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OREGON WILL HAVE TO MUDDLE THROUGH
"What do you think of holding an assembly in Oregon, to
make the nominations for stata offices?" inquired a well in formed Salem man yesterday; one who has the best interests
of his adopted commonwealth at hertof his adopted commonwealth at heart-
For it should have been said in the first paragraph that
he is a new comer that he has not tived in Oregon through he is a new comer. that he han not hived in Oregon thr
the past twenty years. That is obvious to old timers. Once opon a time whe the diriect primary law was in Oregon, and when it was considered sacred by a large par
of our people, there was a state assembly, held in Portland
o of pick candidates of the Republican party, for state offices And you can find very few men now who are willing t
openly avow the fact that they participated in the proced ings leading up to that assembly, or were members of the
body itselfFor the very idea was anathema maranatha to a large
number of the friends of the pee-pul, who said in a very loud tone of voice, and repeated the, shouts many, many
times, that the right of the dear people to nominate their own times, that the right of the dear people to nominate their ow
candidates for office was being trampled under the feet o candidates for orntice was being tramped under the Yeet of
the booses that, in fact, the acursed old boss gystem was
being foisted upon this fair state, in worse form than it had being foisted upon this fair state, in worse form than it hat
flourished when the initiative and the referendum and the direct primary were invoked to forever puta a quietus upon

So this tenderfoot, whose feet are not very tender, either but are somewhat webbed by this time, for he has been a
citizen of Oregon for eight, or ten years, was informed that an assen
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Or at least, not called by that name a) Tot of valky name ast artists still living in Oregon, as

Whien flits this cross from man to Vich Alpine"s summons to his clan
Burst bethe ear that fails to heed,
Palsied the foot that shiuns to speed."
The welkin would ring with their protests at the violation polls and make their own nominations.

Other times, other customs. We will have to muddle tiriough here in Oregon for a while longer, with a direct
primary law that does not perform the function for which it was intended any better than the electoral college fulitis For a while longer, we will have to muddle through in making our nominations for Governor and State Treasurer
and the other state offices, and the county offices, too. In a number of other states the fever has run its course ie tobogran, But this is not for Oenegon-yet.
The old boss system was bad. But the dir
ystem is worse, system the was bad. But the direct primary poitical Moses, who will lead our poople through the wifderground between the ace accrased booss woold be a sort of middle
fatuus yelept the direct primary.
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| All the signs are that the Anglo-Irish treaty wifl be ap- |  |
| entirely clear to American observers. The legal act of |  |
| tion must evidently be done by ano other boymons from southern |  |
| Ireland. But what House of Commons? If it |  |
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| existence comple These complications, however, are not likely to destroythe hope of an Irish settlement, in view of the fact that the |  |
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| today almost what Boston was to the American colonies in 1775. The outlook is so bright for peace in the Emerald isle all the conversation some 20 years ago |  |
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## I wondher will England iver free Ireland ?' asked Hennessy.

"Niver," said Mr. Dooley. "What talk have ye? No man wants it that way. England will niver free
reland, but some day, if we make it inthrestin' enough reland, but some day, if we make it inthrestin ene to free England iv Ireland.
That was a prophecy of singular interest. Things are working out much as Mr. Dooley foresaw. England is fr
ing herself of Ireland and there will be freedom for all.



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