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FOREIGNERS MAN GUNS OF JAPANESE FLEET

According to an article printed in the Los Angeles Times recently, it was the American, Scotch and Irish gunners aboard the Japanese warships who sunk the Russian fleet in the Formosa Straits during the Russo-Japanese war, and won the glorious victory for the brown men. The information was gained from one of the gunners, who is of Irish extraction, and was on the Japanese vessel Chitose during the entire time of the war.

His name is John O'Brien, and a few days ago this man stepped into a naval recruiting office in Minneapolis for the purpose of enlisting in the American navy. He showed honorable discharges from several of the navies of the world, including the United States, and a personal letter from Admiral Togo. This man was chief engineer of the cruiser Chitose and before that had been one of the crew of the battleship Oregon on the famous voyage around the continent, and took part in the battle of Santiago de Cuba. After the peace treaty was signed between Spain and the United States he went south and served in the Brazilian navy and then in that of Chile. Speaking of the war between Japan and Russia, O'Brien said that fully one-half of the men holding responsible positions with the Japanese were of American, Scotch and Irish lineage. They were true lances and fought simply for the large pay received and the thrill of war, which they loved.

The chief gunners were all of the Caucasian race, according to the story of one of the adventurers. The chief engineers and engineers' mates on all the ships were foreigners. They would go into the service of any country, and their choice would be for the one offering the largest pay. This story, while coming from a source subject to question, seems so formal as to deserve some weight. If it is all fact, it puts new light on the success of the Japanese. The handling of the guns and ships looked like the work of veterans, and as done by a nation without previous

experience in such matters it was marvelous. In any case, if these ships ever run up against a fleet manned by American boys of high intelligence and patriotism and careful training, the battle will not be one-sided, unless it be all on our side.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS IMPRESSED WITH EUGENE

General Manager O'Brien and General Passenger Agent McMurray, of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, were highly pleased with Eugene, after spending an entire day looking over the city and vicinity. They were gratified to find such excellent street improvements and electric car service, and expressed delight over the beautiful location of Eugene. Both of the gentlemen hold to the opinion that Eugene is destined to become an important city and their interest may mean a great deal, in view of the fact that much railroad construction must be done in Western Oregon in the near future, the most important line being the so-called Naitara extension across the mountains to Klamath Falls, which has now progressed to the point of actual construction. This road will unite with the Southern Pacific main line within less than a mile of the city limits of Eugene, and its terminal point will of itself be sufficient reason for the building of a large city. Therefore the interest of these high officials cannot but prove beneficial to our future commercial importance.

A substantial evidence of the recognition of Eugene's growing importance is the fact that the new passenger depot will be a splendid building, one that the citizens and the company alike will be proud of. That it will be rushed to completion is certain from the fact that these railroad officials informed The Guard that they would arrange to run a great excursion from Portland to Eugene on University commencement day, June 24, at which time the new depot would be formally opened, making it a red-letter day in the history of Eugene, and an event of state-wide importance as well. The company purposes to give this city a depot and yard that are to be models of railroad enterprise and progressiveness, and that they will be glad to show it off to the people of the metropolis when they come up to attend the closing exercises of their State University this year.

The people of Eugene are duty grateful to Messrs. O'Brien and McMurray for their interest in the city, evidenced by the opportunity they are going to give the people of Portland and the state generally to see that their University city is one of the prettiest, cleanest towns on the coast, and destined to be in the fullness of time a city of large commercial importance.

REPUBLICAN PRESS WARNS PARTY BOSSSES

Today The Guard reprints from several Republican state exchange editorial articles in defense of Senator No. 1 of the direct primary law. Practically all the papers of Oregon, regardless of party affiliation, are standing by the principle involved in this statement, regarding it as practically placing in the hands of the people the election of United States senators. They refuse to follow the lead of the Oregonian and the machine politicians who are attempting to bring about a restoration of the old and corrupt methods which disgraced many sessions of the legislature and stained the fair name and fame of Oregon, hemorrhaging with the taint of jobbery and bribery the highest office in the gift of the commonwealth.

It is an absurd contention that the popular election of senators, as provided by the direct primary law, is a menace to the life of the Republican party or any other legitimate political organization. It simply means death to political bossism and guarantees sustained life and vitality to the majority party in the state, providing it is willing to heed the voice of the people in the selection of candidates. Choice of senators by popular vote has long been the accepted rule in most of the Southern states, and yet it has not destroyed the power or organization of the Democratic party in that section of the country. It has simply forced them to harken to the popular voice, and time and again in those states the attempted formation of a state machine has been thwarted by the defeat of its candidates at the primaries. In Oregon it will not destroy the rule of the majority party except so long as self-appointed bosses array themselves in opposition to popular sentiment, and continue to measure strength with a united people, determined to maintain their rights of self-government. Let the Republican party accept the direct primary law in full and leave to the rank and file the selection of all candidates from United States senator down to constable, and it need have no fear of party defeat in Oregon, because a large majority of the voters is Republican. Let its leaders still strive to maintain a machine and they are sure to find the people out-voting them on election day, every assault open or underhanded, upon the primary law, making more certain the success of the Democratic candidate next June.

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the preliminary work. This committee is composed of men who are too busy to personally devote a great deal of their time to canvassing for stock and so far only about \$20,000 of the proposed \$100,000 has been subscribed. To show how successful these organizations have proven throughout the country the following press dispatch is reprinted:

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WANT SCHOOLBOYS TO LEARN TO SHOOT

Efforts to interest the schoolboys in rifle practice are meeting with considerable success throughout the country, although the work will not be fairly inaugurated until provision is made for its support through the war department. General Robert Shaw Oliver, assistant secretary of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, has recommended that a provision for \$100,000 be embodied in the army appropriation bill for the promotion of rifle practice in public schools, colleges, universities and civilian clubs, including the cost of arms, ammunition, prizes and other incidentals. Under this appropriation outdoor and indoor competitions would be provided. This appropriation has been recommended by both the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the board of directors of the National Rifle Association, and has received the endorsement of the National Guard Association of the United States. General Jas. A. Drain and General Geo. W. Wingate will probably present the matter to the committee, General Drain being president of the National Rifle Association, a member of the national board and chairman of the National Guard Association and General Wingate being known as the "father of rifle practice."

At its annual meeting in Boston recently the National Guard Association adopted a resolution endorsing and commending the work of the National Rifle Association and saying: "We encourage the work of teaching rifle practice to schoolboys of the country, believing that it will be a great source of recruits for the National Guard."

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THE OREGON IRRIGATOR, PUBLISHED AT IRRIGON, HAS THE FOLLOWING CLASSIC COMMENT ON THE MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO CRIPPLE THE STATE UNIVERSITY:

"This school is one of the foremost in the West, the most important in Oregon, and has an enrollment of over four hundred pupils, and the amount appropriated by the legislature was all too small. The bill was passed unanimously by the 99 members of the house and senate, and yet a few busybodies have held the appropriation up for two years, at a cost to the state of probably ten or fifteen thousand dollars. We do not believe such a club should be placed in the hands of a few hysteres."

Says the Salem Statesman: "A square deal with no misrepresentation is all the friends of the State University appropriation bill desire. But this seems to be an impossibility, for those opposing the measure. The very foundation of many of their arguments is misrepresentation, and nearly every argument put forth seems with false statements."

A man has been brought back to life after his heart had ceased to beat and physicians had pronounced him dead. He states that dying was the most delightful experience in his life, an astonishing statement that is probably explained by the fact that he lived in Minnesota.

Judge H. M. Cake is out with his formal platform as a Republican senatorial candidate in the primaries. He declares strongly in favor of Statement No. 1, regarding it as virtually insuring the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

THURSTON ITEMS

(Special Correspondence.) Thurston, March 3.—Thurston people are busy making improvements, painting, rebuilding, fencing, pulling stumps, etc. Everybody is moving, fencing, brush, making garden and planting early potatoes. The last we hear is that Mr. Rhodes will grab up his large field of hops and use the ground for farming. He has operated one of the cleanest and best cultivated hop yards in the county, having always paid the highest price for picking, and it had become one of the pleasantest times for the people when the season came for picking. That time will not appear again, much to the loss of many, for it has been one in which many happy meetings took place.

pared with the editor who can use "ready print" without occasionally knocking those he editorially boosts. And it doesn't add to his joy to learn that others get paid for the knocks he sends out.

We are gravely informed by the morning paper that Multnomah and Lane county are working harmoniously to down Statement No. 1 and the direct primary law. It is the concerted "harmony" among the old-time machine politicians of the state that is making the people sit up and take notice that through "assisting doing" because a few professional politicians and precinct workers go together and hold an enthusiastic meeting, carrying out a program prepared in Portland, gives not the slightest indication of the real sentiment of voters who are realizing thinking and getting ready to vote as they please in the April primaries and June election. It will evidently require another good, hard bumping the Republican politicians around to a full realization of the fact that the old methods have been abolished for good and that the people purpose to hold fast to their newly gained power of self-government.

C. N. McArthur, of Portland, has announced his candidacy for the nomination of global representative of Clackamas and Multnomah counties. His opponent being W. C. Belt, a resident of Sellwood. Pat is about the staunchest friend the university has and a good fellow all around, so that if he could only transfer his candidacy to Lane county he would be certain of a clinch on the nomination and election.

February has twenty-nine days this year, but still in some manner the man that made the calendars managed to write in five Saturdays. An individual in another part of the state, who has a disposition to reduce everything to figures, demonstrates that this will not occur again until 1936. This will be some consolation to employers who have a weekly payroll to meet.

If we correctly understand them, some of the senatorial financiers believe that panics are bound to come one in so often, regardless of law, that it is too much like the Oriental what-is-to-be-will-be to appeal to the average American, who doesn't believe in leaving things to chance entirely.

Francis Heney recently received \$50,000 as the first installment of his fee for prosecuting the Oregon land fraud cases. Time was when the business of reformer was poorly paid, but now there is actually "big money in it"—and Heney knows how to get it out.

Everything looks good for Eugene this year. Fine new depot, electric road construction, street paving, postoffice building, five-story business block, and two or three hundred new residences. All these things and then some are assured already.

When a man is spoken of as a "modest politician" no one need hesitate to contradict the statement. It's one of the few impossible combinations. Modest men may occasionally figure in politics, but never as politicians.

Speaking of those corporation fines, which Nick Longworth says are "heavy to pay," we'd like to ask Nick if he doesn't think it is betting in too hard, if he has heard of any of them being paid?

Though we cannot endorse this new English theory that crime follows over work, we are dead sure that overwork follows crime—when the criminal is caught, convicted and sentenced to one of the contract convict camps.

Well, anyway, Harriman's daughter is going to marry an American. The ceremony will be pulled off in a New York church, March 3, at noon. But Stayvasant, Fish will not be there.

A long period of prosperity, according to Senator Whyte, of Maryland, the oldest senator, acts as an intoxicant and invariably leads the country into a monumental jag, with the inevitable "morning after."

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WHY DO THEY RAGE? (People's Press, Rep.) Why do the wicked rage and imagine vain things? The real reason for the opposition of a considerable number of the state papers to Statement No. 1 and the direct primary system generally would be interesting to their honest readers and the voters over the state besides. We don't know how it impresses the average man, but to date we have not discovered an Oregon newspaper that was openly fighting Statement No. 1, and that was openly trying to thwart the will of the people that did not have some political plan in entire accord with the tenor of its remarks against Statement No. 1. In about seven cases out of every ten you discover without inside data the reason for the newspaper's opposition to Statement No. 1, and it never is among the reasons it gives when trying to make a pretense of defending its fight against the popular choice of United States senators.

The Oregonian has used all the arguments that any one has to offer against the direct primary and statement No. 1, and sitting out the show and the political machine politics, and the many pictures and the news, there is nothing left, but short, snarling and vain denunciations and not all are common arguments in forms of political stress and strain they suffice to profit a greater and better honest, but it is doubtful if all the papers of Oregon can feel the moral of this time and particularly there are several that are on the right side.

Fulton's Love for Friend. (Polk County Observer, Rep.) Oh, how I love my friends! My friends are as dear to me! I died to save my friends! So shouts Senator Fulton in his every public utterance. But he did not seem to care much for his friend Brownell after that gentleman got into trouble and was apparently out of the political game in Oregon. George C's red-hot comeback in reply to Fulton's answer to Heney proves, however, that the Clackamas county statesman is far from being a dead one. Fulton's attack on his former friend and supporter was unkind and unbecoming, and the scolding rebuke he received in turn was merited. And George C intimates that he may give the people of Oregon a little more "inside history" before he gets through with his former "friend" from Astoria.

Good for Everybody. Mr. Norman Coulter, a prominent architect in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders. In a prompt and efficient manner, and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50 cents at W. A. Kuykendall's drug store.

The Green's Pass high school team won the debate with the Marshfield high school team Friday night at Grants Pass, which it makes it the champion of the Southern Oregon high school debating league, comprising six schools.

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J. L. Bristow, former fourth assistant postmaster-general, has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Chester I. Long, of Kansas, whose term will expire next March.

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