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A Plan To Supplement the Primary

There is a proposal by Mr. A. L. Mills, of Portland, that the forthcoming legislature shall enact modifications of the Oregon direct primary law, subject to referendum of the voters.

Among people who have observed and studied the workings of the direct primary law there is unanimous recognition of the fact that it has defects. It is a fact that under this law candidates are sometimes nominated for office who represent a minority choice only.

These defects are by no means as serious as the defects of the old system of nomination by party convention, whereunder only such candidates were nominated as would agree in advance to do the things desired by the party boss who controlled the votes of the delegates.

In previous discussions of proposals for modification of the direct primary, objectors have declared that if and when the law was amended its friends and not its enemies should attend to the matter.

What Mr. Mills proposes now, it is explained, is to leave the present primary law as it is, with the exception of providing that a candidate must receive not less than 40 per cent of the party vote cast to be nominated, failing which the nomination will fall to a post-primary convention.

Summarized, the Mills plan would leave with the voters the direct nomination of candidates for office in the main, but would resort to supplementary representative action to fill places on the tickets concerning which there might reasonably appear doubt as to the popular will, as evidenced by failure of any candidate to obtain 40 per cent or more of his party vote cast.

Voters in this state are pretty jealous of the Oregon system. In the minds of some there will be suspicion of the Mills plan, regardless of the integrity of its provisions or intent. Nevertheless, to the doubters the referendum provision may appear as a saving grace.

Another Commission (Covey Harbor) into the position of needing another commission enlarged at least, and an expensive one at that. A school book commission would offer one of the best avenues for graft.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

The Oregon teachers at Portland who have recommended a state supervision of school books and free use of texts are jockeying the state

Senator Charles Hall said at the last session of the legislature, or the previous one, yet his hope to eliminate all but a few was dashed. Commissions safely enclosed in office are not congenial when one talks of discontinuing them and saving the taxpayers great sums.

Some day the people of the state will rise up in indignation and vote the whole lot of commissions out of business. They will have to perform the amputation from the public crib, for the habit has grown so strong that legislators are quite helpless in even curbing it, let alone abolishing it.

Before the teachers went to Portland it was published probably as propaganda to induce them to ratify a free text book plan for the state, that books were about to be advanced in price, at least 25 per cent. That furnished an impulse to evade the increase for parents who already are in many cases unable to properly equip their children with books, and pass the buck to the state, where a future would not be created by the proposed greed of the book trust.

A Modest Editor (Salem Capital Journal) Newspapers all over the country are in receipt of marked copies of the Louisville, Kentucky, Post, conveying the important information that James B. Brown, president of the publishing company, and principal owner, has promoted himself to the position of editor and publisher of both the Louisville Herald and the Post, its evening issue.

Mr. Brown prints a two-column cut of himself on the first page and in a two-column headed story describes himself as the "state's foremost citizen," with the interesting information that "he is in many ways the outstanding citizen of Kentucky of this generation."

Besides such modesty as this even the shrinking violet would blush. While many newspapers have a secret admiration of their own ability, few have the nerve to print self-laudatory estimates in their own papers. They have to print so much puff and bombast about others that self-praising editors bar mention of themselves in their own columns.

In justice to the profession, it should be stated, however, that the new editor of the Herald and Post who is so enamored of himself, is not a newspaperman but a banker, and therefore knows no better. To him, a newspaper is just a commercial enterprise like a peanut stand, run to make money for the owner.

A Good Showing (Salem Statesman) Eight sons and daughters of Oregon newspaper men and a Washington newspaper man's daughter are taking the journalistic course in the university at Eugene. This is a great testimony to the increased respectability and financial rewards that come from the newspaper business.

It used to be that a man in the newspaper business would want his children to do anything else rather than follow in his footsteps. The profession was so poorly paid that there was no inducement for a man to want his children to follow it.

The newspaper business has arrived, and despite the fact that it is continually fighting to keep from being choked to death by the politicians, it manages to make progress every year.

Oregon Briefs The amount of \$701,937.59 is the 1925 county tax levy for Washington county as set by the county court. The rate of taxation is fixed at 27 mills.

During 1924 Traffic Officer Morrison at Hood River apprehended 141 persons breaking traffic laws and fines were collected aggregating \$1348.

At a meeting of taxpayers in Dallas the 1925 budget for Polk county was adopted, which calls for the raising of \$574,407.28 by direct tax.

With an oil strike believed imminent

us together. We must share the blessed responsibility," I answered fervently.

"Try and get some sleep tonight, Kent," I urged. His face looked so drawn and haggard and white. I knew that he had slept very little the night before and I pictured to myself the anxiety and anguish that had beset him. But I loved him for it. I don't think I could have endured it if I had thought that Kent was unmindful of my suffering.

"Please, dearest, eat something. I'll bet you have hardly had a mouthful—and then go to bed early. I'm all right now—and so happy, Kent," I tried to assure him.

"Yes, dearest, I promised putting my hand, and you'll be sure and have the nurse call me in the night if you or the boy should want me," he added, brightly.

"Are you glad it's a boy, Kent?" I asked, watching his dear face.

ABE MARTIN



The old time brilliant-bred, sunrise-on-the-coast of Mexico Christmas neckties we used to throw away with right in style this year, which helped some. 'Bout th' only time a marriage hasn't lapsed is when one movie star marries another.

Following the November election 2344 names were dropped from the Clackamas county registration books for failure to vote. This leaves the total number of registered voters 18,951.

Wesley Ray of Rainier, sportsman and fisherman, won first, third and seventh prizes in a fish photographic contest, sponsored by the Hunter-Trapper magazine of Columbus, Ohio.

During the two years that he has held the office at Klamath Falls, Justice of the Peace R. A. Emmitt has collected a total of \$24,061 in fines, largely from violators of the liquor laws.

The home of Charles Dalley on Sardinia creek, near Gold Hill, was wrecked and the family narrowly escaped death when a large fire tree, blown over by the high wind, fell on the roof and destroyed the building.

TODAY

(Continued from page one) give a kick to explosive bombs, and such bombs, plus poisonous gases that would destroy a whole city, not many tons of large round iron bullets, will decide the next war.

That the British empire means to rule the air, with the world's best air fleet, as it has hitherto ruled the old-fashioned oceans, is perfectly clear and much to the credit of British statesmanship.

The British are building giant dirigibles, for air mail service from England to India, in peace; big enough to carry troops for fighting, with a capacity of five million cubic feet of gas.

And England goes ahead with this program in spite of the fact that the highly dangerous and deadly hydrogen gas must be used. The United States has practically a monopoly of helium gas, which makes the dirigible safe.

We also assuredly have the money to build ships. You are assured also by able financiers that it won't hurt the country at all to lend one billion a year to private borrowers in Europe. It would not hurt us to spend one-tenth of a billion on flying.

What we lack is the imagination that looks a few years ahead.

Russian Soviet government has just ordered 100 fighting airplanes from France, the Dutch builder. British engines will be put in the flying machines, and Russia has men to handle them.

Thus, by one modest purchase, Russia secures just five times as many fighting machines in good condition.

FORBIDDEN!

By KATHERINE MOORE Author of "Love"

KENT ARMOUR, JR. Chapter 53 Early in October Kent Armour, Jr. was born.

After the long dark hours had passed and Kent at last was allowed to come into my room, as he stood looking down at me, pale and hollow-eyed, but with a smile of wonderment on his face, I forgot that I had suffered. He leaned over and kissed me passionately.

as are owned by this glorious, richest nation in the world.

If a "bankrupt" Bolshevik government can afford to order and pay for 100 modern fighting machines couldn't the United States afford a thousand, and train the men to run them?

How long is Uncle Sam to remain like a fat grocerman sitting at his front door, unprepared to fight some gunman to fly across the water and hold him up?

A rumor via Berlin that Trotsky is in a Moscow prison, takes you back to revolutionary days at the end of the eighteenth century, in Paris.

Danton, sent by Robespierre, went to prison, and thence to the guillotine. Robespierre, when his turn came, went to prison, and then with broken jaw, but with courage intact, took his turn under the guillotine blade.

Marat ruled for a little while, from his bath tub. But Charlotte Corday made a call in his bathrobe, and that was the end of Marat.

Revolution, beginning in murder, usually ends as it began. Those that cut off the heads of others lose their own.

The usual rule will presumably work in Russia. The man of real courage and brains comes on top. Trotsky, with a big red army behind him, seemed to be that man. But one moment's hesitation, at the wrong time, means death.

This is the tie for Russian leaders to study Peter the Great. There was no hesitation about him.

Lord Robert Cecil says some dictators will arise and rule in Russia. Trotsky has the chance to be that man.

It is announced in the French senate that the Morgan loan of \$100,000,000, "with expenses deducted," yielded \$89,000,000. Snylock treated his customers better than some of our high minded financiers treat Europe.

Those financiers, or rather the fools that buy the foreign bonds, may like to know how Snylock felt when he did not get his money or his pound of flesh.

The barometer made surprising leaps yesterday and last night towards the good weather side of the dial.

The University of Oregon reopened this morning after the holidays with brightened prospects.

Rev. T. B. Ford arrived home today after a trip to the north.

C. H. Park went to Bohemia today.

Dr. L. D. Scarborough of Creswell was a visitor in Eugene today.

L. S. Logan has returned from a trip to eastern Oregon.

H. N. Cokerline went to Albany on business today.

In Lighter Vein No Wonder (St. Louis Globe-Democrat) A long-legged, fringe-tipped, spoon-nosed rumpie, a grison, a tarty, two kinkajous, two bassaricorns and a bassaricus have been seen in the Panama Canal zone. Accounts for the wild Indians in that vicinity, maybe; they're sacred white.

Practice Makes Perfect (The Progressive Grocer) A barber reported to work two hours late.

"What's the big idea?" demanded the boss.

"I'm sorry," replied the barber, "but while I was shaving I talked myself into a shampoo, haircut and massage."

The World Moves (London Humorist) An explorer says the widows in New Guinea cover themselves with pipeclay and mourn their husbands for a year. In civilized countries most of them cover themselves with powder and go in search of another.

First and Last (Midland Tribune) Defeated Jockey—"Well, anyhow, I wasn't last. There were two horses behind me."

Disgraced Supporter—"Garn, Them was the first two in the next race!"

Liveller Dying Needed. (London Punch) Director to Movie Actor—No, No, No! That's not the way to die! Put more life into it.

Diagnosed (Brown Bull) Young Man (to court clerk)—"I sh—er—um—"

Clerk (to assistant)—"Henry, bring out one of those marriage-like blinks."

War Department Appropriation Bill Is Sent to House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Maintenance of the regular army during the coming fiscal year, at the present authorized strength of 12,000 commissioned officers and 120,000 enlisted men, exclusive of 8000 Philippine scouts, is proposed in the war department appropriation bill reported to the house.

As approved by the appropriations committee the measure, drafted by a sub-committee headed by Representative Anthony, republican, Kansas, carries \$331,131,114 or \$6,522,000 less than the amount available for expenditure this year, and about \$200,000 less than budget estimated.

CONTRACTOR DIES BELLINGHAM, Wash. Jan. 3.—Linn J. Adams, 48, a contractor, who was shot and wounded by J. F. Stagg, 58, on New Year's day, died at a hospital here Saturday. The shooting was the climax of a dispute over payment of a contract for remodeling Stagg's house. The two men met on the street and one shot was fired. Stagg is held in the county jail.

NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field.

COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Misses Bertha and Hazel Stephens were home from Eugene and spent New Year's day with their mother, Mrs. Edith Stephens. Miss Hazel will attend Monday normal this term.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barker spent New Year's day in Eugene with their cousin, Charles Culp and family. Vera and Chester Scott spent New Year's day with their grandfather, Frank Woolley in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caloupa left New Year's motor for Los Angeles, Cal., to spend the winter. Mrs. Fannie Witte, James Hanna and family and William Witte motored up from Portland and helped celebrate the 26th birthday of Carl Witte, son of Mrs. Fannie Witte, on New Year's day. They returned home to Portland in the evening, New Year's day.

W. J. Brown an auditor from the New York J. C. Penny store, is visiting the Cottage Grove J. C. Penny store.

F. M. Delf, a Springfield garage man, collided with L. C. Farmer at Saginaw New Year's night. No one was badly hurt but the machines were both considerably damaged. Marshal Pitcher arrested Delf, who was accused of being intoxicated. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50.

V. S. Goff has bought the old Tom Parker property on South Sixth street just south of the First National bank, and will soon move his shoe shop there.

Herald White and family spent New Year's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. White, south of town. Luther Ludovitz, father-in-law of Ernest Lilly, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lilly, Mr. Ludovitz lives in Silverton.

Born, New Year's day, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lockwood, a 9-pound daughter. She has been named Rose Ellen Lockwood.

Born, New Year's day, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laffoon, an 8 1/2-pound daughter, Phyllis Hilda Laffoon.

Born, New Year's day, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Suter, an 8 1/2-pound son, Robert Suter.

Born, December 31, to Mr. and Mrs. William Thrum, a 9-pound son, Robert Harold Thrum.

William Telford and family and Ira Isom and wife spent the New Year's day with Mrs. Telford's and Mrs. Isom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sams.

F. R. Alverson and family from Oakland, Cal., have spent the past two weeks with Mrs. Alverson's mother, Mrs. D. C. Emerson, at Latham. They returned home Friday.

Mabel Coons returned from her home in Drain New Year's day. Mrs. L. L. Husted from Portland spent the holidays with her mother-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Husted, returning home Friday.

Mrs. M. F. Wyatt left Friday for Oregon City to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Wyatt. Her husband has been sent by the Standard Oil company to Centralia, Wash. Mrs. Ernest Wyatt is teaching in the Oregon City high school.

Herbert Irwin and family from Astoria spent the holidays with Mrs. Irwin's sister, Mrs. Roy Griggs, returning home Friday.

G. R. Tolliver, who was hurt at the H. P. Dutton sawmill at Westlake last August, was compelled to go to the Salem hospital Friday in order to have the blood drained from his right leg, which was hurt in the accident.

Miles Pitcher, cousin of Marshal Pitcher, is in the Eugene hospital with diphtheria.

Berry Mallory and family came Friday from McMinnville and will live in Cottage Grove.

many years, died at her home in Portland Thursday morning at the age of 85. She was the mother of Henry McCartney of this place and Mrs. Narzette Smith formerly of Harrisburg, now of Portland. Mr. McCartney was summoned to Portland on Tuesday and arrived just a short time before his mother passed away. Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon.

E. L. Seward of the Bible university of Eugene preached at the Wyatt school house Sunday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Curran was burned to the ground recently.

A big family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ross and family Christmas. Those being present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ross and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ross and family, Alvin Lee, and Miss Ruby, and the parents.

Mrs. Amelia Sorocson came up from Portland to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. John Grimes and sister, Miss Ollie Grimes and other relatives.

Wendell Cartwright and family of Wendling visited from Friday until Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cartwright.

A family dinner was given Christmas at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sperlin. Those who were present are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of Harrisburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe of Brownsville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wolfe, newlyweds, of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shuler and sons Warren and Robert of Glenbrook, Adolph Sperlin and sons Carl and Lloyd of Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sayworth and children, Mrs. M. M. Hayworth, Miss Eva Miller of here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoyer and daughters, Eleanor and Florence, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haynes and daughter Della and Helen, and Mrs. Margaret Moore were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hoover for dinner Christmas.

Miss Grace Maguth spent the vacation at the M. E. Miller home. A son of Adolph Balkovic has gone to San Francisco to study linotyping.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Brown, Mrs. H. H. Ollinger and son Harold, and Joe Lane, all of Salem, spent New Year's day at the L. W. Shuler home. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blyen, who were married last week, have gone to Flag station where he has employment as engineer.

Frank Cramer, manager of the Harrisburg Lumber company, is confined to his home as the result of slipping on the ice last Friday. One of the bones in his ankle was badly fractured. He is now walking around on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Falk entertained their nephew, Harry Pullen of Lowell, over Christmas. Harry was formerly a local man.

Mrs. Margaret Cramer and granddaughter, Marie Briedheimer came up from Salem Tuesday to spend the week at the Cramer home. Miss Lorena Briedheimer arrived Thursday to spend the day.

One of the largest Christmas dinners were that of the Lew Hathaway home. There were over 30 people present.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Blain and daughters Betty Ann and Barbara Jane, are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mattie Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook held a family reunion at their home Christmas day. For the first time in many years every one of the family was present, including father and mother and their seven sons and daughters. Those being present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cook and Merle and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George and son Lyle and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cook; all of this vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher and daughter Fay, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Logan of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Cook of

Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cook and Charles Hayes of Myrtle Creek. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott entertained the following on Christmas day: Mrs. Emma Anderson and daughter, Mrs. Lorena of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Anderson and baby of Harrisburg.

Miss Cecelia Stroda was home over the vacation. A demand of hay having come from the coast districts, several cars have been shipped from the local warehouses during the past week.

The annual election of officers at the Wyatt school house was held Sunday. The old officers were carried over again with the exception of superintendent, who resigned in favor of Mrs. C. E. Ross. The other officers are C. H. Crawford, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Ethel Lowell, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. Hayworth, organist; Mrs. Hazel Mass, choirist; Shirley Crawford and Troy Cox, librarians.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Lasley of Cottage Grove, returned after spending Christmas vacation here with friends and relatives.

Edmond Cartwright spent Sunday at Eugene visiting his aunt, Mrs. Thompson.

Joseph Nemehek, one of the oldest men in the county, is quite ill at the home of his son John. Mr. Nemehek is now 98 years old.

Joe Berrick of Portland was here over Christmas visiting at the Joe Stroda home.

The meetings which are being held at the Christian church night are attracting many people and large crowds. The recent cold weather did not hinder the crowds from attending. Mrs. Kellema's sermons have been very good and every one has taken an interest in them.

W. L. Wright has a new beard now. Willie Spieler, who has been enjoying vacation time, returned to Wendling, where he is employed in the logging camp.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson went to Lebanon to visit friends and relatives on Tuesday.

Wilfred Thomas is here spending vacation time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas.

Mrs. Charles Kizer of Roland, visited her mother, Mrs. Slick of near Brownsville.

John Hemme spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hemme. Mrs. Charles Slayter, Mr. and Mrs. George Worthington, Mrs. Hulbert, Robert Slayter, Linfred and Wayne Hulbert and Ruth Pontius spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. W. C. Billings and family.

Mrs. Shirlee Foster is visiting her parents at Gladstone during the vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Syphers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hubert and sons, Ethel and Floyd Billings spent Saturday evening with the Swartz family. Radio music was enjoyed until midnight at which time refreshments were served.

Dr. Ashton for Chiropractic and Electro-therapy, Opposite Hellig theater, Phone 860.



Grip Left You a Bad Back?

Is winter time your backache time? Are you lame, stiff and achy; tortured with constant backache and sharp stabs of pain?

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Here Is Eugene Proof:

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