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Wisconsin to Test Primary

With Oregon, Wisconsin this year will for the first time test the primary election law, although it has been in force in her big cities for several years. From a paper published there we take this regarding the nomination for governor in that safely Republican state:

Who will be nominated for governor on the Republican ticket? What will be the first fruit of the primary election law? Will it meet the expectations of its advocates and supporters? Will it give us a better governor than we ever had before? These are pertinent questions. They will be answered in September. If present indications are entitled to consideration in forecasting the outcome of this law, it is safe to say that the practical effect of its operation will be distressingly disappointing even to those whose devotion to its originator is superhuman in its simplicity.

It may be safely asserted of this law that it has given birth to gubernatorial aspirations in men whose qualifications for road supervisor might be seriously questioned. But the worst of all is that the aspirations of these men are recognized as perfectly proper and highly commendatory by a large per cent. of the voters, who have been led to believe that external evidence of devotion to questionable reforms is of more importance than ability to discharge the duties of the high office. No one who has observed the effect of this law can fail to appreciate its danger. When in the history of Wisconsin were there so many demagogues aspiring to office as there are today? Why is it? Simply because they know the voters don't know them and for this reason, under the primary election law, they will stand as good a show to be nominated as the worthy citizen. Under the convention system their fitness would be discussed, but under the primary law...

Not so many years ago the mere idea of a transcontinental railroad north of the Canadian Pacific would have been held the emanation of a disordered brain. Yet they are now building a line from St. Johns, New Brunswick, on the Atlantic coast, to Port Simpson, five hundred miles north of Vancouver, on the Pacific. The road to Edmonton, in the Alberta country, must be completed by the fall of 1907. To accomplish this they are building seventy-five miles a month. The population of Edmonton, the centre of a vast agricultural district, has increased from 4,000 to 11,000 in the past three years.

A singular case that of George Francis Train, tried at Los Angeles for petty larceny the other day. Jurors were scarce and he agreed to submit his fate to a single juror. After hearing the story the juror was locked up in a room, and as half an hour went by without hearing from him the lawyers concluded it was another case of a hung jury. Then there came a knock at the door and he emerged with a verdict of "not guilty."

Senator Depew, of New York, is a very sick man, all directly traceable to the life insurance investigation, which developed the fact that he had been paid an annual salary as attorney by the New York Life Insurance Company for years without performing a single bit of legal service. At his age he could not stand the inevitable severe criticism that followed publicity.

A curious will that of a contractor and Board of Trade operator at Chicago. He left \$20,000 to provide a home for his fox terrier dog, and \$300 a year for the care of his old riding horse.

DR. WHITSON PRESIDENT OF CLUB

The annual election of officers of the Eugene Commercial Club was held last evening. The following were elected: President, Dr. L. L. Whitson; vice president, C. S. Williams; secretary, R. S. Bryson; treasurer, W. W. Brown; trustees, Dr. C. B. Willoughby, H. A. Dunbar, Geo. T. Hall, Sr.

S. H. Friendly, the retiring president, made a speech in which he said he had served the club the best he knew how and had done all he could to further the club's and the city's interests. A vote of thanks was tendered him for the efficient manner in which he had presided over the club's affairs.

PUBLIC BUILDING.

The committee on a Federal building for Eugene reported the following resolution, which was adopted: To the President and Members of the Eugene Commercial Club:

We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of investigating the feasibility of asking that a government building for a postoffice be built at Eugene, submit the following resolution as our report: That

Whereas, The city of Eugene has not the necessary facilities for a postoffice to satisfy the demands of the large amount of business done in said post-office; and

Whereas, a convenient building cannot be obtained unless the government erects such building for that purpose; and

Whereas, Eugene has the necessary population and business to justify the government in so erecting a public building in Eugene. It is therefore

Resolved by the Commercial Club of Eugene, That in justice to said city the government ought to erect a public building for a postoffice, and that steps should be taken at once by the government for that purpose, and that this club individually and as a club urge upon the representatives of this state in congress to submit to the proper authorities of the government the necessity of having a public building erected in Eugene, and that said representatives take other steps necessary for that purpose; and that a copy of these resolutions be forthwith transmitted to our representatives in congress, and that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Eugene...

AT HIS HOME

William Knapel, a German, living alone on a farm about three miles northwest of Eugene, died last night about 10 o'clock from heart trouble. He was aged about 72 years and was a bachelor.

The old man had been slightly ill for several days. A son of John Kuest, who resides near his place, stopped at the old man's house yesterday afternoon and found him lying unconscious between the house and the woodshed. He was carrying in a basket of wood at the time the attack of his heart came on. He remained unconscious to the last. Dr. Johnson was called, but could do nothing for him.

The old man owned the little farm on which he lived and had been in this part of the country about three years. He had no near relatives, as far as could be ascertained.

The funeral was held this afternoon and the body interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

At the adjourned session of the city today last night the regular routine business, crowded out at the meeting the night before, was attended to.

Among the most important matters of business discussed was that of raising the saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1000 per year. Councilman Garrett, from the First ward, read a petition asking the council to pass a resolution that the citizens of the city should be permitted to express their opinion by vote as to whether the minimum saloon license shall be fixed at \$1000 per year. The petition was the occasion of much discussion and when a vote was taken the resolution was defeated. The vote was as follows: Ayes—Garrett, Calkins, Henderson and Matlock; noes—Bristow, Spencer, Beckwith, Horn and Mayor Wilkins.

REMOVE WIRE FENCES.

City Attorney L. E. Bean was directed to serve notice upon the Southern Pacific Co. to remove all of its barbed wire fences within the city limits. To maintain them is in violation of the city law. An order was also made to publish a notice in the

papers asking that any property owner who maintains such fences in the city remove them at once.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The finance committee reported that the city should purchase the handcuffs, star, club and twister owned by the late Chief of Police Stiles and an order was made to draw a warrant in favor of his widow for \$10 for the articles mentioned.

The saloon license of James Myers was ordered changed to Branstetter & Lill.

A petition to open Columbia avenue north across the railroad to East Eleventh street was referred.

The matter of purchasing a team for city work and to haul the fire apparatus to fires was discussed and postponed till some future time.

The council adjourned to meet at the call of the mayor.

ACTIVE OPERATIONS HAVE RESUMED

Active operations have again been resumed on the line of the Willamette Valley Traction Company and the work of building the road will be rushed to completion. A large crew started work on the Salem end of the line this morning, and another gang will begin grading and building at Wilsonville, the Willamette river crossing point on the west side, in about ten days.

W. S. Barstow, senior member of the firm of Barstow & Chambers, consulting engineers for the company, is negotiating for the purchase of 6000 tons of 70-pound steel rails with the Carnegie Company and the Pennsylvania Steel Company, of Pennsylvania, and the Lackawanna Company, of New York, and this, together with an order for 16,000 rail bonds, will be placed this week.

A scow, with a drilling machine attached, will go up the river to the site selected for the bridge across the Willamette this week to take soundings for the pier foundations and Mr. Barstow, who leaves for New York next week, will stop off in Washington to present the necessary bridge statistics to the war department, and urge the early granting of permission to begin work on the bridge, that the heavy part may be finished before the fall floods. Mr. Barstow will also attend to the buying of equipment for the road.—Yesterday's Telegram.

ARRIVES FROM FAR- AWAY ST. PETERSBURG

Walter Firth, who for five years has been foreman of a woolen mill at St. Petersburg, Russia, arrived here yesterday and is visiting his brother-in-law, Attorney J. H. Bower. Mr. Firth was at St. Petersburg during the recent riots, but did not see very much of the trouble. The mill where he worked is in the outskirts of the city and he remained at the building most of the time.

The strikes caused the mill to close down, and he concluded to come back to America to remain.

THE VOTE ON THE WATER QUESTION

The Guard has been requested to publish the result of the vote on the resolution of the council Monday night asking that another vote be taken by the city on the ownership of water. Those favoring the resolution were Councilmen Matlock, Calkins, Garrett and Henderson; opposed were Mayor Wilkins, Councilmen Bristow, Spencer, Horn and Beckwith.

Aftermath of Stiles Tragedy

Mr. Farlow, father of the boys who have been brought into public gaze through the Stiles tragedy, assures the Guard that his boys had nothing to do with the Miller girls for two or three months preceding the tragedy, and could not nor did not induce the girls to implicate the late chief of police in any way. Also that they were not put in jail here. The father and mother had used their persuasion to induce the boys to break off relations with the girls, and feel very badly over the statement that their sons had induced the girls to implicate the deceased chief.

Married

William R. Elliott and Miss Madeline E. Williams were married today at the bride's home in Eugene. Thos. J. Elliott, justice of the peace and father of the groom, officiating.

Rex liquid spray, composed of lime and sulphur, saves trouble of boiling and is recommended by the Pullman Agricultural College.

Chambers' Hardware.

EIGHTY-FIVE GREEKS ON A STRIKE

The gang of 85 Greeks who are employed by the Southern Pacific Co. in laying the new 80-pound steel rails, the work having reached a point about two miles below the city, went out on a strike this morning and most of them have been in town a greater part of the day.

From what could be learned from a number of the strikers, very few of whom understand a word of English, they had a grievance of some kind against their foreman and all agreed to quit work unless a new foreman was put over them.

Some of the Greeks became drunk during the day and created an occasional disturbance on the streets. One of them with a bumpy jag on was arrested by Acting Chief of Police Farrington about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for indecent exposure on the streets.

The Greeks are an ugly lot when intoxicated and have no regard for the laws of the land. It will be remembered that several months ago a gang of them near Roseburg became engaged in a riot and they fired upon a number of Americans, killing a woman.

It is said that a new foreman and a new timekeeper have been appointed to take charge of the gang that struck this morning and that they will all return to work tomorrow.

NEWS ITEMS FROM SPRINGFIELD

There is considerable talk of Springfield celebrating the 4th of July but it seems that no one wants to shoulder the responsibility had enough to make a start.

Since last Friday Springfield has had an all-night telephone service. Manager Peery is to be congratulated for his success in getting the company to realize this necessity.

Chas. Rivett informed the News that he has taken the contract to erect a one-story brick on Main street and the work will be commenced at once. The building will be 48x81.

The telephone men are in town and the News has been informed that over 20 new 'phones will be added within the next week. This will be good news to the many who have been so anxiously waiting.

Mrs. W. F. Hunslett has decided, on the advice of her physician, to go to Portland for medical treatment where she will perhaps undergo an operation. She will be cared for at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Some of the boys drove over to Eugene last Wednesday evening to watch "Smock," the big S. P. Co. engineer, take a ride on the Elk. It was his first experience but his ride will likely not be forgotten for some time. A good time was reported by all who attended from Springfield except Mr. Smock.

J. W. Doran received word Monday that his brother Frank had been killed at Sacramento by the explosion of the boiler to the locomotive of which he was engineer. Both Mr. Doran, the fireman, and one brakeman were killed. It is said that the explosion was caused by the boiler going dry. Mr. Doran had both legs and arms broken and was thrown over 200 feet in the air, killing him almost instantly.—News.

GRIFFIN FILES HIS NOTIFICATION

G. W. Griffin, candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator, has filed his petition as follows: To E. U. Lee, the county clerk of Lane county, state of Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and the electors of the county of Lane in the state of Oregon:

I, G. W. Griffin, reside at 408 Lawrence street, and my postoffice address is Eugene, Oregon. I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If nominated for the office of state senator at the primary nominating election to be held in the state of Oregon, county of Lane, the 20th day of April, 1906, I will accept the nomination and will not withdraw, and if I am elected I will qualify as such officer.

If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office work for the enactment of laws providing for raising state revenues by indirect taxation of corporate franchises; assessment and taxation of gross earnings of express, telephone and telegraph companies; assessing and taxing railroads uniformly as continuous pieces

of property throughout the state. Making the inheritance tax law operative. Liberal appropriations for the State University. National aid for Siuslaw harbor. Authorizing the employment under proper supervision, of inmates of the penitentiary upon the highways of this state. And will to the best of my ability so work and vote on all matters as to meet the approval my constituents. I desire that the following statement be printed after my name on the nominating ballot: Will always work for the best interests of Lane county and Oregon.

CAKE OUT FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

I believe the public service corporations should be subject to governmental regulations and control. The power of regulation should be vested in the Interstate Commerce Commission and should be exercised with due regard to the respective rights of the people and the corporation.

Trusts or combinations of capital organized for the purpose of controlling the utilities and necessities of the country, to the exclusion of legitimate competition, are contrary to public policy, in derogation to the rights of the people, and should come under the ban of the law.

I believe in preserving the dignity of our American citizenship and the freedom of the laboring classes of this country, hence I am opposed to the admission of the Chinese coolie labor of China and the undesirable classes of continental Europe.

The growing commerce of Oregon demands the deepening of the bar of the Columbia river, the construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal, the opening of the upper Columbia, the improvement of Coos Bay, Tillamook and Yaquina harbors, the dredging of the Willamette and the government ownership of the locks at Oregon City and Federal appropriations should be made, securing these improvements.

A tariff should be maintained for the protection of American industries and American labor. Where, however, the necessity for protection is removed by the growth and development of a particular industry, the tariff should be modified to meet the changed conditions.

The reclamation of the arid lands is one of the pressing needs of the Northwest, and a condition necessary to its development, and the efficiency of the reclamation service should be one of the first cures of the Federal government.

The Federal constitution should be amended to provide for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, and I am in favor of the establishment of the parcels post.

Some Reasons Why C. A. Johns Should Be Nominated

He is a native-born citizen of the United States, 48 years old, in the prime of life and a type of the younger and progressive element in the Republican party. Is a pioneer of Oregon. Has resided twenty-nine years in the Willamette Valley and eighteen years in Baker City. Graduated from the Willamette University with an A. B. degree in 1878 and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs. Was elected mayor of Baker City in 1891, re-elected in 1892, and again in November, 1904, by the largest majority ever received by a candidate for that office. In June, 1905, was elected school director for the fourth consecutive term and received very vote cast. Has always taken an active, personal interest in educational affairs.

Excluding saloons, he has the support and endorsement without regard to party, of practically every business interest in Baker county. Is qualified by nature, learning and experience to fill that position. Has never been a factional man, is not a factional candidate and would not be a factional governor. Has always been a Republican and a loyal supporter of its ticket and principles. His nomination would harmonize and unite the party and insure the election of a Republican governor. He is the choice of Eastern Oregon, which, in the congressional election of 1904, cast nearly seven thousand more votes than Multnomah county. Baker County is one of the largest in Eastern Oregon, and in its whole history has never received any political recognition by the Republican party, either state or federal, by election or appointment.

Charles A. Johns has been a man of affairs in the history of the state and of Eastern Oregon in particular; his integrity has never been questioned; has a clean record and the support and confidence of the people. He is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of the state, and as a campaigner has no superiors and but few equals in the state of Oregon. No man ever had a stronger home endorsement.

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