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## NEW MILL OWNERS

Russell & Rogers of San Francisco, Now Owners of J. H. Chambers Mill at Dorena

New capital has entered into the field in this section in the purchase by Russell & Rogers of San Francisco, of the planing mill of J. H. Chambers for a good round sum. The new manager of the mills Mr. R. Hussey came into town on Wednesday night and at once went up to the mills. It is the intention of the new company to keep the mill going to its fullest capacity and enlarge it just as fast as possible without causing any long shutdowns. Much new and improved machinery has already been ordered and much more is still to be ordered as fast as the new machinery arrives and is set in place ready for operation, the mill will be shut down only long enough to connect up the new parts as the management is going to cut all the timber it possibly can and is planning every effort to that end.

Dorena is now in for a good lot of growth and the town will see much more activity than formerly.

Mr. J. H. Chambers has not yet made any definite plans but will tend his assistance to the new owners for a time before giving his time to other things. Mr. Chambers is to be congratulated on his successful business ventures and for the progress he made with his mill.

Dr. Wm. R. Harper, President of Chicago University, Dies.

Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Pres. Harper died of cancer for the removal of which he has undergone several surgical operations in the past two years. Through his efforts John D. Rockefeller has made great endowments to the university. He has been prominent in educational work all his life. One of the most significant events of his power and his following was the kneeling in prayer of the entire student body of the university, as well as many others, while he was undergoing a critical operation, a year or so ago.

Horticulturalists Make Fine Exhibit.

The Oregon State Horticultural Society has been holding an exceptionally successful meeting in Portland and a number of very fine exhibits have been made and seven handsome cups were awarded. A number of excellent papers were read by men well known for their success in their work. The old officers were reelected, being the present officers of the society, who are stated to continue for another year are: Dr. J. R. Cardwell, Portland, president; James H. Reid, Milwaukie, county fruit inspector, first vice-president; Colonel Harry Haines, Forest Grove, second vice-president Professor J. R. Lake, botanist, Oregon Agricultural college, secretary and treasurer.

Southern Oregon was not very well represented and came in for considerable comment for not having made a better and larger exhibit. An effort is to be made to protect Oregon fruit by law and in speaking of this the Oregonian says: The large attendance at this meeting is especially gratifying to the promoters of the society for it indicates a uniform movement for co-operation in the fruit industry and

for better fruit. Legislation for the protection of growers is a question which has come before the meeting already, and it is probable that some definite action will be taken to secure National laws to this end. Oregon fruit men are tired of having fruit from other sections, in many instances of doubtful quality, marked as coming from Hood river the Willamette Valley or Southern Oregon and it is very probable that Senator Fulton will be requested to introduce a bill on the same lines that the one for the protection of the Columbia river salmon is framed. The presence of many women at yesterday's session indicated a growing interest among them in fruit raising and the fact that many women of this state are actively and successfully engaged in this industry is most gratifying to the promoters of Greater Oregon.

Gold Medal for the Governor.

Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Governor Chamberlain has received from President Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, a gold medal in recognition of his services in aiding the success of the exposition.

The Little Boy.

The DeMoss Lyric Bards will be here Monday night at the Opera House. They are first class in every respect.



Herchel Davis, a little 4-year-old boy plays the bass drum and is the leader of the company's cornet band. Come and hear the company Monday, Dec. 15. Prices 15, 25, reserved seats 35c at New Era Drug Store. A piece of latest sheet music will be given to all those holding reserved seat stubs at the close of the concert.

Poultry Fanciers to Organize.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 10.—A number of poultry fanciers of Eugene are arranging to effect a county organization. A meeting was held last night and the following committee on organization was appointed: J. M. Williams, F. G. Hurd and B. F. Keeney. A meeting will be held in the city hall on January 22 at 1.30 p. m. at which time it is hoped to effect the organization.

T. K. Campbell Prepares to Open Office.

Mr. Campbell has had his safe moved to his new office room, and will get his furniture installed and be ready for business within a few days. He says the safe is the most important part of the equipment, and he feels quite settled already.

## JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

Appeals to the People of the State for Fair Trial of Direct Primary Law.

The coming June election will be the most important one ever held in Oregon. For years past the ordinary citizen who has desired good government and representative servants in public office has been compelled to witness and endure instances of flagrant robbery and unfitness both in political contests and the public service without being able to prevent the one or resist the other. The scandal of the thing could not be hushed nor the burden removed by legislative enactment, for the reason that the abuses were the necessary results of "machine" rule and "bossism," and each succeeding legislature was the tool of the "machine" or "boss."

The direct legislation amendment to the constitution opened the way for reform, without the intermeddling of the machine, or of selfish or dishonest bosses. The first use the people made of this new power was the enactment of the Direct Primary Nominations Law, for which many of the leading citizens of the state became sponsors; A. I. Mills, G. M. Orton, F. McKecher and W. S. O'Ren being the officers, and John H. Mitchell, H. W. Scott, W. M. Ladd, Henry E. McGinn, Thos. G. Greene, W. H. Hilbery, H. G. Kundret, C. E. Lockwood, Frank Williams, T. T. Geer, G. S. Jackson, C. H. Gram, C. E. S. Wood, A. R. Lawton, L. T. Harris, Henry Hahn, John C. Young, G. B. Thomas, George W. Riddle, J. F. Weleb, and Jonathan Bourne, Jr., being the members of the Executive Committee of the Direct Primary Nominations League of Oregon, under whose auspices the law was submitted to the legal electors of the State of Oregon at the regular election, held on the 6th day of June, 1904.

At this election there were no politics in the vote that placed the law upon the statute book, and in it there was no machine. It was made into law by the free ballots of the voters of all political creeds. It may not be an absolutely and completely perfect law. It may not correct all of the abuses it aims to correct, but it is the high and solemn act of the sovereign citizenship of this state, and as such is, therefore, entitled to the fairest and fullest trial that intelligent and honest men can give it. Primarily, every man of the 56,205 voting for it owes it to himself, to his integrity, and to his own intelligence, to aid in its full execution until it is tried out, and the comparatively few who voted against it have no more excuse for nullifying or circumventing it than they would have for nullifying or circumventing the law against high treason.

Under the old system the confidence of sincere partisans was betrayed by recent leaders in political interests and public servants who recognize the irresponsible machine instead of the electorate as the source of power to which they were responsible. If the enforcement of the Primary Law will right these wrongs then it was conceived in wisdom and born in justice to the people, in justice to the public servants, and in justice to the partisan.

Plainly stated, the aim and purpose of the law is to destroy the irresponsible political machine and put all elective offices in the state in direct touch with the people as the real source of responsible and intelligent power; in short, to give direct and full force to the ballot of every individual elector in Oregon and to minimize, if not suppress, the over-dominance of corporate and corrupting influences in the administration of public affairs. While the enforcement of the new law, according to its spirit and intent, will in the counties and districts of the state stop the political trading off of candidates by irresponsible bosses for personal advantage and insure cleaner public service by local officers, the greater evil and abuse, and the one which threatens the enthronement of corporate power in the republic and overthrow of popular rights, namely: the invulnerable entrenchment of the United States Senate

as a league for special privileges, will get its first crushing blow when Oregon, by practically a direct vote of her people, acting under this new law, elects a United States Senator.

Long recognizing the fact that the United States Senate must ultimately degenerate into a mere cabal with its numerous corporation attorneys sagged together for the furtherance of corporate schemes and the protection and safeguarding of corporate special privileges, in effect a national clearing house for some of the grasping corporations whose constitution seems to consist of greed and graft, and whose by-laws are deception and manipulation, the people in many of the states of the Union through their legislatures have repeatedly demanded an amendment of the Federal Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people, but the cabal of corporation attorneys and senators elected solely through their great wealth, clothed in senatorial toga and with senatorial power have invariably blocked this popular demand not only in the interests of their clients but as a matter of individual self-preservation, fully realizing the impossibility of their re-election by the direct vote of the people.

The principles involved, therefore, in our Primary Elections Law and especially that feature of it which provides in effect for the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people, are of greater political importance than any other law upon our statute book, or of any other state. It points the way; it blazes the trail to a position that must be reached before the wrongful use of corporate powers can be dethroned, the people restored to power, and lastingly reformed secured.

Senators elected by the influence of special interests will always be loyal to their masters and their own crib, and therefore to hope for or expect a reform from such as these is heepest folly. Once on a time the phrase was, "the Senator from New York," "the Senator from Pennsylvania," "the Senator from California," and so on through the list of states. Today the official salutation well might be "the Senator of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad," "the Senator of the Pennsylvania Railroad," "the Senator of the Southern Pacific Company," and so on through the list of special corporate interests safeguarded by the League of Special Privileges.

The people of this state have decreed, in our Direct Primary Elections Law, that our senators shall, indeed, be "the senators from Oregon," and if there is any significance in the great majority given to President Roosevelt in this state at the last Presidential election, it means that the men who shall next be elected Senator must be a loyal and staunch supporter of the President in his administration and policy. It behooves the Republican party to give the people a "square deal" in the execution of this primary elections law in letter and in spirit. There can be no judging with it in safety. Every republican candidate for the Legislature must include in his petition for nomination the statutory pledge that he "will always vote for that candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for that position at the general election next preceding the election of a senator in Congress, without regard to any individual preference." His failure to do so will defeat him at the polls and his Democratic opponent making this pledge will be elected. Should the Republican politicians try to evade or ignore the spirit of this law, then law-abiding citizens will become so indignant that the whole state may be turned into the Democratic column in the general election in June.

The Direct Primary Nominating Elections law in its provision for the election of state legislative candidates, reads as follows:

"In case of an elector seeking nomination for the office of Senator or Representative in the Legislative Assembly, he may include one of the following two statements in his petition; but if he does not do so, the Secretary of State or County Clerk, as the case may be, shall not on that account refuse to file his

## THE FIRST GUN FIRED

By the Supporters of Woman's Suffrage in Their Fight for the Privilege of Voting.

In the Christian Church Wednesday evening a meeting of about 50 women and nine men assembled to bear a speech by several ladies on the subject of Woman's Suffrage, and the benefits that would accrue to Oregon from such a movement. An able speech was delivered by Mrs. Herford, a traveling lecturer, which was much enjoyed. She was followed by Mrs. M. F. Fifer in a short, well directed address.

It is understood that a Miss Clay will be here shortly to speak further in the interests of the movement.

Government Getting Ready For Chinese.

The belief is strong that the action of the government in sending reinforcements to the American troops now stationed in the Philippines is for the purpose of strengthening our forces, to be ready, in case any trouble with China should arise.

During the past five years since the trouble with the Boxers, the Chinese troops have been greatly modernized, throughout the training of American and German officers, so that at the present time there must be at least 60,000 of the modernized troops.

Million Immigrants Arrived During Year.

New York, Jan. 10.—The official figures given out today by the bureau of statistics on Ellis island show that the immigration during the year 1905 was enormous. It was far greater than in 1903, which had been the banner year, and also much greater than in 1904. The grand total is nearly up to the 1,000,000 mark. There was substantial increase in all classes and, despite the fact that the immigration figures were larger than ever before in the history of the port, the number of persons traveling in the cabins of the liners reached enormous proportions.

Of the total of 992,065 persons who arrived by the various lines from foreign ports the largest number was carried on the ships of the North German Lloyd line, from Bremen and from Mediterranean ports. In 125 voyages 177,916 passengers were landed in this port by the steamships of this line, and of these 15,974 were first-class passengers. Next in order came the Hamburg-American line then the Cunard line. Of the total of 780,012 steerage passengers brought here, about 718,000 were immigrants.

Southern Oregon League Formed at meeting of Prominent Men at Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Or., Jan. 8.—A meeting of the prominent business men from the various towns of Southern Oregon was held in Grants Pass Saturday afternoon and evening for the purpose of organizing a Southern Oregon Development League. The object of the

league, as set forth in the constitution adopted at the meeting, is to foster all commercial and industrial interests of Oregon.

Enthusiastic speeches favoring the formation of such an organization along the lines of working towards the development of all the resources of Southern Oregon were made by W. I. Vawter and J. D. O'well, of Medford; E. B. Carter and B. F. Mulkey, of Ashland; William Carter and J. L. Hammersley, of Gold Hill; President R. L. Cole and P. Harth, of Grants Pass, and others. Many good ideas were expressed in regard to the value of united effort and co-operation of all interests in the movement to advertise Southern Oregon, its advantage of climate and resources, and to display its products at all times when occasion offers. This feature was particularly emphasized by Mr. O'well from the fruitgrowers' standpoint. Mineral, lumber, agricultural and other industries also received attention.

The Southern Oregon Development League is calculated to consider and promote all matters in which that section of the state is interested which may come up for consideration from time to time. In fact, it is intended that this organization will voice the sentiment of the commercial and other industrial bodies of Southern Oregon.

The following officers were elected: President, R. L. Cole, of Grants Pass; first vice-president, O. Winter, chairman Ashland Board of Trade; second vice-president, Colvig, of Gold Hill; secretary, W. B. Sherman, of Grants Pass; assistant secretary, J. H. Beeman, of Gold Hill. The executive committee is composed of E. V. Carter, Ashland; H. L. Gilkey, Grants Pass; J. D. O'well, Medford; Frank Alley, Roseburg, and William Carter, Gold Hill.

All industrial and commercial organizations friendly to the development of Southern Oregon are eligible to become members of the Southern Oregon Development League.—Oregonian.

Roseburg Office Reopened.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 9.—After being closed exactly one year the Roseburg Land Office was today fully reopened for business in all departments. Its closing was caused by the suspension of Register Bridges and Receiver Booth, January 9, 1905. The new register, B. L. Eddy, assumed his duties several days ago, but not until the arrival of Receiver J. M. Lawrence was business fully resumed.

The years suspension of business has been very detrimental to business interests in this land district, and some newly-settled neighborhoods have been practically depopulated because settlers were unable to acquire titles to their claims, many abandoning them during the year.—Oregonian.

Catching Salmon out of Season Comes High.

A. A. Hollenbeck, of Mapleton, was fined \$50 by the Mapleton Justice of the Peace last Saturday for setting nets in the Siuslaw river for salmon out of season. The deputy had given him full warning before, but he persisted, so that deputy laid for him and caught him red handed. The nets and boats used were confiscated.

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