

THE PRIMARY LAW.

On January 2 the books in the various county clerk's offices of the state will be open for registration of those who are legal voters at the election of the state. The primaries are to be held on April 20, next, and before you are allowed to vote even at primary elections you must register, therefore, it may be important that you get your name on the books early. Moreover, it is far more convenient for the clerk that those who are entitled to vote do not wait until the last moment and then besiege the clerk in a bunch.

The effort to elevate the general tone of matters politic and the elimination of personal and selfish considerations must be most acceptable to every honest citizen and voter; hence, the enforcement of the very spirit of the new primary law is considerable. There has been considerable cold water thrown on this law and frequent prophecies wafted about to the effect that it could not prove of any good. Without a public sentiment strong enough to give this or any other law a "square deal" it is certain to prove nil.

There may be weak places uncovered when this law is enforced, but it is only by giving it a fair and impartial test that it will be possible to determine if it is advisable or not to retain it. To this end it becomes the duty of us all to assist in a straightforward enforcement of it next April.

It is the spirit and intention of this law that the people shall decide in the matter of selecting a United States Senator and the state legislative members are simply to ratify the will of the people as expressed by the people in the general election in June and when the legislature convenes the following January that body is supposed to elect the people's choice. From this it will be seen that the people have greater responsibility as a result of the new primary law.

MIGHTY GOOD READING.

The letter of Mr. J. L. Waite, editor of the Burlington "Hawkeye" to Mr. Henry B. Blackwell, of Boston, embodying the answer of the straight-out Republicanism of Iowa to the mongrel Republicanism which has been generated in Massachusetts as a consequence of a too intimate association with Free-Traders rightfully belongs to the catalogue of "mighty good reading." It will be remembered that Mr. Blackwell, as Chairman of the Boston Committee of One Hundred on Tariff revision and Reciprocity, figured conspicuously in a movement which cost the Republican ticket in Massachusetts many thousands of votes in the campaign which ended on the 7th of last month. Yielding to the solicitations of this Committee of One Hundred the resolution carpenters of the Republican State Convention consented to execute an absurd straddle on the Tariff. The usual fate of straddlers attended the performance. Like the man in the fable trying to please everybody, they succeeded in pleasing nobody and came very near to losing what the man in the fable lost. The Committee of One Hundred showed its appreciation of the concessions by working tooth and nail for the defeat of the one man on the Republican ticket who was brave enough to make a stand for consistent Protectionism. This nominee they knifed so effectively that he fell behind the head of

the ticket more than 20,000 votes.

The editor of the "Hawkeye" knew the sort of Republicanism he was dealing with when he wrote his reply to the appeal for aid in promoting the schemes of the ripping revisionists of Massachusetts. Mr. Waite speaks for the stalwart Republicans of Iowa, for the stalwart Republicans of the whole country, when he tells the Massachusetts hybrids that they must not look to Iowa to reinforce the impudent demand for such a perversion of fair play as would sacrifice the interests of Western farmers for the benefit of a small group of New England manufacturers. Mr. Waite's letter tells its own story. Again we say it is "mighty good reading."

THE NEW SENATOR.

His Past History and Present Aims and Objects.

John M. Gearin is thoroughly identified with Oregon. He was born August 15, 1851, while the family neared the territory. Where the old immigrant trail crossed the Umatilla, at the point now known as Willow Springs, with a bleakness of a parched plain as his first vista and alkali dust in the air that first reached his nostril, his life began. The family was delayed briefly there and soon reached Champoeg, taking a donation land claim on the banks of the Willamette, in Marion county. Two brothers grew to manhood. One, named Hugh, has never left the homestead, but yet cultivates the Gearin farm which the ancestor acquired under the earliest laws of Oregon Territory. John M. was a student, not a farmer. He attended St. Mary's college, San Francisco, in 1863, staying there four years. Notre Dame university, Indiana, was the next step. He graduated in 1871. In 1872 he entered the law office of Mitchell & Dolph, and was admitted to the bar two years later. He was elected to the legislature in 1874, to the office of city attorney of Portland in 1875, and district attorney in 1884. In 1888, he was defeated for congress by Binger Hermann.

In an interview with a Portland Journal representative, Senator Gearin said:

"I am not going to Washington as a politician, to build up or tear down any party or faction. I will go there as the representative of this state, one of the accredited agents to do its work in the national capitol, and not as the agent of any political organization.

"I am fully in accord with the president in his efforts to control the big corporations, and bring their operations within the pale of the law. I believe he should be aided in stopping those rebates and whatever excesses have grown up in the incomparable development of resources and transportation facilities. His views of these subjects are good, sound democratic doctrine. Because a republican president aids in carrying out democratic principles is no reason why democratic championship of them should not follow.

"I am with the administration in its effort to reclaim the arid west. That is splendid work. It will open a wealth of industries that cannot be approached otherwise, and will bring immense sums of capital to our assistance. Especially is such work beneficial to a region like Eastern Oregon, where everything required for immense prosperity save water is hard in some practically unsettled districts.

"No one need ask me about state improvements. I am an Oregonian by birth and residence. Everything that I can do for Oregon, in any station of life, will be done. Senatorial powers open broader opportunities for this work, and I will not miss them. I will work for all of Oregon. Coos Bay, Yaquina and the Columbia are parts of the same state. Other improvements of whatever nature will be sought whenever possible.

"As the accredited representative of this state for the interim, I realize that I have been chosen to do its work for that period,

until another senator may be chosen in the regular order of things. I recognize the fact that my indorsements came from every class, especially among the business men, and in my work I shall endeavor to serve all. I will utilize my time for the very best interests of Oregon."

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE.

Grant Williamson spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Linn county.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Prettyman left for their home at Ashland the first of the week.

Rev. W. P. Elmore, of Brownsville, filled the pulpit at North Palestine last Sunday.

Blossom had company Sunday. He drove a fine rig, and they say he came from Wells.

William Adams, of Buena Vista, is thinking of changing his residence to Albany.

Dr. Smith, of Albany, was out Wednesday caring for a sick horse, the property of Peter Kaesten.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yates were visiting relatives at Wells and Parker the latter part of last week.

Miss Effa Elliot, of Portland, came up Saturday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson. She will spend about ten days visiting friends here and at Palestine before returning home.

Guy Moore, a graduate of OAO, 1905, and one of our best young men, has gone to Eugene, having secured employment at that place.

Chas. Bourdy sold a nice span of mares last week to J. H. Moore, who will use them in working his large orchard.

We are informed that the people of North Palestine are making arrangements to have a Christmas tree at the church on Christmas eve.

Miss Bertha Mayberry, of Albany, spent Saturday and Sunday with Oak Grove friends.

Tomlinson brothers passed through this part Monday with a fine drove of hogs for Albany, where they will be shipped to Portland by Hecker Bros.

Commodore Hodges came out Wednesday with a brand new rubber-tire bug y, and we are wondering which one of the many maidens will be lucky enough to secure a seat by the handsome bachelor driver.

We notice in your last issue that Mrs. McCormick living near Lebanon, Linn county, sold 64 turkeys netting her \$110, and then adds if this can be done in Linn why not in Benton? It can and is done. W. D. Prettyman during the holidays sold 70 turkeys which netted him \$140, while Sam Vanderpool, Mrs. Hecker and many others of North Benton marketed many fine birds.

Hardly a day passes but we hear of new aspirants for the United States senatorship. It is rumored that Soap Creek has a candidate in the person of David Vanderpool, jr. His friends say that he being a life-long democrat and a staunch supporter of the governor, he has a fair chance to win the toga, and Soap Creek precinct being strictly democratic will not be overlooked geographically by the governor.

What came near being a serious accident happened at the home of S. P. Laurensen last Thursday. While he and his wife were out in the lot looking at some colts one turned quickly and kicked with all vengeance, striking Mrs. Laurensen in the abdomen and rend-

The Indian never liked work but he wanted his squaw to get well as soon as possible so that she could do the work and let him hunt, therefore he dug *hisopose root* for her, for that was their great remedy for female weaknesses.

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