

Independence Enterprise

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COUNTRY WITHOUT A LEADER.

The political condition in the state of Oregon is a matter of more than passing concern to party leaders owing to sundry ordinances of the common people which are blocking the way to good government as well as providing non-competent officers. The remedy is out of the hands of those who are responsible for wealth and general welfare of the state. Any attempt at conventions of old-time system will be branded as an endeavor to throttle the present independent system of election and to gain the power of the party by a coterie of politicians and the "machine." All this is the personification of absurdity. All this is the work of the calamity stricken whose evil council has caused the common people to elect ordinances that are causing the undoing of all parties.

The convention system approaches the nearest to the ideal of any condition in the history of the world. It should be remembered that the great government of the United States grew out of convention. Imagine an attempt to do the great work of the forefathers through the ballot system of today. In any great crises of the past what would have been the result had the councils of the people been expressed through the blind system of the primary of today—shaping the destiny of the great commonwealth by "mark with a cross." Taken away the powerful eloquence of those pillars of state in conjunction with the convention, ponder the result. No, it wouldn't have been the same. Don't think it. In every age of the world the people have required a leader and none the less today. In the organizations of the great railroads and corporations of today what would have been the result had stockholders taken chances through the primary system for the selection of their leaders?

Such is the condition in the state of Oregon today. Through such a system anyone almost might be elected governor of state, provided he has the filing fee, since a "prophet hath no honor at home" and all politicians are branded as ricksters. Such a thing were impossible through the convention system which is the only sane and wise procedure in matters of state.

The situation in Oregon is most unfortunate and recovery is next to impossible. With the primary system, initiative and referendum, recall, statement, etc., etc., ad nauseum, with the fanatical and rational elements of the state divided, any effort looking to relief from these obnoxious statutes would be utterly useless. There will, therefore, be no effort made by the balanced elements of the parties to strike these laws from the statutes of the state. On the contrary their duty will be and their loyalty will command them to conserve in every way possible the interests of state from the ravages of the damning influence of these laws.

That the situation is grave there is no use denying. It has been recognized by the best minds of the country from the first. Ushered in on the threshold of this came the election of Jonathon Bourne, Jr., who could not possibly have secured election to the United States senate through the convention system. He is a pigmy in the senate chamber. His greatest feat was accomplished when he told through Outlook "How to Spend a Billion Dollars," not to mention the election of a United States senator for Oregon. The same law elected a democratic governor, the influence of which gave us a democratic senator in congress. We do not name this as a calamity so much as to show how guardians of state have been powerless in the protection of public welfare.

The yearning of all democratic minds—of those who feel the weight of empire on their hands—is for the old simple method of conventions. The safety of the country demands it.

It was stated by the manager of the Christy Show Company that engrossed the attention of the residents of the city and surrounding places for three days this week that it is his intention to establish a circuit of vaudeville in this section and to make Independence one of the show towns. In a flowery speech Tuesday night he asserted that if the city merited it there would be a company on here in the next few weeks to make good on the circuit proposition. He declared that he did not know whether the management would venture into the field, but that in all probability it would consider the

matter in a favorable light. Then the announcement was made that there would be a dance on Wednesday night after the show for which there would be no charge. He said that the attendance at the dance might decide the question of the circuit. It was taken by most of those present that the little speech was merely a sort of "jollier" and one intended to make a grand coup on the last of the three nights of the company's stay in Independence. Certain it is that there is another side to the question and that is whether the people want the circuit for Independence. It is the general opinion that if the circuit shows are to be as "tart" as the one given in the city on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the vote of the people will be "forinat" it.

What other section of the state of Oregon can you visit and pick cherries in November? If you should visit the yard of J. Dornaise in this city you could see as delicious cherries on the tree as were ever seen in the cherry season in any country. At least this office was presented with a couple of branches last Friday, November 6, bearing luscious, well grown cherries. The climatic conditions of the Willamette valley are such that eventually it will be the great fruit belt of Oregon, without doubt.

The Polk County Poultry Association will hold its fall meeting at Dallas November 23-26. The association has gone to much more expense this year to make the show better and bigger than ever before and valuable cash premiums will be given to winners. A handsome booklet has been issued covering information of details of entries, etc. Special prizes of silver cups will also be given to winners.

Barber Shop Changes Hands.
W. T. Ball, who came here Tuesday from Tacoma, Washington, has bought the barber shop at the old stand of Cleve Robinson. The deal was closed yesterday when Mr. Ball took official charge of the business. Mr. Stone, who owned the place with Mr. F. J. Aldridge, will remove to Monmouth where he is building a flouring mill. Mr. Aldridge will remain in the shop with Mr. Ball. Mr. Ball and family are here and will reside with his father-in-law, A. W. Stansberry.

B. Fay Dunsmore, son of Dr. Dunsmore of Calvary Presbyterian church, who has been with the Honeyman Hardware Company of Portland for the past three years, visited over Sunday with his sister and father at the manse, Saturday, November 6, was the joint birthday of Miss Katie Dunsmore and her brother, which anniversary with few exceptions, they have always spent together. He returned to Portland on the early train on Monday morning.

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Train No. 48 leaves Independence daily 10:30 a. m.; leaves Monmouth 11:05 a. m.; arrives Dallas 11:30 a. m.
Train No. 76 leaves Independence daily 6:15 p. m.; leaves Monmouth 6:30 p. m.; arrives Dallas 6:55 p. m.

FROM INDEPENDENCE FOR AIRLIE
Train No. 61 leaves Independence daily 7:00 a. m.; leaves Monmouth 7:15 a. m.; arrives Airlie 7:50 a. m.
Train No. 74 leaves Independence daily at 2:30 p. m.; leaves Monmouth daily at 2:50 p. m.; arrives at Airlie at 3:25 p. m.

FROM DALLAS FOR INDEPENDENCE
Train No. 65 leaves Dallas daily 8:30 a. m.; leaves Monmouth 8:55 a. m.; arrives Independence 9:15 a. m.
Train No. 69 leaves Dallas daily 12:45 p. m.; leaves Monmouth 1:10 p. m.; arrives Independence 1:35 p. m. (This train connects at Monmouth for Airlie)
Train No. 71 leaves Dallas daily 7:50 p. m.; leaves Monmouth 8:15 p. m.; arrives Independence 8:35 p. m.

FROM AIRLIE FOR INDEPENDENCE
Train No. 82 leaves Airlie daily 8:35 a. m.; leaves Monmouth 9:15 a. m.; arrives Independence 9:25 a. m.
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