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### THE NEW DIRECT PRIMARY LAW

According to the general interpretation put on the direct primary law, that act will not be operative until after the registration of 1906. Such is the opinion of Attorney General Crawford and it has been followed by a number of towns in their recent nomination of candidates for municipal elections.

As the law stands, only those electors can participate a primaries who are registered as to their political affinity. But only a small number of electors have so registered and though the county clerk will be required by law to open the registration books during the 30 day period preceding April 16 for city electors, only those voters can then register who are not already registered or who have changed their places of residences.

No politician has a well-defined idea of what procedure will be followed or how the direct primary law is going to work out, but it may be said for politicians in general that they predict failure. Their common opinion is that while the legislature might well repeal the act, it will not do so, and that the most the lawmakers will do will be to touch the act gingerly.

### HOW A PERSON GETS NATURALIZED.

What does a foreigner have to do to become an American citizen? Inquirer.

When a person comes to this country before he is 18 years old he can, after he has been five years here and has reached the age of 21 years, secure full naturalization papers by presenting himself before any court of record with two witnesses who are citizens of the United States, and who can swear that he arrived in this country before he was 18 and has resided here five years.

In the case of aliens who have come to the United States when over 18 years of age, it is necessary for a man to declare his intention to become a citizen, which declaration must be made at least two years before application is made for final papers, or full citizen papers. In some of the States this declaration entitles the man to vote at State and local elections, provided he has resided a certain length of time in the State, county or precinct. But a man cannot legally vote at Presidential elections until he has secured full naturalization papers, and before getting these the applicant must prove to the satisfaction of a competent court, by two witnesses, U. S. citizens, that he has lived in the country for five years.

### BANKRUPTCY LAWS NOT FOR FRAUDS.

That no debt created by fraud may be discharged by proceedings in bankruptcy was decided in Washington, D. C., on Dec. 12, in the case of Spencer S. Bullis against James R. O'Beirne. This noteworthy case has been pending in the State of New York for some time, and involved a transaction of about \$35,000, which Bullis was accused of securing by a pretense of mortgaging thirty thousand acres of timber land in New York and Pennsylvania, when in reality the mortgage covered untimbered lands.

Application has been made to the Post Office Department for a fraud order against Thomas W. Lawson, to prevent the circulation of his advertisement in the newspapers. The Department refuses to do this, on the ground that he receives no returns through the mails as a result of his advertising. Why do not those who oppose Mr. Lawson, fight him with his own weapons? It would be income and fun for the newspapers, and highly edifying to the public.

Col. Watterson finds Paris less engaging than it was forty years ago. He is not unlike the woman who revisited Paris after an absence of forty years and said there was a great change in the manners of the gay city—that the men did not follow her as they used to do.

Next Monday the biennial trouble will begin at Salem. Douglas county will be represented by one of the very few Democrats in the Senate. Douglas will therefore be a hopeless minority in the upper branch of the legislature.

"Jefferson" will be the name suggested for the proposed new county to be formed of the southern part of Wasco and the northern part of Crook; but this name may be objectionable to some of the members of the Legislature.

The people of Oregon will quite generally incline to believe Senator Mitchell's statements. At least they wish to believe them, for he is a man liked by all classes of people. And this from the Portland Journal.

Some people say farming is so much easier than it used to be. Still, if a farmer does his duty even in these days he knows he has a job.

"Fame awaits the man who will reorganize the Democratic Party." True, but Fame knows how to wait patiently.

### Yoncalla News.

Arthur Bart has gone to Grants Pass in search of employment.

Harold and Percy Davis of Oakland were in town Sunday visiting their grand mother, Mrs. Mosier and other relatives.

Tom Applegate of Ohio, Cal., after an absence of sixteen years, is at the home of his sisters, the Misses Lucy and Irene Applegate. He has another sister and two brothers and a host of other relatives who are glad to welcome him to his old home.

Married, Dec. 25, 1904, at Sacramento, Cal., Mr. Gene Capps and Miss Elma Ambrose. The happy couple were the recipients of several nice presents. Mr. Capps has a position in the car shops and they are delighted with their new home.

Monday being a holiday the pupils of

the principal's room took their dinners to Howell Springs for a picnic. Our Eastern friends would think Jan. 2nd a queer time for an outdoor picnic.

Winnie Applegate and Mr. Cawfield were in town this week in the interest of the proposed telephone line to Keller City.

The dressmaking parlors of Misses Mittie and Eva Applegate were entered during their absence at dinner Tuesday and the contents of Miss Mittie's purse taken. Tramps are becoming so numerous as to be a public nuisance, and some effort should be made to prevent their camping here.

### Peel and Gild

Mr. John Wilson, E. B. Spangenburg and W. E. Thompson of Yoncalla and

The splendid representation of wide-awake, public-spirited citizens of Drain in attendance at the regular meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club Wednesday evening and their demonstrated loyalty to Douglas county interests, including, of course, the foremost of all, the county's educational interests, was highly complimentary to that thriving and progressive school town in which the splendid Central Oregon State Normal School is located, a state institution of which not only the citizens of Douglas county are proud, but which the citizens of the surrounding counties recognize as an important factor in the educational advancement of the whole of Central Western Oregon.

It is an educational institution which merits far more recognition and aid than it has heretofore received from the state Legislature and every commercial club or similar organization of Douglas county as well as nearby points in adjoining counties should and will co-operate in a demand that this important, worthy and practical state educational institution receive just recognition and its full share of state aid at the hands of the forthcoming Legislature. Appropriations voted to the state's educational institutions is money well and judiciously expended.

Seven more indictments by the federal grand jury for land frauds indicates that at last the government is getting to the bottom of affairs in this state, says the Eugene Register. In the course of due time those who are guilty will be punished, and those falsely accused will be cleared. The cloud will be lifted from over the fair field of Eden, and once more Oregon can stand out in the light of day free from the blight that has hung over her for nearly three long and darksome years. All along the people have been willing for and desired the punishment of any and all who might be guilty, be they great or small, rich or poor, bond or free; but have kicked vigorously against the constant delay in meting out justice and restoring Oregon to its rightful position among the states of the union.

Both of the Eugene daily papers have increased their subscription price from \$3.50 to \$5.00 a year. The papers jointly announce that "it costs money to publish a good live paper, and we believe the Eugene public has the consistency to support such papers. The former rate given did not allow any margin of profit." It is a fact that while farm products, groceries, dry goods, all kinds of manufactured articles and paper has greatly advanced in the past two or three years, along with wages, the newspapers have maintained their old advertising and subscription rates, in many cases at a loss, and are therefore compelled to make a slight advance along with the general advance.

Puter is evidently the prince of liars, the most cheerful liar on record and the most brazen liar outside the prison walls. He insists that he paid Senator Mitchell \$2000 to assist him in rushing his patents through the general land office and says that he has long been intimately acquainted with Mitchell and had supported him, and he then acknowledges that he secured a letter of introduction from Senator Mayes to Mitchell just before going to Washington to get his claims expedited. Still the grand jury accepted this testimony upon which it based its grounds for returning indictments against Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann. Shades of Ananias!

The surrender of Port Arthur on New Year's day marks an epoch in the world's history. The siege of the famous Russian stronghold by the wily Japs was a marvelous achievement in modern warfare, that has exalted Japan as a nation of prowess in the eyes of the civilized world.

A judge in Connecticut sent a man who had robbed a bank of \$70,000 to prison for five years, and gave an eight years' term to another man who had stolen a horse. It is probable that such a judge would hang a man for stealing a chicken.

"Thousands of people think themselves to death" says a medical journal. The statistics of those who talk themselves to death will be sent in at the close of the Congressional session.

In the list of less than ten model newspapers of America, according to an eastern authority, is included the Portland Oregonian. This is a great compliment to Oregon's big daily.

Intelligence comes from the Cleveland prison that while Mrs. Chadwick is recovering from her illness, she will not be able to be out for some time.

King Heney the I, is the way the Capital Journal puts it, and wonders if he will remove Judge Bellinger from office.

It is no longer the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, but the woman who broke the banks in Ohio.

# ROSEBURG COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

## Passed Ringing Resolutions In Behalf of the State Normal at Drain and Against the Lane County Annexation Scheme

A rousing meeting of the Roseburg Commercial Club was held in the Douglas County Bank Building Wednesday evening, fifteen prominent citizens of Drain members of the Drain Commercial Club, being guests of honor. The Oakland club was represented by Hon. A. F. Stearns, while the Myrtle Creek organization was represented by B. M. Armistage, J. G. Dicks and T. L. Brewer. Among other prominent out of town visitors were Representative Sunneman, of Glendale, and Commissioner A. E. Nichols, of Nichols Station.

President Sheridan called the meeting to order and instructed the secretary to call the roll of officers, nearly all of whom were present, and read the minutes of the last meeting. At this juncture Mr. Sheridan introduced H. M. Beaton Mires, president of the Drain Commercial Club, who delivered a brief and interesting address bearing on the effectiveness and practicality of such local and county organizations. In conclusion he introduced President W. H. Dempster, of the Southern Oregon State Normal School, at Drain, who delivered a most interesting and instructive address on the mission of Normal Schools and the important position they occupy in the educational system of the state. Speaking of Oregon, President Dempster said that if one half of the truth was known regarding our matchless climate and wonderful natural resources, in the billiard and larch strikes east and middle west, every canyon, dell and nook in Oregon would soon be settled up. He said he had heard much of the Willamette Valley but little of the other portions of the state before coming west, but had found that the grandest climate, the greatest resources of the state and the most diversified products are found south of the Calapalapa range in Southern Oregon. We are demonstrating that we are alive to the development of the state and its resources, but are woefully wanting in enthusiasm and interest in educational matters, although having made much progress in this direction in the past few years. He discussed the various branches of educational work from the district school to the University and College and showed the important part played by the public school, the high school, the Normals and the higher educational institutions, proving that the Normal occupies just as distinctive a position in the chain as the other educational institutions. While there is some talk of there being too many Normals for Western Oregon and that they should be consolidated, it should be understood that we have builded for the future and not alone for the present, he said, "the time is near at hand when Oregon's rapid development, when our present common school facilities will be taxed to their utmost capacity to accommodate the immensely rapid increase in the school enrollments. The whole of Central Western Oregon should be no doubt is proud of its Normal School and the splendid work it is accomplishing, and that too with meager state aid. The field for the three Normals in the Northern, Central and Southern extremes of Western Oregon are distinctive and will soon supply all the students these institutions can conveniently accommodate."

While the Drain Normal has been the poorest in the point of state appropriations received, it has been the richest in its service to the state. Prof. Dempster is entirely out of debt, and is fitted up in first-class shape and is employing a faculty the equal if not superior to any normal in the state. Prof. Dempster concluded: "It would be a gigantic injustice to the whole of central western Oregon to abolish or refuse state aid to this worthy state school located at Drain and a reproach to the legislators."

At the conclusion of Prof. Dempster's remarks the following resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted by the Roseburg Commercial Club:

RESOLUTION.

After careful consideration of the conditions, aims and worth of the Central Oregon State Normal School, located at Drain, Douglas county, Oregon, and fully appreciating that:

1. That after its establishment in 1855 it received no aid for many years;
2. That no appropriation was given the school until 1889;
3. That the citizens of Drain have given to the state free from all incumbrance the property of the school to the value of several thousand dollars;
4. That to do this they have borne for many years heavy taxation to pay the interest and principal of the bonds;
5. That for the year 1903-4 the tax levy for school purposes alone was 70 mills and for all purposes combined 105 mills;
6. That the work done by the school is of a high character;
7. That the school has no deficit, no debt;
8. That yearly it is training more students for the important work of teaching in proportion to the support given than any other school in the state;
9. That the support given by the state has been entirely inadequate;
10. That this lack of support has been a detriment to the school and an injustice to this section of the state.

Resolved: That the members of this club collectively and individually pledge their earnest efforts to secure at the hands of the coming legislative assembly proper recognition for this school.

2. That we hereby call upon our Senator and Representatives from this county and that they make honest and earnest efforts to this end.

3. That we ask for a favorable consideration of the claims of the Central Oregon State Normal School as herein presented by any similar organization to whom it may be presented and by the committee of Ways and Means of the

legislative assembly.

The Roseburg Commercial Club. T. R. SHERRIDAN, President. F. G. MICHELL, Secretary. Prof. O. C. Drain, of the Normal School at Drain, was the next speaker. He caused some pertinent remarks to be made which came along to champion the Drain contingent. He made a sound logical argument in behalf of the Normal and presented the following figures from statistics compiled by the state superintendent for the past year: "The state of Oregon invested in the maintenance of the state public school system last year \$2,464,119. Value of Oregon school property last year, \$4,390,838. Cost of maintaining state normal schools last year, 135,000. Value of normal schools and plants last year, \$145,000, approximately. It will therefore be seen in the cost of maintaining the state normals, the state invests less than 1 1/2 per cent of the cost of maintaining the public schools, while the amount invested in the normals is 4.5 per cent of the amount invested in Public schools."

Prof. A. L. Briggs, of the Normal at Drain, was next introduced and made a pointed little address in behalf of the Central Oregon Normal School. He said we have trained lawyers, trained doctors, trained nurses and why not trained teachers to educate our girls and boys and advance our educational system. Normal trained teachers are always in demand from whom the best services are received and the greatest degree of benefit derived by the boys and girls.

Ex-Senator Marsters paid the Drain Normal a splendid tribute saying it had made the greatest advancement and best record of any Normal in the state considering the adverse conditions which it had pluckily overcome. He said Douglas county was proud of both its state institutions, the Soldiers Home, and the Normal School at Drain in particular, the great merit and benefit of which we were just beginning to realize and that this school was not only a credit to Douglas county but to Western Oregon. It has paid off its indebtedness and maintained a high standard of excellence. We all realize, he said, the value of the Normal schools in the distinctive position they occupy in the state educational system. We must have trained instructors, he continued, to obtain the desired results in our public schools. His address was a splendid argument for state support for the Normal schools.

At this juncture a county appropriation for a Lewis and Clark exhibit was discussed. Ex-Senator Marsters' main point was not to doubt the wisdom of when they were convinced that the people—the taxpayers of the county would support and uphold them in such a movement, it was therefore in order, he said, for the various commercial clubs of the county to co-operate with Roseburg in a demand for county aid in providing a creditable county exhibit at the Portland Exposition, the great benefit to be derived from such an exhibit being hard to compute. A resolution favoring county co-operation in securing a Douglas county exhibit was passed.

F. W. Benson spoke of the plan of Lane county to annex that part of the Bohemia Mines located in Douglas county. He considered such an act on the part of the legislature unjust, and one which would incur considerable loss to Douglas county. He said twice in his recollection had Lane county thus imposed upon Douglas and he thought it time to call a halt. He moved that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution condemning the movement on the part of Lane, which will be presented to the legislature. The chair appointed the following committee: F. W. Benson, D. S. K. Baick and W. C. Conner, which presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, it is the organized plan of the citizens of Lane county to petition and urge the legislature assembly to adopt a measure providing for the changing of the boundary line of Lane and Douglas counties so as to include the whole or greater portion of the Bohemia mining district now located in Douglas county in Lane county, and

Whereas, a natural water-gate outlet from this mining district to the South Pacific railroad is located by Steamboat Creek, thence down the North Umpqua river to Winchester and Roseburg in Douglas county, over which route a good wagon road is being constructed, which will bring about the development of a great portion of this mining district by Douglas county capital, and render its development and interests mutual with the general interests of Douglas county, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Roseburg Commercial Club with like organizations of Douglas county enter a vigorous protest to the legislative assembly against this proposed change in the county boundary line and that the Senator and two Representatives of Douglas county use their best efforts to prevent the annexation of this rich mining district by Lane county, two like changes having been effected by Lane county in former legislative sessions to the loss of Douglas county.

COMMITTEE.

Brief pointed speeches were made by John Black, Capt. Ben. D. Boswell and Fred J. Blakely and a most interesting meeting adjourned, after John Black thanked the Roseburg Club on behalf of the Drain Club for its kindness and co-operation, President Sheridan retorting, "the pleasure is all ours."

Following is a list of the Drain visitors: John Black, O. C. Brown, Ira Wimberly, Prof. A. L. Briggs, Prof. W. H. Dempster, Capt. Boswell, C. E. Hasard, J. W. Spalding, Boston Mires, E. O. Patehen, W. E. Edwards, A. B. Chalmers, N. H. Whipple, E. A. Johnson, J. J. Hodden.

# LAND OPENED TO ENTRYMEN

Situated in Eastern Portion of Lane and Douglas Counties and Southeastern Linn.

By order of Secretary of the Interior E. A. Hitchcock about 183,200 acres of land in the Roseburg land district and included in the Cascade Forest Reserve, have been restored for public entry. The land restored had been temporarily withdrawn for addition to the reserve by the secretary's order of August 3, 1903.

While these lands are now excluded from the reserve, yet filings thereon may not be made until notice of such privilege is given later by the department. The restoration list has not been published in some newspaper for a period of ninety days.

The restored lands are situated in the eastern portion of Douglas and Lane counties and in the southeastern part of Linn county. Their description follows:

All of townships 14, 15, 16 and 17 south, r 4 east.

All of township 22 south, r 1 west. Sections 1 to 11, inclusive; 15 to 21 inclusive, and 28 to 33 inclusive, in tp 22, s 1 west.

Sections 5 to 9 inclusive, 15 to 23 inclusive, 25 to 36 inclusive, and west 1/2 of 14, in tp 24, s 1 west.

Sections 1 to 23 inclusive, north 1/2 of 24 and 26, and 27 to 31 inclusive, in tp 25, s 1 west.

Section 1, 2, 3 and 5 to 23 inclusive and 27 to 36 inclusive, in tp 30, s 1 west.

Sections 8, 6, 7 and 8 and southwest 1/4 of 9; 15 to 21 inclusive and 27 to 36 inclusive, in tp 31, s 1 w.

IDAHO HAS TIMBER FRAUDS

WASHINGTON, Jan.—On a complaint filed by a prominent firm of attorneys Idaho through Senator Dubois, the secretary of the interior has dispatched a special inspector to Idaho to investigate what is said to be a systematic defrauding of the government in the matter of timber lands of greater magnitude than the Oregon cases. The papers were turned over to the president by Senator Dubois and by him forwarded to Secretary Hitchcock, with instructions for a thorough investigation and prosecutions if warranted.

Mining News.

GLENDARE, Or., Jan. 2.—Good results are being attained with the one plant in commission on the Smith plains, of the Mt. Roseben district. The ground is where Whiskey creek debouches into the Rogue, and was recently the subject of a sale, wherein E. G. Palmer secured a large interest at what is understood to have been a good consideration for the area involved.

President R. M. Armistage, of the Yellow Jewell company, says that the mine sunk in the east tunnel of this property opened even better ore than had been opened on the alt level. The encouragement given as a result of this work is so great that more thorough development is assured during the winter and coming summer.

A \$100,000 Fire at Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Fire tonight gutted the local plant of the Union Meat Company. The loss runs to upwards of \$100,000, and considerable more in case company's books are destroyed.

Musings.

Some people are not better than others, but they are more cautious.

Saturday was the last day of the week, the month, the year and the leap year.

But a woman can still propose if she wants to give hints equivalent to a proposal.

One lays claim to a soap mine, but that town may be trying to frighten hobos away.

The great struggle of life is first for bread, then the butter on the bread and last sugar on the butter.

General Stoessel will receive military honors and a square meal. But he probably prefers the latter.

The man who always stops to think before he speaks may not say much, but he seldom has to take any of it back.

Nan Patterson wanted only young men to try her. Now she perhaps wishes she had been tried by that familiar bald headed contingent.

When a garrison is out of food and ammunition, and has nothing left but courage, and that is becoming ragged it's time to capitulate, says the Telegram.

The right kind of a husband will smoke the Christmas cigar and wear the New Year's 39-cent necktie that his wife gave him with a smile—in her presence.

A clergyman down East is urging that the parents shall sit in the parlor during the time their daughter is courted. The rule would work great hardship to all parties.

An Italian section hand at Conestock shot himself through the arm last Sunday inflicting a serious wound. He was taken to Cottage Grove for treatment.

# FARMERS' NEEDS

## GRASS SEED

Now is the time to sow your field seeds. I have just received a large supply of Alsike, Red and White Clover, Alfalfa, Timothy, Orchard, Blue Grass, Etc.

## HARROWS

Buffalo Pitts, Pan American, Spike, Spring and Disc Harrows, and Syracuse and Steel Chilled Plows.

## SAWS AXES SLEDGES

Simmons, Webfoot, Chinook, Eclipse, Hoo Hoo and Pacific Coast pattern Saws; Keen Kutter, U. S. A. and Phoenix Axes

## S. K. SYKES GENERAL HARDWARE

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We will pay the highest cash price for Hides, green or dry, Pelts, goat skins, furs, iron brass, copper, lead, zinc, rubber boots & shoes

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Suitable Gifts for Gents  
Suitable Gifts for Children

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High Prices  
Right Place

## SALZMAN'S

## A TALE OF WOE

Many men have to tell that have their linen done up at home. At no private laundry can you get the perfection of color and the beauty of finish that makes our establishments famous, for our facilities are perfect and up-to-date, and we employ only experts, that can show such evidence of their handiwork as is seen on the superb work done at ROSEBURG STEAM LAUNDRY.

## GREETINGS OF THE NEW YEAR

OUR NEW YEAR RESOLVE

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