
to explain that, while the senator was doubtless well aware of the moral if not legal wrong in keeping silent concerning the alleged different sessions of the Oregon Legislature, he is not guilty of wrongdoing either by commission or omission for
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, prove beyond
To play politics is the main thought agitating the minds o numerous political leaders just now. They are not overly scru pear 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 ar

This game of politics has invariably settled around the tion of a United States senator. For months before the primaries, conventions and June elections, leaders were at work building up party lines. All kinds of deceit was practised at these times. lators were interviewed, coaxed or threatened as opportunity aff orded or occasion required, until the meeting of the le
In the election of a senator the interests of the people were los 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 "play ing politics."
This "playing politics" is just a polite'way of designating the habit of certain legislators of using dishonorable and corrup 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 effect 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 politician who still believes in machine methods is attested by the
fact that the politician of the old school still longs for the excitement and its attendant evils of the old legislative senatorial elec tions, 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
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 off ence in the past. Likewise ex-political Jeaders may because There are few, very few of the older who have not traced through campaitizens of Oregon the questionable political practices of one Jack Mathews. For years Jack Mathews was the fellow who kept all Oregon agap with his wonderful political schemes and his power to
blight and prostitute the political affairs of Oregon even in the hottest legislative fights of the state. He was seldom defeated hottest legislative fights of the state. He was seldom defeated.
Great schemes were hatched at times for Jack's downfall, but, Machiavelian like, he invariably arose master of the situation.
But Jack and his followers were dealt what was hoped would
ee a political death-blow through the direct primary law and Statement No. 1, and that was the last thought of him until the recent outbreak of the usual machine methods, which caused suspect that that wily gentleman was at the foundation of the present outbreak and opposition to Statement No. 1. Hence it the not surprising to learn that certain well-known republican was not surprising to learn that certain well-known republican leadthrow the rule of the people and again descend to oldtime legisla tive holdups and republican bossism.
Jack and his lollowers, however, are counting without their tights and all that Mr. Mathews and his henchmen can do will rights and all that Mr. Mathews and his henchmen can do will
not avail in this campaign. The people are thoroughly aroused not avail in this campaign. The people are thoroughly aroused men not favorable to the will of the people.


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 tossess 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 wi Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above
In public duty and in private thinking. For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
Their large profession and their little deeds Their large profession and their little deeds, Mingle in the selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

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Thompson has call our attention to the splendid real sults obtained for farmers and
business men alike at the market days held every week at Pendleto held regular market days, The Herald has repeatedly sugages to be had by holding monthly or semi-monthly marke day at Gresham. Why not wak lish a custom of this kind? It will cost but little yet is worth uch. Tr
The editor acknowledges re and family to attend a concert given at the Heilig theater Prtland, Wednesday night, Feb-
ruary 26th, by Mr. Frank Eich ruary 26th, by Mr. Frank Eich-
enlaub, violinist, assisted by
Miss Beatrice C. M. Hidden, Miss Beatrice C. M. Hidden
pianiste. Among the patron esses we note Mrs. A. E. Rock ey, Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer, Mrs.
P. J. Mann, Mrs. F. Eggert, Mrs. Harvey W. Scott, and Mrs.
H. C. Phillips.
 hundred wet towns."
Oregon, Washington and Cali fornia are rapidly following in
the wake of the eastern and



A great deal of complaint is
being made at the numerous de lays and miserable service ren
dered on the $8: 06 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. train
west from Gresham on the 0 west from Gresham on the O.
W. P. This is the milk train and
is literally loaded with milk and
cream cans. The lids on some of the cans being indifferently fastened, it is no uncommon thing sengers who are crowded into ally sprinkled with cream.
It is a pity It is a pity that there is n
way to force the Portland way to force the Portland Rail way Light \& Power company t
give this section an express ser vice. There is plenty of business to support one express train per
day each way. The company day each way. The company
should at least give it a trial.

## the buoy road again.

A friend of The Herald recentto the fact that the Buoy road at no time during the presen winter has been impassable.
He says, "I have travelled He says, "I have travelled is in better condition this winter than it has been at this time of the season for several years past." He attributes this to the yard, the present road
tendent of that district.


Portland Railway Light \& Power Co.

## Springwater Division



## Troutdale Branch

Between Linnemann and Troutdale

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