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WOULD RECTIFY DIRECT PRIMARY

U'Ren, Author of Oregon Law Would Correct Present Weakness.

Salem.—Drafted by W. S. U'Ren, author of Oregon's direct primary law, a measure designed to correct the weaknesses which have been revealed in this nominating system was introduced in the senate Monday afternoon under the sponsorship of the committee on elections and privileges.

The purposes of the bill as set forth in an explanatory statement issued by the committee are four-fold, namely:

To permit the people of the state to effectively organize themselves politically;

To insure nominations and elections by majority vote instead of plurality minority vote;

To promote representation of large minority groups in legislative bodies, and to make effective provisions of the corrupt practices act relating to campaign expenses.

Under the provisions of this measure only candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast in a primary election would be issued certificates of nomination. In the event the election did not result in the nomination of candidates for all offices by the major political parties in any county, district or the state as a whole, party conventions would be called to fill the vacancies in the ticket.

In these conventions only candidates who were entered in the primary race would be considered unless there were no such candidates, when the convention would use its own discretion. County conventions would be composed of precinct committeemen of the various political parties, district conventions of the congressional committeemen and state conventions of the state committeemen.

In cases of "group" nomination where several are to be nominated for the same office, each voter will be permitted to vote for one and no more. An example is in Multnomah county, when 13 representatives to the legislature are to be nominated, the voter will vote for only one and those candidates receiving one third of the total vote will be nominated. If 13 are not nominated the list will be completed by the county convention.

It is proposed to amend the corrupt practice act by removing the inoperative limitation upon the amount permitted to be expended for campaigning expenses.

The bill makes the county treasurer a political treasurer for all county candidates, measures and their supporters. All campaign contributions must be deposited with him and expended upon order of the candidate or representative or the official representative of a group supporting or opposing any measure. The state treasurer would act in a similar capacity for state and district campaigns. The records of the political treasurer would be public records and the amounts contributed, the names of contributors and the names of paid workers can be known by the voters before the elections.

A Bridge Dinner

The green and Erin, accenting a St. Patrick's day note, and contrasting shades of pink, were used effectively in table appointments Tuesday evening when Norman McIntyre entertained at dinner. Covers were placed for twenty guests and places were marked with clever Irish baskets of confections. Bridge was the diversion of the evening with five tables in play. High score was held by Miss Ethel Sargent and Paul Lieuallen of Adams, and the consolation awards were presented to Miss Jessie Deane Dudley and Leonard Geissel. Those present were Miss Ruth Keene, Miss Lois McIntyre and Jimmy Rice of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lieuallen, Miss Ethel Sargent, Miss Lucille Winn of Adams; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Miss Mary Cameron, Miss Helen Hansell, Miss Jessie Deane Dudley, Ralph and Edwin McEwen, Dan Tilley, Dean Pinkerton and Leonard Geissel and the host. Mrs. McIntyre was assisted in serving dinner by Mrs. Fred Pinkerton and Mrs. Ida Banister.

Sunday School Party

The Girls of Honor of the Christian Sunday school entertained the Boys of Honor at a well planned party Wednesday evening in the church parlors. Virginia Eager, Joyce Pinkerton and Claribelle McCullough comprised the entertainment committee and clever games were enjoyed by the guests. Jewell Pinkerton and Doris Jenkins planned the refreshments and were assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Michener and Mrs. Laurence Pinkerton.

Keen Interest Is Taken in Basketball Tournaments

Keen interest is manifest in county schools over the basketball tournaments, both the grades and high school divisions. The district grade tournament held at Weston, Friday and Saturday last was well attended, when teams representing schools of Helix, Adams, Weston, Pilot Rock Athena and Ferndale.

In Friday's games, Helix won from Weston, 12-6 and Athena conquered Adams, 13-6. In the third game, Ferndale beat Pilot Rock, 23-9. In the first game Friday, Helix took Athena into camp, 17-9, and this tilt was followed by another win for Ferndale, winning from Adams. The result of this game put Athena and Adams up for the consolation, Athena winning, 16-9. The championship game of the tournament was played at 3 p. m., with Ferndale winning from Helix.

Ferndale came to the tournament with players as large as the average high school player, putting the other teams under a losing handicap. The floorwork of other teams, especially that of Helix, was superior to the Ferndale brand, but the towering height of the guards spelled disaster to the smaller players of the opposing teams.

For Athena, the work of Bob Weber stood out. He was high point winner with 8 points in the Adams game. According to Coach Miller, Athena lost to Helix for the reason that two of his players put on a duet act in attempting to play the game without regard to team assistance from the other three players in the lineup. Result: Athena beaten before these two lads woke up to realize that their strategy was only fodder for the Helix quintet.

The Athena team playing in the tournament, was comprised of the following grade players: Bob Weber, Max Johnson, forwards; Aaron Douglas, center; Jack Miller, Bud Weber, guards; Ted Miller, guard and forward; Vernon Lawrence, center.

In the Athena-Adams game, the coach sent into the lineup near the close of the contest, Gene Miller at forward and Adams substituted little Pete Hodgen in the same position, and the way those two kiddos dug into it was fun enough for anybody.

District Tournament
The district tournament is being held today and tomorrow at Helix to determine the high school team entrants at the inter-county tournament to be held in Mac-Hi gym, March 7 and 8.

Weston and Stanfield open the Helix tournament this afternoon at 1:30, followed at 2:30 by Athena and Umatilla. The losers of these two games will play at 6:30 p. m., and the winners at 9:30.

Dixie Takes Two
Dixie pummeled Athena for a doubleheader, Friday evening, taking the boys' game 18-15 and the girls' contest, 31-13.

Interesting Meeting

An interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. occurred Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Leon Miller. The usual business session was held. Captain Hall gave an interesting talk following which a general discussion was engaged in by the members. A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served by Mrs. Lewis Stewart. Guests for the afternoon included Mrs. John Froom, Mrs. J. C. Burke, Mrs. Don Wilks, Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Joe Payne.

Grade Girls Basketball

A basketball game of keen interest to the grades of Athena schools was played Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock in the local gymnasium. The girls team from the seventh and eighth grades met the Adams team, winning out by a score of 11 to 1. The Athena girls outplayed the visitors in every period of the game and showed great promise for a real team under the efficient coaching of Mrs. Bloom. In a recent game in Adams in which the same teams participated, the score was 16 to 1 in favor of Athena.

In Their Old Home

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Swaggart have moved back to their old home at the head of Lamar Gulch, north of Athena. The household goods arrived the latter part of last week from Baker county, where Mr. and Mrs. Swaggart resided on a ranch since leaving here several years ago.

William Winship Here

William Winship accompanied his son Dick, up from Salem, and has been greeting old time friends in Athena this week. Time appears to be dealing gently with "Bill" or else maybe it's the Willamette valley climate that agrees with him.

Ending Her Record Breaking Flight



Miss Ruth Nichols of Rye, N. Y., climbing down from her monoplane at the United airport at Burbank, Calif., after she had set a new mark for women of 10 hours 50 1/2 minutes for the flight from New York. On the return flight she beat Lindbergh's time.

Mrs. Fredericks' Piano Class Will Give Recital Monday Night, Weston

Mrs. Lillian Fredericks' Athena-Weston class will be heard in piano recital Monday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the Weston high school auditorium. Patrons and friends from both Athena and Weston are cordially invited to attend the recital. The program follows:

Contest—"Once a Little Fairy"..... Jenkins
1. Junior Payant. 2. Melba Montague. 3. Clifford Price. 4. Margaret Thompson.

Contest—"Wood Nymphs Harp"..... Rea
1. Arlen Myrick. 2. June Thompson. 3. Rita Davidson. 4. Arleen Foster.

Judges are Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Wurzer, Miss Hudson.

The Cello..... Mattingly
Climbing..... Doris Jenkins

Mary's Pet Waltz..... MacLachlin
The Dirigible..... Thompson

Banjo Pickaninies..... MacLachlin
Laughing Waters..... Blake

Drive Around the Lake..... Jenkins
Clifford Price

Duet, Pixies Waltzing..... Thompson
Margaret Thompson, June Thompson

Little Indian Chief..... Strickland
Margaret Thompson

Maiden's Prayer..... Badarzewska
Rita Davidson

Star of the Sea..... Kennedy
Black Hawk Waltz..... Walsh

Sparkling Fireflies..... Mattingly
Butterflies Wink Their Primrose Wings..... Goodrich

June Thompson
By the Waters of Minnetonka..... Leurance

Arlen Foster
Duet, In Love's Garden..... Tourjee
Arlen Myrick, Arleen Foster

Started Morning Fire By Mistake With Gas

Will Potts was severely burned about the head and face Saturday morning, when by mistake he used gasoline instead of kerosene to coax a slow fire along in the kitchen range.

The flames nearly consumed his coat before he could get it off and he received serious burns, most severe on the left side of the face, left ear and back of his neck. A portion of his hair was singed off and his chin and lips are blistered. Sunday his eyes were swollen entirely shut, but when Dr. McKinnel dressed them, he found the sight was not injured in the least.

It will be some time before Mr. Potts will be entirely recovered from the burns which at the present time are smarting and irritating as the result of breaking blisters. He considers himself fortunate indeed, that his burns are no worse.

Putting in His Crop

W. E. Campbell has completed setting several acres to summer onions and has the soil prepared to set out 4000 cabbage plants. Each year Mr. Campbell supplies the market with a large amount of vegetables. He hauls truck loads of his vegetables to Pendleton and LaGrande. With his son Bob as a partner, Mr. Campbell is also gradually edging into hog raising at the ranch near town.

Successful Dances

A good crowd attended the old times dance at Adams Saturday night. At a short business session following supper, Frank LaFave was elected president, and Carl Christian secretary-treasurer of the newly organized dancing club. Roderick Larabee, Eugene James J. Hodgen, Clifford Minnis and Charles Groves were appointed to make plans for the next dance.

Sent To Montana

Charlie Hoggard has been sent to Troy, Montana, where he will live at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Walker. Charlie had been living with his father, William Hoggard and attending the Athena grade school.

Will Procure Food and Clothing for the Drouth Sufferers in the South

A commendable movement which is gathering momentum is that of local people who are interesting themselves in the plight of the drouth sufferers.

A committee of representative citizens met Tuesday afternoon to discuss ways and means, and made plans for collecting food and clothing to ship as soon as possible. Adams and Weston are to be asked to join in the effort and another meeting will be called as soon as information as to shipping facilities is obtained.

It is hoped that people of this vicinity will take interest and that the workers who call on them will be met with prompt response and encouragement.

Missionary Silver Tea Christian Church Mar. 4

On Wednesday afternoon, March 4th, the ladies of the Christian Missionary society will give a silver tea in the reception rooms of the church to which the public is cordially invited. A program of music and readings will be given during the afternoon, and a special note of interest will be the exhibition of a large number of beautiful and interesting quilts of both ancient and modern patterns. Ladies from Milton, Weston, Pendleton, Adams and Helix have consented to bring favorite quilts and a large number from local homes will be on hand which insures a most interesting display. It is expected that some unique antiques will be among the number. "Come and have a cup of tea and help along a good cause," say the members.

The following program will be presented: vocal solo, Mrs. Guy L. Drill, of Pendleton; reading, Rev. Charles Sias; vocal duet, Mrs. Ross Payne and Mrs. Clarence Zerba; vocal solo, Mrs. Ralph McEwen; musical reading, Mrs. Lloyd Michener; vocal solo, Mrs. Francis M. Arrant of Milton; Trio, Mrs. W. McPherson, Mrs. Ed Montague and Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton; musical reading, Mrs. C. M. Eager; vocal solo, Mrs. E. F. Bloom.

The ladies are soliciting any quilts that would be of interest to exhibit, either ancient or modern quilts or those of especially beautiful or complicated design will be acceptable. A number of quilt patterns will be on sale at a nominal price.

Missionary Society

The Methodist Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Lowe Wednesday afternoon with 25 ladies present. Usual business was transacted and an interesting program on China given, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Crabbill and Mrs. Lowe reading papers. A social hour followed when Mrs. Duffield Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. McPherson served dainty refreshments, a color scheme of pink being accented. Mrs. M. L. Allen of Brogan, Oregon, was a visitor. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Gordon Watkins the last Wednesday afternoon in March.

Sang Over Radio

Athena friends of Mrs. Ortis D. Harris (Zelma DePeatt) had the pleasure Wednesday afternoon of hearing her beautiful soprano voice as it was broadcast from KGW in Portland. Mrs. Harris participated in a program given by the Kellems evangelists who are holding a series of meetings at the Laurelhurst Christian church of which Mr. Harris is pastor. Mrs. Harris sang "Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

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Churches Join For Successful Revivals Here

A community-wide revival under the auspices of the churches of Athena and with the leadership of The Meade Evangelistic party, will begin next Tuesday night at the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock.

The Meade party consists of Mrs. L. A. Meade, director of young peoples work, Harold C. Meade director of music, children's work and pianist, and Rev. L. A. Meade evangelist. The Meades are well known and highly thought of in Oregon. For the past two years they have been holding successful far reaching campaigns in Oregon cities, including Portland, Salem, Albany, Ashland and other Willamette Valley towns. They come here with recommendations from highest officials in the Protestant ministry and their work has carried them into twenty-two states and Canada.

Dr. Brittain, secretary of the Florida Baptist convention writes, "The Meade party is a remarkable group, qualified to hold large and far reaching revivals. We recommend them to all brethren everywhere in need of a sane, constructive and lasting revival."

Dr. Temple, district superintendent, M. E. church, Salem district of Oregon, writes: "He is a faithful, wise and inspiring speaker, best of all the Meade party leave a trail of lasting good accomplished, and no backfire."

Dr. Ford of the Christian church, Enterprise, Oregon, writes: "We have had the Meade party here in a great union meeting. Their methods are safe, sane and Biblical. They have done a great work and we recommend them to our sister churches everywhere."

The music by the group will be a great attraction. The negro spirituals, duets and trios offered by the Meades will be highly appreciated. Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p. m.

Farewell Reception to Emmett O. Lee Family

Friends of the E. O. Lee family regret to hear of their departure for Wenatchee, Washington, where they will make their home. In the several years which have marked their residence here they have made many warm friends. Every member of the family is talented musically and each has been active in the organizations of which they are members. Friends and members of the Baptist church complimented them at a reception last evening in the church parlors. An attractive gift was presented following the program. Mrs. Dow, who has been called to Edmondton by the serious illness of her mother was also presented with a gift.

The following program was given: piano solo, Esther Berlin; vocal solo, Mrs. Ralph McEwen; saxophone duet, Lester Towne and Leland Jenkins; recitation, Francis Lawrence; vocal solo, Lewis Stewart; musical reading, Helen Barrett; reading, Captain Hall; piano solo, Jewell Pinkerton. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Laura Woodward

Mrs. Laura Woodward, widow of the late Moses Woodward, who resided for many years on the Woodward farm, west of Athena, died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Evans near Halsey. Mrs. Woodward had been in failing health for several years. She crossed the plains from Illinois to Oregon in 1863, and after her marriage to Mr. Woodward at Salem in 1872, came to Umatilla county. She is survived by three children, Casper L. and George B., of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Evans of Halsey; two sisters, Mrs. S. S. Hobart of Silverton, Ore., and Mrs. E. H. Stone of Thornton, Wash.; one brother, E. B. Fletcher of Salem, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock in the Christian church at Walla Walla.

Fourteen From Umatilla

Fourteen prisoners have been sent to the penitentiary from Umatilla county since the first of the year. Four were taken to Salem last week; La Mar Christensen, convicted of a bad check charge was given four years in the state penitentiary. Robert Dumas and George Warner, arrested on like charges, drew three and two-year terms from Circuit Judge Alger Fee. Oscar Corey, said to have violated parole on a non-support charge, was given a year in prison.

Woman Fruit Raiser

Mrs. M. L. Allen of Brogan, Oregon, is an interesting guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cornell. Mrs. Allen has acreage upon which she raises various fruits, especially apples and peaches. She manages her own cultivating, packing and marketing of the fruit from the entire 60 acres, which comprise her farm.

Surplus Wheat To Be Exported By the Shippers

John M. Lownsdale, market editor writing for the Oregonian, says: "The prospects for movement of a part of the surplus, at least, of the wheat remaining in the Pacific northwest are more encouraging. According to rumors current in the local grain trade, the government has practically decided to move the wheat through the regular channels of the established exporting firms. To do this, the wheat would necessarily have to be sold at a lower price than the federal farm board agencies paid for it, as the domestic prices maintained by the government have been much above the world market."

"The stabilized wheat prices here are 67 1/2 cents for white and 64 1/2 cents for red wheat. It is understood that the farm board has offered its wheat to exporters at 58 cents for white varieties in order to get the surplus out of the country before the new crop comes on. No mention is made of red wheat as it is not particularly wanted abroad."

"According to the arrangement as reported in trade circles, the marketing territory is to be divided among the several exporting firms. The three large Portland exporters are to sell exclusively in the United Kingdom, the two continental firms represented here are to sell on the continent and a San Francisco firm will have the South American markets. A somewhat similar restriction has previously been imposed on the northwestern millers, who were limited in their export sales of flour made from government wheat to oriental territory."

"The price of 58 cents for white wheat specified in the reported agreement would mean a considerable loss which the government would have to absorb, but even at that it is said by grain men that the price is too high to interest Europe and that further negotiations between farm board officials and the exporters must follow. A parcel lot of wheat was sold here last week to Europe, which figured out 56 1/2 cents, Portland, and it is believed this price will have to be reached before the exporters can transact foreign business."

Loyal Gleaners Give Party

The "Loyal Gleaners" class of the Christian Sunday school gave a party at the home of their teacher, George Gerking, Wednesday evening. Plans for the ensuing year were discussed and clever games arranged by Mrs. Oral McPherrin and Mrs. Don Wilks were enjoyed by Mrs. Venable and Mrs. Eager. The hostesses served a buffet supper. Those present were Mrs. M. I. Miller, Mrs. Forrest Zerba, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Miss Mae Lockwood, Mrs. Venable, Mrs. C. M. Eager, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Flint Johns, Mrs. Bruno Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Gerking, Mrs. Wilks and Mrs. McPherrin.

Death of Pioneer Woman

The death of Mrs. William Lieuallen familiarly known as "Aunt Margaret" occurred at the home of her son, J. P. Lieuallen, near Weston, Friday night. She was 93 years old and had been bed-ridden for many months. She crossed the plains in 1864 and settled at Weston where she has spent her life. She was born in Knox county, Kentucky, October 1, 1838. She leaves two sons, T. A. Lieuallen of Adams and J. P. Lieuallen of Weston, with eight grandchildren and seven great grand children. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the J. P. Lieuallen home, with Reverend Hill in charge and interment was in the Keas cemetery.

Captain Eagle, Army Flier

Captain Eagle, late of Langley Field, accompanied by Mrs. Eagle, (Goldie Willaby) were in Athena Monday night, en route by motor to Ontario, where Mrs. Eagle's mother is critically ill. Captain Eagle was but recently retired from the army air forces, and had been for some time commander at Langley Field. He formerly was commander of Pearson Field at Vancouver, Wash. He saw long service in the air corps overseas during the World war. The captain and Mrs. Eagle will reside near Vancouver, where they have a country home.

Remodeled Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones have just finished remodeling and decorating the interior of their house on High and 2nd streets and now have a cozy modern home. The work was done by Mr. Jones and Vernon O'Hara and presents a neat and well arranged appearance.

Returns From Ontario

Fred Kershaw, accompanied by Mrs. Kershaw, returned Monday evening from Ontario, where Mrs. Kershaw was at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Willaby, for several weeks. Mrs. Willaby's condition remains unchanged. Lew McNair motored as far as Weiser, Idaho, with Mr. Kershaw when he went over, Saturday.

BAKER TELLS REDS TO GO TO RUSSIA

Portland Mayor Wastes No Words in Answering Mr. Walker.

Portland.—There is no room in Portland for disturbers, and if Communists here are not satisfied with the way the country is being operated, they would do well to remove themselves to Russia, Mayor Baker told Fred Walker, Communist organizer, who headed a committee of "workers" that entered the city council chamber and presented a list of demands.

"We are here," Walker advised the mayor, as he headed the group into the council chamber. The Communists want an appropriation of \$1,500,000 given to their committee immediately for the relief of unemployed. This money can be raised, they said, by reduction of salaries of all city officials so that the maximum is \$2500, and by cutting the police force in half.

They also demanded that there be no eviction for non-payment of rent, that gas, electricity and water in the homes of unemployed be left operating when the bills are not paid, free transportation on streetcars and busses, that all vacant houses and buildings be put in shape so the unemployed can occupy them, free medical, dental and hospital service, abolition of labor laws and the criminal syndicalism act, free use of the Auditorium, no police interference in the Communist gatherings, a seven-hour day and five-day week, and no taxes for the unemployed.

"If we don't get relief we will have to go out and take it," the Communist leader asserted. "We want the money from the profits of the bosses, both city bosses and those of industry."

Baker listened intently while Walker presented his demands, and then swung into action.

"We want to help the people—but not the Communists," he continued, directing his talk directly at Walker. "You, young man," pointing at the Communist, "may not know it, but you are sent here by the Russian government. You accuse us of working hand in hand with capital, you want us to break the laws. These laws can be changed at the ballot box, and the city council will not violate them while I am mayor. We are not going to cut down the police department so the Communist party can get a foothold here. But realize this, we can get more police if we need them."

Walker then made a statement regarding hungry families, and told a story of an unemployed man who went to a Community Chest agency and asked for help, telling of his two hungry children and of his wife expecting another within a few months. "And they told him up there," Walker said, "Why did you get your wife in that fix?"

"You know that statement is a damn lie," the mayor said, leaping to his feet again. "That's the kind of stories you tell to these poor people following you. They sound good. But I challenge you to prove it. You're lying and you know it. If there are any hungry families here, you make a list of them and bring them to any member of this council. We'll see they are taken care of."

"This country has a constitution and laws, and I advise you to switch your step. If you like the Soviet form of government, go to Russia, but don't try to start one in these United States of America, or you'll be sorry."

Several of the other committeemen also spoke. One, a woman, with a 4-year-old boy, told of her husband being out of work. She wants work so she can feed her babies, she told the mayor. "And we want to help you," the mayor said. "But why didn't you come to my office instead of going to the Communists for relief? They can't give it to you."

Dr. Douglas Marries

Announcement is made that Dr. Flenor Douglas, formerly of Athena and Pendleton, and who is now practicing osteopathy in Los Angeles, is to be united in marriage in that city tomorrow to Miss Helen Kathryn Connelly, daughter of Dr. Charles Connelly. The ceremony will take place at 473 South La Pere Drive, Beverly Hills.

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