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Day, chairman of that body, made a speech in La Grande in which he said
he direct primary has failed
proponents. It has abolished party and substituted irresponsible popular government.
"It has made the Oregon system a joke and ráised hell." the same line. These things are doubly noteworthy when it is recalled that the Oregonian and certain other influences in Portland did not like the most recent manifestation of the Ore
gon system - the defeat in the state senate of the proposed $\$ 3$, gon system-the defeat in the state senate of the proposed $\$ 3$,
000,000 tax for the Portland fair. On that occasion 14 diree primary chosen senators stood firm for conservatism and against a radical Portland proposal that the state be heavily taxed for an enterprise of interest primimarily to Portland. Are the men now criticising the direct primafy worrying about tax affairs and may do so again?

On their trip through Eastern Oregon the Portland member
of the state tax commission said much about public school ex penses and in Pendieton one member intimated that tuitio should be charged Oregon students attending state colleges
That was a suggestion that as far as our colleges are concerned Tree public education be abolished. It was a suggestion to arouse just resentment.
But the East Oregonian has looked in vain for any word of commendation from the tax commissioners for the men wh Dlocked the $\$ 3,000,000$ fair tax-the beggest single attempt at
taxation ever proposed in Oregon. We have also looked in vain for any words of alarm from the Portland members with respect to the $\$ 40,000,000$ road program in the state. If Oregon has been extravagant it has not been in school affairs but in paving roads that lead to Portland. Millions have been spent on such roads, but when we ask for funds for an economic road of im-
portance to farmers and stockmen we get the glassy eye and the cold shoulder. These things are worth thinking about at this time. It will be well for people to have their eyes open. There is something peculiar when men who have just been baffled in an attempt to place a needless three miil tax upon our property chie us about high taxes and our school expenses.
that is a joke. The brightest spot in the present situation from the taxpayers' standpoint is that we have the direct primary. Because of the direct primary our legislators and other officials are directly responsive to public sentiment and they are falling
over themselves to comply with what the taxpayers desire. Have they not already saved us from a $\$ 3,000,000$ tax and would they have done that had we been operating under the old political system. Not in a million years. Under the old boss system the skids would have been greased and the Portland fair tax would have been impose
mur or a squeak.
The taxpayer needs relief and should have it, but he will not get it by playing Little Red Riding Hood and by putting his head in the wolf's mouth by repealing the direct primary law.

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