REACTIONARIES FIND A WAY OF DODGING CHOICE OF VOTERS

Convention Delegates Shown Means of Avoiding Presidential Preference.

CLAIM OATH IS REPEALED

Republican Leaders Spring Coup; Attorney General Reported to Have Said Loophole Is Good.

A group of reactionary political leaders have discovered that a law passed by the 1915 legislature allows the voters of a political party to express their choice for president of the United States but leaves delegates to the national convention free to vote for whom they please.

They have found a loophole through which they are getting ready to crawl to allow delegates to get away from being required to take an oath to support for president the choice of the party as expressed at the polls.

Loophole in Law of 1915.

This loophole has been found in chapter 242, laws of 1915. It is reported here that the attorney general's office has held that the loophole is a perfectly good one, so away with Oregon's presidential preferential primary law. What right have the common voters to say who they want for their candidate for president when a few of the old guard are willing to decide the matter?

It is supposed to have happened like this: The legislature passed substitute senate bill 151, which is chapter 242 of the 1915 session laws. This chapter provides for the nomination by petition of candidates for delegates to the national conventions and for the nomination of presidential electors.

Heretofore the state has been guided in these matters by the provisions of chapter 5, laws of 1911, which applies to the election of delegates and presidential electors.

Chapter 5 provides that each candidate for delegate must take an oath of office. This chapter says:

Oath Proviso Stated.

"Every such delegate to a national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice president, shall subscribe an oath of office that he will uphold the constitution and laws of the United States and of the state of Oregon, and that he will, as such officer and delegate, to the best of his judgment and ability, faithfully carry out the wishes of his political party as expressed by its voters at the time of his election."

Chapter 242, laws of 1915, does away with the proportional representation feature of the 1911 law and also eliminates the provision for the state to pay a delegate's expenses to the convention. But it provides for the voters to express their choice of party candidates for president and vice president. Section 7 of this chapter says:

"When candidates for the offices of president and vice president of the United States are to be nominated, every qualified elector of a political party subject to this law shall have opportunity to vote his or her preference, on his or her party nominating ballot, for his or her choice for one person to be the candidate for nomination by his or her political party for the office of president, and one person for vice president of the United States, either by writing the names of such persons in blank spaces to be left on said ballot for that purpose, or by marking with a cross before the printed names of the persons of his or her choice, as in the case of nominations of candidates for state and district offices."

Portion Is Repealed.

Then chapter 242 repeals "That portion of chapter 5 of the general laws of Oregon for the year 1911 and all other acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith."

Now, the aforementioned leaders of the Republican party say this repealing section, which repeals "that portion of chapter 5, laws of 1911, in conflict herewith," repeals the oath of office that candidates for delegates have been required to take.

Chapter 242 provides for the voters to express their choice for president and vice president, but it is contended that a provision that the delegates should take an oath to put forth their efforts to nominate the persons the voters choose is in conflict with the new law.

The last legislature passed another law relating to the nomination of candidates for delegates. It provides for nomination by paying a fee of $15, and also provides for an oath of office to the effect that the candidate will support the voters' choice for president and vice president.

NEW MANAGER OF HOTEL WELL KNOWN

E. E. Larrimore.

E. E. Larrimore, the new manager of the Hotel Oregon, is one of the best known hotel men in Portland.

His appointment this week to the managership of that hostelry as successor to N. K. Clarke comes in recognition of 10 years of service during which time has risen from steward to assistant manager, and now to manager.

Mr. Larrimore was made assistant manager last July at the time of the reorganization of the hotel when M. C. Dickinson retired as manager.

He has resided in Oregon for the past 20 years, coming to this state from Ohio.

The new manager of the Oregon emphatically denies rumors to the effect that the Oregon is to close its doors.

Stags are raised in China for their horns, which are cut off when soft and used in the manufacture of native medicines.

NEW ASTORIA RATE RESOLUTION AVOIDS NAMING PORTLAND

Measure Presented to Directors Is Referred to Transportation Bureau.

A new Astoria rate resolution, presented to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, from which all reference to Portland had been excluded, was ordered referred to the chamber's transportation bureau.

The resolution read as follows:

Be It Resolved, That this chamber hereby declares itself in favor of the establishment of railroad rates from and to interior common points to the mouth of the Columbia river on a parity with the rates prevailing at said common points to and from Puget sound; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company be requested to put into effect such rates, and that a committee of three, composed of the president and two other members of this board to be appointed by him, be delegated to personally present a copy of this resolution to the president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, and urge the establishment of the rates in accordance with this resolution.

Tacoma Norwegians Offer Aid to Bergen

Committee Appointed to Collect Funds to Help Fire Victims If It Develops Assistance Is Needed.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 20. — (P. N. S.) — Tacoma Norwegians have decided that they will send financial aid to their distressed countrymen in Bergen, Norway, who suffered a disastrous fire last week, if such aid is needed. The preliminary committee today cabled sympathy and an offer of help with a request for information on the extent of the fire.

Despondent Clerk Kills Self.

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—(P. N. S.)—Explaining in several notes that he was subject to spells of despondency and that this was to be the last one, J. B. Bund, 28, a hotel clerk, has committed suicide with poison.

Dr. Brougher Will Speak Here Sunday

"Going Him One Better" Will Be the Subject of a Lecture by the Former White Temple Pastor, Next Sunday.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher's sermon in his former pulpit at White Temple next Sunday morning is entitled, "Going Him One Better." This was his lecture to his own congregation, of Temple Baptist church of Los Angeles on New Year's day. Dr. Brougher has been asked to deliver the same sermon at the Southern Baptist convention.

Sunday evening Dr. Brougher will discuss the question of matrimony under the following title to his sermon, "The Marriage Riddle—How to Solve It."

Dr. Brougher will lecture in White Temple also on Monday evening.

Bride Pins Faith in Her Erring Husband

Mrs. C. W. Morrison Leaves to Visit Friends in Arizona—Morrison to Stand Trial in Los Angeles.

Full of hope that her husband's troubles will soon be over, and that he will then join her to start life anew, Mrs. C. W. Morrison, wife of the self-confessed forger of checks and drafts aggregating $11,500, left last night to visit friends in Arizona, and ultimately relatives in El Paso, Texas.

Morrison was arrested last Wednesday evening by Detectives Moloney and Swennes. An officer will arrive today from Los Angeles to return him to that city, where he is to stand trial.

His arrest left a bride of less than 10 days stranded in a downtown hotel, and for a time she was heartbroken. Before going, she visited her husband in the city jail, and affectionately bade him good-bye. The young bride is widely known in Los Angeles, and her marriage of January 2 was made much of in the newspapers of that city.

Morrison is confident that he will be freed in a short time. When that day comes, he asserts, he will go forth and make good in an oil-well project, and declares his knowledge of a location where he will strike it rich to the extravagant tune of $1500 a day.

Colored Slayer Convicted.

Nunnie Williams, a diminutive negress, indicted for manslaughter for the killing of "Suitsie" Smith, another colored girl of the north end, was convicted last night by a jury in Judge J. P. Kavanaugh's court. Leniency was recommended by the jury. Nunnie entered a plea of self-defense.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS SHOULD BE HELD IN FEBRUARY, COLT SAYS

Commerce Chamber Head Declares Action for Reclamation Is Imperative.

C. C. Colt

"The Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits conference authorized by the Oregon Irrigation congress should be held on February 15 or as soon thereafter as possible," said C. C. Colt, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Colt is one of the five delegates appointed to represent the Chamber of Commerce at the conference. The others are Joseph N. Teal, chairman of the Oregon Conservation commission; A. L. Mills, president of the First National bank; Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and Robert E. Strahorn, railroad builder and president of the Central Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad.

"In my opinion it is extremely urgent that action on the reclamation of Oregon's dry and wet lands by irrigation and drainage should be aggressive in organization and positive in results," continued Mr. Colt, earnestly.

Conference Is Important.

"It is hard to imagine a conference in Oregon having greater importance than the one which will be called to deal with and to solve the problem of irrigation and drainage by putting the entire state definitely back of its own reclamation. This for the reason that no other problem relates so closely or so vitally to the development of Oregon's resources.

"It seems to me that the Portland Chamber of Commerce could not choose for its support and advocacy an issue of greater concern to it, because, of course, Portland will prosper and grow permanently in just the proportion that territory tributary to the city is developed and made productive.

"All arguments support the proposition as advanced by the irrigation congress that the state should guarantee irrigation and drainage district securities.

Should Be No Delay.

"The plan of district organization involves, necessarily, occupancy of the land by actual settlers and workers. The district must be organized to conform to accepted practice and the laws of Oregon. The report on the district must show, in the matter of irrigation, a sufficient supply of water and satisfactory agricultural qualities of the land, and in the case of the drainage district there must be similarly comprehensive showing of results justifying the investment for improvement.

And, above all, the people of the district must have such faith in the results of development that they will pledge their credit and their future. When these requirements are met the state, in guaranteeing the securities of irrigation and drainage district takes little actual risk, but at the same time takes an action that will create confidence in the minds of investors in the securities.

"The thing that dwells in my mind just now, however, is that we should not delay in action. The duty of the conference is to draft legislation, to get it on the ballot by initiative petition and to organize and conduct the campaign for its passage at the next general election. This is a big job. It will require hard work and much cooperation. We will invite success by an early beginning."

Renews Confidence In His Home Town

Business Not Moving Any Faster in Seattle Than at Portland, Despite Report to the Contrary.

E. D. Timms, of Timms, Cress & Co., has returned from Seattle, confessing to one of the most surprised feelings of his life.

"I thought from the talk I have heard that business men in Seattle were working double shift to fill orders and wait on the trade," said he. "But business isn't moving a bit faster in commercial lines in Seattle than in Portland, if as fast."

Passed Alleged Bad Check.

Goozdan Evanoff was arrested yesterday at his room in the Palace hotel after passing a worthless check for $20 on the Lumbermens National bank. The check was on the Kitsap County bank of Port Orchard, Wash. Deputy Sheriff Phillips and a detective from the Burns agency made the arrest. In his pockets was found a collection of skeleton keys.

Actor Is Bankrupt.

London, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Charles Hawtrey, the actor, has liabilities amounting to $100,000. His total assets are $50. These statements were made today at a meeting of his creditors.

To Prevent the Grip.

Colds cause Grip—Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E. W. Grove's signature on box.25c.

Two Girls

A stenographer did not make good. She took up her LADIES' HOME JOURNAL one evening, and there a business man was telling the three things the ideal stenographer should have. She "saw" at once.

Her Roommate

was a sales girl. She wasn't getting along either. She read THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL too—same number. A girl told how she jumped from $7 to $50 per week at exactly the same kind of a job. She "saw" too.

Here were a stenographer and a sales girl, and of whom are there more thousands than of these? Yet both were helped by

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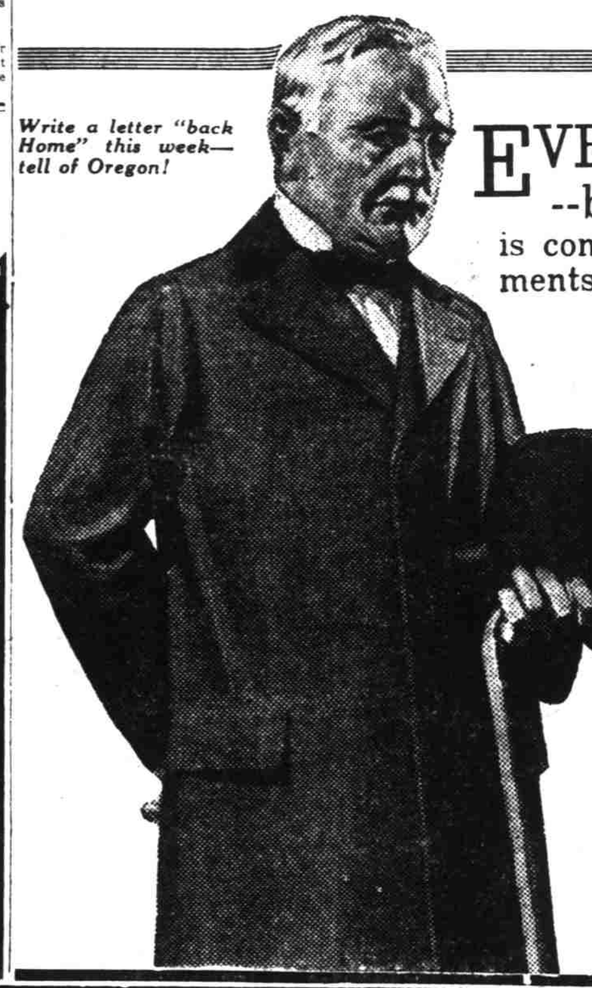

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Men's Overcoats selling at $16.85, $19.85, $24.85, $28.50, $32.50
—These were $20, $25, $30, $35, $40

Young Men's Overcoats now selling at $7.85, $11.85, $14.85, $16.85, $19.85, $24.85
—These were $10, $15, $18, $20, $25, $30

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