

AS PORTLAND GOES

PRIMARY LAW WILL REVOLUTIONIZE OREGON POLITICS.

Demand for Relection of Governor Chamberlain Is By No Means a Partisan One.

Portland, April 5.—From our Special Correspondent.—The new primary law, which will be tested at the polls the coming election, will probably work a complete revolution in Oregon politics. It is still an untried measure but it is easy to prophesy that so far as boss rule in Oregon is concerned, this is the beginning of the end. The trend of recent events is in the direction of a higher code of civic ethics and a cleaner administration of governmental affairs. This argues well for the reelection of Governor Chamberlain and United States Senator Gearin.

The demand for the reelection of George E. Chamberlain is by no means a partisan one. His administration of the office has been so clean, fair, economical and so entirely free from political trickery that there has existed all through his term, a steadily increasing desire on the part of the conservative and fair minded voters, that he continue at the helm of the state for another term.

This is one of the evidences of an awakened public conscience and of the destined overthrowing of the Oregon bosses.

The recent resignation of Republican State Chairman Frank C. Baker is another demonstration along this line.

The wisest of the republican ward heeler in Portland can find no satisfactory explanation of Mr. Baker's abdication. It may mean that the republican junta will have no money to spend during this campaign. It may mean that the late chairman sees the handwriting on the wall, and having no inclination to wage a losing fight, had rather strike his colors now than later. The fact remains that the former boss went to the national capitol, saw the wise men of the east, returned home, and in the parlance of the street, threw up the sponge.

Nearly all of the republican aspirants for governor are in Portland, each confident of his nomination. The keynote of the campaign is this: "As Portland goes, so goes the election." C. A. Johns and Dr. James Withycombe both claim predominant strength in the metropolis and each of these gentlemen spurn the idea that ex-Governor Geer is in the race.

However, it is entirely probable that the vote the tall statesman from the Waldo Hills will receive will be a wonderful surprise to his competitors. Dr. Withycombe, on the strength of his connection with the Agricultural college and by having conducted numerous farmer's institutes at state expense, poses as a horny handed son of the soil. He sings baculics; but his notes are those of an amateur. Geer is the real thing. Possibly the biggest success of his life was achieved on his farm at Macleay. Still, the other leaders are inclined to underestimate his popularity and when the votes at the primaries are counted, the four most astonished men in Oregon will likely be Charles Augustus Johns, Harvey K. Brown, Charles A. Sehlbrede and Dr. James Withycombe.

Democrats as well as republicans of liberal and independent tendencies are much edified over the large democratic registration in Multnomah county. It clearly indicates that the people are doing their own thinking this year and in large numbers are breaking away from their old republican moorings to vote for the best men for state offices regardless of party affiliations.

A very gratifying feature of the political situation, and one that is new to a certain extent, is the ease and facility with which the democratic state ticket was filled with the very best and ablest men in the state. In former years it has sometimes been exceedingly difficult to obtain the consent of men to stand as democratic candidates for all the offices, that were in every way entirely suitable. No such obstructions will mar the success of the party this year. In every instance, men of strictest integrity and of the highest personal character, have asked for places on this state ticket.

The democratic candidates to be voted for at the primaries April 20, follow:

Governor, George E. Chamberlain, Portland.

United States Senator, John M. Gearin, Portland.

Justice of the supreme court, T. G. Hailey, Pendleton.

Attorney general, Robert A. Miller, Portland.

State printer, J. Scott Taylor, Klamath Falls.

Secretary of state, Paul T. Shroat, Salem.

State treasurer, J. D. Matlock, Eugene.

Congressman, first district, Charles V. Galloway, McMinnville. P. A. Cochran, Woodburn.

Congressman, second district, James Harvey Graham, Baker City.

DRY FARMING.

Campbell System a Great Success with Alfalfa in Grand Ronde.

The state board of portage commissioners met at Salem Wednesday afternoon and had before it the report of L. S. Cook, superintendent and general manager of the portage railway at Celilo, for the month of March. The earnings of the road for the month amounted to \$260.87 and the expense of operation and maintenance was \$851.30. The report, among other things, says:

The river is now at 95.88, or about 6 feet above low water mark, making considerable of a raise. Boats could go straight through to Lewiston without any trouble. Captain Banghman stated he could take a boat from Portland, if the canal was completed, say with 500 tons, through to Lewiston and could bring down 1000 tons. The earnings on the up freight would pay the expenses of the trip, and if they got but \$2 a ton on the down trip the boat would clear a nice amount.

Nothing further has been done in regard to the gasoline launch meeting the portage train daily at Big Eddy, although I understand The Dalles business men have purchased the Steamer Simmons and are figuring on sending her to the Big Eddy once a day about noon.

It has been suggested that we should have a gasoline engine to carry a small amount of freight and passengers on account of the cheapness of operation. It certainly would have many advantageous points, and an engine that would carry six or eight people and a like number of tons of freight could be made to make the round trip with about 20 cents worth of gasoline. We will be able to get all the hauling of fish along the line, but what that will amount to is hard to tell, as the catch varies each year. We would also pick up considerable more passenger business than at present. We are operating the road but once or twice a week.

I regret exceedingly that I am unable to make a better showing of the earnings this month, and could have done some \$50 better had I had the freight that came in on Sunday, the first, the way bills being dated March 30 and 31, a carload of barley and a carload of hay and a considerable amount of merchandise.

PRIMARY TICKET.

Time Limit for Names on County Ballots Expired Wednesday.

At 5 o'clock Wednesday evening all who desired to seek nominations at the coming party primaries had their complete petitions on file with the county clerk. Only such as have filed petitions will be placed on the party ballots. However, independent candidates and those from parties having small followings, may still enter the race by filing petitions between now and the June election.

The following county petitions were on file with the clerk at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon:

Republicans.

Recorder—F. W. Hendley, Fred H. Shoemaker.

Sheriff—George W. Brown, E. J. Somerville.

Coroner—J. H. Parkes, Ralph Folsom.

County commissioner—H. B. Lee.

Representative—S. W. Steen, Zoeth Houser, Charles A. Barrett.

Clerk—Frank Saling.

Treasurer—George W. Bradley, Geo. Buzan, J. P. Walker.

Surveyor—John W. Kimbrell.

State senator—G. W. Proebstel, T. J. Kirk.

County judge—T. P. Gilliland.

Democratic.

Sheriff—T. D. Taylor.

Commissioner—James Nelson.

Recorder—John F. Hill.

Treasurer—W. R. Campbell.

Coroner—T. M. Henderson.

Representative—Cecil R. Wade, T. Lienallen.

State Senator—C. J. Smith.

County Judge—G. A. Hartman, sr.

For State Treasurer.

Ralph W. Hoyt, who has made an enviable reputation as a sterling man of affairs and discharged the enormous duties of the treasurership of Multnomah county for two terms, is making a splendid race for the nomination for state treasurer. He is a staunch adherent of the party, an unselfish worker and a most energetic and progressive citizen, representative of the young and better element of young men in politics in this state. He enjoys the respect and confidence of the financiers of Oregon to whom he is well known. Mr. Hoyt believes that it is the duty of the state treasurer to allow all the county and town banks to share in the handling and deposits of tax funds of the different counties and careful consideration of this point will convince the voter that this is only fair and proper. His selection for this post would be, in the estimation of many, the safest for the responsibility of the place and he would be sure to discharge the duties of the place with a high sense of honor and with credit to the best interests of the state at large.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon has notified me in writing that pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An Act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder, and providing penalties for violations of provisions of

this act, approved February 24, 1903, the People's Power League of Oregon duly filed in his office on February 3rd, 1906, an initiative petition containing 8362 signatures properly attached to a copy of said measure, certified in accordance with law, demanding that a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held in said state on the 4th day of June, 1906, designated by said People's Power League of Oregon as Constitutional amendment giving cities and towns exclusive power to enact and amend their charters, which said proposed amendment is hereinafter particularly set forth.

Now, Therefore, I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to the provisions of said act hereinbefore first mentioned do hereby make and issue this Proclamation to the people of the State of Oregon, announcing that the People's Power League of Oregon has filed said initiative petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached demanding that there be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 4th day of June, 1906, said day being the first Monday in said month, a proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, designated by said People's Power League of Oregon as Constitutional Amendment giving cities and towns exclusive power to enact and amend their charters, which said proposed amendment is as follows:

"Section 2. Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the legislative assembly by special laws. The legislative assembly shall not enact, amend or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town. The legal voters of every city and town are hereby granted power to enact and amend their municipal charter, subject to the Constitution and criminal laws of the State of Oregon."

Done at the Capitol at Salem, this 28th day of February, A. D. 1906.

(Signed) Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor.

By the Governor: (Signed) F. L. Dunbar, Secretary of State.

(Seal)

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon has notified me in writing that pursuant to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act making effective the initiative and referendum provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and regulating elections thereunder, and providing penalties for violations of provisions of this act," approved February 24th, 1903, a committee of citizens of Clackamas County, C. W. Kerns being the chairman thereof, duly filed in his office on January 22d, 1906, an initiative petition containing 7761 signatures, properly attached to a copy of said measure, certified in accordance with law, demanding that a proposed law, the title, tenor and effect of which is hereinafter particularly set forth, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held in said state on the 4th day of June, being the first Monday in June, 1906.

Now, Therefore, I, Geo. E. Chamberlain, governor of the State of Oregon, in obedience to the provisions of said act hereinbefore first mentioned, do hereby make and issue this proclamation to the people of the State of Oregon, announcing that the said committee of citizens of Clackamas County, Oregon, C. W. Kerns being the chairman of said committee, has filed said initiative petition with the requisite number of signatures thereto attached, demanding that there shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the regular election to be held on the 4th day of June, 1906, said day being the first Monday in said month, a bill to propose by initiative petition a law for the abolishment of tolls on the Mount Hood and Barlow Road, and providing for the purchase of the same by the State of Oregon, the tenor and effect of which in brief is to direct the Secretary of State to purchase the Mount Hood and Barlow Road for the Pacific Abstract, Guaranty & Trust company, the owner thereof, for a sum not exceeding \$24,000.00, and to deliver to said company before the 1st day of September, 1906, or as soon as said bill may become a law, a warrant upon the State Treasurer payable out of any moneys in the general fund of the State of Oregon not otherwise appropriated in favor of said corporation for the sum of \$24,000.00, upon delivery to the said Secretary of State of a deed conveying to the State of Oregon said road, together with all rights, franchises and privileges of every kind and character pertaining thereto, and as soon as the title of said road is conveyed to the state all tolls of every kind and character are to be abolished and said road free to the use of the public.

Done at the Capitol at Salem, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1906.

(Signed) Geo. E. Chamberlain, Governor.

By the Governor: (Signed) F. L. Dunbar, Secretary of State.

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