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THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

During the past month the PLAINDEALER has been spoken to about its choice of candidates for various county and other offices; and we want it to be distinctly understood that we have no candidates nor do we intend to have any except the regular nominees of the republican party. Whoever receives the nomination the PLAINDEALER will support.

Nor regarding candidates for any office, the PLAINDEALER favors men announcing for any office to which they may aspire. We believe that every man wanting an office should let the people know he is a candidate soliciting the support of the people subject to the decision of the county convention and if there are good men who aspire for office the claims of such men ought to be taken into consideration by the conventions over dark horse candidates or secret chamber nominations for any office.

The PLAINDEALER editor had not been in Roseburg two days before he heard various complaints made about packed conventions, the purchase of proxies and fake political boquets of all kinds. Observation has taught us one lesson in politics, and that is, the man who is afraid to go boldly before the people and say: "I am a candidate, subject to the action of the primaries" is a dangerous man to place in office. It is the shady politician and demagogue grafter who stands back and says "I don't want the office" but at the same time he is spending time and money with a select few for them to secure him the nomination and have "it thrust upon him." Such men when elected to any office and especially in the Legislative department of the State, always look out for the chance to graft and by their specious schemes of plunder they become enemies to the party electing them to office.

Suppose—take for instance that well paid? and much sought after office? of County Coroner. There may be four or five men who want the office, one at Elkton, one at Glendale, one at Yoncalla, one at Myrtle Creek and one at Roseburg. Well each of the candidates announce themselves before the people subject to the conventions. Each of the candidates announcing is brought prominently before the public; each may make a canvas for the office, and when the county convention meets to nominate, every candidate's name should be placed in nomination and the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of ballots after the second should be dropped. This would give the strongest candidate the nomination and do away with the curse of all political parties—secret caucus nominations.

It takes men who want honors from the people to make a red-hot political fight—not men who want to make it appear that honors have been thrust upon them over their protest. Such claims are spurious.

In nominating conventions the precinct delegates should be elected and alternates elected at the same time. By thus electing at the primaries delegates and alternates the danger of delegates turning over their proxies the same as is too often the case to designing politicians, is avoided. If a precinct having elected delegates and alternates to a convention and neither attend the convention, that precinct

does not deserve representation.

By electing delegates and alternates you get the majority vote of the will of the various precincts. When you elect delegates with power to appoint proxies nine times out of ten ring rule prevails and bolting the ticket becomes the order of the day.

We know well that many voters will absent themselves from the primaries and then kick at the action of the primaries and nominating conventions. No voters who fails to attend the political conventions or precinct meetings of the party to which he belongs has any right to kick—except himself.

The manipulation of the proxy vote has been the cause of great trouble and strife to every political party allowing it. It allows designing schemers to rule the political party and not the mass of the voters who have to stand by and vote for the nominees.

But to return to the announcement of candidates. If you want any office in the gift of the people be not afraid to ask for it. The voters are the ones after all who have to elect you and the man who has the people at his back need not be afraid of political bosses.

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THEY HAVE NOT BEEN THERE.

A vast amount of gush is going the rounds of the press and sympathy is expressed for the lynched rapists. Eminent jurists are condemning in unmeasured terms the men who protect their homes and their wives and daughters feelings of modesty. The courts have been responsible for lynching all through the southern states. The first time the writer ever attended a trial of this kind was in Fort Worth, Texas. A black beast had assaulted a young married woman a few nights before. The nigger was the son of a white man who was the president of one of the banks. There was much money used to clear the scoundrel of the charge. The woman who was good and pure was by the lawyers for the defense made to appear to be a modern Potiphar's wife and the nigger an innocent Joseph who was in prison for no crime. The court allowed the poor woman to be demeaned and insulted by a scoundrel, lawyer shyster, and she was the one who was punished for the negro's crime. Some time before this a lawyer had committed murder and he escaped the gallows by a technicality of law. We think it was one letter left out in a word in the grand jury indictment. That man was run for judge of the court that tried him and afterwards elected and re-elected to the court of criminal appeals by the lawless element in the state which has always controlled such nominations; and the decisions of that judge on the appeal bench has turned more murderers loose in the United States on technicalities than all other judges combined, because his decisions have been accepted and acted upon in nearly every state in the Union.

It is the farce of law that has caused lynching to be so prevalent. The browbeating of witnesses and their arraignment before juries to clear scoundrels, the imputation of crime and unchastity to women and a score of other bemeaning acts practiced in the name of justice, these are at the bottom of the lynching spirit, whatever Justice Brewer and a score of other eminent jurists and divines may say to the contrary. The writer as a newspaper reporter has heard the examining trial or trial before a jury, of many cases of negro outrage and in every case from a

little girl to a gray haired white woman the negro brute was always "persecuted" and the white woman went from the trial room with the finger of scorn pointed at her by a class of men destitute of the first principles of manhood. The writer has not attended such affairs for nearly twenty years. He was too hot blooded for such scenes, and it is just such a state of affairs as narrated that has set every white man's blood in the South to boiling and setting aside a mock form of law where injustice and persecution of the victims of a nigger's lust was tolerated and substituting a law of speedy justice and protection to honor, integrity and virtue. There is nothing "nabby pabby" among the better class of southern citizenship whatever may be their religious or political affiliations when it comes to the protection of their women it is all the same. There was a Methodist preacher from the North at one of the people's trial courts and the nigger with the rope about his neck was singing and praying "I am going home no more to roam" and the preacher in the shadow of the tree trunk from which the nigger was to be swung prayed: "Yes, Lord, take him home to the nigger's home."

When the law courts will get down to speedy justice courts and let common sense prevail instead of technicalities, then men will have respect for the law as enacted but not till then; and when law and order and good government prevails there will be no people's courts to try felons for lynch law after all is not the most ennobling pastime a man can engage in.

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The above is the price of the Roseburg PLAINDEALER and while it is a stalwart republican newspaper and advocates republican principles, that is the full amount any man can have in its columns. The PLAINDEALER is printed and published for the people on earth today, not for the dead or future generations; and as much pains are taken to supply a faithful news report to the man who is in his lonely cabin on the mountain top or at the forks of the creek as is given to any mogul in the land. We write and publish what we believe to be truth. With men and issues we treat all alike. In the rough and uncouth we can always find a gem while in the exceedingly polished and refined, we too often find that the supposed diamond front is nothing but plate glass. To us the greatest politician on earth is only a man and if he should drop out there is always another just as good to take his place, and as to protecting the public at large the PLAINDEALER would quicker expose questionable methods or men in its own party than it would in opposing parties, for prevention is better than cure. The PLAINDEALER has for the past six months been punished for exposing two grafts that were attempted to be carried through the last legislature. The one was the logging bill and the other the lumbermen's protection bill at the expense of the taxpayers. These very doubtful bills were attempted to be rushed through the legislature and because the PLAINDEALER opposed such measures an order was given to do everything to crush it and that order was obeyed; but in spite of all the tricks and schemes the PLAINDEALER still gives the news at two dollars per year and will continue to give it. There is one thing that the PLAINDEALER will never do and that is to stop exposing grafts intended to be imposed on the public. We would sooner depend on our subscribers than to depend on any form of patronage and we believe that if there is a spot on earth needing the cold, naked truth told about affairs it is Douglas county, Oregon and if you

want the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about everything transpiring, send in your renewals to the PLAINDEALER or subscribe for it and we promise you that be you independent, republican, democrat or pup that after reading it a few months, you will not stop it, but be a subscriber until the Good Lord calls you home.

To Her It Was a Miracle.

In answer to the Reverend Bennett the PLAINDEALER affirms that the story as told of the restoration of sight through prayer and faith has all the evidence of direct answer to prayer and faith, according to Bible accounts.

The gentleman asserts that in every case where a miracle was performed as recorded in sacred writ, that the cure was complete and immediate and he sets up a lot of cases to prove that the Cottage Grove bestride is a fake transaction because it does not come up to his standard of a Bible miracle.

In the case of a blind man receiving sight as recorded in Mark 8:22-25, "And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

Now let us analyze this record, he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of town.—This was evidently

as quick as any miracle recorded in the bible

When the Nazarene worked miracles the priests and preachers ascribed the power to be the work of the devil. Whenever something of a wonderful nature occurs today, the priests and preachers ascribe to the scientific effect of a cause which they cannot comprehend.

The brother tries to cloud the situation. The woman did not perform the miracle on herself by her own prayers and faith—the blessing was bestowed on her in answer to her prayer and faith and to say that because a miracle was performed on her that she should have the power to perform miracles is stretching a point. There is not an instance recorded in the bible where a cure for a physical defect had been effected on any person and that person had the power to perform miracles on others. There is no power in man to heal himself, the fervent prayer is always for God's power to heal, for God's power to save.

Regarding the wonderful cure the Cottage Grove Nigger on last Friday, says, "Miss W. A. Cunningham, who was stricken with blindness several weeks ago while at London, had her eyesight restored instantly at the family home in this city on last Friday. She had been treated by a number of physicians since the affliction, none of whom were able to give her any relief. Diagnosis of the case showed that blindness was produced by what might be termed sympathetic affliction. The left eye had been diseased for several years and medical treatment failed to do any good. The right eye by constant strain finally gave way, leaving the lady entirely blind. The physicians in consul-

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done to gain the blind man's confidence and to create expectations to be realized through faith, and when he had spit on his eyes—which were blind and needed to be opened, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw aught, and he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.—the man who had been blind was only partially restored to sight. He could not see clearly and could only distinguish men from trees, when they walked about. This was as it were the breaking of the outer film on the eyeballs. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up; and he was restored and saw every man clearly. Brother Bennett, if this is not the record of a progressive miracle what is it?

In the case of the woman at Cottage Grove, sight was restored so that she could see clearly, and admitting that there is nervous collapse and pain in the eye, the same power that restored the sight could also remove the nervous collapse and pain. The reporter of the affair at Cottage Grove does not state that the woman prayed for relief from pain or against collapse and the prayer was not heard or answered.

In the case of this woman the last prayer was said; her faith tried to the utmost; the oculist had prepared his instruments for the operation—she had trusted to the end—she believed in the power of God and the blessing came. The woman's wonderful faith and necessity was God's opportunity, and we care not to what power may be ascribed the direct cause of breaking the cataract over the eye—intense, emotion or excitement, religious feeling or fervent agonizing prayer, her sight was restored just

tation finally concluded it necessary to perform an operation and remove the left eye thereby hoping to restore the right one. Dr. Brown, of Eugene, and Drs. H. C. and Katherine Scheel were called and prepared for the operation, having the operating table and instruments all in readiness. The patient was taken to her room by her nurse to prepare her for the operation. Mrs. Cunningham had been praying for several hours for restoration, that she might regain her sight and be spared the necessity of the operation. When taken to her room she engaged in earnest and final prayer that she might be spared the trying ordeal. So strong was her faith and belief that she took the bandage from her eyes and could see with as perfect vision as at any time, even the eye of long disease being cured. The physicians were very much surprised when she rushed into the room without the bandage and announced the miraculous cure. They made several tests and found that her sight was entirely as good as at any time in fact better than for many years."

And now Portland has gone Seattle one better in the hold-up game. Last Friday morning an entire family of six persons in Portland were chloroformed and everything of portable value was taken out of the house. The game is up to Seattle now. The next move will be to hold up the chief of police and all of the detectives and policemen in the city at one time.