

DENNING HELD IN HIGH REGARD

Funeral of Relative of Coos Bay Men Largely Attended at Roseburg.

Concerning the funeral of C. J. Denning, a brother of Frank Denning and W. S. Denning of Coos Bay, the Roseburg Review says:

Attendance at the funeral of the late C. J. Denning, held at the Elks' temple Saturday, filled the big lodge room to overflowing. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered by the choir and an eloquent and impressive sermon delivered by Rev. E. H. Hicks of Ashland. Interment followed in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. At the close of the ceremonies the grave was entirely hidden by the numerous and beautiful floral tributes offered.

Mr. Denning was a native of Looking Glass, where he was reared to manhood. For a short time he was engaged in the hotel business at Coquille with his brother-in-law, U. S. Morgan. Upon moving to this city about twelve years ago he conducted the Farmers' Hotel, on Lane street. Later he was associated with A. E. Kent, during two different periods, in conducting cigar stores and in the interim they were the proprietors of what is now known as the Farmers' Feed Stables. They sold the Monogram Cigar Store a few months ago, and shortly afterwards Mr. Denning bought an interest in W. B. Hammitte's undertaking business.

Few men have lived in Roseburg who have been held in as high regard by his friends and acquaintances as was Mr. Denning. His honesty and square dealing were almost proverbial, and if he had an enemy no one ever knew of it. His daily life was guided by a clean conscience, and he passes on to his final rest mourned by the hundreds who knew him as a good citizen and the exemplar of a spotless private life.

NEWS OF COQUILLE.

Coos County Seat Events as Told By the Sentinel.

Miss Jotty Watson has been confined to her home suffering from the effects of poison oak.

Complaint has reached the Sentinel office that parties down the river are making a business of hunting deer with dogs. If the report is true the so-called hunters are running great risks and are laying themselves liable to a heavy fine and perhaps imprisonment. It is unlawful to hunt deer at this time of the year and it is unlawful to hunt with dogs at any time of the year. Such acts are of rather brazen nature and show a tendency toward lawlessness on the part of the participants.

The residence of F. S. Bunch at Dora caught fire Friday afternoon while Mrs. Bunch and the smaller children were alone at home. The fire was discovered just as the Myrtle Point-Fairview mail carrier was passing and he gallantly stopped to help extinguish the fire but his efforts proved unavailing until more help which had been summoned by telephone arrived when the fire was finally conquered.

Preparations are being made for an old fashioned celebration at Norway on the Fourth. About six hundred dollars has been raised and everything will be done to make it pleasant for the large crowd that is expected to be present.

Al Hite in an E. M. F. car and Stewart Lyons in a Maxwell made a trip to Roseburg last week to look over the road with a view of establishing an automobile service between Coquille and that city. The result was that they found the road in suitable condition on which to operate a line and on Monday carried their first passengers over. On their initial trip they returned in seven hours.

CURED HAY FEVER AND SUMMER COLD

A. S. Nusham, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered two or three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success."—Red Cross Pharmacy, (John Preuss, Prop.)

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN

PARTY MAN WHO MOVES WITH THE MARCH OF PROGRESS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY.

EDITOR TIMES: A correspondent in support of the assembly has cited a convention of attorneys at Salem who favored the election of the present Supreme Judges, regardless of party; this argument is misleading and outside of the issue; it is not a parallel case.

These attorneys did no more than to express their own views with regard to the matter, which they had a right to do; they did not attempt to speak for anybody but themselves; they did not seek to bind any outside party; they left every man outside free to choose for himself; they did not attempt whether or no to foist their preferences on any man.

Not so the assembly folks. They are not satisfied to stop at expressing their own individual views and preferences, but they claim the right to speak for the party; they claim the right to use the party name and the party organization; they claim the right to select the candidates for public office and to foist their selection upon the party. In short, they claim the right to speak for and control the party through the assembly.

This, no set of men have any right to do in law or morals, and whoever does so usurps a right he does not possess.

The primary law provides how party nominations for public office shall be made and they cannot be legally made in any other way.

The law does not provide for any assembly; the law does not provide for the election of any delegates to any assembly; the assembly is not recognized by the law in any way.

The assembly is a creature entirely outside of the law. Therefore, the holding of any assembly, the election of any delegates thereto and the nomination of any candidates by any assembly for or on behalf of any political party is a usurpation of power not possessed by the persons who do it. Again, the primary is criticized because a candidate may be nominated by a plurality of votes; because a clear majority of all votes cast is not necessary to a nomination.

This is true; but there is nothing unusual about that; a candidate is not required to have a clear majority of all votes cast to secure an election to any office in this State. A plurality is sufficient all along the line; the constitution of the State provides that in all elections under it the person or persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Indeed it could not well be otherwise. Think it over.

Now, while it is a matter of small concern, for the benefit of some of my assembly brethren, permit me to say that I am not aware that it is any particular disgrace to be a Democrat. While I believe this to be true, yet the writer is not now, neither has he ever been a Democrat; he has never been at any time or place anything but a Republican; he has never supported our George for anything at all at any time. Can all the assembly brethren, truthfully say as much?

However, the writer hopes he is not a petrified Republican. He hopes he has not been in cold storage along with the county central committee or some of them, ever since the time of McKinley. He believes in progress in politics as in all things else; he is opposed to hibernation; he believes the primary is a long step in the right direction and is trying to uphold it. He doesn't believe the political methods used in Indiana forty years ago are the proper methods to resort to here and now. GEO. WATKINS.

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THE ASSEMBLY KILLS PRIMARY

Politicians Plan to Knife Popular Law in the Back.

EDITOR TIMES: As a member of the Republican party I desire permission to enter into the "Republican Assembly Plan" discussion. I lay claim to membership in the party rather than devotion to the principles for which I understand it to stand than for love for any members or leaders of the party. I do not believe that a man should be read out of the Republican party by reason of the fact that he would vote for George Chamberlain for any office of public trust in preference to C. W. Fulton, though the former is an avowed Democrat and the latter claims a place in the Republican party.

The Republican party in Oregon is usually credited with a majority of from 15,000 to 20,000. By popular vote the direct primary law with direct selection of United States Senator was passed in 1904 by a vote of 56,295 for to 16,354 against said measure. Hence, I think it may fairly be said that the party has gone upon record as favoring the direct primary law.

I have recently noted with surprise that some of the defenders of the so-called "Assembly Plan" have declared that said plan is not inimical to the direct primary law, and have even gone so far as to personally endorse the direct primary law while pleading for the assembly in the public prints. To a conscientious Republican—one who belongs to his party because of the principles for which it stands, foremost among which, within the State of Oregon, is the direct primary law—such action on the part of these self-appointed saviors of the party is but to add insult to attempted injury. Those gentlemen know, and must realize that most of the rest of us know, that the principal reason which they privately use in their "button-hole" arguments, and whereby they seek to really defend their public position in private interview, is that "the man who works in the street is not competent and qualified to select fit and qualified persons as nominees to public office."

Now the time has come when this "codfish aristocracy" of the Republican party desires to slip quietly into possession of what, in its self-satisfied egotism, it deems its own. Of course, the old argument about the alleged ignorance of the "rank and file" must not be publicly declared, lest those ignorant toilers in the street and on the farm might read, and in their ignorance, fail to recognize the voice of their lord. Hence, a new argument—a lemon—one smooth and oily enough to surreptitiously displace the "golden egg" of the direct primary, is adopted. It reads about as follows: "The assembly plan is here to go hand-in-hand with the primary law. I have not heard a single person say yet who favors the assembly plan that he did not approve of the primary law." The person who first invented that antipodes of truth did, then and there, usurp the throne of Ananias. That man who claims to be a Republican and favors the assembly plan, whether he assumes that position by reason of ignorance or perfidy, does more than oppose the direct primary law: He knifes it in the back and glories in the sight of its helpless ghost. If, by any fluke or by any artifice, the assembly plan should become, to any extent, popular with the Republican party, the "rank and file" would have no more voice in the nomination of party candidates than it had under the old system of conventions. "In union there is strength" and with even a small organized fraction of the party working "tooth and nail" for one candidate, what chance would one of several independent candidates for the same nomination, regardless of qualifications, have at the primary nominating election? None! And the assembly plan promoters, being practical politicians of the old corrupt school, know and fully realize that fact. Who or what would control the assembly? Who or what controlled the erstwhile convention? To say that it was universally controlled by what is popularly referred to as the "predatory interests" and that the nominees were all tools of "the boss" would probably be putting it a trifle "strong." But we will say, with full confidence that we cannot be successfully contradicted, that the so-called "interests" controlled most of the conventions in so far as they deemed practicable and desirable, and that few active and

able enemies of corporate greed received nominations to positions in which, if elected, they might be enabled to protect the laborer and the consumer from the rapacity of capital and the trusts.

When, in 1902, the people of Oregon (Republican by a large majority) adopted the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution, they "faced" the beast with every show of a determination to fight; and, in 1904, by enacting the direct primary law, by another magnificent majority, they secured a strangle hold on the cat. Will they now be deceived into foregoing the advantage they have thus gained?

We believe in the direct primary law because we believe that the whole party, by a direct vote, should nominate its candidates for public office. We believe this to be for the best, not only because it is manifestly just, but also because there is far less opportunity for money or its influence to affect a selection made by all of the voters of the party scattered throughout an entire district than a nomination made by a few practical politicians WITHIN the party assembly in convention.

We do not believe in the assembly plan because, manifestly, it nullifies the primary law, and again subjects the State to the dangers of bribery in politics.

However, we do not view this assembly-plan agitation with much apprehension of harm. While it seems to be a sort of "verruiform appendix" to the Republican party, it seems so far removed from the vital principles of the "grand old party" that it should just naturally rot off and drop to pieces of its own putrefaction. But if this "political appendicitis" continues to annoy and to threaten dissolution to the party, it is to be earnestly hoped that the Republican ranks will perform a successful operation on the diseased incumbrance at the coming primary election.

HARRY G. HOY.

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