

Lincoln County Leader.

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For New Primary Law.

In view of the decision of the courts upon the initiative and referendum amendment to the Constitution of Oregon, the promoters of the Direct Nominating League are getting busy, preparing several proposed amendments to be placed before the public through the initiative method. Of first importance among these proposed laws is the direct primary nominations law, designed to do away with county conventions, and permit the direct nomination of city and county officials at the primaries. The organization of this league was set on foot shortly after the initiative and referendum amendment was passed. But owing to the adverse decisions of the lower courts, the organization was checked. Now, nothing stands in the way, and a meeting is to be called early in the new year for the purpose of completing the organization.

The bill containing the amendments desired is now in the hands of the printers, and a petition is being circulated for the purpose of securing signatures of a sufficient number of voters to satisfy the requirements of the initiative method of enacting a law. It is also believed that the necessary eight per cent of voters will be easily secured and the direct primary nominations law placed before the people at the June election. It is also believed that the law will meet with favor among the people.

Of the three proposed amendments that will be put before the voters, the one affecting the method of election, is, possibly, of the greatest importance. It contemplates a radical change in the present system. Instead of the present method, through which delegates are selected at the primaries to attend city and county conventions for the purpose of nominating city and county officers, a more brief plan is proposed. The county and city conventions are to be abolished. Under the proposed law the city and county officers will be nominated in the primaries, without the further necessity of a convention.

Under the initiative and referendum amendment a law may be enacted or the constitution of the state can be amended by the people without waiting for the action of the Legislature. The requirements to get a proposed law or amendment before the people under this amendment are that the names of eight per cent of the voters be obtained to a petition for such a law, then this petition and a copy of the bill must be filed with the Secretary of State before the election at which it is to be voted upon. By this means the people have a voice regardless of the Legislature, and the supporters of the amendment believe that it gives them a more liberal form of government.—Oregonian.

William Jennings Bryan has included Germany in his foreign travels, but Emperor William sent his regrets that he was unable to meet him on account of "domestic Christmas festivities." In other words, der Kaiser was having a good time and didn't wish to discuss a "dry" subject like the money question. Whereupon Mr. Bryan immediately kicked the German soil from his feet and set sail for home on the steamer Celtic, thus emphasizing his displeasure over the imperial turn-down by choosing a vessel with an Irish flavor for the homeward trip.

A cold wave a few days ago caressed the blessed east from Nebraska to New Hampshire, and as far south as Alabama. Returns are not all in yet, but it is known that several human beings and considerable live stock perished in the storm. At some points a fuel famine prevailed, causing much suffering among the poorer classes. At the same time roses were blooming out-of-doors in western Oregon—and this isn't a tropical country, either. We also have wood to burn out here.

The Oregon Legislature endorsed President Roosevelt, and as soon as old Senator Platt of New York heard the news he hastened to declare: "We're all for him." Oregon's lead seems to be backed by Hoyle, Hanna and all other celebrated authorities.

The famous jugglers of India are not so much. The lost gambling bill indicates that a pretty smooth one was doing business in Salem last week.

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The Kansas City Star says Grover Cleveland is today "the most illustrious and the most potential Democrat in the republic." We presume that's about the size of it. The Democratic party is in a most deplorable condition.

It is rumored that Reed Smoot, the Mormon United States Senator from Utah, will resign rather than submit to an investigation of his religious views and domestic life. Which leaves room for suspicion that Reed is a frail plant, after all, and out of his element in the United States Senate.

One of the driest dates in Portland is August 28. During the past 20 years not a drop of rain has fallen on that date. District Forecaster Beals made this discovery while preparing data relative to the dry months for the Multnomah Fair Association. There is no other date like it on record.—Portland Journal.

The Albany Herald has treated itself to a new typesetting machine—a linotype—and is preparing to line up with the leading newspapers of the state. If the people of Albany and Linn county fail to show their appreciation of this bit of enterprise they deserve about five years on a straight diet of Bryan's Commoner.

The \$300 tax exemption bill passed at the recent session of the Oregon Legislature did not carry an emergency clause and will not take effect until after the next assessment is made. Certain legal lights hold that the exemption law is unconstitutional, anyhow, and it would be well to have that question settled before the law takes effect.

A poor man, or one in average financial condition, has much to be thankful for. He may even exercise the American privilege of falling down and breaking a leg without the risk of having his picture displayed in some enterprising daily newspaper. But it's different with millionaires, who are paraded like prize-winners at a fat-stock show.

An intelligent head writer of the Oregonian credits Oregon with less than eight miles of new railroad track laid in 1903, but the article on the subject places the increase for the year at 30.15. Busy persons who read only the headlines of the dailies are liable to acquire a load of information that isn't all information. The moral seems to be: Don't get busy.

Hon. Frank Davey of Marion, who was temporarily lost, was found out in eastern Oregon, sick abed. A conscienceless editor over there accuses Frank of being on a long and animated lonesome. Of course, none of the gentleman's friends believe the yarn. Only 98 per cent of the members of the Legislature have the booze habit, and all in this list have been accounted for.

Among the bills reported passed at the recent special session of the Legislature was one replacing the salary of the county judge of Lincoln county at \$600. When the measure was first passed in 1895, we are informed, it was entirely satisfactory to the people of the county, and would undoubtedly have continued in force but for the discovery of one of those somewhat common legislative bulls which rendered it ineffective. If \$600 per year was not too great a salary for the county judge of Lincoln county eight years ago, then it is certainly a very modest remuneration for that official now. And citizens who were satisfied with the law eight years ago can oppose it now only on personal grounds—and that doesn't look well.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 19, 1903. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Lincoln county at Toledo, Oregon, on February 5, 1904, viz:

George E. Davis, H. E. No. 13121 for the sw¹/₄ of sw¹/₄ of section 34, township 11 s., range 9 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. S. Copeland, W. C. Copeland and George Chambers all of Toledo, Oregon, F. W. Chambers of Siletz, Oregon **ALGERNON S. DRESSER**, Register.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lincoln. In the matter of the estate of U. S. Grant, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lincoln, administrator of the estate of U. S. Grant, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them at my office in Toledo, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof, duly verified as by law required. **B. F. SWORN**, Administrator of the estate of U. S. Grant, deceased. Dated this 6th day of November, 1903.

CONTEST NOTICE.

U. S. Land Office, Oregon City, Or., Oct. 9, 1903. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by John F. Burns contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 12040, made Jan. 23, 1897, for w¹/₂ sw¹/₄ sec. 10, and s¹/₂ se¹/₄ sec. 9 twp 12 s., r 10 w., by Woltzeth Chlebowski, contestee, in which it is alleged that contestant is well acquainted with said tract of land and "knows the present condition of the same also that said contestee has wholly abandoned said claim; that he filed on said land January 23, 1897, and deserted and abandoned said entry on or about July 1, 1900; that he was absent more than six months before the expiration of his five years and that he has never been upon or resided on the said land since on or about July 1, 1900; and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged." Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 16, 1904 before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Oregon City, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Sept 25, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. **Geo. W. BREE**, Receiver.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of James R. Bayley, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of James R. Bayley, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Lincoln county. All persons having claims against said estate of James R. Bayley, deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at Toledo, in said Lincoln county Oregon. **B. F. LWOPE**, Administrator of the estate of James R. Bayley, deceased. Dated this 27th day November, 1903.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
In the matter of the estate of George H. Hedges, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I, C. H. Hedges, as administrator of said estate of Geo. Hedges, deceased, have filed my final account as administrator with the Clerk of the County Court of Lincoln County, Oregon, and said court has fixed Monday, February 1, 1904, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of the time, and the County court-room in the courthouse in Toledo, Lincoln County, Oregon, as the place for hearing any and all objections to the said account, and for settlement thereof. **C. H. HEDGES**, Administrator of the estate of George Hedges, deceased. Dated this 11th day of December, 1903.

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