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PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

A Bill to Regulate General Elections in Oregon.

There is beginning to be much discussion of the good and bad points (if there be any of the latter) as relate to the primary election law which it is proposed shall have a trial at the general election for Oregon in June next. Already we see evidences of a desire on the part of certain manipulators to thwart the intent of the provisions of the bill.

Let us all stand for the law and give it a fair trial. It may prove dissatisfactory, weak if you please, but if such should be found the case it may be changed, modified, strengthened, or abolished entirely according to the lesson taught by trial. Only by giving it a fair test can such weaknesses, if any exist, be ascertained. Many people are in ignorance of the provisions of this bill and we are pleased to print a few of the more important sections that they may be enlightened, as follows:

Section 11. A political party within the meaning of this act is an affiliation of electors representing a political party or organization, which, at the next general election preceding polled for its candidate for representative in congress at least twenty-five per cent of the entire vote cast for that office in the state. Every such political party shall nominate all its candidates for public offices, under the provisions of this law and not in any other manner, and it shall not be allowed to nominate any candidate in the manner provided by section 2791 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon. Every political party and its regularly nominated candidates, members and officers, shall have the sole and exclusive right to the use of the party name and the whole thereof, and no candidate for office shall be permitted to use any word of the name of any other political party or organization than that by which he is nominated. No independent or nonpartisan candidate shall be permitted to use any word of the name of any existing political party or organization in his candidacy.

The names of candidates for public office nominated under the provisions of this law shall be printed on the official ballots for the ensuing election as the only candidates of the respective political parties for such public office in like manner as the names of candidates nominated by other methods are required to be printed on such official ballots, and the provisions of section 2805 and 2806 of Bellinger and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon shall apply to and are hereby made applicable to nominations for public office made under this law, so far as the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this law.

It will be noted that the law plainly says in the above section that nomination of all candidates for public office shall be made "under the provisions of this law and not in any other manner." And yet we find those who are endeavoring to all appearances, to ignore the intent of the law and hold what in every sense is the "same old convention."

Section 12. Before or at the time of beginning to circulate any petition for nomination to any office under this law, the person who is a candidate for such nomination shall send by registered mail or otherwise, to the secretary of state or the county clerk, or city clerk, recorder or auditor, as the case may be, a copy of his petition for nomination, signed by himself, and such copy shall be filed and shall be conclusive evidence for the purposes of this law that said

elector has been a candidate for nomination by his party. All nominating petitions and notices pertaining to state or district offices to be voted for in more than one county and for judges of the circuit court and district attorneys, shall be filed in the office of secretary of state; for county offices and district office to be voted for in one county only shall be filed with the county clerk; and for all city offices in the office of the city clerk, recorder or auditor, as the case may be.

Section 16. All petitions for nomination under this act for offices to be filled by the state at large, or by any district consisting of more than one county, and nominating petitions for judges of circuit courts and for district attorneys in districts consisting of a single county shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state not less than twenty days before the date of the primary nominating election, and for other offices to be voted for in only one county or district or city, every such petition shall be filed with the county clerk or city clerk, recorder or auditor, as the case may be, not less than fifteen days before the date of the primary nominating election.

The above are important sections and make certain points very plain. It may be added that as soon as any petitions for nomination have been filed they become public property and the books wherein they are recorded shall at all times be open to the public.

Picking Well Advanced.

Hop-picking in this section is being prosecuted to the limit. A few yards will finish this week and next week will see the wind-up of this work for 1905. Generally speaking the quality of hops in this section has been all that could be desired, and in some yards the yield has been unusually heavy.

Hopgrowers as a rule are inclined to hold their new crop until the market has become settled down, though there is no move toward concerted action in the matter. Dealers in many cases have hop fields of their own and as they are anxious to sell as soon as possible, there could be no unity of action between them and those who simply grow hops for the market.

Growers who have contracted to sell their hops at 15 to 17 cents feel as though they have little cause to join in the general worry this time, as the hop crop is of uniformly excellent quality, and there can be no objection to the condition of the new hops in the Fall.

Growers who have not contracted their hops, will, of course, try to sell at the best advantage, and they may require the delay of several months, though the "bears" are predicting a slump in prices as the season advances. Supply and demand will very likely govern the prices of Oregon hops this year, as growers are less inclined to place credence in both bull and bear reports. Prominent dealers do not look for many sales at the beginning of the season.

Race Two Days.

At a meeting held in Albany last Friday evening steps were taken to arrange for a two days' race meet on the Albany Driving Association track. There is said to have been considerable enthusiasm at the meeting and the desire was plain for such a meet to be held before the rainy season sets in.

The work of making arrangements and fixing dates was left to a committee consisting of D. O. Woodworth, P. Anderson, M. McAlpin, Dr. D. B. Wells and Cooper Turner. This will prove welcome news to a number of Corvallis owners of horse flesh and lovers of racing.

FOR PORTLAND ONLY.

No Visitors Allowed Outside of Metropolis.

Every place in Oregon has contributed its mite toward the Lewis and Clark Fair. The citizens of every city and town in the state have "legged" for the Exposition and boosted it so far as in their power they could. Not only in speaking favorably of the Fair have they done their part, but coin of the realm has been lavishly spent in every section of Oregon in assuring the success of the Fair.

Before the opening of the Exposition many people of the valley were under the impression that many Easterners would roam the fields during the summer just passed. How the idea took root we cannot say, but it is certain that many people of this section were certain in their own minds that during Fair time a number of excursions would be run out of Portland and up through the Willamette Valley for the especial benefit of such visitors from the East as might desire to see the rural portions of Oregon. In the light of the past, how foolish it appears that we ever gave credence to such a thought, or hope, idea or notion. The absurdity of it all!

This is Portland's show. It makes no difference if the whole state does help pay for it, to Portland it belongs first, last and all the time. In many small towns is heard the cry that all loose coin is gravitating to Portland and that business is perceptibly affected. In all probability could the matter be figured exactly it would be found that the Fair will cost Benton county \$50,000 by the time it is over. Commenting along this line the Eugene Register says:

Our correspondent states that the Fair commission is not dealing with the outlying districts in a manner approaching fairness, and that they are discouraging visitors from frequenting the country districts simply for the purpose of swelling admissions. If this is true, and from observations there is every reason to believe it is, the Exposition officials should readjust their position in this matter.

The financial success of the Fair is already assured and the country ought to be in line for attention during the remainder of the Exposition. The country has assisted the Fair in every way possible and has taken much pleasure in the work, but it wants the Fair officials to intrude no obstacles in the paths of those who might wish to look over the outside district.

The end of the Exposition is not far distant and measures should be taken at once to inaugurate a series of cheap excursions from Portland into the various sections of the state. It is a fact, authenticated from various sources, that the country has not realized its hope in the way of visitors or secured its just proportion of sightseers. Naturally there must be reason for these discrepancies, and it is time the Exposition extends a reciprocal courtesy to the outsiders.

O. A. C. and Pigskin.

Within another week the old town will take a renewed lease of life. Students by the hundreds will return to college and then there will be something doing every minute. The first thing to receive attention will be the formation of the football team for in a month from the opening of college OAC will play the University of California team. Dr. Steckle, our coach, is already on the ground and prepared to cause a "buzzing" with his boys. The Telegram gives the following interview with the coach:

Dr. A. C. Steckle, who will coach the Oregon Agricultural College team this season, arrived

in Portland this morning from San Francisco. He expects to leave either tonight or in the morning for Corvallis, as he has a game scheduled with the University of California October 21, and will get the boys down to hard work at once. Root, captain for this year of the Farmers, is in Portland, and the two men had a conference this morning as to the material they had at hand.

"Part of last winter I spent with Yost at Michigan," said Dr. Steckle. "Of course I have some new ideas that we will try to bring out at Corvallis. Since April 1 have been in Reno, where I have been practicing medicine. The last week I went to San Francisco and met Decota, manager of Berkeley. He is delighted with the new coaches. While they have not a world of material at Berkeley, it took to me they will have a fast, light team. That is what we will go up against next month."

"Since we have so little time in which to put the team into shape, I hope to get the team out on the field the first of the week. We ought to have a strong defensive team this year, although I will drill them first on the offensive. I am told that there are a number of new men that will show up at practice that look good. This ought to be a good season for OAC and we will try to win the championship. This is absolutely my last season as a coach. When I left last winter I did not intend returning, but was persuaded to do so."

Market Report.

Following are figures showing the present state of the Corvallis market:

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| Wheat, per bu..... | \$.63 |
| Oats, per bu..... | .35 |
| Potatoes, per bu..... | .60 |
| Cattle on foot per lb..... | .02 |
| Veal on foot per lb..... | .06 |
| Sheep on foot per lb..... | .03 |
| Lambs on foot per lb..... | .04 |
| Hogs on foot per lb..... | .05 |
| Chickens per lb..... | .09 |
| Eggs per doz..... | .20 |
| Batter per lb..... | .25 |

Chickens have, until very recently, been from 10 to 13 cents per lb. It is safe to say that since spring they have averaged 11 cents per pound. Hogs, even at present may be said to be 5½ cents on foot. Cattle, best condition, worth 2¼ cents on foot; sheep, in good condition, 3½ cents.

Hard to Chew.

In the Manufactures' Building at the Lewis and Clark Exposition is a biscuit of marvelous toughness, tougher than the biscuits described in the funny papers, and a thousand times as hard and heavy. This biscuit is of rubber and it weighs 70 pounds. It is worth about \$100.

The big biscuit is of Para rubber, the most valuable kind and was made by natives in the jungles of South America, three thousand miles from the mouth of the Amazon river. Para rubber, named for Para, a town near the mouth of the Amazon, originally was gathered near that place but the ravages of the rubber gathers destroyed the industry, and now rubber trees grow only in the far inland valleys. Under scientific methods now in vogue the limit of rubber taken from each tree is about three pounds.

The rubber as it comes from the tree is about as thick as molasses. The natives coagulate it in smoke, using a stick as the center. The big biscuit at the Exposition was made this way. Rubber from South Africa is no so valuable. King Leopold of Belgium now controls the output. In the old days the native used to coagulate the rubber about a rock, and sell it by weight, rock and all, but this practice has been stopped. The only rubber produced in Uncle Sam's domain comes from the southern islands of the Philippine group.



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