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tronize Dallas people.

HARVEST OF THE SYSTEM.

The defeat of Jonathan Bourne for the nomination to succeed himself as candidate for United States senator, should be cause for congratulation on the part of every loyal citizen of Oregon. Confident in his ability, or rather in the intricate workings of the "system" which he claims to have promulgated, to bring him another victory, this egotistical representative of Oregon, with the declaration that "the people are on trial, not I," remained away from the state and contented himself with sending tons of campaign literature here at the expense of the government under his senatorial franking privilege.

The Observer opposed the renomination of Senator Bourne because we sincerely believed that the good of Oregon demanded his defeat. As is well known by all who have taken the trouble to investigate for themselves, or who are familiar with conditions, this state has been shamefully ignored by the national government in many ways and the development of her resources have been greatly hindered by the incompetency of her congressional delegation. Representative Hawley is the only man from Oregon who has really been of benefit to the state, but he has been handicapped by the unwillingness of his colleagues to assist, fearful perhaps, that anything they might do would, eventually, redound to the credit of the Salem statesman rather than themselves. Oregon has been the victim of too much politics and too many legislative experiments in the past. As the result of these explorations along untried and unknown pathways, men without ability and entirely unfitted to discharge the duties of the position, have been elected to office, and the people of the state have suffered as a result. This is one of the results of the direct primary method of selecting candidates. In the old convention days, it cannot be denied that the men selected to represent the commonwealth at Washington, or elsewhere, were generally broader in mentality and possessed of more ability than some who have gained office in recent years. That the old system was abused and used by unprincipled politicians for their own gain, is true in a measure, but, on the whole, we believe that better and more competent men were selected. Under the present system all a man has to do to run for office is to file his intention with the Secretary of State, issue a platform of high sounding platitudes and depend upon the voters to do the rest. While the great mass of the people are thoroughly honest, and generally right, it is impossible, owing to the very nature of things for them to know their candidates personally and the great mass of them simply make a guess when depositing their ballot. They may guess right and they may guess wrong, yet the welfare of the state depends upon this slender chance. The candidates are unknown, often have been repudiated in their own communities by the people who know them best, they have been found unfitted to discharge the duties of the most ordinary official trust, yet they aspire to larger jobs and trust to luck to secure them.

Under the old convention system the state of Washington possessed a remarkably bright congressional delegation. Francis W. Cushman, in his lifetime was a national figure whose influence was great at Washington. Congressman Jones (now senator) is a man of ability and sound judgment; several others from the state have left their marks on the hall of fame, but things have changed somewhat. The direct primary method of selecting candidates has been adopted in Washington, upon lines similar to those of Oregon, and now the state has a couple of jokes at the National capital. Senator Poindexter and Representative Warburton who rode into office two years ago, never could have been successful under the old convention system, especially the latter, who, until he aspired to the Washington job, was a very ordinary, third rate attorney in Tacoma, eking a precarious existence. His candidacy was not accepted seriously by the people of his district yet, nevertheless, he succeeded in getting the endorsement of the labor unions in strong labor centers and rode into office as the "workingman's champion." He has been a member of

two congressional sessions and the only service he has accomplished is getting himself thoroughly laughed at for his blunders.

This wonderful system has given Oregon Bourne, and Chamberlain and Lafferty, and while The Observer has no special criticism of Chamberlain, it must submit that the other members of this great triumvirate are not exactly shining marks in statesmanship. Bourne was defeated in the recent election, but Lafferty it seems has been successful. Score another for the great system. Lafferty's services to the country it appears, consists mainly in inditing tender epistles to pretty high school girls, at least that is the only act that has served to call the attention of the people of Oregon to his official performances. It must be a source of pride to the people of his district to hail this man as a leader, but it would require a severe stretch of the imagination to place him on a pedestal which has been occupied by statesmen whose names have become household words in this country and who have been honored for years by their constituents.

But a ray of light appears on the horizon, and it is hoped that the good beginning made by the voters of Oregon last Friday is but the indication of a change in public sentiment which in the future, will require known ability as an attribute for official duties, rather than a specious plea and high sounding buncombe which has been the ammunition of the candidate in the past.

PARTY LOYALTY.

The Observer took no active part in the primary campaign because we believed that, so far as the candidates of the Republican party were concerned for local offices, they were all competent men and, as a party newspaper, it was ill-advised to advocate the nomination of any certain aspirant. This position was the one taken by practically every newspaper of which we have knowledge in the state, and it is sound and business-like. But the Republicans of Polk county and of Oregon have spoken. The Observer has no fault to find in the selection of candidates so far as this newspaper is interested and it will from this time forward support the candidates named by the party at the primaries.

There should be no sore spots. It is every man's right to aspire to office and his defeat for the nomination should not be made an excuse to attack his opponent or his opponent's friends. He simply asked the people for something which the people didn't see fit to give him, and it is unfair and unjust to condemn his successful adversary. So far as we know the campaign, on the part of every aspirant, defeated or successful, was devoid of personality or misrepresentation, as it should be, and was open and honorable. The people have spoken, they have selected the men they want to represent them as candidates for the different offices, and it is the duty of every loyal and honest member of the party to accept that choice. It is only what he would expect had his choice been nominated, and he should be willing to give to others what he himself demands. The Observer believes that this will be done. Loyalty to the will of the majority is the basic principle of our government and when we attempt to override that decision, we are teaching revolutionary ideas and creating a spectre that may, in after years, arise to plague us and result in irreparable injury to ourselves and our friends.

Loyalty is a commendable virtue, especially to one's friends but we may best serve them and promote this idea by doing nothing that will embarrass them in after years.

The value of intelligence and high civilization in promoting the best impulses of the human heart, was prominently exemplified in the recent great Titanic disaster, when men like John Jacob Astor, William T. Stead, Guggenheim and others well-known to two continents, willingly and quietly stepped aside permitting the helpless ones on that great ocean liner to escape, while they took their chances with Death. Down in the steerage, the ignorant and less civilized foreigner showed the animal instincts of their natures and fought with the women and with each other to save themselves. On the upper decks true manhood was paramount but, in the steerage, brute strength triumphed and the strongest survived. It is this latter class which, coming to this country in large numbers, is responsible for such organizations as the I. W. W. and its kindred societies. Born in superstition, reared in ignorance and of a low order of mentality, the natural outgrowth of such environment, they engage in a selfish struggle based on the principle of "each man for himself" without regard to the consequences, and have no principle in their character which we can use for the greatest good for the greatest number. So long as the gateways of this country swing inward for people of this nature officials for the enforcement of law and order and for the protection of society must expect to find a good portion of their duties occupied in compelling respect for the laws of the land on the part of these disturbers.

Advance copies of a 44-page book advertising the advantages of Washington and Oregon and their attractions for home-seekers, have been received at this office. It is issued by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway (the North Dank road) and embraces much interesting matter.

Considerable space is devoted to Eastern Oregon but the Western portion of the state is not neglected. Reliable maps and figures regarding the crop yields and other matter of interest to home-seekers may be found in its pages. These books will be distributed by Commercial clubs in the territory interested, by ticket agents and they will also be sent out in reply to correspondence. Commercial clubs will be supplied with as many copies as they may be able to use in their colonization efforts.

The size of Senator LaFollette's vote in the state was a surprise, even to his most ardent supporters. As a campaigner the Senator is a whirlwind and had he spent a week in Oregon it is not improbable that he would have carried the state. And why not? Oregon Republicans declared their "progressive" tendencies last Friday in the vote they gave former President Roosevelt, yet LaFollette is the real progressive. He was supporting the so-called "progressive" ideas long before the Sage of Sagamore thought of them, and if a man must be a "progressive" why not swallow the whole dose and support a man whose activities in that direction are unquestioned, rather than one who appears to have adopted them because they appear to be popular.

The enterprise of a Salem newspaper in attempting to supplant other publications in the good graces of the Dallas public may be laudable on the part of the Capital City publication, and the devoting of a section of the paper to Dallas news will give this city more publicity. The increase of circulation of the Salem newspaper will, at the same time increase the field for Salem advertisers to reach the Dallas public. Alongside the Salem ads in the newspaper we notice advertisements from local people and the result will also increase the business office receipts of an outside institution.

Well, the people have stood it for a long time without complaining, but it would appear an opportune time to give the "Houn" Dog" poetry a vacation.

MANAGER HAYES OFFERS DALLAS NEAT THEATER

Star Theater on Main Street Opens Under New Management and Offers Attractive Resort.

That Manager Hayes has fitted up the old Star theater building on Main street and made it one of the most attractive little theaters to be found anywhere is the opinion of all who have visited the resort since the magic hand of the scene painter, and the stage carpenter have transformed the place into a bower of beauty. Mr. Hayes is a scene painter by profession and he has adorned the walls with many samples of his art which are pleasing to the eye and add much to the attractiveness of the theater. The stage has been enlarged and a full set of scenery installed, the work of Mr. Hayes. More will be added from time to time as the business demands; in fact it is Mr. Hayes' intention to keep the place up to the highest standard of excellence. Two or three creditable vaudeville acts will be given at the theater each week in connection with the regular display of the latest motion pictures. An orchestra pit has been added to the equipment of the auditorium and a full outfit of opera chairs will be placed in position as soon as received from the East. Dallas people may congratulate themselves that at last they have a really modern motion picture theater.

ON BIG HIKE FOR THE COAST

Missouri Elks Walk From Home to Portland Reunion.

Portland, April 22.—Determined to reach Portland in time for the Elks' convention beginning July 8, Cecil Stone, Charles Johnson, Fred Lyons and Herman Clark have started to walk from their home at Brookfield, Mo., to this city and expect to cover every inch of the distance on foot. This unique journey was started in jest. All four had expressed a desire to attend the Portland convention but the state of their finances would not permit them to travel by train. "Why not walk?" suggested one. "I'm with you," echoed the other three. So they started. They have mapped out an itinerary and a schedule that will bring them into Portland on Monday, July 8, at 10 a. m. The Elks' convention commission in Portland has agreed to pay their return transportation.

STUDYING SUN SCALD PRUNES

Crop Expert of O. A. C. Spending Week in Vicinity of Salem.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Apr. 20.—H. L. Reese, crop pest expert for the Oregon Agricultural College, is spending a week in the orchards in the vicinity of Salem, studying the cause and remedy of sun scald and winter injury of prunes. An experiment is being conducted in one tract of 800 trees in which it is hoped to make discoveries which may save prune growers of Oregon immense sums by preventing injury to the crop. While on the ground, Mr. Reese will also look over the orchards for apple and pear canker, and for any serious winter injury to those fruits.

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VISIT SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL

Prominent Educators Speak Highly of Polk Product.

Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carlton, Mrs. L. R. Alderman, Miss Susie Barnard and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Thomason visited the famous Spring Valley school in Polk county eight miles northwest of Salem to study the home credit for school work. Through this new line of educational work Prof. A. I. O'Reilly of Spring Valley has made a name for himself and his school among the educators of the county, says the Salem Statesman.

Assistant Superintendent Carlton spoke to the students, emphasizing especially the superiority of their advantages over the advantages of pupils of the public schools. He also showed by the fact that the men, millionaires among them, on the wrecked Titanic demonstrated the high character of modern civilization by going down that the women might have all the places in the lifeboats.

Mrs. Alderman gave some blackboard drawing for the pupils and Mrs. Thomason told them of some phases of the industrial contest movement. Mr. Thomason invited Spring Valley children to come with a big display to the state fair and declared that the entire state would be looking for them to see what they could do. Spring Valley has announced a picnic and school work contest for June 1. All pupils of the state are entitled to enter.

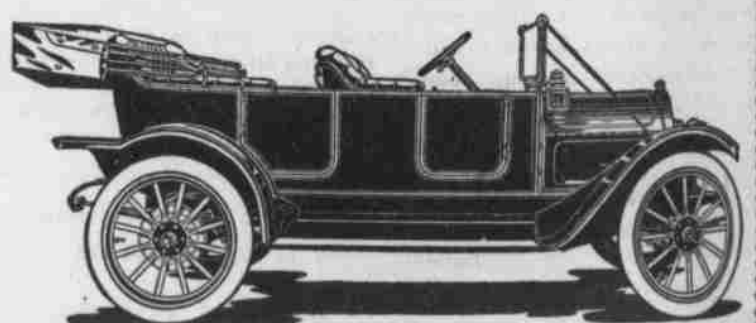
Library News.
The following Library books have been taken from the rental list and placed in free circulation:

A Reconstructed Marriage, Barr.
A Certain Rich Man, White.
The Siege of the Seven Sultans, Nicholson.
Compensation, Warwick.
Potash & Perlmutter, Glass.
Everybody's Lonesome, Laughlin.
Love Under Fire, Parrish.
One Way Out, Carleton.
The End of a Song, Marks.
A Blue Stocking in India, Heston.
The Secret Garden, Burnett.
New rental books:
Fran, Ellis.
Fortunes of Oliver Horn, Smith.

Means Improved Roads.
The Polk county rock crusher commenced operations yesterday and will be kept in operation all season. This means that this end of Polk county will have a lot of improved roads.—Williamina Times.

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May, 2-3-4-5-10-11-14-15-17-18	22-26-29-30-31
24-29	August, 1-2-3-6-7-12-13-14-22-23-29-30-31
June, 1-6-7-8-13-14-15-17-18-19	Sept., 4-5-6-7-8-11-12-20
20-21-24-25-27-28-29	

Imperial Council Mystic Shrine, Los Angeles, April 20 to May 4th
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