completely at sea without chart or compass; and no one better than a new-comer in our growing state could appreciate names good and true recommended by an assembly of his own party. mended by an assembly of his own party.

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The sole aim of an assembly will be to secure good Republicans to fill public offices and prove good public officials, so that the Interest of all the people be thereby promoted. Each will have to run the gauntlet twice—at the primary, and at the general election, and talk that recommendations will nullify the law discredits the direct primary system itself.

There is a large class of the good and qualified who are not incased in self-presumption—who will not beg for signatures or votes—citizens of some innate modesty and self-dignity, and an assembly that could recommend from such will afford us better officers. Few of that class get onto the ballot, yet there are those so blind to the state's best interest as to forswear themselves to defeat any man recommended by representative fellow-citizens, who have carefully considered character, qualifications and availability. To what extent will some go!

Republicans, do not be misled by those who try to spread dissension in our party. An assembly fairly chosen will help the mass of voters in wise choice, and supplement it—indeed, it will give the direct primary vitality and prevent it proving unfortunately a dead failure. We are better friends of the primary law than those who vaunt their friendship for it from the housestops, yet by their practices destroy its merit.

Final Word.

Some opponents ascribe to us the bad motive, claiming for themselves a mo-nopoly of good intent. But it is sim-ply the use, and not the abuse, of the

motive, claiming for themselves a monopoly of good intent. But it is simply the use, and not the abuse, of the true primary principle which good Revublicans desire.

A state assembly of 1248 representatives has been called—more than enough to provide one for each precinct in the state.

Large assemblies will be held in the counties. Multnomah will have a county assembly of \$28. All delegates are to be chosen by Republicans, called together for such purposes. Attend and select your best delegate. Let us demonstrate our capacity for self-government. Let the assemblies come direct from the people. The delegates will have full sway to recommendation. There can be no "bossism" and there will have full sway to recommend the recept by the assembly, to be finally approved by the direct primary. No cut-and-dried recommendations will be tolerated. Each candidate will have a fair field, and must win or lose on his individual merit. The assemblies will not be under boss dictation, and there can be no possible objection to such a full and free assembly of the people. Let an awakened and intelligent public sentiment control. Let us have an assembly of the very best you can select, and then an open and a fair field for all. Our assembly policy is and shall be a square deal; and in the interest of the very best government, and with malice toward none but with charity to all, let each true Republican go forth to help bind up our state and our party wounds.

Respectfully submitted.

Counds Respectfully submitted M. C. GEORGE, Chairman. E. V. LITTLEFIELD, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends, and acquaintances who so kindly assisted us during the lilness and death of our beloved daughter and sister. Helen Mildred, and especially for the beautiful floral offerings from neighbors, school children and church societies.

MR. AND MRS. J. OLSEN AND FAMILY.

The East Burnside st.

Indications Are for Prosperous Year in Fishing.

WARDEN'S BURDEN LIFTED

Number Engaged Will Be Smaller Than Usual, Owing to Diminution of Floating Population. Sunday Law Strict.

Not for 20 years, says Monter Fish Warden McAllister, has there been such a run of fish in the civer as will greet the opening of the season at noon to Men versed in the salmon industry agree that the prospects are ex-

cellent for a prosperous year.

It is believed, however, that not as many men will be engaged in the taking of the salmon as in past years, the changing element being considerably smaller than formerly. From 5000 to 10,000 men will participate in all branches of the business, and the gear involved will represent an investment of between four and five million deliars. From Astoria to Cellio active preparations have been going on for weeks and every man will be at his post at the moment of the seasons opening.

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son's opening.

With the beginning of legalized fishing a great burden is lifted from the shoulders of Warden McAllister and his deputies, but there yet remains much to be done. It will be necessary to watch all points closely to prevent old fish, taken prior to today moon, from being included with the new catch. All fish not absolutely fresh this afternoon will be confiscated just as before the senson opened.

From noon until 6 o'clock today is the only time in the season when Sunday fishing will be attowed. The law provides that fishing may begin at noon May I and fluther provides that it must end at 6 o'clock P. M. every Saturday thereafter and not begin again until 6 o'clock P. M. on Sunday. In the enforcement of this and the other provisions of the law, Warden McAllister will have two patrel boats constantly on duty in the river and will keep a third busy checking up the licenses on gear of all classes.

Although overt defining of the law at Oregon City has ceased, it is believed that considerable surreptitious fishing has been going on. During the war at that point the Warden found 20 tons of fish that had been taken thegally. Of this amount 12 tons were confiscated direct, tour tons in brine confiscated direct, tour tons in brine

To tons of his that had been taken the line all the line were confiscated direct, four tons in brine were confiscated direct, four tons in brine were confiscated and six tons were allowed to spoil on the bunks of the Williamette. This was the product of only eight days of illegal fishing at that point

point.

Not alone to the commercial figherman does the opening of the season
come with a ware welcome. Fishing
with hook and line also opens and,
coming as it does on a builday, the occasion will be seized joyfully by an
army of anglers who, equipped with
rod and reet, will make the piligrimage
to Oregon City and other favored spots.
The falls of the Williamette aloffe will
draw not less than 150 lovers of the
Waltonian sport, and if it is what the
true fisherman calls a good day, a general exodus of the brotherbood is probable.

8000 POUNDS OF FISH SEIZED

Officers Make Capture of Salmon at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 20,-(Speclal.)—Officers came up from Portland this afternoon and seized 8000 pounds of salmon that had been purchased from local gillnet men by the Portfrom local gillnet men by the Port-land Fish Company and salted down The officers took possession and while employes of the company went to the office or Justice of the Peace Sampson to Secure a writ of replevin the fish were taken to the Oregon City Transportation Company's steamer and sent to Portland.

Since Master Fish Warden McAllister established a patrol to prevent the shipping of salmen into Multnomah County to the Portland market, the Portland Pish Company has accepted deliveries

Fish Company has accepted deliveries here and salted the salmon. The close season ends tomorrow, and this is the last day that a seigure of salmon Il-legally caught could be made.

PACKERS CONFIRM PRICES

Half Cent Increase Agreed Upon by Canners and Storage Men.

ASTORIA, Or., April 30 .- (Special.)-As conditions of tide and water are favorable for gilinetting it is expected that considerable gear will be pinced in the water tomorrow. Several days must elapse, however, before the size of the rim can be determined. The Columbia River salmon packers, including both cappers and cold stor-

fish, those weighting 25 pounds each or

by the Columbia River Planermen's Protective Union some weeks ago and are an advance of half a cent a pound

WALLA WALLA GETS ROAD Company Incorporates Here, With

\$500,000 Capital, to Operate Line.

Articles of incorporation of the Walla walla, Wash, were filed with the County Clerk yesterday.

The company is incorporated for \$500,000, divided in shares of stock at \$100 cach. The incorporators are Lewis A. McArthur, R. D. Greer and E. D.

Hanna.

It is set forth in the articles of incorporation that the company plans to construct an electric time from Walla to Milton, Or. It is provided that the company will have a right to sell to or consolidate with any other colleges company. Hanna.

Laborer's Death Is Sudden.

Edward Brock, a laborer, was found Edward Brock, a laborer, was found dead in his room in a lodging-house at 268 Fourth street yesterday morning. His death was caused by the efforts of prolonged debanchery upon a weak heart. He was identified as a worker about steam shoyels, operating in the city. Depuly Coroner Dunning took the remains in charge.

One million dollar Removal Sale at the Olds, Wortman & King store. **

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DAYTON PIONEER PHYSICIAN TO BUILD TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Expenditure of Most of \$300,000 to Be Made to Perpetuate Name of Dr. Pietrzycki.

DAYTON, Wash., April 30 .- (Speiai.1-Dr. Marcel Pietrzycki, pioneer pist, will spend his fortune, estimated it \$300,000, in beautivying his home town, Dayton, and in providing for young men and women of the North-west a technical training school. The doctor's plans became known today, when he closed deals for the purchase of Godman's grove and tracts owned by E. W. Alcorn, J. A. Knight and George Thomas, embracing more than 20 acres, six blocks from Main street. Dr. Pietrzycki has declared that he will spend most of his fortune in perpetuating his name and he has the promise of \$200,000 from other local capitalists for the maintenance of the capitalists for the maintenance of the technical college. He plans to build the school on South Second street and the park, which he will give to the city. It is said that the training school will furnish instruction for 208 students and that high class instructors will be secured. Courses in manual training for young men and women, including the important trades, are to be provided.

The to be provided.

Dayton has long felt the need of a sark and Dr. Pietrzycki is bailed as a oublic benefactor. One of the best andscape gardeners obtainable will be secured to construct the park. Giant ecured to construct the park. Giant ottonwood trees already provide much natural landscape. In connection a baseball park, one of the finest in the West, will be constructed.



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This improved service should be highly satisfactory to Portland business men, af-

fording a daylight ride on the Columbia River, and the shortest and quickest route between Portland and Plorence, Gardiner, Empire, Marshileld, North Bend, Coquille Myrtle Point, Bandon, Prosper, Gold Beach, Port Oxford and Wedderburn.

Fare from Portland \$10 first-class, \$7 second-class, including berth and meals. For tickets, reservations, sailing dates, etc., apply Ainsworth Dock or City Ticket Office, Third and Washington streets, Portland.

only recently returned from a second tour of Europe.

ELLIS SAYS APPROPRIATION WILL STAY IN BILL.

Secretary Giltner, of Chamber of Commerce, Receives Assurances

of Federal Approval. Assurances that the Congressional apropriation of \$300,000, to be expended

with a like amount appropriated by the with a five amount appropriated by the state in the improvement of the Ore-gon City locks, will probably pass, was contained in a telegram received by E. C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, from Representa-tive Ellis. The telegram reads as fol-

Telegram front Open River Association, dated April 25, contains an error relative to the item of \$60,000 for the Upper Willamette River. This item was in the bill when it passed the House and is therefore in no danger, as I have I have conferred with the chairman the House committee on rivers and

harbors and understand the Item for locks will be retained in the bill. The House committee would have inserted it had the report of the engineers been received before the bill was acted upon

by the House, as I had presented facts and arguments to the committee while it was considering the bill."

Mr. Gilmer says he has no knowledge of the contents of the telegram of April to which Mr. Ellis refers, but presumes it was signed by the Contents. it was signed by the Open River Asso-ciation and that Mr. Ellis did not know

Grover Case Goes Over.

When the taking of evidence was when the taking of evidence was completed in the case of La Fayette Grover, ex-Governor of Oregon, and his wife against the Hawthorne estate yesterday morning it was decided to postpone the argument in the case until Tuesday. Following the arguments the case will be submitted for the decision of Judge Cleland

Suit Follows Stock Sale.

.M. T. Everist filed a sult in the Cir-cuit Court yesterday against F. J. Caterlin & Co. for \$1050, represented to ver. This item was passed the House of danger, as I have with the chairman tree on rivers and

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