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A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

THE PASSING OF THE MACHINE

A number of years ago the writer attended, for the first time, a county convention. About 100 staunch party men were present. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, officers were nominated from a slate, other preliminary work accomplished and then a recess was declared for lunch.

After lunch the meeting was again called to order and from a paper held in front of him, one man arose to his feet and nominated each officer in turn. These were all coached through by the efforts of four men. The slate was fixed by these four leaders, and under their political lash all nominations were made. This was equivalent to election, and the candidates (more truthfully classed as tools) were assessed financially in proportion to the importance and financial value of their office.

Later, the ward heeled elected delegates at the county convention, again did the bidding of their master at the State convention. Under this despot's tyrannical methods, the June election was the scene of all kinds of bull dozing and questionable methods sufficient to disgust any honorable and clean minded man. Of course the party won out, as usual. And then, to the victor belonged the spoils.

The above was for many years the usual order of events prior to and at every election. In fact politics had become so corrupt that honest men despaired of any improvement. The game of politics under the old regime had become a strenuous one. Men used every device at hand for the defeat or election of their candidates,—even to securing immunity from prosecution for the pliable thief, and the persecuting of others, guilty or not guilty.

It is safe to say that a round million dollars of the people's money has been used in prosecutions brought around—not to purify or make better the condition of the people, but that some political boss, some thief higher up might reach the place where he could get his hand deeper into the people's pocket. That was the condition of the situation as to the start. But it will not end there. The ball has started down the hill and public sentiment and Henry are behind it, and the devil himself couldn't stop it. And the very men and their friends who started that ball will yet be among the number entangled in its path of righteous destruction.

Statement No. 1 is the lever that brought the common people relief. It was the weapon that killed the barter and sale of office. It is the medium through which the clean minded voter expects to clean house, and through which he is able to cast an independent and an ungraded ballot for the good of his country.

And these are reasons why the old time politician is so ready to cry, "Down with the direct primary law, and especially Statement No. 1."

The graft of office under the old method was his so long that the poor old fellow can't get used to honest methods. Like the leech when he has been torn away from his victim—he still fights for blood, no difference as to who suffers. It will be noticed, unfortunately for the state, that the newspaper agitating the idea of killing the direct primary law is not usually found working very hard for honesty in anything, especially when it comes to the enforcement of law.

To do so would be to antagonize the interests usually found backing the effort that says to h—l with the people, feather your own nest while you have the chance.

The Herald is not at all uneasy as to the welfare of the direct primary law, or Statement No. 1. The people have the old time politician and his ilk under control and they are wise enough to keep them there.

There are limitations. A friend of The Herald recently sent us a number of selections taken from an old scrap book, with the message that we might print them if we wished. The selections were good. We would like to have used them, but we simply could not. To have published all our good friend sent us would have cost us not less than \$1.50 to \$2.00 in hard cash to pay for the type setting alone. Then the matter of space is a question. Nearly every week we are compelled to condense important local matter in order to get the most important news in the paper.

The publishing of a country paper is an expensive thing. The management is often at its wits end to know what to do in order to give the best possible service, and yet keep the operating expenses within the paper's earnings. A compositor can set up just so much type. He is not a machine—even a machine has its limit. As far as possible we have to confine ourselves to a local news service.

We hope our folks will kindly take this into consideration, and not ask us to publish original poems written by loving friends, selections from authors or free advertisements. We have all the news from our correspondents that we can possibly use, and we have publicity to sell, but none to give away. Also remember that there must be a head to every paper, someone to pass upon the selection of news. This, of course, is the editor's place. He is liable to make mistakes. It is not surprising that he can, so far as possible be satisfied with his ruling.

THE QUEEN CITY
 Judging from the appearance of The Eugene Daily Guard, which is a welcome addition to our exchange list, we should say that Eugene certainly has a right to call herself the queen city of the Willamette. The Eugene Daily Guard is one of the most prosperous dailies in the state, and certainly speaks well for the progress and good sound sense of Eugene's business men.

Mr. T. R. Howitt dropped in the fore part of the week to say that he and E. W. Aylesworth had bought his old meat market from Harry Wood, and of course wanted an ad in The Herald. That's just like Tom. He is nothing if not enterprising. He knows a good thing when he sees it, and so he advertises in the home paper. The people of Gresham and vicinity, we are sure, will extend the glad hand and a hearty welcome to Messrs. Howitt and Aylesworth.

Read the daily reports of testimony now being produced in the land fraud cases, and then ask yourself if it wasn't time to stop the deceptive, degrading, criminal political methods so long in vogue. Yet a few hangers on are still agitating and striving for the return of the old methods. Statement No. 1

TAKES ISSUE WITH MAYOR

Our friend Byerlee of the St. Johns Review has taken issue with the mayor and council of St. Johns on the question of suppressing vice and the enforcement of law in that town. The Review claims that the mayor and council, when they refuse to enforce the law, are not only subject to censure, but should be held responsible for the downfall and ruin of the boys and girls who might have been prevented through the official removal of dens of vice infesting that city, from going astray. The majority of fair minded men will certainly admit that the officials of every town can keep vice in check by refusing to license persons who are known to habitually break the law. They cannot conscientiously hide behind the state laws or state's officers. The remedy is in their own hands if they but choose to use it.

LA CAMAS HAS NEW PAPER

We acknowledge receipt of Vol. 1, No. 1, of The La Camas Post, a five-column, six-page, all home print paper, edited and published at La Camas, Wash., by Mr. Kelley Loe. We have never been in the little city of La Camas, but if its up-to-date weekly paper is an indication of its progress,—and it is, for country papers are always the best indicators of the standing of its town,—La Camas is a city that will do to tie to. And we might be pardoned for saying that our fellow publisher Loe will be a mighty good man for the business men and citizens of La Camas and vicinity to tie to. He is putting out a splendidly printed, edited, newsy and well patronized paper. Success to you, Brother Loe.

Tall Timothy Geer proposes to run the senatorial race with all the force of a trained and shrewd old time politician. If he wins it will be because he is tall enough to get the ear of the people better than H. M. Cake, whose friends think, however, that Geer's cake will turn to dough as the last of the election returns come in.

THE RAILROADS WIN

The people of Pennsylvania, through their legislature, passed a law whereby the maximum passenger rate charged on all railroads within the state should not exceed two cents per mile. The supreme court of the state of Pennsylvania has just decided in favor of the railroad. The Court was divided in its decision four to three. There is no appeal from the decision. The basis of the decision was that the legislature in passing the law did not take into consideration the details of the entire railroad business, which it is said can not be operated at a profit on a two-cent basis.

The fact that government owned railroads in New Zealand are carrying passengers at a profit on a rate of one cent a mile and school children free, causes one to wonder why the railroads of a thickly settled state like Pennsylvania is losing money on a two-cent fare for adults and half fare for children? Especially is this so when it is known that the mechanic and laborer of New Zealand works fewer hours, but is paid about the same wage as that paid to the Pennsylvania railroad employees.

Albert Bankus spent last Sunday at his home.

Albert Quay visited in St. Johns last week.

Miss Roberts is the guest of Mrs. Cannon.

The Christian Endeavor meeting will be held by Mrs. Calvin next Sunday.

E. E. Quay was in Portland last week.

Miss Willena Shriner has returned to Portland.

Ida Miller makes a pleasant appearance at J. N. Campbell's store.

Miss Hunter visited friends in Portland last week and was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Lizzie Roberts, who will remain a few days.

A dance was given by Messrs. Cline and Beers in the W. O. W. hall Saturday evening.

Christian Endeavor was led by Hattie Townsend Sunday evening.

Mrs. Calvin and Mrs. W. E. Markell made a flying trip to Portland one day this week.

There have been four attempts to rob the Douglas store within the last few days. Tools were left behind, which will be good proof.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Portland are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bridge, of this place.

Miss Minnie Shriner is clerking at the Douglas store.

Kenneth Lunderback is spending a few days at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bridge spent last week in Gresham.

Miss Arrietta Hillyard was a Portland visitor Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Douglass spent two days in Portland this week on business.

Mr. Miller, the blacksmith, visited Portland one day this week.

Little Mabel Johnson, who has been very sick for the past few days, is slowly recovering and it is hoped she will soon be out of danger.

Miss Roake of Oregon City was entertained by her sister at this place last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Savage and daughter Bertha of Portland visited their daughter, Mrs. Jennie Reichstein, of this place.

Forest Haworth spent a few days with his parents last week.

ORIENT GRANGE INSTALLS OFFICERS

There was an all day meeting at Grange No. 71, Orient, last Saturday. Dinner was served at noon, after which installation of officers took place with Miss Maggie Dolan as installing officer. On account of sickness, Mrs. Shattuck could not be present. There was a large crowd present and all expressed themselves as having a very enjoyable time.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: Master, E. L. Anderson; overseer, J. Sieret; lecturer, Miss Maggie Dolan; steward, Morris Wheeler; assistant steward, E. D. Hamilton; treasurer, J. N. Campbell; secretary, Mrs. R. L. Anderson; gate keeper, Chas. Wheeler; Flora, Mrs. M. Wheeler; Ceres, Mrs. Chas. Wheeler; Pomona, Mrs. J. Sieret, L. A. Steward and Mrs. Annie Craswell.

Garfield Grange held its regular meeting on Saturday last with a large attendance. Both the officers of the subordinate and juvenile granges were installed.

PLEASANT HOME

Mrs. Thos. Kennedy has been quite ill of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson of Albany have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cannon.

Effie Jones is up and around again.

There is prospect of a new organ at the Methodist church.

Wm. Cunningham who was hurt very badly in the logging camp is being cared for at the hospital.

Al Haworth will farm the Rook place this year.

Free lessons are being given small boys and girls at the Douglas store in making paper roses.

W. E. Markell was visited on Sunday by his father and mother who drove out from Portland.

Mrs. Hutchins is improving.

Elmer VanFleet has been having the grip.

Albert Quay is working for W. E. Markell.

Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven are visiting at Yaquina Bay.

The young people are getting up a drama.

Reverend Reese and family are now

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Newberg will have a housewarming under the auspices of the Newberg Board of Trade on February 1, celebrating the opening of their fine new Imperial hotel. We haven't received an invitation to be present yet. Brother Woodward has evidently overlooked it, nevertheless we hope they will have a good time.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce has sent out a circular letter calling attention to the fact that Astoria is the one important town of the state. The supposition is that the P. and S. railroad will make that town its point of export.

We acknowledge an encouraging letter from our friend, R. E. Beegle, of Lents in which he commends The Herald for its fair editorials, good cheer and splendid local service.

It is more easy to evade the trouble which Heaven sends us than that which we bring upon ourselves.

The place in The Central Point Herald usually filled with well written and up-to-date editorial has been occupied for the past two weeks with a copy of Central Point's new charter. Brother Pattison is among the best editorial writers of Oregon, hence we miss his usual grist.

The Hood River Commercial club will hold its third annual banquet Friday evening, January 31. Delegations will be present from Portland, The Dalles and other cities throughout the state.

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 All persons having objections to said account are hereby required to file the same in said court before said time or be forever barred.
 J. B. GEHR, Administrator.
 NEWTON MCGOY, Atty. for Administrator.
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