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The Progress has been criticised to some extent for advocating a not strict adherence to political faiths, on the part of local voters, in the coming attempts to nominate and elect Eastern Clackamas representatives to the county court and legislature.

The Progress thoroughly realizes the value of a candidate running under the emblem of one of the leading political parties and is advocating Eastern Clackamas voters to stick together for a candidate from this part of the county, even if it means a voter for once forsaking his or her party.

The Progress is not an admirer of the old fashioned caucus, said caucus being engineered by a few political bosses, but it does want to see the voters of this part of the county get together before very long and decide on who they will support for the nominations, and every voter should be present, if a meeting is ever called for that purpose. Publicity and a strong attendance of interested voters is the surest way to elim-

inate the "frame up" and other evils in politics.

When the time comes, it will mean that some suggested candidates will have to withdraw with their support and cheerfully work for the candidate, whom the voters think will stand the best chance of winning the nomination and election.

The Progress knows that it is not alone in this stand, as many voters have suggested it and the following letter from John C. Miller, president of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers League, shows the attitude of not only the writer but many of his neighbors:—

"Barton, Oregon,
Jan. 18, 1916.

Editor Progress:—

I notice there is no lack of candidates for nomination to the various offices to be filled Nov. next and voted on at the coming primaries. Among others more or less well known, J. K. Ely, J. W. Reed, Harvey Gibson, G. T. Hunt and Albert Kitching have been mentioned as being the owners of good broad shoulders upon which to drape the mantle so long worn by "Uncle Billy" Mattoon. Prospective candidates for the legislature while not numerous are sufficiently plentiful to banish all thoughts of being obliged to send out any S. O. S. calls. In connection with the latter office Mr. Stephens of George has been spoken of very nicely, and it may be others will claim public notice from time to time. All of which is very satisfactory and no doubt pretty much as it should be. Naturally this situation brings to the front one of the questions with which the E. C. T. L. will have to deal sooner or later. Which is this: Shall we as an organization support and work for the election to each of these offices some man regardless of any political party to which he may belong? Some people think so; some, perhaps, think we should not. At least a good many believe that any reforms we may advocate as an organization can best be accomplished by and through a careful, intelligent use of the ballot.

John C. Miller,
Pres. E. C. T. L."

The Portland Chamber of Commerce and other Oregon boosters, are now working to interest some of the moving picture companies, from California and elsewhere, to locate their plants in this state.

It might not be wasted effort for Estacada to make some overtures through the Chamber of Commerce, to obtain such an enterprise.

Estacada has everything to offer, from scenery to sunshine and if necessary could furnish its quota of film actors and actresses, from pretty girls to heroes and villains. About the only scenes that could not be obtained here would be New York City views with their sky-scrapers, although we have a "Broadway."

A few years ago, one of the moving picture companies staged a number of exciting films in this vicinity, with thrilling scenes enacted along the Clackamas River.

Estacada has plenty of electrical power available, and with its other qualifications should offer a good location for such an industry, being near a big city and yet not too close.

If all parties, holding a grudge against the district attorney, were to attempt to square the account, as did a man in Oregon City last week, when he punched District Attorney Hedges, there would not be such a clamor on the part of some of the county's legal talent, to obtain that office at the next election.



In a short time we will make herewith an announcement which will be of importance to all people in every walk of life.

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