

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1885

LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT.

AFTER showing the outrageous apportionment of the legislative districts of Oregon, THE ASTORIAN asks: Does this look to you just, or reasonable, or fair? Is any further argument needed to show the absurdity of the existing system of mis-representation?

Exactly! but will THE ASTORIAN advocate a just reasonable, sensible system of representation? Not this year in all probability. How long would a re-apportionment of Oregon be "just, reasonable, or fair?" Suppose for the sake of argument it was just and fair, in two elections it would not be and would eventually attain the monstrous wrong of the present apportionment.

Would THE ASTORIAN advocate a system of representation based on the people and not on "slave-pen" districts? Would it advocate "minority" or "proportional" representation, whereby Baker, Coos and Multnomah or any other county could have as many members in the legislature as their votes stood in proportion to the whole vote of the state?

Would THE ASTORIAN advocate the election of members of each body of the legislature at large, each list of candidates, of any party, being entitled to one member for each part of the whole vote it received, equal to such whole vote divided by the number of members to be elected? The present system of electing representatives to the Oregon legislature, is all THE ASTORIAN states, and the only way to make the legislature a true representative body, is to adopt proportional representation.—Salem Vidette, 2.

From reading the above it is not just clear to our mind whether the Vidette is desirous of making a point against THE ASTORIAN, or is disposed to view the matter in the same light. Probably the latter of these motives would be the more charitable to ascribe to our astute contemporary. Reference to the constitution of the state and the provisions therein regarding legislative apportionment will answer the first two questions and the accompanying proposition. The third question we answer in the affirmative. The fourth question is unintelligible to any one except the propounder. The question will be answered if put in such shape as will allow our limited comprehension to grasp it. The same remark applies to the fifth.

In general THE ASTORIAN believes that exact interpretation of existing statutes would remove the present injustice, and that the fault is due more to political cowardice and the inertia of mossbackism than to any defect in statutory enactment. But it does not believe that it is necessary to go outside the constitution to find a remedy for the existing evil of mis-representation. THE following is from an article by Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., entitled "Danger Ahead," in the November number of the Century, upon the social and labor question: "All that we can learn from Alexander III., Bismarck, and the two Napoleons is, how not to do it. Not by making America less democratic, but by making it more so, are we to perpetuate the republic." "Politically America is a democracy; industrially America is an aristocracy." "At the ballot-box the laborer is a king; in the factory he is a servant, sometimes a slave. Men who make governors, legislators, judges, presidents, are not allowed to determine how many hours in the day they will work, and are able to determine what wages they shall receive only by organizing in an unarmed militia to preserve that right. The community at the same time puts the ballot into their hand and a manacle upon it. We must either take the ballot out or the manacle off."

It is continually said, "It's born in the boy, and must come out." Character is not born in anybody. Forces are. Mould and fashion these forces in one way and they become beneficent. Mould them another way and they become maleficent. It is with children as with clay,—different qualities are all capable of being moulded. A poorer kind, with care in shaping and burning, will make beautiful bricks of great use; an excellent kind, carelessly

moulded and poorly baked, will make worthless material, only fit to be thrown away. It all depends upon the treatment the clay receives whether it becomes of any use in the work of the world. YESTERDAY there was no life between Cleveland and an interregnum. Now there are two, Sherman and Carlisle. ROSECRANS has written a book entitled "The mistakes of Grant." This is one of the mistakes of Rosecrans. THE president's message will be read in congress to-day.

NEW TO-DAY. A Card. EDITOR ASTORIAN: The Democratic mass meeting held at the court house on Saturday last for the purpose of nominating candidates for city officers, was a most successful one, and ought by every fair minded citizen and legal voter to be repudiated on the ground of the glaring and flagrant bullying propensities practiced at the balloting for their respective nominees. The balloting for street superintendent was one of the most glaring impositions ever palmed off on any intelligent community. The most obtuse observer could not fail to detect that the whole proceeding was a preconcerted and dried piece of business, and stuffing the ballot box was the order of the day.

The meeting being largely represented by repeaters, sailors, sailor-runners and the effluvia of swilltown who were evidently hired for the express purpose of assisting to demoralize the legitimate process; and they admirably succeeded in converting the balloting for the respective nominees into a grand carnival and enjoying the joke hugely. In the confusion that prevailed motions before the house were wholly ignored by the chairman of the meeting, which does not redound very creditably to his ability as a presiding officer of a public meeting and can only be charged to his lack of knowledge in parliamentary rules. From the unfairness in the count of the ballots cast there are ample and sufficient reasons to contest the nomination of street superintendent. The motion of putting in nomination Mr. Chas. Shively for auditor and clerk, made by Mr. Andrew Schuring, a legal voter and taxpayer of this city was wholly ignored by the presiding chairman; but stuffing the ballot box was cheerfully granted and no attempt made to check the imposition. All fair minded, honest citizens and legal voters should constitute themselves into a committee of one and exercise the utmost circumspection on election day, to guard against a repetition of what transpired at the Democratic convention at the court house, the proceedings of which in the main, we emphatically pronounce as a magnificent fraud and also an imposition on the ballot box. (Signed.) INDEPENDENT CLUB.

Ross' Opera House. THE EVENT OF THE SEASON! TWO NIGHTS ONLY. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14, 15. Engagement of the Old Time Favorites JOSEPH R. GRISMER, AND PHEBE DAVIES. Supported by the powerful Baldwin Theater Company, of San Francisco, when will be presented on Monday Dec. 14th, the greatest of all melodramas by FRANK HARTY, entitled "THE WAGES OF SIN." Tuesday Dec. 15th Mr. Grismer's dramatization of Hugh Conway's world renowned novel of startling incidents, entitled "CALLED BACK," both plays presented with special scenery and novel mechanical effects. Prices as usual, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Reserved seats at the usual place, the New York Novelty Store, without extra charge. NOTE. Secure your seats in advance and avoid the rush at the door.

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Republican Ticket. For Mayor... C. W. FULTON, Councilman, 1st Ward... F. SHERMAN, Councilman, 2nd Ward... ROBT. CARRUTHERS, Chief of Police... W. J. BARRY, Police Judge... R. V. MONTEITH, Supt. of Streets... W. P. MCCROSEY, City Treasurer... CHAS. HEILBORN, City Attorney... G. C. FULTON, City Surveyor... C. B. MARTIN, City Assessor... D. H. WELCH, Auditor and Clerk... T. S. JEWETT, Harbor Master... PHIL. JOHNSON.

Democratic Ticket. For Mayor... J. C. TRULLINGER, Councilman, 1st Ward... L. C. KINNEY, Councilman, 2nd Ward... P. E. FERREN, Chief of Police... A. M. TWOMBLY, Police Judge... C. H. STOCKTON, Treasurer... J. G. HUSTLER, City Attorney... GEO. HOLLAND, City Surveyor... D. RAYMOND, Assessor... J. P. DICKINSON, Auditor and Clerk... WM. POHL, Harbor Master... DENNIS CURRAN, Supt. of Streets... THOS. LOGAN.

Independent Ticket. For Mayor... J. C. Trullinger, Councilman, 1st Ward... F. Sherman, Councilman, 2nd Ward... John O'Brien, Chief of Police... John Rogers, Police Judge... John Hahn, Supt. of Streets... Jno. McCann, City Treasurer... J. G. Hustler, City Attorney... Geo. Holland, City Surveyor... N. D. Raymond, City Assessor... Wm. Poole, Auditor and Clerk... C. W. Shively, Harbor Master... Phil. Johnson.

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