STATEMENT NO. 1 ASSURES PEOPLE'S CHOICE, SAYS JONATHAN BOURNE

Scores Those Who Are Trying to Befuddle Minds of the Oregon Citizens.

ONE WHO GETS MOST VOTES GETS POSITION

Statement No. 1, He Says, Would Protect Treasury, Destroy Bosses and Corruptionists and Pave Way for Constitutional Amendment.

To the Public—The politicians and special privilege class who do not and will not trust the people are trying systematically to befuddle the minds of the people with the idea that there is danger under our primary law of the Democratic candidate for the United States senatorship having a plurality vote over the Republican candidate on the ground that the Republican vote may be split among several Republican candidates because there will probably be only one Democratic candidate.

This is impossible. Under our primary nominating elections law, by reason of each having cast more than 35 per cent of the votes polled in the previous general election, the Republican and the Democratic parties only will participate in the primary election on April 20 next. Within the lines of each of these parties as many aspirants as so desire may petition to come before their respective party's ballot to be voted for in the primaries by their fellow-partisans as candidates for United States senator. In the primary elections on April 20 each party by either a plurality or a majority vote as the case may be, will designate its choice of the man, and the Republican receiving the highest number of his party vote, and the Democrat receiving the highest number of his party vote, will be each his respective party's candidate for United States senator to be voted for in the general election in June.

Only Two Candidates.

Thus, there will be but two candidates for the United States senate nominated under the provisions of the primary elections law. Socialists, Prohibitionists and any number of independent candidates for the United States senate may be nominated and placed on the ballot for the general election by assembly of electors, which is the same as a convention, or by petition; but no one of these candidates may appropriate the name or any part of the name "Republican" or "Democrat."

In the coming June election there will be two United States senators to select, one to fill the vacancy, or short term of six weeks, to succeed Senator Gearin, whose term will expire on the election of his successor by the legislature, the other for the long term of six years, beginning March 4, 1907. For each of these terms there can be on the June ballot but one Republican, one Democrat, one Socialist or one Prohibitionist. Thus, in the June election that senatorial candidate who shall receive the highest number of the votes cast will become the choice of the people of Oregon for the office of United States senator; one for the short and one for the long term.

What the Law Says.

Every intelligent person knows that the United States constitution provides that state legislatures shall elect United States senators. The Oregon legislature is composed of 90 members in joint assembly. A majority or 46 members, will elect our next United States senators. There are 75 new legislative members to be elected in June.

The direct primary nominating election law in its provision for the election of state legislative candidates, reads as follows:

"In case of an elector seeking nomination for the office of senator or representative in the legislative assembly, he may include one of the following two statements in his petition; but if he does not do so, the secretary of state or county clerk, as the case may be, shall not on that account refuse to file his petition:"

Statement No. 1.

"'I further state to the people of Oregon, as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for that candidate for United States senator in congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in congress, without regard to my individual preference."

(Signature of the Candidate for nomination.)

"If the candidate shall be unwilling to sign the above statement, then he may sign the following statement as a part of his petition:

Statement No. 2.

"'During my term of office I shall consider the vote of the people for United States senator in congress as nothing more than a recommendation, which I shall be at liberty to wholly disregard, if the reason for doing so seems to me to be sufficient.'"

Thus is provided a method for the crystallization of public opinion so that legislative candidates can be made to realize the impossibility of their election unless they first subscribe to statement one. If 46 of the 75 legislative members elected in June have been forced by public opinion, or by their personal convictions, to so subscribe, then they will be forced by their pledge to elect the United States senators whom the people of the state selected in the general election in June as their choice. Thus the United States constitution is obeyed, as is also the wish of the people of Oregon.

People's Choice.

I venture the assertion that 90 per cent of the voters of Oregon favor an amendment to the United States constitution permitting the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people. Every advocate of such amendment, if intelligent and sincere, must equally favor the rigid enforcement of statement No. 1 without any qualification, for thus a method is provided by which the legislature, if 46 or more of its members have subscribed to statement No. 1, must elect the men for United States senators whom the people have selected as their choice.

The election of 90 statement No. 1 legislative candidates must appeal to thoughtful men as the complete elimination of corruption, coercion and dishonorable methods in United States senatorial elections. Certainly 46 men free from political, financial and official entanglements can more readily be found among 90 members than among a smaller number if the election of senators be confined only to the members representing a dominant party.

Protect State Treasury.

The state treasury will be protected from unmerited appropriations which in past United States senatorial elections have so often been made for the sole purpose of securing votes for United States senatorial candidates. Statement No. 1 completely enfranchises the people; it destroys the political boss, the corruptionist and the special privilege class. It allows the people to select United States senators and forces the members of the legislature in subscribing to statement No. 1 to elect the people's selections.

Every citizen desirous of a United States constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people must be equally desirous of the rigid enforcement of statement No. 1 without qualification. Reference to the extract from our primary law, quoted before herein, will show any thoughtful reader that the law does not provide for any qualification of statement No. 1, and intends that all legislative candidates shall either by subscribing to statement No. 1 designate their willingness to abide by the will of the people or else by subscribing to statement No. 2 or making no statement whatever, express their unwillingness to abide by the popular will.

Object Is National.

The object sought by the enforcement of statement No. 1 is not merely local. It is also national. It points the way by which one state after another may similarly elect its United States senators, until the United States senate shall contain a sufficient number of members in effect elected by a direct vote of the people who would favor an amendment to the federal constitution providing for the election of all United States senators in the same manner that congressmen are elected, to the end that the great financial and industrial combinations now dominating the United States senate may be displaced and the people recover their power through that branch of our government. It is not so much our primary law as it is the people of Oregon who are now on trial as to their ability and intelligence to govern themselves. As Daniel Webster said: "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are always ready to guard and defend it."

Respectfully,
JONATHAN BOURNE JR.

STRANGE FACTS.

It seems strange that sometimes your stomach or bowels won't digest your food, no matter what you eat.

It may be the weather, or it may be just the state of your general health, but in any case, there is only one certain, safe and positive method of cure, and that is the proper use of that universal remedy for all forms of dyspeptic trouble or digestive weakness, whether in stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels—Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Strange, it is, that in such little tablets, to be taken a few times a day, may lie such wondrous potential possibilities, that by their use the course of a man's whole life—yes, of the world—may be changed!

Yet, who would not appreciate the fact that if Napoleon had not been suffering from Cancer of the Stomach he would have won instead of lost—at Waterloo?

And Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets would have cured his Stomach Trouble had they then been invented, as they have cured thousands of others in the past 10 years, who have suffered just as Napoleon did.

So you can readily appreciate that today, by curing all these people, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is helping to get the world's work done, by people who would do worse work if they were sick, so they must be having a great influence, in a quiet way, on the world's progress.

They may, therefore, be classed as one of the triumphs of science, amongst other discoveries, in medicine, mechanics, transportation, etc.

Let this, then, remain in your memory, a fact upon which to act when occasion requires:

When any organ in your vast digestive machinery gets out of order, you have at your command one of the great inventions of the age, in Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, to put your machinery in order again.

By so doing you will save much useless friction, add to the energy and working possibilities of your bodily machine, and relieve yourself from suffering, disease, weakness, premature old age and death.

All this is strictly in accordance with the most modern teachings of the best scientific schools of health, hygiene and medicine, and it will be to your advantage to lay these facts to heart.

Don't hesitate. Try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets today.

$80 A TON PAID FOR HAY BY MALHEUR FARMERS

No Feed for Sale Near Vale and It Is Feared Stockmen May Lose Heavily.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vale, Or., March 17.—In Vale yesterday, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the price of hay jumped from $50 to $80 a ton. In all parts of Malheur county are people with from 3,000 to 4,000 head of sheep and no hay to feed them. There are also large bands upon the range, where they were turned during the warm weather, and these in no way can be saved.

It is estimated that from 20 to 25 per cent of the livestock of the county will be lost as a result of the storm. While it has not blown for several days there is much snow on the ground and the nights are bitter cold. It has been as low as 18 and 20 below zero. There is not a ton of hay to be purchased anywhere above Vale, and the sheepmen and cattlemen who have not had their stock under shelter will lose heavily. Efforts are being made to get a large amount of hay into that section.

Fine Church for Pendleton.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 17.—Preliminary work is now being done toward the erection of the Methodist church at the corner of Webb and Johnson streets in this city, and actual construction work will begin by April 1. This new church is to be of stone, and when completed it will be by far the finest building of the kind in this section. The estimated cost of the building will be $20,000.

Fire at McMinnville.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

McMinnville, Or., March 17. — The home of Gene Wright burned to the ground last night. The house was so situated that the fire company had to make a long run to reach it, and the fire had its own way before water was put on. The contents were all destroyed and the loss amounts to $1,000.

PENDLETON GAMBLERS ADMIT THEIR GUILT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 17.—Seventeen of the 49 gamblers arrested in the recent gambling raid have now appeared before Judge Fitzgerald. Of this number six have entered pleas of not guilty, while the other 11 have admitted their guilt. All but three of these paid their fines, and the unfortunate ones are now in the city jail.

Besides the five arrested over McIntosh's saloon, A. B. Stephens also pleaded not guilty. No complaints have been made against any of these by City Attorney Carter, and no arrangements for trying them, though the police declare the evidence against them is as strong as that against the others that were caught.

For Woman Suffrage.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., March 17.—Miss Gail Laughlin, the well known equal suffrage lecturer, finished a successful tour of the eastern Oregon counties with an address on the equal suffrage question last night.

She is a polished orator and had a large and enthusiastic audience, people coming in from all parts of Umatilla county. Great interest is being shown on the question in many parts of eastern Oregon.

IS KNOCKED SENSELESS BY BLOW FROM THIEF

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., March 17.—Ike Walters, an express driver, was robbed of $12 and knocked senseless in his room in South Third street early yesterday morning by a burglar who was surprised by Walters as he was rummaging through the room. Walters detected the burglar and jumping out of bed made a dash for his revolver in another part of the room. As he reached the weapon, the burglar rushed at him and dealt him a terrific blow over the head with a revolver. Walters was knocked unconscious and the burglar escaped. Walters was badly cut about the head.

Vote School Bonds.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., March 17.—Notices are being posted calling for a special school election to be held on the 31st of this month for the purpose of voting $8,000 additional school bonds for the completion of the new school building now in course of construction.

An Unique Window.

Of the many and varied displays in honor of St. Patrick's day seen throughout the city yesterday none attracted more attention than that of the very patriotic window display of the Silverfield company, Fourth and Morrison. The entire window space and contents all of the Irish national colors, and the unusually attractive arrangement of the articles collected very favorably upon the ability of Mr. H. I. Wenig, the advertising manager of the Silverfield company, who is responsible for the [illegible]