

Bingham's Views on Statement No. 1

Editor Guard:—In a communication to the Western Oregon on March 22d, Hon. J. M. Shelley, who is a candidate on the Republican ticket for state senator, for Lane county, to be voted for at the April primaries, proceeds to give his interpretation of the direct primary nominating law to a constituent, whom he claims has written him regarding his attitude as to statement No. 1. I am a candidate before the people for the honorable position of state senator for Lane county, and as I am the only candidate on the senatorial ticket who has signed statement No. 1, and as Mr. Shelley has so grossly misrepresented the law in his public statement, either through ignorance or malice, I consider it a duty I owe to the Republican voters of Lane county to correct the statement of the would-be senator, as his statement is very misleading in several respects.

Contained in Mr. Shelley's letter is the following statement: "Notwithstanding our large majority, is it not fair to assume that a similar thing might be brought about under the primary law in voting for U. S. senator? The Republicans have so many candidates, and the Democrats but one—and the Democratic get the largest vote at the June election?"

Is it possible that a man who is a candidate for the office of state senator is so ignorant of the primary law under whose authority he is seeking nomination that he does not know there will be but one candidate on the Republican ticket after the primary nominating election in April, to be voted for at the general election in June? If he does know better why does he misquote the law and endeavor to mislead the voter?

There are several honorable gentlemen seeking the nomination on the Republican ticket for governor, and three at least who desire to go to congress from the first congressional district. Yet but one of their names will appear on the ticket in June. The same condition exists in relation to those who are seeking the nomination for United States senator. We now have five candidates before the people, yet after the primaries are held there will be but one Republican candidate to be voted for at the June election. We have seven candidates who are before the people of Lane county seeking legislative honors on the Republican ticket. Five of these have signed statement No. 1, namely: C. A. Hardy, M. Searverud, B. A. Washburne and L. N. Edwards for the lower house and myself for state senator. Mr. Griffin refusing to sign any statement, and Mr. Shelley qualifying to support the "Republicans' choice." I will venture that not one of the five who qualified to statement No. 1 took into consideration that he might lose or gain votes by his action, as seems to have been the case with Mr. Shelley, and so it is stated in his communication. The reason that statement No. 1 was signed unqualifiedly by five of the legislative candidates is that they considered the spirit and intent of the law under which we are going to nominate candidates for all elective offices in this state on April 20, required them to do so. There is not one of the five so signed who claims perfection for this law. It may be burdensome and impractical; if so, is it not true that the only way to discover this is to enforce it both in letter and in spirit? And if it is condemned by the same power that created it, no candidate will be in a position to censure its faults or commend its virtues who attempts to make his own personal ideas and views as part of the law, and then misquote the same, as Mr. Shelley has done. It is evident to me that no Democrat can be designated as the people's choice for U. S. senator unless it is by Republican votes. This is equally true of the candidates for governor and member of congress. If a candidate for United States senator on the Republican ticket should be so unfitted for the position, that a majority of the Republican voters would desert him and vote for the Democratic candidate, and I should support their choice as per my pledge in

Statement No. 1, who would represent the will of the majority of his party, and the principles of true Republicanism? Myself or Mr. Shelley, who is forced by his pledge to support the "Republican choice," although the majority of his party has decided that he is unfit for the position? It seems to me that even Mr. Shelley cannot help but conclude that as usual his position is untenable and not in accordance with the true spirit and purposes of the primary law. If the people's choice is a Republican—which it undoubtedly will be—then the legislator who is bound by statement No. 1 is in equally as good a position as he whose pledge is for the "Republicans' choice." With more than 25,000 Republican majority in the state of Oregon will any Republican contend that if a Republican candidate for United States senator should receive less votes than a competitor on some other ticket, that such Republican candidate should receive the votes of the Republican legislator?

It seems to me that the result of taking a modified pledge which the Republican voters' choice may be denominated, and which Mr. Shelley subscribed to, is an appearance on the part of the candidate to comply with the demand of the people for a direct vote on United States senator whilst in reality the effect will be to throw the election back again on the legislature, where many who know think that danger lurks to the Republican party in statement one trust it may be again placed. So far as party loyalty is concerned I deny the right of any candidate for legislative honors in Lane county to misquote the law and inject into the same his own personal ideas and views, and then under the name of party attempt to thwart the will of the people. The black flag of ignorance and deception is not the flag of true Republicanism, it is not the lustrous flag of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt and this attempt to rob the people of the only opportunity they have ever had to designate their choice for United States senator with the hope of having their will carried out by the members of the legislature, by garbling and misquoting the law under the mantle of party loyalty is an unholy desecration, and it is the highest duty of the Republican voters to repudiate this insult to their intelligence by voting for men at the primary election who, if elected in June, will go to Salem as servants of the people and not their masters. Bribery and corruption has characterized the election of United States senators in the past. Whole sessions of the legislature have been devoted to wrangling and bartering for this honorable position to the detriment of the entire state. Let us give the people a chance, as was intended under our present law to virtually choose one U. S. senator. The new methods would surely not be worse than the old. If by signing statement No. 1 the election of a United States senator can be accomplished in ten minutes when the time arrives, it will certainly be an improvement. Some candidates on the Republican ticket try to justify their position by saying that if they had signed statement No. 1 they would not only lose votes, but if elected might be forced to vote for a Democrat. I do not think this is the real cause of the apparent anxiety for the good of the Republican party. The attitude of those who have not signed statement No. 1 reminds me of the tradesman of whom Governor Polk makes mention in one of his statements, which gives the public reasons for his course of conduct when in fact the motive which governs him is entirely selfish. He recalls the incident of Demetrius, the silversmith at Ephesus, as that incident is set forth in the 19th chapter of Acts of the Apostles, commencing with the 23d verse and ending with the 41st. So it may be said of many of our old political smiths, it is not the Republican party which gives them so much concern, as it is "Sirs, ye know by this craft we have our wealth."

I. H. BINGHAM.

FIRST OF A SERIES OF LECTURES

Professor F. S. Dann has consented to give a series of lectures under the auspices of the Fortnightly Club. The first will be given Friday evening, March 30, at the M. E. church. The subject will be "How the Renaissance Wrought the Destruction of Old Rome." The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Born

In Eugene, March 23, 1906, to Wm. Renninger and wife, a son, weight 12 pounds.

COLLINS SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM

John T. Collins, the man who attempted to commit suicide at Springfield Friday night by swallowing a quantity of poison, was today examined before County Judge Chrisman by Drs. J. W. Harris and R. A. Jayne as to his sanity, and committed to the insane asylum at Salem. Domestic troubles and ill health are the cause of his present mental condition. Collins is aged 38 years and resides at Wendling. He is the man whom Justice of the Peace Adams one day last week sent to the county jail for beating his wife, without going through the formality of giving him a trial.

OBJECT TO OPENING RESERVE

The Guard recently printed a copy of a letter from Senator Fulton, written to numerous residents of Lane county in regard to opening portions of the forest reserve for settlement. It appears that the move is meeting with quite general disapprobation. The Cottage Grove correspondent of the Oregonian writes upon the subject as follows:

Senator C. W. Fulton has sent quite a number of letters to residents in this locality asking for their opinions relative to the advisability of opening up a large portion of the Cascade reserve in Lane county for settlement. The letter, in part, reads:

"Judge Chrisman has stated to me that a large area of the forest reserve in Lane county, possibly 30,000 acres, would be much more valuable for other than forestry purposes if it were opened to private ownership." The senator also asks as to the kind of soil and its depth.

The letters have created unfavorable comment and much indignation has been shown. The recipients of the letters are quite familiar with the reserve section and say that there are not ten acres of land in the Lane county reserve that would be suitable for agricultural purposes, and that the whole area is very precipitous and has vast quantities of choice timber.

A mass meeting is to be held here Monday night for the purpose of getting an expression from the people here on this subject, and the indications are that the proposal to open the reserve will be very strongly opposed. The majority of the timber lands in Lane county are held by large lumbering companies, and if this portion of the reserve was opened up for timber locuters the people fear that the cream of the state would soon be in the hands of the few.

There have been a number of timber cruisers at work in the reserve for several weeks, but for what object cannot be stated. The situation will be made fully known to Mr. Fulton.

THE LINN COUNTY DEATH MYSTERY

Sunday's Albany Herald: Considerable attention has been drawn to the death a week ago of Mrs. McClain and little daughter near Munkers, Linn county, at the same time that Mrs. McClain and a daughter mysteriously died, as if from poison, reached Portland yesterday, consigned to the state board of health, and an examination will be made to determine whether the carcasses contain poison. The tests will be begun at once, but will require about two days for completion.

Sunday's Oregonian: A number of chickens which died suddenly on the farm of Thomas McClain at Munkers, Linn county, at the same time that Mrs. McClain and a daughter mysteriously died, as if from poison, reached Portland yesterday, consigned to the state board of health, and an examination will be made to determine whether the carcasses contain poison. The tests will be begun at once, but will require about two days for completion.

MACHINERY AT WOOLEN MILL STARTS UP

As announced by the Guard one day last week, the machinery of the Eugene woolen mill was started up this morning after its long idleness. Yarn will be manufactured at first, and as fast as the machinery can be put in condition the force will be increased and the plant operated to its full capacity.

WATER FILTERS PASS COUNCIL BLUFFS

The Willamette Valley Company has just received word that the new water filters for the Eugene system that were shipped from Philadelphia recently, passed Council Bluffs, Iowa, on Friday, March 23d.

The filters are traveling by fast freight and should reach Eugene by the first of April.

Born

In Eugene, March 25, 1906, to Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Wright, a daughter, weight 9 pounds.

COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER FRANCHISE

The city council will meet in committee of the whole at the council chambers tonight to consider the application of F. L. Chambers, O. E. Paxton, A. B. Wood and others for a franchise for the construction and operation of a street railway system in Eugene.

Mr. Paxton, who is a prominent attorney of Portland, and Mr. Wood, who is general manager of the Cottage Grove-Bohemia railroad, are both in the city, and together with Mr. Chambers, who is the well known Eugene banker, will attend the meeting tonight and present their arguments in favor of the franchise.

It is probable that no action will be taken in the matter for some time yet. Mayor Wilkins informs the Guard that the franchise as presented by the applicants will have to be materially changed before it can be granted.

As before and exclusively stated by the Guard, the promoters of the enterprise give assurance that immediately after the franchise is granted construction work will begin on the first line, the route of which has been given by the Guard only.

LADIES OF G. A. R. TO BUILD HALL

The following item of news has been handed the Guard:

The order known as Ladies of the Grand Army, located at Eugene, will build a Grand Army hall in the near future, the size of the intended building to be about 10x30 feet, with store rooms below, the hall to be used for rent by the Grand Army. In order to let everybody know of whom this noble organization is composed, we will say they are blood relatives of the old soldiers who are with us today, and who back in 1861-6 stood before a traitor's shot and shell at Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Antietam and a hundred other places to keep our flag unsoiled and our country undivided. None but the blood relatives of old soldiers can enter this noble order—that is, the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, granddaughters and nieces. The object of this order is to care for the old soldier and family who may be destitute, and to perpetuate the memory of the brave defenders of our country, and to keep green the mound in the cemetery once each year for ages to come.

They stand alone on their charter, and will not cease to exist "like the auxiliaries to the G. A. R.," when the last old soldier dies and the G. A. R. shall be no more.

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WORK WILL BE RUSHED ON CUTOFF BRANCH

After reading the item in yesterday's Guard concerning the slowness of the work on the Southern Pacific Company's bridge across the Willamette at Springfield, Agent L. G. Adair, of the local depot, informed us that a big crew of men has just been put to work and from now on work on the bridge and track will hum. Engineer Freeland says he expects to have the cutoff in readiness for the running of trains over it within a very few weeks.

Irving Items

Irving, March 25.—Mrs. G. L. Day, of Grand Prairie, was a visitor in Irving Monday.

The many friends of W. B. Yates are sorry to know that he does not improve in health. He has been quite ill for the past week.

Mrs. J. R. Yates was in Irving Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jennings were guests of H. A. Inwall Sunday.

Mrs. R. S. Poole and children left for Junction Saturday afternoon, after a fortnight's visit with relatives in Irving.

Mrs. R. D. Bushnell went to Medford last Saturday to visit relatives.

Married

Claude Ivy and Miss Grace Peterson were married at Fairmount Friday evening, March 2, by Rev. C. A. Woolley. They are both well-known young people whose friends tender congratulations.

The county clerk has on hand for free distribution a large number of the amendments to be voted upon at the coming election, which voters should call for and study.

A RED HOT ARTICLE FROM DR. DRIVER

Public utility and interest is my only apology for the following communication:

A city campaign document advocating "municipal ownership of public utilities" headed "Eugene Herald," is sent to my home, asking for my sympathy and aid. Under our republican institutions it is perfectly legitimate to discuss measures of "public utility" openly, frankly and freely, and to this no fair-minded man will object, even if the principles advocated are diametrically opposed to his own. But when scurrilous, false and distorted statements are made reflecting on official acts which have the sanction of our best business talent and the highest moral sentiment, accusing our best citizens of public corruption and anonymous articles demanding the resignation of city officials legally chosen by the people, and when the official acts complained of have the sanction of the expressed majority of our best citizens, such anonymous demands show upon their face a total disregard of the rights of citizenship, as it is as much the duty of the adverse minor party to resign as it is the majority party upon whom the demand is made, and as no man can evade the consequences of his acts or hide the principles involved in his published sentiments by concealing the name by which his corporeal presence is known in the community, yet his own article stamps him as an anarchist, pure and simple, and his anonymous demand proves him both a rascal and coward. In the interests of public justice.

L. D. DRIVER.

DEATH OF MRS. EUPHAMA A. EDMUNSON

Euphama A. Edmundson, an early Oregon pioneer, died at Medford, Oregon, March 26, 1906. She was born in Missouri March 3, 1830. In 1846 she came to Oregon by ox team across the plains, being at that time only 16 years of age. She was married at Salem in 1851. Eleven children were born to her, one of them dying in infancy. The others are: Rufus Edmundson, of Blaine, Arizona; Harry E. Edmundson, of Astoria, Ore.; Varian Farleigh, of Lehigh, Ore.; Sarah Farleigh, of Beulah, Ore.; John A. Edmundson, of Modesto, Cal.; Francis Woodward, of Beulah, Ore.; Frank T. Edmundson, of Westfall, Ore.; Mary Klerin, deceased; Deliah J. Lyons, deceased; Virginia A. Copeland, deceased.

Mrs. Edmundson was a member of the Baptist church and had lived a Christian since she was 14 years of age.

The remains will arrive in Eugene Wednesday and the funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p. m., with interment in the McKinney cemetery.

MISS DE WOLF DIES AT PORTLAND

Miss Florence Leila DeWolf, a well-known student of the University of Oregon, died in Portland last night of typhoid fever and spinal meningitis. She was taken to Portland from Eugene about two weeks ago. It is understood that the body will be taken to Canada for burial.

Miss DeWolf was born at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, October 1, 1887. She was in her freshman year at the university, being registered from Portland. Her many friends are grieved to hear of her death.

NOMINATING PETITIONS FILED TODAY

Geo. W. Kinsey today filed his petition for the nomination as justice of the peace of the Eugene district on the Democratic ticket and Hiram P. Morris filed his petition for constable on the Democratic ticket.

Smith L. Taylor wants to be the Republican precinct committeeman for Hermann.

Card of Thanks

Springfield, Or., March 1, 1906. I wish to thank the members of the "2500" for the prompt payment of \$1005, the amount of my husband's insurance in the "2500" of Albany, Oregon.

MRS. J. P. BARGER.

COMMANDER MARKEY'S

The address of D. P. Markey, commander of the Maccabees, at the night was not as largely expected but it was largely expected by those who have known subject of Mr. Markey's "Fraternalism." He has not heard it missed a traitor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following is the program for the Junction City district Sunday school convention, to be held in the school house, eight miles Junction City, on April 2d:

FRIDAY—EVENING

7:30—Devotional service, C. Robinson.

7:30—Address, Rev. N. J. Baker.

SATURDAY—MORNING

9:00—Song service, C. Robinson.

9:20—Opening address, D. P. Markey.

9:30—Welcome address, D. P. Markey.

9:45—Response, B. C. Baker.

10:00—Report of secretary.

10:15—Reports of Sunday school superintendents.

10:30—Teachers' conference.

Prepare and Teach the Wm. M. Pitney.

11:00—"Getting and Keeping Scholars." Discussion.

11:30—"Is Thorough Organization Essential to Success?" Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15—Song service, B. C. Baker.

1:30—Children's hour, B. C. Baker.

2:00—"Hearty Co-operation and Sunday School Work." Ollie Warthen.

2:45—"Reaching the Unreached." Mrs. Clara G. Esen.

3:00—"The Home Department." Discussion.

3:30—Round table conference.

The Sunday school session.

Election of officers.

All friends of Sunday school cordially invited to come to the children with you.

O. BENNETT, District Sec.

J. M. DAY, Sec.

DIG MUSIC HOUSE

It is stated that the Kosciusko concert of San Francisco, which caused the Allen & Gilbert Company's music house to close, will organize a big The Morris Music House, of which is agent for the Kosciusko Company for Eugene and vicinity.

Note and Comment

College enthusiasm is all its place, but it seems to be a person that the theater proper place for the business that is displayed by students at every performance local playhouse. Had a boys or a crowd of lumber miners made such a disturbance was created by the students for instance, every mother them would have been in the theatre and lodged in the times the students' songs being appreciated by the but when remarks and epithets are directed to the stage it becomes intolerable.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors who have shown kindness and assistance in bereavement. We feel that our lot among true friends is a happy one. May God bless you.

T. C. SUMNER AND P.

Born

At Beaver Hill, Coos county, March 14, 1906, to J. D. wife, formerly of Eugene.

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