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WILL CAMPAIGN FOR BOWERMAN

(The Oregonian.)
Dan J. Malarkey, Republican candidate for joint senator and "progressive" leader in the anti-primary campaign has announced his firm intention to stand by and work for the

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election of Mr. Bowerman as Republican nominee for governor.

"Certainly am going to support Mr. Bowerman," said Mr. Malarkey in discussing the present political situation. "I did not participate in the late primary election, either as a voter or a candidate, with my fingers crossed. Nor did I regard it as a game of 'heads I win, tails you lose.' Unless those who participate therein abide by the result, a primary election of and within a political party under the direct primary law, serves no good purpose and is a mere waste of time and effort.

"One of the main objections to the old convention plan of nominating candidates was that through 'frame-ups' and slates and manipulation of delegates by unscrupulous and self-seeking political bosses, the candidates named by the convention were rarely the real choice of the rank and file of the party; and that such methods occasioned and frequently justified the opposition to such nominees of many members of the party.

Safeguards Are Ample.

"To overcome those objections the direct primary law was enacted. Under it any member of a party can with little trouble, become a candidate for nomination, and the candidate who receives the most votes in the big convention held on primary election day in which all the members of the party participate with equal voice and equal influence under the safeguards of the Australian ballot system and the registration law becomes the nominee of the party. Under the system no loyal Republican can consistently oppose one who has been so chosen as the nominee of his party.

"Mr. Bowerman complied with the direct primary law in becoming a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in that he filed a sufficiently signed petition in regular form with the proper official and otherwise did everything required by that law. The primary election was regularly held and fairly conducted. No one contends that it was tainted by fraud or corruption. Notwithstanding the handicap of an assembly endorsement, Mr. Bowerman received the most votes for governor in that election and became the lawful nominee. I opposed his nomination. I voted against him in the primary election. But I bow to the will of the rank and file of the Republican party as expressed by the verdict of the ballot box. The Republicans have expressed their will. They have selected a republican ticket of which Mr. Bowerman is the head. He is just as surely and legally and rightfully the nominee of the party as I am or any other Republican who at the primary election received a plurality of votes cast for the nomination sought.

Party Will Expressed.

"It is said by those who would now have anti-assembly Republicans oppose Mr. Bowerman, that he was not the choice of a majority of the members of the party. Neither was Mr. Lafferty, who was nominated for congress in this district, nor Mr. Weinberger, who was nominated for constable in this city, the choice of a majority of the republicans who voted for candidates for those nominations.

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The Independence council turned down the proposed license law. They believed it was presented solely for the purpose of effecting the voting at election. It is amazing what intrigues the liquor interests seek to perpetrate.

CHALLENGE IS NOT ACCEPTED

In last week's issue of the Enterprise was published the challenge Rev. Weber of this city gave to Hon. A. S. Ruth. This was flatly denied. On last Friday night, twenty-five dollars was offered the "wet" advocate if privilege of answering immediately were given Mr. Weber. This, too, was refused. Why all this refusing to meet in joint debate a man favoring state-wide prohibition? It certainly is not because the local man is superior in ability—for Mr. Ruth is a state senator. No, it is not that, but there is no solid, honest argument favoring the "wet" side. In their addresses, the "wet" orators have stooped to wholesale sophistries, deceptions, appeals to prejudice, jugglery of facts, and other unreasonable tricks to make it appear they had something to say.

A very prominent ex-saloon keeper—and a wet voter, now—of Dallas, after hearing Ex-Mayor Rose, said to a "dry" man that he was greatly displeased with the "wet" orator and that Rose's speech would work against the saloon. This is true. Every "wet" orator on the stump disgusts the people and makes more votes for prohibition.

Rev. Weber says he is willing to meet any speaker the "wet" side will put up for joint debate in Independence, Monmouth, Falls City and Dallas. Here is the opportunity of the "wet" people to show their colors. Let them dare to accept the challenge.

Dr. and Mrs. Butler entertained a party of hunters from Portland Saturday and Sunday. They wear C. G. Sutherland, W. E. Carlton and F. W. Morris.

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