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**ONLY "LINE"
MEN CAN VOTE**

SECRETARY DUNBAR SAYS

Officially That Independents Have
No Right to Cast Ballots at
the Primaries.

Secretary of State Dunbar calls attention to the fact that at the primary election in April, only two parties can participate, the republican and the democratic being the only ones that cast sufficient votes at the last election. Official ballots will be prepared, the republican printed on white paper and the democratic on blue paper.

No one will be allowed to vote at the primary election who has not registered as a republican or a democrat. An independent republican or an independent democrat cannot be supplied with official ballots by the judges.

In Marion county a number have so registered. The law is very explicit on this subject. It is made an offense under the law for an elector to offer to vote at the primary election unless duly registered as a democrat or republican.

Proposed New Tax Law.

From the Portland Telegram.

Voters in Oregon are asked to consider a proposed new tax law.

An initiative petition has been prepared and put in circulation by the taxation committee of the Farmers' and shippers' Congress, held under the auspices of the Willamette Valley Development League, that embodies a bill described in its title as "proposing assessment and taxation, indirect taxation on intangible property, gross earnings of certain corporations and graduated inheritance tax." By February 4, next, this initiative petition must receive the signatures of eight per cent of the legal voters of the state, and be filed with the secretary of state for Oregon in order that the electors may vote on the measure at the election to be held June 4, of this year. It is, therefore, important that citizens of this state should be advised as to the terms of this petition and bill; and that the matter should be thoroughly discussed and digested by the time public action is required.

The purposes of the bill are set forth in a concise and comprehensive manner in the introduction to the petition as follows: To transfer the county poll tax to the road fund. To amend the present system of apportioning to the several counties their respective portion of the state tax. To provide for the publication of the assessment roll. To amend the law relating to penalty, rate of interest and rebate on taxes. To increase the rate of taxation on the gross earnings of insurance companies from two to three per cent. To impose a tax on the gross earnings of express, telegraph and telephone companies within the State of Oregon, except farmers' mutual telephone lines. To provide for the assessment and taxation of railroads' rolling stock, cars, equipment and the like; and to create a state executive council for the purpose of making such assessment. To provide for the assessment and taxation of sleeping, dining, oil-tank and refrigerator cars. To amend the inheritance tax law, increasing the rate of taxation on a graduated scale, and providing that the state of Oregon shall be represented at the appraisement of estates of decedents.

It is altogether probable that the most radical changes proposed in this new tax measure will meet with vigorous opposition from those representing large corporate interests; out to the average taxpayer throughout the state, we believe the proposed changes will be accepted with favor. The most notable of these, namely, the publication of the assessment roll, the increased taxation of the gross earnings of insurance companies, the adequate taxing of express, telegraph, telephone and railroad companies, including special car services within the state, are sound light.

propositions in line with the imposition of a just and equitable tax which leaves no loophole of discrimination in favor of the great money-making and powerful corporate interests.

The men who prepared this measure have been careful in their work. It is quite possible that the product of their labors is not altogether flawless; but in the main the end aimed at is entirely commendable. It is confidently assumed that the enactment of this law will mean, at the outset, a reduction of at least 50 per cent in the direct tax levy now made for state purposes, and that eventually the direct levy will not be necessary. This proposed measure demands and should receive the most serious consideration at the hands of Oregon electors.

Stability Based Upon Rates.

"The existing adjustment of rates between different localities and for different classes of traffic," so writes Samuel Spencer, "is the result of industrial and commercial contests between communities, the competitive struggles not only between the railways, but between numerous water lines, and the conditions of domestic and foreign markets. This adjustment rests upon a basis so complicated that the disturbance of it at one point must almost necessarily create disturbance at numerous others."

"Is it possible, then, for any single tribunal sitting in Washington to decide upon the revision or readjustment of relative rates, with such wisdom and comprehension as not to create a hundred complaints in their efforts to remove one?"

"It has been claimed that rates have been largely raised during the past few years by changes of classification or by increase in the rate themselves. While some specific cases of increased rates alleged to be unjust have been cited in the testimony now before congress, they have not been numerous. The chief support of the claim has been the slight increase of less than four-tenths of a mill per ton per mile on the average tonnage of the entire country from 1899 to 1903, as shown in a response by the interstate commerce commission to a resolution of the senate, now on record as senate document 257. The weakness and fallacy of the arguments there presented have been so thoroughly exposed before the senate committee that I need say only word to emphasize the injustice of asking for large and dangerous increase of power to the interstate commerce commission upon such a plea."

Prospects for a Railroad Brighter.

If, as we believe, the Northern Pacific is at the back of the Portland & Southwestern Railroad,

which was incorporated in Portland last week, then it may be expected that Tillamook will get more than one railroad in the near future, for the Harriman system, as soon as it finds this county, so long claimed as its territory, is to be tapped by another railroad company, it will push ahead the work of constructing a road for the purpose of heading off the Northern Pacific. This, we believe, is the real situation on the railroad chess board as far as Tillamook is concerned. We hope the Northern Pacific will add this rich territory as a feeder to its main line. Any way, there is plenty of room for two railroads, so we hope there will be competing railroads for the immense lumber business that will be done in Tillamook county when the transportation problem is solved by the advent of the iron horse to open up this long neglected section of Western Oregon. For several months we have been convinced that the Northern Pacific would play an important part in giving Tillamook railroad connections with Portland, and for the first time in a number of years we see bright prospects ahead and the long cherished hope of Tillamook county getting a railroad materializing in the near future. Then watch Tillamook grow.—Tillamook Headlight.

whose head office is in London, I again write to ask you to submit to your committee the following proposition:

1st. That a subsidy of \$40,000 should be paid in cash donated to the first railway which should have a railroad completed and a locomotive and passenger car have run over the same into the town of Tillamook from any station or point in Oregon upon the leased lines in Oregon of the Southern Pacific Company, and that not later than the 31st day of December, 1906, otherwise your committee's obligation for said \$40,000 to be null and void and of no force and effect.

In this way, if Mr. E. E. Lytle's Pacific Railway & Navigation Company or our Portland, Oregon Seacoast Railway Company's locomotive should first reach Tillamook or that of any other railroad to get there by 31st Dec., 1906, it matters nothing to your committee which line gets there first, your subsidy then goes to and is payable to that company first getting into Tillamook.

Kindly let this company hear whether this proposition is satisfactory to your committee, and upon hearing from you to that effect, we will commence work thereafter upon our proposed railroad to Tillamook City, in Tillamook county, Oregon, but not otherwise.—Tillamook Headlight.

**TO BE TRIED
IN MARCH**

HERMANN IN WASHINGTON.

Binger Hermann to Be Tried in the Courts of the District of Columbia Last Week in March.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Binger Hermann, of Oregon, will be tried in the courts of the District of Columbia for complicity in the land frauds in Oregon, beginning the last week in March. Francis J. Heney, a special counsel of the department of justice, who had direct charge of the Oregon land cases, made this statement today at the White House. Mr. Heney had a conference with President Roosevelt today, in which some details of the land cases were discussed. Following the Hermann trial, the case of F. A. Hyde, John A. Benson, J. H. Schneider and H. P. Dimond will be taken up. Mr. Hermann just now is ill at the residence of his son-in-law, H. Prescott Gattley, in this city. He is suffering from the after effects of an attack of erysipelas, which he sustained while in Oregon. His condition is not thought to be serious, and he is expected to be out in a few days.

Reid's Latest.

William Reid, secretary of the Portland Oregon Seacoast Railroad Co., has made a proposition, which is quite different from what he is reported to have said some time ago, when he informed the people of this county that they would get a railroad right away without putting up a subsidy. Now he wants Tillamook City to put up a subsidy of \$40,000 for the company that will complete its railroad first, not later than the end of this year, and if this is not agreed to, his company will not build to this city. This is what Mr. Reid proposes: The Chairman of the R. R. Committee of Tillamook.

Dear Sir.—Some months ago I wrote you suggesting that \$40,000 subsidy which your committee obtained should be made payable to the railway company which should have its tracks connected to the town of Tillamook. Your secretary replied this was quite satisfactory, but that until you had got rid of the gentleman you were then negotiating or his people had failed to carry out their proposed obligations to your committee, you were then not in a position to carry into effect the suggestion I made.

In name of, for the Portland, Oregon Seacoast Railway Co., whose head office is in London, I again write to ask you to submit to your committee the following proposition:

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A. J. Hembree, whose wife and 16-year old daughter were burned to death in the Hembree house, near Sand Lake, last week, was arraigned this morning charged with murdering them, and committed for trial to the circuit court. The man waived preliminary examination, but the theory is that he committed the crime to cover up one even more unnatural. It is claimed there is strong circumstantial evidence against him. The charred remains of Mrs. Hembree and Opal were found the morning after the fire, to which there was few witnesses, the home being isolated. Hembree's story at the time was that his wife and child had gone back into the house, after the fire had started, to recover some more goods, and that the roof had fallen in.—Tillamook Dispatch, Jan. 5.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up pus from her lungs. Doctors declared her end was near that her family had watched by her bed-side forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman today." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds, 50c and \$100 at all drug stores. Trial bottle free.

It invigorates, strengthens and builds up. It keeps you in condition physically, mentally and morally. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Delta Drug Store.

Half the World Wonders

how the other half lives. Those who use Bucklen's Arnica Salve never wonder if it will cure Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Sores and all Skin eruptions; they know it will. Mrs. Grant Shy, 1130 E. Reynolds St., Springfield, Ill., says: "I regard it one of the absolute necessities of housekeeping." Guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

Three little babes were nestled in bed, "I'll name William, Willie and Bill," mother said;

Wide was her smile, for triplets they be,

She lays her good luck to Rocky Mountain Tea. (Great baby medicine.) Delta Drug Store.

Portland and Return 85c.

The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Hillsboro for 85 cents, good going Saturday, 10 a.m., or any train of Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving 11-day Sunday and Monday in Portland.

The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

Pop corn and corn poppers, the kind that pop, at R. H. Greer's.

**PROBABLY
A SUICIDE**

SKELETON FOUND BY BOYS.

Man Thought to Have Been Dead for a Couple of Years—Nothing to Identify Him.

Five boys while hunting on top of a bare peak, four miles northeast of Beaverton last Tuesday found the skeleton of a man and woman was at once sent to Coroner Brown of this city, who went and took charge of the remains.

The man had evidently been about 40 years old and 5 feet 5 inches in height. He had died lying on the left side, right leg crossed over the left; head rolled over on right side and decayed away from the body. Mr. Brown could find nothing to identify the body and no evidence of a crime having been committed. The remains were brought to this city and then buried in the potter's field at the poor farm.

The Daily Oregonian of Wednesday has the following in regard to the finding of the bones:

"What is presumably the body of a suicide was found on Barnes Heights, about four miles from Portland Sunday morning. The body, which was that of a man had evidently been exposed for many months, as the decomposition was such that only the bones remained. The bones were taken to Hillsboro, where they were buried in the poor farm graveyard.

An empty vial lying close to the bones is that which gives the impression that the man had committed suicide. The supposition is that he climbed to the top of the hill and then drank the poison from the vial.

He wore a black coat and vest and his trousers were black with a white stripe running down them. A raincoat was lying near in his hatband were the words, "Dreyfoos, Spokane, Wash.", which is supposed to be the name and address of the dealer from whom he had purchased the hat. The coroner from Washington county, who took charge of the body, assembled the bones, and he says the man was about 5 feet 6 inches in height. From the condition of the teeth he is judged to have been a man about 40 years of age.

Barnes Heights is the tallest hill in the country for miles around. It is about three miles southeast of Cedar Mills."

The county court at St. Helens at its last session selected the site for Columbia county's courthouse. It will be located on what is known as the Strand, a broad strip of land on top of a high bluff on the bank of the Columbia river, in front of the old building, the city to furnish

In 11 months milk dealers paid \$10,000 in fines for selling adulterated milk in New York City. In addition, 28,000 gallons of milk were poured into the gutters. Did it pay the milkmen? Dishonesty is the best policy only when you don't get caught. The inspectors state that they consider milk watered if they find more than 88 per cent water in samples tested.

For Sale.

Several tons of fine carrots at \$6 per ton; also several thousand Clark Seedling and Magone strawberry plants, at \$4 per 1,000. Inquire of C. Rhodes