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# A FEW MINUTES WITH THE EDITOR

## PLAYING POLITICS.

Friends of Senator Fulton are taking particular pains just now to explain that, while the senator was doubtless well aware of the (by the state grange.) moral if not legal wrong in keeping silent concerning the alleged To give each city or town the sole buying and selling of votes and other questionable practises at right to regulate its business houses, different sessions of the Oregon Legislature, he is not guilty of pleases. wrongdoing either by commission or omission for the reason that he was only doing as others did, "playing politics."

The testimony in the recent land fraud cases and the charges against Fulton by Heney, not excluding Fulton's reply to Heney, U'Ren. prove beyond a shadow of doubt that somebody was certainly playing politics.

To play politics is the main thought agitating the minds of numerous political leaders just now. They are not overly scrupulous either in the playing of this game of politics. They appear to think that not only is everything fair in love and war but in politics too. Their actions in the past have proven this. But is it? By what moral right is such a conclusion arrived at? Certainly not by the standard of honorable methods.

This game of politics has invariably settled around the elec- the Astoria fisherman.) tion of a United States senator. For months before the primaries, conventions and June elections, leaders were at work building up gation on the lower Willamette and party lines. All kinds of deceit was practised at these times. Columbia rivers. (By the people of two towns in which there are no Shaver in section 27, township one Work was not stopped after the election either. Doubtful legislators were interviewed, coaxed or threatened as opportunity afforded or occasion required, until the meeting of the legistature when the political game in all its perfidy was continued.

In the election of a senator the interests of the people were lost sight of. The interests of self and of "the interests" predominated. Practises that would not be tolerated for a moment in private life were here accepted without a question. Why? They were "playing politics."

This "playing politics" is just a polite way of designating the habit of certain legislators of using dishonorable and corrupt

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROHIBITION GROWS APACE. MEASURES

June election. It is an educative states and territories in which Senate if the people have anyand political test of no mean im- the license to sell liquor is prac- thing to say about it. - Seaside portance. Therefore, our read- tically unrestricted. They are Signal. ers can do nothing better than Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nev-

thoroughly and then vote as and New Mexico, though some judgment dictates. They are as of these have Sunday closing follows:

To increase the annual appropriation to the State University to \$125,000.

To require railroads to issue passes all state, county and district officials. To appropriate \$100,000 for national guard armories.

To give sheriffs exclusive control of county prisoners. To increase the number of judges of

the supreme court from three to five (by legislature). To give political parties proportionate

representation in the legislature. To provide for the recall of public offi

ials and to elect their successors. To take from the dijstrict attorney the power of indlctment and invest it excluive in grand juries.

gambling, theater s and the like as it To extend suffrage to women. The corrupt practice apt. Limiting

the amount of money that candidates ware counties on the dry list. may spend for campaign purposes. (By Requiring all legislative candidates to

subscribe to Statement No. 1. (By and but forty-seven wet. Ark-U'Ren.) For the division of Wasco county and

the creation of another county, with people of Wasco county.) Prohibiting fishing for salmon, except nine counties dry, and eleven with fish-wheels, between Celilo and Astoria. (By The Dalles fish canneries). Prohibiting the fishing for salmon

above the mouth of the Sandy. (By Enlarging the powers of the Port of Portland in the interests of better navi-

Multnom ah county.) saloons owing to the local option

## GOD GIVE US MEN!

God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands! Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will: Men who love honor, men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And brave his treacherous flatterings without winking: Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking. For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large profession and their little deeds, Mingle in the selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps. -J. G. HOLLAND.

The Oregonian is in dead ear- | proved February 21, 1893, providing for "The year 1907," says a recent nest in its opposition to State- such incorporation and which act and Our folks are all interested in writer, "witnessed a tremendous ment No. 1. Bro. Scott knows the general laws relating thereto are enumerated in sections 2087 to 2749 inthe initiative and referendum advance in the prohibition cam- he doesn't stand the ghost of a clusive, of Bellinger's and Cotton's Anmeasures to be voted upon at the plign. There are but eight show to go to the United States notated Codes and Statutes of Oregon.

augh,

study each of these questions ada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona Petition to Be Allowed to Incorporate E. A. Whitney, D. S. Dunbar, J. H. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Sharp, G. W. Wilcox, Ed. Smith, Notice is hereby given that there has laws. On the other hand, six been filed with the County Clerk of states are absolutely prohibition: Multnomah County, State of Oregon, a Wm. McReynolds, Wm. Batler, L. A. Maine, Georgia, North Dakota, petition of which the following is an ex-Kansas, Oklahoma and Alabama. act copy and that the same will be pre-Of the others, Kentucky has sented to the Honorable County Court elected a governor on that issue, of said Multnomah County, State of O. H. Jenkins, C. Shepherd, W. W. though it has \$100,000,000 in- Oregon, at its next regular term, the

vested in distilleries, and ninety- 25th of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock a.m. seven out of the one-hundred and Date of first publication, Feb. 28, nineteen counties have voted 1908; date of last publication, March 13, 1908. against license. In Tennessee liquor can be had only in Mem- In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah. phis, Nashville and Chattanooga.

In the matter of the proposed incorpor-ation of the Towa of Fairview, in Mlssissippi has sixty-eight dry ation of the Towa of Fai Multnomah County, Oregon. counties out of seventy-six, and the present canvass is based on PETITION TO BE ALLOWED TO

INCORPORATE prohibition. Florida has thirty-To the Honorable Court of the County To exempt certain property from tax- four out of forty-seven counties of Multnomah, State of Oregon ; and to low prices : dry; North Carolina has no sa- the Honorable Lionel R. Webster, To prevent the legislature from loon in ninety-five per cent of its judge, and William L. Lightner and amending or repealing initiative laws territory; Virginia has seventy- Frank C. Barnes, commissioners of said

court, sitting for the transaction o two dry out of one hundred and ounty business: eighteen counties: West Virgin-We, the undersigned, residing within ia, thirty out of fifty-five; Mary- the limits of the hereinafter described land, fourteen out of twenty- tract of land, and being duly qualified electors of Multnomah County, Oregon, three. The November election respectfully petition this Honorable placed two out of the three Delaourt and the county commissioners acting in conjunction therewith that we "Texas has one hundred and be allowed to incorporate said hereinforty-seven absolutely dry coun- after described tract of land under the provisions of the Act of Legislative Asties, fifty-three are partly dry sembly of the State of Oregon, entitled,

"An Act for a General Law for the Inansas has sixty out of seventycorporation of Cities and Towns in the five counties dry, and many dry State of Oregon," approved Feb. 21, Hood River as the county seat. (By the towns in the other counties, 1893. The tract to be incorporated is Iowa has sixty-five out of ninety- described as follows, to-wit: Beginning Papers may be sent to separate addresses at the southeast corner of the A. L. Kronenberg farm on the section line

others have but one saloon each. dividing section 28 from section 33 in "Ohio has one thousand one township one north of range three east hundred and forty out of one of the Willamette Meridian, and run. SUBSCRIBE FOR "THE HERALD thousand three hundred and sev- ning thence east along said section line to the east side of county road num-

enty-six townships dry, and sixbered 599, about 2380 feet; thence north ty per cent of the municipalities. following the east line of said road to a "New York has six hundred and tract of land now owned by G. W. north of range three east Willamette

> Meridian, about 1820 feet; thence east 110 feet; thence north 240 feet; thence east 810 feet; thence sorth 240 feet to the south line of Shea's East Fairview; thence east to the east side of Shea's East Fairview, 1280 feet; thence north to the northeast corner of the A. L. Stone farm in said section 27, township and range, and to the south line of county road number 517 (known as

hereinbefore described and bounded

shall be incorporated under the provis-

ion of the said Act of the Legislative

Sandy road), 1220 feet; thence in a westerly direction and following the south line of said road to a point in direct line with the West line of Second street in the unincorporated town of



methods in securing votes or of absenting themselves from the legislatnre. As a general in times of war planned his campaign, so the candidate for senator planned his. His friends, including "the interests," were usually on hand with sufficient money to purchase the necessary votes to insure victory.

In this game of politics it mattered little whether a deadlock ensued for a day or a term. The people footed the bills and with that had to be satisfied. Such practises affected both the public and private life. They were demoralizing and degrading. Hence the majority of our citizens welcomed the curative effects obtained through the direct primary law and Statement No. 1.

That these measures are popular with the masses is evident from the interest being taken in their defense by the people of every community. That these laws are objectionable to the the Albany Herald, was unanipolitician who still believes in machine methods is attested by the mously adopted by Western Star fact that the politician of the old school still longs for the excite- grange: ment and its attendant evils of the old legislative senatorial elections, its bribery, deadlocks and political chicanery.

The game of questionable politics, however, has been played one time too often. The people now propose to "play the game," and in a manner that will prove far more satisfactory than as therefore be it played under the old regime.

### THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN.

When a crime has been committed suspicion naturally falls upon the person who is known to have been guilty of a similar offence in the past. Likewise ex-political leaders may because of their past records come under suspicion.

There are few, very few of the older citizens of Oregon who have not traced through campaign after campaign the questionable political practices of one Jack Mathews. ton. LaGrande has also decided ally sprinkled with cream. For years Jack Mathews was the fellow who kept all Ore- to held regular market days. It is a pity that there is no gon agap with his wonderful political schemes and his power to The Herald has repeatedly sug- way to force the Portland Railblight and prostitute the political affairs of Oregon even in the gested to our folks the advant- way Light & Power company to hottest legislative fights of the state. He was seldom defeated, ages to be had by holding a give this section an express ser-Great schemes were hatched at times for Jack's downfall, but, day at Gresham. Why not wake to support one express train per Machiavelian like, he invariably arose master of the situation.

be a political death-blow through the direct primary law and will cost but little yet is worth Statement No. 1, and that was the last thought of him until the much. Try it. recent outbreak of the usual machine methods, which caused those who were familiar with Mr. Mathew's past political work to ceipt of an invitation for himself ly called the writer's attention suspect that that wily gentleman was at the foundation of the and family to attend a concert to the fact that the Buoy road present outbreak and opposition to Statement No. 1. Hence it was given at the Heilig theater, at no time during the present not surprising to learn that certain well-known republican lead- Portland, Wednesday night, Feb- winter has been impassable. ers are conniving with said Jack Mathews in an effort to over- ruary 26th, by Mr. Frank Eich- He says, "I have travelled throw the rule of the people and again descend to oldtime legisla- enlaub, violinist, assisted by this road for several years and it tive holdups and republican bossism.

Jack and his followers, however, are counting without their pianiste. Among the patron- than it has been at this time of host. The people are watching and very closely guarding their esses we note Mrs. A. E. Rock- the season for several years rights and all that Mr. Mathews and his henchmen can do will ey, Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, Mrs. past." He attributes this to the not avail in this campaign. The people are thoroughly aroused P. J. Mann, Mrs. F. Eggert, good work of Mr. James Hilland will not be coaxed or driven into supporting measures or Mrs. Harvey W. Scott, and Mrs. yard, the present road superinmen not favorable to the will of the people. H. C. Phillips.

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**GRANGE FAVORS STATEMENT** Massachusetts has two vote. NUMBER ONE. hundred and fifty dry and one poration shall be the Town of Fairview. The following resolution, say

hundred wet towns." Oregon, Washington and California are rapidly following in the wake of the eastern and

southern states.

SHOULD HAVE EXPRESS CAR.

A great deal of complaint is

Whereas, It seems there is a disposition on the part of the public press which is dominated by the political bos ses to ignore or destroy our direct primary law, especially Statement No. 1,

Resolved, By Western Star Grange being made at the numerous de-No. 309, that in the interest of good govlays and miserable service renernment we believe it is the duty of all dered on the 8:06 a. m. train Assembly of the State of Oregon, aployal citizens to demand, stand by and west from Gresham on the O. uphold said law in all its fullness.

WORTH TRYING.

W. P. This is the milk train and is literally loaded with milk and

cream cans. The lids on some of Dr. A. Thompson has called the cans being indifferently fastour attention to the splendid re- ened, it is no uncommon thing sults obtained for farmers and for the conductor and those pasbusiness men alike at the market sengers who are crowded into days held every week at Pendle- the baggage section to be liber-

up to our opportunity and estab- day each way. The company But Jack and his followers were dealt what was hoped would lish a custom of this kind? It should at least give it a trial.

THE BUOY ROAD AGAIN.

Miss Beatrice C. M. Hidden, is in better condition this winter tendent of that district.



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