

BALLOT REFORM IN RHODE ISLAND.

The Rhode Island Ballot Reform Association is circulating a petition to the general assembly of the State, asking for the passage of an electoral reform bill.

Sample of an Official Ballot Under the "Australian System."

The voter places a cross (X) on the right hand side of the name of the person for whom he wishes to vote.

Table with 2 columns: For Governor, For Senator. Names include ROYAL C. TAFT, JOHN W. DAVIS, GEO. W. GOULD, CHAS. SIDNEY SMITH, OSCAR LAPHAM, ANDREW J. CROSSMAN.

BALLOT REFORM.

To the people of Rhode Island:

The Australian system of voting—so-called because originating in the Australian colonies—has been enacted by the Legislature of Massachusetts, and takes effect in the November election of 1889.

The essential features of the "Australian system" are: 1. A compulsory secret ballot. 2. The printing and distribution of ballots at public expense...

The advantages of these reforms are easily seen. The objects to be secured are: 1. A secret ballot, cast as proposed in this plan interposes the most effectual preventive of the bribery of the voter ever devised.

At the May session of the general assembly of Rhode Island, a bill substantially identical with the reform law enacted in Massachusetts, was introduced into the House of Representatives.

The Rhode Island ballot reform association asks every good citizen to give his influence and his aid in favor of this indispensable reform...

ALFRED DAWSON, Secretary, Providence.

An effort will be made to pass a similar law at the next session of the Oregon Legislature. Every lover of good government should lend his influence and help along this great reform.

THE STRIKE NOT QUITE OVER. The Street Cars Start Up Again—New Men in Charge—More Trouble Expected.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—When the first car on the North side started on this morning, guarded by the police, it was announced that new men would take out Wells & Halstead street cars between 10 and 11 o'clock, possibly.

BLAINE IN INDIANA. The Uncrowned King and His Party in Charge of a Corporation.

SALEM, Ind., Oct. 16.—Blaine and party reached here this morning. A crowd of 2,000 persons awaited them, and cheered lustily as Blaine appeared.

THE PRICE OF SUGAR GOING DOWN. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The two-eighths of a cent reduction in sugar yesterday was followed by another eighth of a cent reduction this morning.

WHAT MATRONS WAGES. From the New York Evening World. Gov. Hill has a great talent for going to the root of questions.

While partisan theorists on both sides were swapping contradictions as to the real law of wages, Gov. Hill applied directly to the men who earn and the men who pay wages.

It was an inspiration. Others may guess. These men know. The Bureau of Labor Statistics applied to manufacturers and to labor unions.

Over one thousand three hundred employers reported wages the same or higher than five years ago (disposing of the tariff scare), and over 60 per cent. of them attributed the increase wholly to "organization of labor."

Only six attributed the increase to "Protection."

Over 500 labor organizations, representing 114,000 members, emphatically affirmed that the maintenance of wages is due wholly to the union of workingmen.

Gov. Hill's Cooper Union speech was the ablest and most effective campaign effort yet made in this city.

Lucky All Around. From the LaGrande Gazette. Last fall W. J. Snodgrass sold to A. Lytle, C. Pennington and John Smith each a quarter of section of land on the sand ridge, at an average price of about \$17 per acre.

At the time the sale was made everybody said that the seller was a lucky man in getting such a good price. The purchasers last spring broke up their land and put every acre of it in wheat, and were rewarded by an average yield of over thirty-five bushels of first-class wheat to the acre, which they are now delivering at LaGrande for fifty-five cents a bushel.

At these figures the parties will almost pay for their land and the cost of cultivation the first year. Now everybody says the purchasers are the lucky men. The fact is that a man is in big luck to live in Grande Ronde valley anyway.

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A Curious Bet.

From the Weston Leader. There is a Democrat in town who is desirous of making the following bet: First, he will bet two hundred dollars that he will name twenty States that Cleveland will carry in November.

Then he will bet \$500 more that he can name ten other States besides that will go for Cleveland. Another Westonian offers to bet \$200 that he can name twenty States that Harrison will carry next November, and \$800 that Cleveland will not carry one-half of the remaining States.

He then in conclusion made another bet of \$800 that Cleveland will be elected our next President.

Going to Be Married.

Rev. and Mrs. John Rosenberg of Portland have issued invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Miss Clara Mattingly, to Mr. Henry C. Johnson, on Wednesday, Oct. 17th, at 12 o'clock noon, at St. Stephen's Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will leave the same day for San Francisco.

Miss Rosenberg visited friends in Pendleton during the past summer and made many friends who wish her much happiness and prosperity and long years of wedded life.

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