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THE PRIMARY LAW.

One of the questions being asked by some of the people is whether the present legislature will do anything to the present primary law before it adjourns.

If any law on the books needs an allopathic dose of ideas it is the primary law.

It ought to be fixed up so that the Democrats cannot go to the polls on primary day and make the nominations of the Republicans, and so the Republicans can not have a hand in the nomination of Democratic candidates as at present.

If there are to be partisan elections, there should be partisan primaries.

Non-partisan primaries and partisan elections are a combination that brings ridicule upon the election law.

"COME RIGHT IN AND SIT DOWN."

There is a new head to the Standard Oil. He is Alfred C. Bedford.

As the new executive Mr. Bedford has introduced some new policies. That was expected on the theory of the new broom, but the nature of some of them was not expected. The Standard Oil corporation has been especially secretive. This has been notoriously true with relation to publicity. Imagine, then, the surprise of a reporter for a New York paper who, with fluttering heart and trembling limbs, the other day rapped at the door of President Bedford. "Come right in and sit down," was the greeting. The newspaperman almost collapsed.

But he was due for a greater surprise. President Bedford began to talk about the Standard Oil's business and he went on to say that there would be no secrecy and that "there will be a square deal for the people and for the company." The reporter was given an interview and the readers were furnished a clearer insight into Standard Oil affairs than any number of official inquiries might have produced.

The "come right in and sit down" spirit is only another indication of a new day in the relationship of corporations and the public—Boise, Idaho, Capital News

PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE.

The National Chamber of Commerce, representing the business interests of the United States, has apparently made up its mind that the rights of the general public are paramount to those of

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railroads and their employes and to this end are preparing for legislation intended to prevent railroad strikes until matters in dispute have been given a fair public investigation. The National Chamber has put out a ballot to all its members requesting an expression on the proposition of public investigation before a strike; and also that on all arbitration boards and committees the railroads and the employes shall have an equal number of representatives but that the public—having greater interests than either—shall have greater representation than either.

If the membership votes to approve an effort will be made to procure the introduction and passage of a bill by Congress embodying these provisions. The National Chamber declares in effect that railroad strikes are unwarranted and intolerable, that the public is always the greatest sufferer, and for this reason the public is well within its rights in exercising effective restraint against such disasters.

The public has no desire to be unfair to the railroads or their employes but the public, in justice to itself, will insist on the settlement of disputes without interruption of the service, even to the extent of enacting legislation that will

make the public secure in this respect. As Governor Withycombe of Oregon well said: "The railroads are the property of the stockholders but railway service is the property of the people."

WOODS ITEMS.

Watch for the dedication announcement of the Bethel Mission at Woods next week.

Rev. J. A. McVeigh, of Cloverdale, made us a visit last week and took in all the interesting sights.

Our weekly Bible study last week held at Barney Knobloch's was unusually well attended.

Montgomery and Northrup will be unable to hold their regular service at Hebo next Sunday evening on account of the extra work here on the Bethel Mission building.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors our sincere thanks for their acts of kindness during our late bereavement and for the beautiful flowers.

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