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THE COUNTY TICKET.

The citizens of Morrow county have been emphatic in the naming of the men whom they wish to serve them in the various county offices.

In all matters of public affairs men will differ in opinion. They always have. They always will.

One great feature of the direct primary law is the fact that the voters are given an equal and fair chance to express their sentiments and settle their differences. The law gives a proper time and place for a just and equitable settlement. The voice of the people should be respected and obeyed, for majority rule is one of the main pillars of our government.

The only contest in the recent election was over the nomination of sheriff. Mr. Shutt has been aggressively and has pursued a certain course that has been strongly endorsed as shown by the vote last Friday.

Walter Hill was the decided choice of the voters for county clerk.

F. M. Griffin was also chosen by a strong majority for commissioner.

In recognizing the right of the majority to rule, the republicans of Morrow county should support the ticket that the people have named.

It is the duty of the Republican newspapers of Morrow county to support the Republican ticket.

The Gazette will not be timid in stating its position. The Gazette hopes to see the voice of the people prevail at the June election and will work with untiring effort to help accomplish this result.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

Last Friday the people of the state of Oregon had the opportunity of participating in the first primary election in the history of the state. The advisability of nominating the officers for the various offices by a direct vote was a reality and the law was given a practical test.

The people have spoken and we have the result. It cannot be said of the men chosen that they have been put up by a political combination or clique. They were chosen for the people by the people.

The real spirit and intent of the law is an American principle that can stand before all methods of attack without fear of successful overthrow.

The direct primary law is here and it is here to stay. In a measure certain features may be objectionable, but no law was ever passed that men have not been able to evade to a certain extent. And so it is with the direct primary law. Certain features may be evaded making its operation not entirely satisfactory, however, the real intent will forever stand among the many monuments of American liberty and independence.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL.

The production of sheep and wool in New Zealand during the past few years has fluctuated considerably, but not to the extent seen in Australia. In 1900 the production of wool in New Zealand was slightly rising 400,000 bales. In 1901 it was about 390,000. In 1902 it had risen again to about 415,000. In 1903 it was about 430,000 bales. In 1904 it had dropped to 380,000 bales. In 1905 it was about 400,000 bales. For several years, therefore, the production may be said to have fluctuated most of the time around 400,000 bales. But for several years prior to 1904 the production of

wool in Australia was decreasing; thus the output in the latter island declined from 1,198,621 bales in 1900 to 979,801 bales in the season of 1903-04, since which time the tendency has been to increase. Several years of drought were largely responsible for the great decrease in Australia, which was especially pronounced in the merino sections; but New Zealand has not been thus similarly affected, and the output has shown no very decided tendency either one way or the other for any length of time. At the present time, however, both the merino and crossbred sheep in New Zealand show a tendency to increase, due partly to the very high prices realized for the wool, and the inability of the handlers of the carcasses and the proprietors of the frozen mutton plants to make the business pay, on account of the high cost of the carcasses, which rendered it impossible for them to freeze them, ship them abroad, and make any money out of the business, as a result of which the number of sheep on the hands of the growers has increased. The high price of pelts has hurt the tanning industry in New Zealand to such an extent that some of these works are practically idle. Generally this business is much less active than it was, and this has had a tendency to allow the sheep to increase, which is reflected in the number of sheep in the islands in 1905, as compared with 1904.—American Wool and Cotton Reporter.

Judge W. R. Ellis who was nominated for congress by the Republicans of the second district was endorsed in a way most gratifying by the people of Eastern Oregon. At his former home in Morrow and in his present home in Umatilla county his vote was very large. Judge Ellis is a man of undoubted ability. In congress he will represent Oregon well, being conscientious and zealous in his labors, besides, having the advantage of being well acquainted with national legislation through long experience.

Weekly Weather Bulletin.

The rainfall, on the whole, was light, and consisted of well distributed showers on the first and the last days of the week. Light frosts occurred Tuesday in all sections except near the immediate coast, and on Wednesday morning the temperature was dangerously near the frost mark in the south and east sections, but frosts only occurred in a few exposed localities. During the middle of the week there was considerable cloudiness, but no rain fell. The humidity was low and the temperature became very high on Thursday and Friday, especially during Friday afternoon, when the ninety degree mark was equalled or slightly exceeded at several places in the Willamette valley. At Portland the maximum temperature Friday afternoon was just ninety degrees, which is the highest temperature on record for the month of April. The winds were light and mostly from the northwest.

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