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#### STRAWS SHOW, ETC.

THAT WAS an interesting news item The Times published Saturday showing that Myrtle Grange of Myrtle Point, publicly declared against the proposed Assembly by the machine leaders of Oregon. This is the first expression of the people and gives the lie direct to the Oregonian's statement that Coos county favors the Assembly. A few politicians may, but the great majority of the voters believe in and will stick by the direct primary. Wait and watch!

#### WAIT AND WATCH.

THE LONG discussed, much planned assembly scheme is now ready for use. An assembly, or in other words a convention, is to be held in Portland in July. At that time a slate will be adopted and when the primary election is held the machine element throughout the entire state will get behind it and try to put it through. The former political "leaders" want to get back into power. They want to do away with the "abuses" of the direct primary. They don't want candidates for nominations to come out by themselves, make promises direct to the people and run for office upon their merits. They want them to come to the bosses and the bosslets as they did of old. A man is forward and self seeking who comes out for office of his own account without first "fixing matters" with the powers that be. If a man wants to run for office he should go see Joe Simon or some other remnant of the rotten ring that once dominated this state. He should not look to the citizenship of the state. Only a demagogue does that. At least this is the view of the assemblies.

However the people of Oregon adopted the direct primary law. They did so for a purpose. They did so in order to wipe out bossism. In order to do away with galling, assinine system of allowing a few self appointed political managers to name the officials and dictate the policies of this state. It is a pretty safe guess that the people have no desire to return to the old system. Some politicians may be weary of the direct primary. But the rank and file of the people are entirely satisfied with it. Wait and watch what they do to the slate that will be framed up by Mr. Simon and his fellow ringsters.

The action of Myrtle Grange at Myrtle Point in declaring against the Assembly is merely an intimation of the sentiment of the people of Coos county.

#### ROOSEVELT AND TAFT FAVORITES

A CANVASS by the Chicago Tribune of the presidential preferences of 3,000 republican editors west of the Alleghenies seems to dispose of the assertion heard frequently of late that President Taft had become unpopular since his inauguration. The Tribune's returns show that Mr. Taft is the first choice of 1093 republican editors, his popularity falling but little be-

### WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.  
Honor to woman! To her is given  
To garden the earth with the roses of heaven.  
—Schiller.

#### Mother Ireland.

O true and dark-eyed Mother Land, ye've mourned thim day by day, The childer' av your achin' breast who've fared a world away! Be moorland and be loch and whin ye've mourned for all your lost, But still ye've smiled and still ye've watched and counted not the cost.

And dark, in faith, the ould hours fell and cold the ashes grew, But Ireland, Mother Ireland, still ye've waited fond and true; And now the Night has vanished, wid the sorrows it has known, We'll hear the call av Ireland, lads, av Ireland to her own!  
—By Arthur Stringer.

#### UNCLE DUDLEY SAYS:

"A stitch in time is a darn sight better than one in the side."

There are those who preach so much they haven't time to practice.

There are people who live in such a way that death is about the best luck that can befall them.

It is always easier to remember what you have done for others than to recall favors extended to you.

The sympathy of a man who isn't really sorry for you, is about the most unsatisfactory thing on earth.

Those under 20 see the form of a good fairy in the flames of a great fire, but those past that age more often conjure up a boogy man.

Why can't a woman realize that it is ridiculous to run around the streets with a great stock of false curls and puffs on her head?

Every one has his ghost: To parents the Thing that is most haunting is the man who will come along some day and steal the daughter.

Talk all you please about exact justice to all, it happens every day that a big dog chases a little dog away after the little dog has found it first.

Never bet with a woman. If you win she'll say no gentleman expects to collect a bet from a lady; and, if you lose, she says every gentleman makes it a point of honor to pay a bet he loses to a lady.

Kind that of Roosevelt, who is the first choice of 1360.

It is to be considered, too, that these expressions were made prior to the delivery of Mr. Taft's Lincoln day address, which has greatly strengthened his hold on public confidence and admiration.

It is significant that out of a field of eight, Roosevelt and Taft were the first choice of four-fifths of those voting. LaFollette, by many thought to be a popular idol, was the first choice of only 197 editors—evidence that his radical opinions are generally considered too extreme for the presidential office. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who has come to be regarded as the political embodiment of republican disaffection with the new tariff law, also made rather a poor showing with 65 votes. On the other hand Speaker Cannon, who is regarded as the political incarnation of the radical reactionaries, was the choice of only 14 out of 3,000 republican editors.

This extensive canvass indicates pretty conclusively that the masses of the republican voters hold firm in their approval of the Roosevelt-Taft doctrines. They also declared against the Aldrich-Payne tariff by a vote of 2,686 against to 812 for. It emphasizes anew that in the interim between presidential elections, it is never safe to allow one's self to be carried away by the clamor raised by the radicals on one hand or the standpatters on the other. An overwhelming majority of the party supporters are then absorbed in their business and industrial tasks, and politically have little to say.

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#### THE ARGO WRECK.

Life Saver Gives An Account of Rescue Effort At Tillamook.

Editor Coos Bay Times:  
Referring to the article entitled, "Why is a Life Saver" in your paper of February 2, I would like for the enlightenment of the public and our learned heavy weather brother who wrote it, to make a few remarks regarding his statement about some crew of other (he does not say which), managing to launch a boat and get to a wreck, but in coming back running full-tilt against the beach upsetting and drowning several persons I was a member of the Tillamook Bay Life Saving crew at the time of the Argo disaster and as I think he is referring to that incident, I have decided for the honor of this Life Saving station to tell him about it. When the Argo was wrecked the weather was bad with a dangerous surf breaking clear across the bar, the Argo attempted to cross in against a strong ebb tide with a heavy freshet in the bay and a big tide. She drifted on the South Spit which she pounded over into open water in a sinking condition. Meanwhile we had left the beach in the Beebe McLellan boat which is the only one we had at that time and which is I believe the smallest and lightest boat provided by the service. She is a self-bailer but not a self-righter and for the purpose which she is built is a good boat namely for working off the beach inside the heaviest breakers. We did not think we had a chance in the world of crossing the bar in such a boat, but we just went, and it's nothing short of a miracle we got through as lucky as we did. In crossing the bar our boat was shot clear off the top of a breaker by the strong ebb and landed the whole weight in the trough of the next sea splitting her underneath just forward of midship on both sides of her keel. When we received the Argo passengers she almost swamped with us and we had to put them on board again, tho' the men begged us to at least take the women, which we did promising to come back as soon as our boat was fixed. It was then a question of getting ashore, so bailing all the while, we started for the beach, the tide being too strong to cross the bar. But had we only managed to get close enough to run our boat full tilt against the beach and upset it as our very learned friend puts it, the danger would have been over, as people don't usually drown in one foot of water. Instead our boat being full of water with each breaker going clear over her and putting such a strain on our drogue that the canvas burst and she just naturally capsized half a mile from the beach and as most of us were out of commission and could not right her the rest of the way was very turbid traveling. Had the boat been a Dobbins' self-righter the story would have been different. Now if the papers had a true account of the disaster saying our boat was obsolete which is not true, she is all we had and we had to make some attempt. She is not meant for that work and is not truly a life-boat but resembles a Columbia river fishing boat. This station has since been supplied with a 28-foot Dobbins. If the gentleman who wrote that article (which is nonsensical), in the San Francisco Wasp will read the Life Saving record he will find it a brilliant one but the public hears only of the failures not the successes and I want to say that the people of Tillamook county have every confidence in the captain and crew stationed here who they know will go whether there is a chance or not. They proved it in the Argo disaster and it was not their fault that the boat was not all it might have been. We all of us have our own opinions of the Czarina disaster which also has caused much comment, but the beach apparatus has not a brilliant record for if a line does reach a vessel everything gets fouled by the surf and they mostly drown hauling them ashore and if nothing can be done with a boat it is useless to try to shoot a line aboard except in cases where a vessel is on the rocks beneath a high bluff. I would suggest the wise-acre who wrote that in the San Francisco Wasp go back on the

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