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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

Recommended for Nomination by the County Assembly, held in Dallas, June 25, 1918.

Representative.

IRA C. POWELL.

Clerk.

E. M. SMITH.

Sheriff.

W. L. BICE.

Commissioner.

JOHN B. TEAL.

Treasurer.

JOHN L. CASTLE.

Coroner.

R. L. CHAPMAN.

CUT OUT MACHINE METHODS.

Delegates are being elected in the several counties of Oregon, and the Republican state assembly will be held in Portland next Thursday. It now seems certain that this conference will be one of the largest and most representative gatherings of Republicans ever held in Oregon.

As to the correctness and righteousness of the assembly method, there can be no question. As to its success in maintaining and strengthening party organization, everything will depend upon how the assembly itself is conducted.

If the assembly is to fulfill its mission in bringing together a scattered and disorganized party and in bringing about Republican success at the polls in November, its advocates must avoid the very appearance of a return to machine methods. Any course even resembling a return to the old packed primaries and slated conventions would mean the undoing of the party, and it would further mean ignominious defeat in November to any candidate obtaining his endorsement in the assembly by such methods.

The Observer speaks plainly upon this subject because it has noted a disposition in certain quarters to let selfish and personal ambition override good judgment and fair dealing. If the assembly would be successful, if it would win the approval of the great number of Republicans who are to take part in it, as well as the confidence of the thousands of Republicans in the state who will be influenced by the manner in which it is conducted, it must administer a stern rebuke to a few politicians in Portland and elsewhere who are attempting to restore the old, discredited machine methods. It must go further, it must positively refuse to endorse any candidate found guilty of setting up any selfish ambition to further his own selfish ambitions.

The Republicans of Oregon must remember that the assembly is on trial before the people and that its success or failure will depend upon the action of the assembly itself. It must constantly be borne in mind that the very strength of the Republican party in Oregon is largely responsible for the weakened condition in which the party finds itself today. This strength has in times past led to actions on the part of scheming and designing politicians that have tended to divide and discredit the party. Might does not make right, and men who have the good of Republicanism at heart must see to it that the conditions are responsible for existing conditions are not permitted to resume their old methods in the assembly to be held next Thursday. The assembly cannot prevent little bands of politicians here and there over the state from getting together and running the precinct primaries to suit their selfish desires, but it can show its disapproval of such action by refusing to endorse any candidate countenancing or approving such methods. Defeat of such a candidate by the assembly will save him from certain defeat by the people in November.

As a newspaper standing for Republican principles and earnestly desiring of Republican success, the Observer believes in the assembly method of placing candidates before the voters. Such a conference, if rightly conducted, will do more to unify the spirit of the letter of the primary law. Its advocates must remember, however, that an endorsement by assembly is not a nomination. The final word as to the fitness and desirability of all candidates will rest with the voters at the primary election in September. Hearing this fact in mind, it is hardly necessary to warn the party of the danger of any mis-step at this time.

A ticket endorsed by open and honorable methods will not only discredit the assembly for all time, but will over-whelm the hapless candidate found guilty of placing his own selfish ambition and desires above the good of his party. Thousands of Republicans in the state are participating in this assembly movement in good faith and with earnestness of purpose and with support of every honest and well-meaning voter within the ranks of the party. It must place party principles

and party success before the ambition or desires of any individual, and it must be so conducted as to permit a free and untrammelled expression of the party's will. It must be such a gathering as was recently held in Polk County, when members of the party met together with the one idea of working for the success of the Republican party. Here faction was ignored, precinct delegations were chosen without any attempt at "slating," and a ticket of clean, capable men was endorsed. "Frame doctors" of the assembly seemed to be selected for office competent men who could be elected. The result is a ticket conceded by all to be one of the strongest ever placed before the voters of Polk County. This assembly stands forth as the one political gathering in Polk County that left no sore spots, and it is a fact worthy of note that no word of criticism of the action of this conference has been heard in any quarter, even from the most radical opponents of the assembly plan.

The deliberations of the assembly were intelligent, open and honest; consequently, there is nothing to criticize. In the selection of delegates to the state assembly, each precinct delegation was allowed to choose its own representatives. The state delegates so chosen are fairly distributed geographically, and are unpledged to any candidate.

Such a conference as was held in Polk County represents the Observer's idea of what a state assembly should be. With a reorganized party, a straightforward declaration of principles and clean-minded and capable men recommended for office, the wisdom of the assembly principle will be demonstrated in the September primary, and Republican success will be assured in November. But who betide the man, or set of men, that undertakes to restore the old-time machine methods by "framing up" things in advance. A victory for any such candidate in the assembly would be only one day long.

OREGON'S ABSURD PLAN.

(Tacoma Ledger.) Oregon electors will have to burn the midnight oil for the next few weeks if they wish to vote with intelligence on the 22 initiative and referendum measures that will be listed on the ballots at the coming general election. Thirty-two propositions are to be dealt with in addition to candidates for office.

It would be interesting to know how many time Oregon voters are giving to a study of the 32 measures. A number of them would seem to call for exhaustive investigation. It is probable that there will not be much investigation except by the few. A big per centage of the electors will go to the polls without having their minds made up. And you can't reasonably blame the electors. Many have little interest in the majority of the 32 propositions. They will have good reasons for voting on some of them, but will care little about others. Perhaps they won't vote at all on the propositions they don't pretend to understand or don't care anything about.

What will be the probable result? Measures will get through on a small vote. They will get through on the vote of a few faddists. The "Creak" results came about a year or two ago when two conflicting salmion laws were enacted by popular vote. The initiative bills were clearly of contrary purpose, yet both were successful. In the list of 32 propositions submitted this year under the initiative and referendum there are conflicting tax bills and conflicting liquor bills. Suppose all the bills are approved. One initiative bill regulates the liability of employers in personal injury cases, while another creates an employers' indemnity commission to study the question and report to the Legislature. Suppose both measures pass. What is the need of a commission if the people at the same time prescribe rates and rules for indemnity? The trouble with the Oregon system is that there is no opportunity to debate and defend. Voters must accept or reject them as they are presented, and often as they are presented they represent the views of only one man or a small group of men of like opinions.

GOOD NEWSPAPER MAXIMS.

The Minneapolis Journal in speaking of Henry Waterston, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and his newspaper ideas says that few specimens of the old-fashioned editor, Henry Waterston, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has been talking to the "boys" of the New York press. He defined for his hearers some of the ethical principles that should guide the newspaper profession—for, he insists, it is a profession and not a trade or a business. Needless to say, "Marx-Henry" ideals are high ones, and though he is an old-fashioned editor of the personal school to which Greasy and Raymond and Gordon Bennett and Steyer and Merrill belonged, they are ideals that never can become old-fashioned. Listen to him:

"The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; should be the friend, not the enemy, of the general public; the defender, not the invader of private life; the assailant of personal character. The newspaper is not a commodity to be sold over the counter like dry goods and groceries. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience, its rating professional, like the ministry and the law—not commercial, like the department store and the bucket shop. Its workers should be gentlemen, not scavengers."

Speaking to the young men who are likely to be responsible executive newspaper men of some future day, he exhorted them to remember and act upon certain maxims, as follows: "To print nothing which the writer would not say to his face. "To print nothing of a man in malice. "To look well and think well before concealing a suspect to the ruins of private life. "To respect the old and defend the weak. "To be good to the girls and square with the boys, for both it has not been written, 'Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven?'"

WILL WIN ON MERT.

The Capital Journal, one of the most recent opponents of the assembly plan in Oregon, said yesterday: "John A. Carver was the most popular man before the assembly in Marion County. For a man who has been out of politics for some years, he got the largest vote in the assembly. His motto was: 'The honest applicant followed his nomination.'" "The next man to get applause was Max H. Gehlar, for county clerk, who won over Ed. McKinnon. McKinnon has been one of the war horses of the Republican party, and Gehlar has been in politics for little. "The indications are that they will

DRY LAND ALFALFA

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The Sloper brothers are cutting their second crop of alfalfa. They are also cutting and binding 20 acres of bearded barley, sown March 20. That is growing some. Only 110 days from the time it was sown until cutting time. They also have 15 acres of hops—the best crop we have seen of anywhere.

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The family will leave next Wednesday for Forest Grove, where they will stay for a week. They will then go to Madras, Oregon, to make their home.

The new pastor of the Christian Church in this city is the Reverend Leon Meyers, a graduate of the Oregon Bible University of Eugene.

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An extra force was put at work in the rear of the hall of representatives in the state house yesterday by the secretary of State's office to take care of the increasing business caused by the coming election. It is estimated that postage to the extent of \$20,000 will be expended in Seventy-five thousand of the 200,000 envelopes required have been received and every voter who has registered by September 15 will receive a pamphlet containing the names of candidates and initiative and referendum measures and arguments as well.—Salem Statesman.

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Members and Friends of Church Will Say Good-Bye to Pastor.

The members and friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church will give the pastor, the Reverend M. E. Spahr, and family a farewell reception at the church tomorrow (Saturday) evening. All are cordially invited to be present. Light refreshments will be served.

Roof Fire.

A stray spark from a neighboring chimney set fire to the roof of the Matthews & Madison building shortly after noon yesterday. The blaze was discovered before it had reached the roadway, and the firemen were on the ground in less than two minutes with the hose cart from the Main Street house. A strong stream of water made short work of the blaze. The damage to the building is nominal.

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TWO-PIECE SUITS AT 1-2

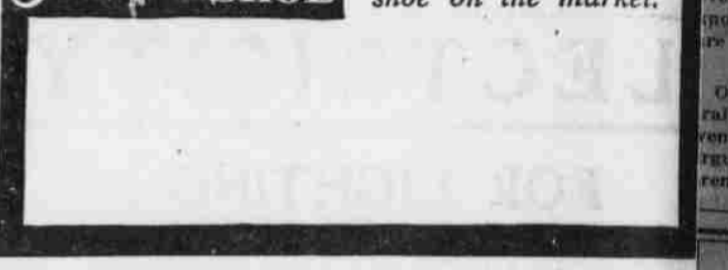


In order to clean up our Two-Piece Summer Suits, we will sell them at ONE-HALF THEIR FORMER PRICE

Understand you have a free and unrestricted selection of our entire aggregation of fine summer suits made by the famous MICHAELS-STERN & COMPANY

Remember that every suit is of this season's vintage in fashion and fabrics and that every garment was created by tailors who used their heads as well as their hands to produce the best in the land.

The Usual Kind of shoe store service isn't tolerated here; first, we're shoe-fitters—second, a questionable shoe cannot find a place in our stock. We specialize because we know it's the best all-around \$5 shoe on the market.



UGLOW CLOTHING HOUSE

DALLAS' POPULAR GROCERY. We carry the famous DIAMOND "W" brand of Extracts, Spices, Coffee, Tea and Canned goods. Fresh bread daily. The very best of fruits and vegetables can always be found at our store. Simonton & Scott, Dallas, Oregon.

Take a KODAK with You to the Mountains or the Seashore. The little Kodak Pictures will keep alive the pleasures of the out-door days. KODAKS - \$5 to \$40. BROWNIES - \$1 to \$9. Catalogue for asking. CONRAD STAFRIN, Druggist.

Makes Needed Improvement. Not content with putting on a 12-inch coating of rock and gravel on its depot grounds in this city, the Southern Pacific Company yesterday added a top dressing of cinders. This last coat was thoroughly rolled, and the yard is now as smooth as a floor. The improvement will be greatly appreciated by the teamsters.

Wanted. All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Hallett, Monmouth, Oregon. 2-12-17.

For Sale. An A-1 extra light buggy and harness for sale. M. Hayter, Dallas, Ore. 419-17.

Boarding House Keeper Wanted. Wanted, some one to run boarding house at the Molsen Hop Farm during hop picking. For further particulars write G. W. Carroll, Rickelville, Oregon. 715-1m.

Saloon Wanted. Energetic saloonkeeper wanted to sell reliable nursery stock; expense money advanced weekly. No previous experience necessary. Can make \$50 per week. Write Albany Nurseries, Inc., Albany, Oregon. 6-19-17.

Hop Pickers Wanted. Pickers wanted for good 70-acre yard at Rickelville. Fine camp ground, good water. Will pick by box Register name with D. T. Hodges, Rickelville, Oregon. 75-17.

Get Baby's Picture Now. The first is important. It may be the last. Anyway, a little delay makes a lot of difference. Go to Cherrington's. 6-24-17.

For Sale or Trade. Good work horse, 8 years old, weight 1150. Will sell, or trade for brood mare. T. R. Crooks, Mutual Phone S. F. 225, Polk Station. 71-17.

Found. In Dallas, a watch box with emerald charm. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for the notice. 6-24-17.

LEAVING DALLAS. SOUTHERN PACIFIC. ARRIVING DALLAS. Passenger No. 74 4:45 a. m. Passenger No. 77 11:15 p. m. Passenger No. 76 2:20 p. m. Passenger No. 78 12:15 a. m. Trains Nos. 4 and 74 connect at Sheridan Junction for North Hill, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and way points. Trains Nos. 3 and 7 connect at St. Joe for Independence, Corvallis and way points. Trains Nos. 1 and 77 connect at St. Joe for Independence, Corvallis and way points.

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN RY. East Bound. TRAIN NO. 1. Lv. Dallas 7:35 a. m. Ar. West Salem 8:15 a. m. West Bound. TRAIN NO. 2. Lv. West Salem 8:30 a. m. Lv. Falls City 10:15 a. m. Ar. Black Rock 10:30 a. m. TRAIN NO. 4. Lv. West Salem 11:15 a. m. Lv. Dallas 11:40 a. m. Ar. Falls City 12:20 p. m. TRAIN NO. 6. Lv. Falls City 2:00 p. m. Lv. Dallas 2:25 p. m. Ar. West Salem 4:15 p. m. TRAIN NO. 7. Lv. Dallas 6:05 p. m. Ar. Dallas 6:25 p. m. TRAIN NO. 9. (Sunday Only.) Lv. Dallas 7:25 a. m. Ar. West Salem 8:15 a. m. TRAIN NO. 11. (Sunday Only.) Lv. Black Rock 11:45 a. m. Lv. Falls City 12:05 p. m. Ar. West Salem 12:25 p. m. TRAIN NO. 12. (Sunday Only.) Lv. Black Rock 4:30 p. m. Lv. Dallas 4:55 p. m. Ar. West Salem 5:35 p. m. Train No. 3 connects at Dallas with morning train from Portland way points.

INDEPENDENCE & MONMOUTH RY. DALLAS DIVISION. LEAVING DALLAS. Passenger No. 65 3:30 a. m. Passenger No. 69 1:00 p. m. Passenger No. 71 8:00 p. m. LEAVING INDEPENDENCE. ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE. Passenger No. 68 4:00 a. m. Passenger No. 63 10:00 a. m. Passenger No. 70 6:15 p. m. Arlie Division. LEAVING AIRLIE. Passenger No. 62 8:15 a. m. Passenger No. 72 4:05 p. m. LEAVING INDEPENDENCE. ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE. Passenger No. 61 7:00 a. m. Passenger No. 73 7:20 p. m. Train No. 63 leaving Dallas at 1:00 p. m. connects at Monmouth Arlie. Trains Nos. 62 and 72 from Arlie connect at Monmouth Arlie and way points.

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