

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

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REAL QUESTION AT ISSUE.

Is party worth while? Is there any reason why the Republican party should continue to exist? Or any other party? What are we coming to if we abandon altogether all effort to maintain party organization? It is fortunate, indeed, for the country that just now we are facing no crisis in our National affairs where the activities, energies and loyalty of a great political party acting as a unit are not vital to the salvation of the nation. How soon such an emergency may arise no man can tell. Yet, if the so-called New Idea had obsessed the people of the United States fifty years ago, and there had been a plebiscite on the question of union or disunion, where should we have been today? The South would have voted with practical unanimity for secession. The North would have been divided. The result would have been disastrous.

The object of assembly and party organization are something beyond mere selection or nomination of candidates. No one will say that such a convention will be free from mistakes. The recent Multnomah county convention put forth a ticket of merit and strength. Two or three candidates for office for their own reasons would not permit their names to be submitted to the convention. The Oregonian thinks that these gentlemen owe something to the republican party and that they ought to have gone into assembly, and it thinks, too, if they had made it possible for the assembly to consider their names, they would have been nominated. The ticket would then have been invulnerable. As it is, it has only one or two weak places. Yet it will compare favorably with any former ticket put forth by the Republican party in this county, either by convention or by the direct primary. It will scarcely be disputed that the legislative ticket is better than any former product of the unguided direct primary. So with the state assembly. The Oregonian has had some fault to find with one or two nominations by the assembly. Yet, on the whole, it is bound to say that it is pleased with results.

The real question as to assembly or no assembly is not as to the personnel of candidates, but it is whether or not a political party has a right to exist. It will not exist without direction or organization or a defined and intelligible policy. It cannot exist if its sole function shall be to hold an occasional primary to determine whether this man or that man shall be the nominee of the party. The tendency towards more complete dismemberment of party under the direct primary is clearly discernible in the recent announcement from the Oregon City law factory in favor of an elaborate system of preferential voting. It will be observed that the new U'Ren scheme utterly abandons the present primary as useless and non-workable, and settles all questions as to candidates at a general election. There are to be no nominations. There is to be no primary. There is to be no party. The people are to settle every thing at one time and on a single ballot. What are we coming to?—Oregonian.

OBJECT LESSON IN LOYALTY

One of the obstacles which stands in the way of securing the rebuilding of the sawmill plant in Independence by the Chas. K. Spaulding Lumber Company is the fact that the people of Independence have not shown a disposition to protect the trade of home institutions. It is unfair and impertinent to say that the lumber of the Independence mill was not fit for building purposes. The loss of a pay roll averaging \$1400 a month the year round is sufficient argument to offset the objection. The lumber for the construction of the Independence high school building is being laid on the ground here by a Dallas mill, and it is understood that other buildings here have been supplied with lumber from that city. It is very nice for Dallas that she has a more pretentious pay roll than Independence and it goes without saying that she is likely to hold it since Independence has seen fit to combine with her in holding it. The unfairness in the case is apparent to every institution of the city which depends on the public of Independence for its existence

and it is a grave question whether some other institutions, some of which the editor might spit upon without rising from his typewriter, would rebuild if they should happen to meet with a fate similar to that which overtook the Independence branch mill of the Chas. K. Spaulding Lumber Company.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD

It is encouraging to note that most all recognized straight republican papers of the state are endorsing the recommendations of candidates which were made at the assembly which was held in Portland last week. The strength of the ticket is generally admitted. The head of the ticket is solid as adamant and true as brass. The wisdom of the choice becomes more and more apparent as republicans come to recognize the importance of a complete victory this year. A strong ticket is of more vital importance this year than would at first appear. It means the indorsement of a principle. The prophecy that there would be some insurgency among the newspapers of the state finds little foundation and is generally admitted that in most of the cases which have come to light it is a display of feathers which shows not so much a betrayal of party as a disposition to return to the fold of "the other house."

SUCH ARE THE FACTS

It should be remembered that Dr. Hofer, editor of the Capital Journal of Salem, favors the assembly. This we wish to qualify with the simple statement that he favors the assembly providing it will nominate him for office. Mr. Hofer actually met in assembly with the newspaper men of Oregon last week and remained with them just long enough to learn that they were not favorable to him as a candidate for office. It is nothing more than fair to the people of the state that they should know this of the Salem editor. Such are the facts.

It is amusing, if one will not take into account the mental disorder involved, to recall the scamper which Editor Kennedy of Baker City put up in his efforts to get on board the Bow-erman band wagon Thursday night of last week in Portland. An assembly candidate from Baker City, he bolted the convention of newspapermen when they passed resolutions indorsing the assembly.

E. Hofer, in his declaration as a candidate for governor promises to invoke divine aid in one place, and in another places himself on the side of the saloon. Depend upon it, God isn't going to help the friend of the saloon in running for office.—Albany Democrat.

Your Fire Insurance

On account of the great demand for a mutual fire insurance company here in Independence by the people generally I have arranged to represent the Farmers' Fire Relief Association.—Chas. E. Hicks.

MONMOUTH NEWS

Mrs. Ethel Mulkey of Condon is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Force.

Miss Edna Myer of Lebanon is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Will Riddell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coulter are the proud parents of a daughter, born on the 24th of July.

J. Brown of Hudsonville, California, and Mr. Newbill from near Falls City visited at Mr. White's over Sunday. Mr. Brown was selling gold mining stock.

Albert Sacre returned home Saturday.

This will be a later grain harvest than usual for this part of the country.

Mrs. A. T. Allen of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Howell.

Mrs. C. W. Kantner of Seattle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whiteaker.

J. H. Mulkey and J. F. Powell have bought a gasoline engine and threshing outfit. They will do their own threshing and be prepared to thresh for their neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham of Corvallis came Tuesday to attend the funeral

of Mr. Cross.

Aaron T. Cross died at the family home here, Monday, aged seventy-one years. He leaves a wife and eight grown children to mourn their loss. The funeral will be preached Wednesday by Rev. Osborne. The remains will lie in the undertaking parlors of C. W. Henkle at Independence for a month, until the family can arrange to take them to Iowa, Mr. Cross' former home, where the burial will be in the Concord churchyard. Mrs. Cross will remain there and live with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Cross came here eight years ago for the benefit of Mr. Cross' health.

The Black Brothers received an Advance separator and took it out with their engine, Wednesday. It is brand new and is a fine machine. It looks capable of threshing a great deal this season.

Rev. Thompson is Called

Rev. Maynard R. Thompson has received a unanimous and hearty call to the important church, of the Christian denomination, located at Heppner in eastern Oregon. This is probably the largest, or at least the strongest church (of any name), not only in Heppner, but also in all of Morrow county. His work will probably extend somewhat into the surrounding country, and in this work, he asks the prayers of all old friends. He expects to leave with his family the latter part of August.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

Department No. 2

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County; in the matter of the application of David Beattie Taylor to register the title to the following described lands and real property to-wit: beginning at a point 33 and one-third links east of the one-fourth section corner between sections 11 and 12 in Township 9 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, State of Oregon; thence South 13.67 chains; thence West 14.79 chains; thence south 7 chains; thence North 65 de-

grees West 3 chains; thence North 51 deg. West 9 chains; thence West 4.81 chains; thence North 13.67 chains; thence East 29.27 chains to the place of beginning, and containing 43.70 acres more or less. Also beginning at a point 2.26 chains North of the Southeast corner of section 11 in said Township and Range, thence North 3.12½ chains; thence West 8 chains; thence South 3.12½ chains; thence East 8 chains to the place of beginning and containing 2.50 acres, and containing in all 46.20 acres more or less, and situated in Polk county, State of Oregon. Applicant and plaintiff, vs. Solomon Tetherow, James Galway, Jane Galway, Katherine Galway, William Galway, Irving Galway, John Galway, Mary Galway, James Moffett, Thomas Tryman, James Wheeler, Marion L. Burdick, William Johnson, Pitts Henry Wakefield, Charles Henry and Sarah Henry, his wife, William T. Lewis and Eliza

Lewis, his wife, W. R. Findley and Margaret Findley, his wife, and "To All Whom It May Concern." Defendants.

Take Notice.

That on the 14th day of July A. D. 1910, an application was filed by said David Beattie Taylor, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, for initial registration of the title of the land above described. Now unless you appear on or before the 20th day of August A. D. 1910, and show cause why the application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and the decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you and each of you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

E. M. SMITH,
County Clerk and ex-officio clerk of said Circuit Court.
B. P. Swope, attorney for Applicant.

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