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MAY IGNORE ASSEMBLY.

TWO OF THE most prominent state officials may come out as candidates in the primaries without waiting for the action of the proposed state assembly or wanting the nomination from the assembly. These are Governor and Secretary of State Frank W. Benson and State Printer W. S. Duniway.

As he himself announced several months ago, Governor Benson does not want to run for the governorship next year, but prefers to be a candidate for secretary of state, the position to which he was elected.

During the last two months much pressure has been brought to bear on Duniway to be a candidate for the nomination of governor, instead of for state printer. Duniway has not arrived at a decision, and may not for several months to come, but the proposition is being put to him very strong, and he may consent to run.

His known position on many issues is being pointed out, and it is also being shown that he was one of the first to begin fighting the old convention system, with its political bosses.

What is more important than the desire of Benson and Duniway to be candidates is that neither is suspected of favoring the assembly. Both Benson and Duniway are considered by many political prophets as being strong enough with the people to win without the consent, backing or assistance of the assembly promoters. Those who are arranging for the assembly want to recommend the strongest men they can find for the various offices. Benson is said to be the strongest for secretary of state, and is practically unbeatable. Duniway for state printer is in the same category. If Benson and Duniway enter the primary against the assembly choice or publicly renounce the assembly endorsement, should they receive it, the assembly ticket will sustain a hard blow.

Those engineering the assembly do not like Benson, although they probably would recommend him for secretary of state because they need him on the ticket. Neither is Duniway liked by the assembly managers, but to strengthen the ticket they would give him the state printer recommendation. They would not consider him for governor, however, as that particular nomination has already been arranged for and is to go to one of the inner circle.—Portland Telegram.

THE COOS BAY LINE.

CITIZENS IN each are much interested in the prospect of an electric road between Roseburg and Coos Bay. Last August this newspaper insisted that a railroad between the two points was a possibility. Concessions within the easy reach of the interested points, together with a right of way, it was urged, would form a basis for a bond issue by which the road could be financed. The magnificent timber and other resources tributary to the route, all of which a road would bring into close connection with an ocean haul, afford a substantial basis for the investment of capital necessary to finance the enterprise.

Agitation of the plan has been an uppermost activity at both points in recent weeks, and at last account the right of way had been secured. The prospect is said to be favorable for securing the $3,000,000 that it is estimated will be necessary to build the line.

Whether or not this plan succeeds, the day when Coos Bay will have a line to the interior, or Roseburg a road to the coast, will not be long postponed. The region has a traffic to offer, and some day the opportunity that traffic will afford investors will become apparent. The various isolated sections of Oregon, of which this is one of the richest in natural resources, cannot long remain bottled up. The world wants what it has to sell, and by and by the world will find a way to get it. The Coos Bay line will come, and its coming is not likely to be long postponed.—Portland Journal.

PROSPERITY RETURNING.

ONE OF THE most reliable barometers for determining the condition of the business of the country is to be found in the demand for freight cars. No matter what the passenger traffic may be it is the movement of freight that tells the real story. Judged by this standard, the return of prosperity in the United States is an accomplished fact, after two years of waiting, during which it gave substantial evidences that it was again headed in this direction.

According to a bulletin just issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor at Washington, the September record with respect to the movement of railway freight cars was largely in excess of that for the corresponding month last year. As a matter of fact, the volume of freight business had assumed such proportions at the close of the month as to give strong indications of an impending car shortage.

Advices from other sources are to the effect that there was a continued upward tendency in all lines of business during October, and the official statistics for that month may be expected to show a still further pronounced and gratifying improvement in business conditions that will give added emphasis to the reassuring showing made in the bulletin just issued by the department of commerce and labor.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Whether appreciated or not,
we will yet try to be gracious;
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give.

—Selected.

The New Girl.

Since we've been keeping house we've had
All sorts of servant maids,
And some were really not so bad
Though some of them were "jades."
Some couldn't sweep, some couldn't cook,
Some wouldn't cook who could.
And some of them by stealth forsook
Our quiet neighborhood
And left us mutely to deplore,
When they had taken wings,
More holes in our depleted store
Of silverware and things.
Yet we were never hard to please,
And would, I'm free to say,
Have gladly kept the worst of these,
But none of them would stay.

But now, at last, my wife and I,
Who couldn't keep a girl,
Have got a perfect treasure. My!
She's just a gem—a pearl!
She doesn't storm or sulk or swear
Or keep us on the rack.
And wages? Pshaw! She doesn't care;
She never answers back,
Nor thinks to say an ugly word
Or even wear a frown.
Our greatest joy in life occurred
When she dropped into town,
She brightened all our hopes and aims
When she arrived today.
She weighs ten pounds, the doctor claims,
And she is here to stay.

Don't put off your Christmas shopping till the new railway arrives.

November got a bad start, but is now winning the applause of the critical public with the finest brand of joy-creating weather.

"Every once in a while something reminds us of something else," comments the Indianapolis News. Same here. Wonderful, isn't it?

A Missouri contemporary reports that "a legless man in Joplin was run out of town by the police." Perhaps the man's nose did the running.

A bottle of catsup exploded in Washington, Pa., injuring four persons. Now the manufacturers of the stuff will probably come in for a blowing up.

Within a short time both a rose and a new cocktail have been named for Mr. Taft, and you can make your guess as to which will be called for the oftenest.

"What can our children 300 years from now say?" asks the Salem, Va., Times-Register. They will probably say that the new railway will be completed into Coos Bay within a year.

A Hackensack, N. J., man has died from blood poisoning brought on by handling quantities of dirty money. That's one danger the great majority of us Coos Bayites are not likely to be exposed to.

The Houston Post announces that Texas has 1,000,000 turkeys fattening for the Thanksgiving slaughter. That should furnish Texas with at least one good excuse for celebrating Thanksgiving.

"It is reported that shoes will be higher this year than ever before," says the Charleston News and Courier. Presumably because the manufacturers see a chance to increase their booty.

"Sir Walter Raleigh was beheaded 291 years ago today," says the Manchester Union. Forget it! Lots of men are losing their heads every day now and don't even get their names into the newspapers.

A New Jersey man wants a divorce because his wife once served him ham and eggs for dinner. But there are doubtless lots of men on Coos Bay who would be glad to get a dinner as good as that occasionally.

Once in a great while a learned physician says something that makes a profound impression on the general public, and the doctor who recently announced that no woman who wishes to remain beautiful will ever speak a cross word to her husband has evidently made a hit—with the men.

ROSEBURG WANTS IT NOW.

Will Roseburg wake up and get the Haines railroad survey extended into this city? We once had the opportunity of getting it for only $6,000. Engineers have been at work on this line for several months past and are still at it. They practically have the line located from Myrtle Point to Olalla, with less than a one-per-cent grade. By all means we should have this line extended into Roseburg. This will not interfere with any of the proposed electric lines. The men backing this movement declare that this survey will be followed with construction work next year, and as they are spending a considerable sum of money on it, it looks as if they mean business. Roseburg needs all the railroads we can get, and every effort should be put forth to secure them.—Roseburg Review.

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