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the lesson fast; but so far the people of Missouri and Kansas at least have had no experience in making direct nominations. The primary law is right in principle, but its enemies will be very glad if the first experiments result unfortunately.

Thus, much depends on the wisdom or discrimination shown in the selection of candidates of the several parties at the fourth of August primaries. Obviously one cannot discriminate with good sense if one is not pretty well informed as to who the candidates are and what their qualifications are.

The country voters both in Kansas and Missouri will probably have the easier time as they will be confronted by the fewer number of candidates for the several offices. In Kansas City, Mo., there are as many as 10 aspirants for one county office. It might well puzzle a body of expert investigators to choose the best qualified man. The average voter's problem is much more difficult.

Find out all that you can about all of the candidates. But if you have not learned anything definite concerning any of the candidates for some one nomination don't vote on that nomination. If a group of names under one office title on the ballot is meaningless to you don't make a guess and choose one name at random. Pass that group up.

The primary system will be worthless if it is not accompanied by intelligent voting.

**TOO "NEAR BEER."**

It is evident from the actions of a number of the drinkers of the stuff in this city on Saturday that the alleged "near beer" being sold by a number of former saloon men at their old stands, is too "near beer" to pass the test of the prohibition law and there will be a wholesale cleaning out of these soft drink places if the law is not observed.

The people cannot and will not be fooled. They know as much as the saloon men and they have voted prohibition on Umatilla county and it is safe to say if the law is violated that somebody will suffer for it.

Judging from the heavy prohibition vote in this county the people mean business. It is safe to say that if the issue were to be voted upon today it would carry by a majority of at least 1500 instead of 700.

If the law enforcement league recently organized to help the officials enforce the law, mean business, it will have chemical tests of the alleged "near beer" made to satisfy a number of people who will have to be "shown" before they can believe that it is only "near beer."

A law is a law and in the East Oregonian's old-fashioned way, a law means what it says. The prohibition law prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors and this means all intoxicating liquors.

Let us give this matter a fair test. The people have decreed it. And if the people mean business it will be easy to apprehend the culprits. The people are not vindictive and do not want to force the saloon men entirely out of the county and state, but there must be law observance.

**PENDLETON'S PLACR.**

In the list of cities doing building and having prospective building work in view, published in the Pacific Builder and Engineer of Seattle, Pendleton comes in for four good items, as follows: City hall, now under way costing \$40,000; levee repairs now under way, costing \$5000; federal building in near future, costing \$70,000.

These four items bring Pendleton well to the head of the list of northwest cities doing building this season. It is an advertisement of which the city is proud and will keep the eyes of the northwest on Pendleton, in future as in the past.

Contractors, builders, architects, material men and laborers all over the country read the Builder and Engineer and Pendleton's activity will reach thousands of people who read and think.

**SATISFIED, AS USUAL.**

John Sharpe Williams, democratic congressional leader and senator-elect from Mississippi, in answer to the question as to how the democratic ticket and platform suited him, said: "The democratic candidates and platform are perfectly satisfactory to me, as usual."

But there was no enthusiasm in this laconic interview. Mr. Williams didn't smile when he said it. The wholesale swallowing process by the Bryan forces at the Denver convention, in which not even the feet of any other interests were left sticking out of the maw of the Bryan machine, did not "set well" with Mr. Williams nor with thousands of other strong democrats throughout the country.

No consideration was given the ideals of such men as Henry Watterston, Judge Gray, Alton B. Parker, John Sharpe Williams and others who could be named. These men helped to make the democratic party and are now turned down.

**INTELLIGENT VOTING.**

The Kansas City Star gives voters of Kansas and Missouri some excellent advice regarding the use of the direct primary law and this advice may be of interest to Oregon voters where the primary law is in force. The Star says:

How are you going to vote at the primaries in August? Not, for whom are you going to vote, but how? Will you vote intelligently or unintelligently?

The great American electorate is not yet educated to the duty of primary voting. It will doubtless learn

county. Conditions and citizenship are the same in the two counties.

Then there will be no big towns and no good towns in the inland empire? What will people do with the bona fide resources of these counties? Allow them to languish because the saloon is abolished? We shall see.

There never has been a satisfactory explanation of the low prices of western wool prevailing this season. Last year the clips sold at from 18 to 23 cents per pound. This year the same clips sold at one-half of these prices. The wool-consuming population is increasing each year. Woolen goods are as high on the markets as they were last year. The quality of the wool is just as good as ever. So why the low prices? The East Oregonian has printed several alleged reasons from wool journals, but none of them have the right ring.

**JULY 11 IN HISTORY.**

1356—The Election of Brandenburg was appointed hereditary arch-chamberlain of the German empire by the golden bull of Charles IV, and in that capacity he bore the sceptre before the emperor.

1708—English and allies under Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene defeated the French besiegers at Oudenarde, Belgium.

1767—John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the U. S., born in Quincy, Mass. Died February 23, 1848, in Washington, D. C.

1804—Famous duel between Hamilton and Burr.

1862—General Halleck appointed commander of all the land forces of the U. S.

1884—Democratic national convention nominated Cleveland and Hendricks.

1890—The president signed the Wyoming admission bill.

1894—Earthquake at Constantinople, with loss of 200 lives.

**JULY 12 IN HISTORY.**

1174—William the Lion defeated at Alnwick.

1712—Richard Cromwell died. Born October 4, 1626.

1804—Alexander Hamilton, American statesman, died, Born in Nevis, W. I., January 11, 1757.

1812—Sweden concluded an alliance with England.

1849—William Osler, physician and author, born at Tecumseh, Ont.

1870—Admiral J. A. Dahlgren died. Born November 13, 1809.

1902—The Porte demanded the suppression of Cretan money with Prince George's effigy.

1906—Dreyfus finally vindicated by the court of Cassation.

**HE'S AN ELK.**

If he's looking up, not down  
 He's an Elk.  
 If he'd rather smile than frown,  
 He's an Elk.  
 If he's jolly, broad and fat,  
 If he wears a man's sized hat,  
 Take a tip from things like that,  
 He's an Elk.

If he sees some good in all,  
 If he helps the men who fail,  
 He's an Elk.  
 If he looks you in the eye,  
 Give a courteous reply,  
 If he's shrewd, but never sly,  
 He's an Elk.

When he dies and goes above,  
 Brother Elk,  
 To the golden Lodge of Love,  
 Brother Elk,  
 Does St. Peter hesitate?  
 No; he swings the pearly gate;  
 "Come in, you don't have to wait,  
 Brother Elk."  
 —M. J. Phillips of Boston Lodge.

**EVERY VOTE FOR BRYAN.**

The most astonishing news from Lincoln, Neb., is this, sent along by a correspondent of the New York World: "There is a scheme on foot to give to Mr. Bryan the unanimous vote of the city of Lincoln if he is nominated. If this is attempted it will be carried out."

The Lincolnites have high city pride and if it is decided proper to give Mr. Bryan all the votes in this campaign, it will be done. It would fare badly for any man who opposes. This seems to the townspeople a just thing to do.

Mr. Bryan is the best asset of the city. It thrives on his name. It has grown great under his patronage." A tremendous change must have come over Lincoln if this is true. It 1896 and 1900 Lincoln took pride in the fact that Mr. Bryan's city, Mr. Bryan's ward and Mr. Bryan's precinct went heavily republican. But perhaps Lincoln, after all these years, has become grateful to "the commoner" for the way he had advertised it.

**A CHURCH NEWSPAPER.**

If he had \$10,000,000 he would put it into the establishment of the kind of daily newspaper the church needs. At any rate, that is what the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst told the Congregational club in Boston the other night. We must presume that he meant it, though he will probably never have the opportunity to make the demonstration. Such a method of spending a large amount of money would be no more wasteful than many other methods which have been devised and pursued with great assiduity, while it clearly would be harmless. Naturally such a newspaper would be a missionary enterprise rather than a business venture, and other newspapers would not consider it a serious competitor any more than they would so regard a church. In point of fact, such a journal might perform a useful service for the church and for the entire community.—New Bedford (Mass.) Standard.

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**DRY FARMING.**

Making Good in Northern and Central Wyoming, Says Dr. Cooke.

Dr. V. T. Cooke has returned from the northern part of the state where he has been for several weeks investigating dry farming developments in various localities, says the Wyoming Tribune.

At Newcastle Dr. Cooke says that he found the most beautiful soil which he has ever seen in Wyoming and a fine growth of grass on the ranges. Dry farming is being taken up there with every evidence of success.

Further north successful experiments are being undertaken by such men as Elvin Bennett, Judge Parmelee, and State Treasurer Gillette, all of whom are leaders in dry farming by putting in crops themselves and encouraging the putting in of crops.

The interest in Converse and Natrona counties in dry farming is not as general as in other parts of the state, yet a very promising dry farm of 40 acres has been established on Powder river under the supervision of Dr. Cooke and with the cooperation of the Northwestern railroad.

The dry farm in the vicinity of Cheyenne is making a wonderful showing of fall sown grain and its success will mean a great stride in dry farming developments in this state.

If you see it in the East Oregonian, it's so.

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