

# The Herald

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## MAY WIGGLE AROUND

The attorney general, of Oregon, has rendered a decision to the effect that the delegates to the Presidential Nominating convention, from Oregon, are not bound to vote for T. R. Roosevelt, and the reason given is because he did not receive a majority vote at the primary election.

It would seem that some of the high-up political leaders are not satisfied with the primary preference, and hence, this effort to get around this obstacle to their desires.

Men are very much the same whether it is political matters or whatever else they are engaged in, especially, when they are going up against their wishes, and straws of any kind will do as a substitute to bridge their way around the proposition.

In political preference it was not intended that the choice should necessarily have a majority of the votes cast but that the candidate receiving the highest number should be the choice of the state and that the delegates should vote for that candidate, regardless of their own preference, and if the attorney general does not uphold the intent and purpose of the law it is very likely that there will be a big bunch of dissent should he bob up in the future for reelection or for some other office in the hands of the people.

Men who can so readily find means to thwart the wishes of their constituents should not be given responsible places in the state nor nation.

## A GOOD INVESTIGATION

The senate investigation into the Titanic disaster is proving decidedly beneficial. Facts of the utmost importance have already been brought out that would no doubt have remained hidden had not a prompt inquiry been started by a board equipped with great power.

The disclosure that the company refused to provide its lookouts with marine glasses looks bad for the company. It is strange that a ship costing \$10,000,000 could not afford the very best devices in the way of glasses. It is also astounding that a great ship carrying 2300 people had but 20 lifeboats all told. But perhaps the most remarkable thing of all is that warnings regarding the icebergs seemingly went unheeded. Either the officers of the ship regarded the Titanic as invincible or else they were so bent on making a speedy passage that they neglected to take due precautions.

The disclosures regarding the wreck of the Titanic will take some conceit out of both owners and officers of the great liners and make them more mindful

of the dangers of the deep. There will also be a revision of the governmental regulations governing such ships with a view to greater safety in the future.—East Oregonian.

## Socialists Nominations.

The Socialists of Polk county met at the court house at Dallas last Saturday and declared their affiliations to the national and international platforms and nominated a full ticket.

The ticket and resolutions adopted are as follows:

Representative, P. C. Cornwell, Monmouth.

Joint Representative, George W. Hinshaw, Dallas.

County Judge, A. H. Dennett, Rickreall.

Commissioner, E. R. Ostrom, Monmouth.

Assessor, Tom Bowman, Dallas.

County Treasurer, W. H. Miller, Falls City.

Couly Clerk, J. P. Sears, McCoy.

School Superintendent, Frank Van Camp, Independence.

Sheriff, J. A. Roberts, Dallas.

Surveyor, R. E. McDonald, Dallas.

The following resolutions and declaration of principles were adopted:

"Resolved, That we adopt and declare our allegiance to the principles and platform of state, national and international Socialist party.

"Resolved, That we demand an eight hour day for the wage worker of Polk county.

"Resolved, Further, That we declare ourselves in favor of the state Socialist convention, referendum, favoring a 30-day franchise law for all citizens of 21 years of age, without property qualifications.

"Resolved, That we demand universal suffrage for all citizens.

"Resolved, That we stand for the working class, first, last and all the time, and maintain that we are the only party in the field that stands for the abolition of the private ownership of the means of life, and the substitution of collective ownership of the means of life which will give to every worker the full product of his toil."

## Opening Letters in Russia.

Ten per cent of the letters passing through the post in Russia are opened by the authorities on government orders. Every town has postoffice experts who have made letter opening a study. Some kinds of envelopes can be steamed open without leaving any traces, and this simple operation is finished by re-bushening the flap with a bone instrument. In the case of a seal a matrix is taken by means of new bread before breaking the wax. When other methods fail the envelope is placed between pieces of wood, the edge projecting one-twentieth of an inch. The edge of the envelope is then flattened, then roughened and split open. After examination of the contents a hair line of strong white gum is applied and the edges are united under pressure.

## New Year's Gifts.

The custom of making New Year's presents is derived from a remote antiquity. There was a grove in Rome dedicated to the goddess Strenia, whom the Romans regarded as the patroness of gifts, and from that grove it was customary to get fresh twigs to give as presents to friends and relatives on New Year's day. During the sway of the emperors the people made New Year's gifts to their sovereign. The custom of making New Year's gifts was continued after Europe had become Christian. For a time present making was transferred to Easter, but later on it again became associated with the first day of January.—New York American.



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