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SENATOR BOURNE ON THE ASSEMBLY.

By Senator Jonathan Bourne Jr. Nomination of candidates for public office in so called "assembly" is the first step toward the restoration of the convention system and the overthrow of direct legislation, direct nominations and other progressive measures adopted by the people of Oregon.

All voters who believe in the right of the people to govern themselves and who oppose return to the corrupt methods so prevalent in the past should join in defeating every candidate who seeks or accepts an assembly endorsement. By such determined action efforts to revive political machines can be most effectively ended.

The assembly movement did not have its origin in a general popular demand. On the contrary, the plan was devised by would be political leaders wherever assistance could be secured, and by constant agitation and persistent urging induced a few persons in many precincts to designate delegates to the county assemblies.

Only by this means could the semblance of popular selection of delegates be maintained, and it is notorious that in many instances the number of voters present was less than the number of delegates chosen, thus demonstrating that the assemblies thus composed cannot be representative of public opinion.

Political bosses are attempting to force Oregon Republicans to accept dictation from an undesired assembly made up of delegates chosen by a relatively small number of voters.

In other words, a coterie of would-be political doctors have declared the people of Oregon to be suffering from ills purely imaginary, and have employed themselves to prescribe a remedy. They also assume the right to mix the dose and expect the people to swallow it without a grimace.

Later they will expect the people to pay the bill in the form of legislation for special interests and distribution of political rewards. Unless I mistake the temper and intelligence of the people of Oregon, the dose will be refused, the prescription will be declined and there will be no bill to pay.

JABS

By a Portland Man. The "assembly" crowd of Portland will promise anything to get office. At first they were going to denounce the referendum, initiative, recall and direct primary. Now they are saying they are the friends and natural protectors of these institutions. The corporations don't care what old planks they formulate so that the corporation attorney gets the job.

One of the assembly crowd in Portland runs for the legislature declares he does not know anything about statement number one. Others dodge the entire matter. The first is some sort of a chump, or takes the people to be. Probably the latter.

Every day records the killing of some worker, or his crippling in Portland. Most of these accidents are avoidable by employing experienced men, giving reasonable hours and by care in placing and inspecting appliances. The demand for an employers liability bill is from the workers who see death all about them, and death unnecessarily summoned that dividends may be declared. Therefore the measure "330 yes," on the ballot is proposed to the end that the cost of human blood will be more than the cost of safe appliances and skilled workers.

WANTS TO BE U. S. SENATOR.

The Democrat has received a circular letter telling of the candidacy of A. G. Spaulding for U. S. Senator of California. The writer having seen Mr. Spaulding pitch in early days of base ball, when real pitching was done, he has always been interested in the career of the man, which has been marked. Spaulding was the greatest straight pitcher in the U. S. He retired and then made a fortune in sporting goods. Recently he moved to California to reside, and now has a tremendously big beard buzzing under his hat. His record is pretty good, and he has a right to appeal to the people for a position of such distinction and dignity. It is another thing, though, whether he is qualified. That should be inquired into down in California. He is not entitled to the job because he has money and a base ball record. Is he fit for it, and will he work for the people and be depended upon? The Democrat doesn't know, but has an idea that he is a pretty good man; but Californians should know for certain. They have a right to know.

WOULDN'T BATHE WITH DARKIES.

A couple of darkies went in bathing at Coney Island, or rather started to, when a crowd attacked them with clubs and drove them away. They did not propose to be contaminated. Perhaps those darkies were as white inside as some of the white people who assaulted them. The average darkie is certainly equal to some of the element that infects Coney Island. Some of the blackest hearted people in the world are the biggest aristocrats when it comes to some of their associations.

The darkie who behaves himself is entitled to decent treatment the same as others.

It is said, though, that the time may come when the colored race will have to be reckoned with, on account of the fact that it is growing much more rapidly than the white race.

HOOVER BURNED.

Word received last night from Hoover, the eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern told of the burning of the mill and buildings adjoining. Fire started from a hot box in the mill about 4 o'clock and spread rapidly through the mill, a live wind sending the flames into the lumber yard, which was destroyed, then reaching out to the houses near, used by employees of the mill, practically cleaning the little mill settlement, entailing a loss, it said of at least \$100,000.

As much as possible was loaded on three or four cars on the C. & E. and gotten down out of danger.

A big fight was then made to save the timber adjoining the place, ditches being dug to keep the fire at Hoover.

A couple weeks ago the Hoover mill had a close call from timber fires from without.

Word from Hoover today by way of Mill City and Detroit reported that the store went with the other buildings, and all were destroyed but two or three houses up on the bluff.

The fire got beyond the mill into the timber and was burning some, but was thought to be under control.

The loss is a serious blow to the Hoover settlement. Very little insurance was carried on account of the almost prohibitive price.

The families of Rev. Knott, N. D. Pratt and R. K. Montgomery were camped about a half mile above the mill, and when the fire occurred the members of the party rushed down to the fire to render all the assistance possible. While there the section where their camp was located was entirely surrounded by fire, and they thought everything had gone and so telephoned to Albany, but upon going to the place this morning found everything all right.

The fire, though all around the camp did not touch a thing of the party. This morning they moved to Detroit and will finish their outing there, joined by others from Albany.

A Brakeman's Accident.

An accident happened early this morning in the yard at Junction City, of a somewhat startling character, and it is almost a miracle that it did not terminate fatally for at least one person. The hostler in the yard, about 2 o'clock, in manipulating the engine, run into the caboose of the freight train getting ready to start for Albany, and crashed the caboose to pieces. The only person in it was Bob Seivars, the brakeman, and he was in it long then. The jolt knocked him completely through the side of the car and about thirty feet to one side. About any one but Bob would have been killed. As it was he was badly bruised about the back of the neck, but not seriously. He came home and walked from the train to his room at the home of his sister, Mrs. Maggie Stetter, and went to bed without disturbing any one about his accident. He is doing well and will be at work again in a short time.

Official Landscape Artist.

Mr. Chace, the landscape artist, of Portland, who has had charge of the work at this city, under the Ladies Club Improvement Club, doing a splendid job, has been appointed landscape artist for the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. and will have charge of their grounds in the state along those lines, an important position. In connection with it he will be permitted to also look after his private business and will complete the work so well begun at this city. The Southern Pacific has been rendering some excellent aid by furnishing Grants Pass sand for the walks and gravel for the roads. Mr. Chace has a good reputation, his work every where speaking for his knowledge of the business.

A Big Apple Exhibit.

At the 25th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, to be held in Portland Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, will present to the people of the Northwest the biggest apple show ever held in Oregon. The prizes will be large ones, \$100 the first prize for the best twenty-six box lots, \$50 for the best five box lots of Spitzenbergs, \$25 for the best three box lots, also for the best one box, \$100 for apples grown in Benton county, several for Hood River apples, special ones for Marion and Lane apples, and special prizes for other apples and classes, also prizes for pears, dried fruits and nuts.

A Goat Barbecue.

News comes from Cascadia of a social event of great interest and importance. It was no less than a goat barbecue, a rare event even in the land of goats. Dr. August Stark, the popular physician, gave it, with a large list of invited guests, and there was something doing around the steaming carcass of the succulent butler, as joke followed joke and short speeches were heard around recklessly. The meat was well cooked and very palatable. It was goat too, regardless of numerous rumors that it tasted like venison.

Great Biograph at Dreamland.

The program at Dreamland for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will have for its chief feature "Muggsy's First Sweetheart," a delightful biograph comedy showing the experiences of Muggsy and Mable. "The Boss of Bar X Ranch" is a splendid Western story full of action and heart interest. "Curious Invention" is a clever trick comedy. "Catching Fish With Dynamite" a very interesting educational film. Travels—The House of "Plate" Lavelle. Miss Elythe Nails will sing "Hallelujah Dance," the latest Eastern song.

Home from Breitenbush.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blain last night returned from the Breitenbush hot springs, where they spent a couple of weeks in an enjoyable manner. It is a good place for rest and the genuine article in hot water. Besides the hot springs there are other kinds of springs. In fact one can get almost any kind of water at Breitenbush in the category. Some day it will be one of the greatest mountain resorts on the coast, having all the natural advantages of one. Just now there are fifty to one hundred people there, camping out, living pretty close to nature.

Killed a Jack Rabbit for a Deer.

A couple of railroad men were hunting near Roseburg this week. In the open season for buck, when they discovered a buck in the thicket nearby, and one of them blazed away and brought the fellow down. On going to the place they found a big jack rabbit, which had been taken for a deer by the excited employees of the Harriman line.

Wait and vote for Os. West for gov.

The people will lam it to Cannonism whenever they get a chance.

The Market.

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EUGENE TO TILLAMOOK.

A Modern Diary Story

Two prominent Eugene men, a lawyer and a doctor, recently started on an automobile trip to Tillamook. A diary of the trip offers such a striking example of the modern mode of travel the Democrat gives some of it:

Ready to start on trip—Friday, 4 p. m., but delayed because of repairs to car, and finally left Eugene Saturday morning at 5 a. m.

Spring broke at Grimes' farm, 16 miles from Eugene, at 7 a. m.

Chaffeur returned to Eugene with another car and obtained another spring, while Mr. Travis and I pitched horse-shoes.

Left Grimes' farm at 4 p. m. Tire exploded in hot dust going into Albany at 5 p. m.

Tire repaired at 6 p. m. Inner tube broke at 7:30 p. m.

Sent to Independence for another car and arrived there at 11 p. m.

Chaffeur repaired our "Thomas Flyer" car and he arrived at Independence at 3 a. m. Sunday, with another flat tire.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.—Chaffeur left for Portland for another supply of inner tubes.

Monday morning—No chauffeur on hand, so abandoned the flyer.

Monday 2:30 p. m., left Independence by train, took stage and arrived at Tillamook in 3 1/2 days.

Later.—The same car yesterday was run into a load of wood at Eugene and nearly knocked it into kindling wood, breaking the axle of the auto.

ALBANY

Baltimore for bicycles. Fisk tires at Baltimore's. Fishing tackle at Baltimore's. Roit again at the Holt corner.

Get your strawberries at Holt's. A neat place, Holt's Meat Market. Hot tamales at the Vienna Bakery. Choice lunches at the Vienna Bakery.

See the new lot of glass-ware at the Variety Store, 313 W. First.

Don't forget to go to J. W. Bentley for your shoe repairing, 323 west 2nd St.

Dr. W. R. Shine, physician and surgeon. Calls answered day and night. Office, Fifth Block, Residence 119 E 7th street. Both phones.

Prof. E. L. Wilson for violin, Mrs. F. M. Wilson for piano instructions. Home phone 333. 10 to 22. 2 to 4 o'clock. 1st St. over French's

For typewriting, short hand and stenographic work, call upon R. I. Yates, First National Bank Building. Albany. Home Phone 379.

The W. O. W. have decided to discharge all muckrakers. No more criticism of head officers.

A big transformation is the painting of the end of the old brewery, changing beer into Coca Cola 5 cents. The old sign has been wiped out. Good.

Something extra at the Electric is a song by a six year old girl, "You Can't Guess what He Wrote, on My Slate." She is a wonder and this alone is worth the price of admission.

A decidedly interesting wild west moving picture film is the New Boss of Bar X Ranch, at Dreamland. It is full of good scenery and live situations, with a young lady as the star who knows how to act. A trick of the trade is the story of an invention, a pellet shot into anything making it turn time backward, an old person young, a horse a colt, etc., causing some striking transformations.

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Register: Eugene is the storm center of railroad activities of great moment than few people dream of. The next few months will bring about interesting developments. In the Register's opinion the greatest game in the history of railroading is about to be played on the checkerboard of the empire of the northwest with some of the most portentous moves being made right here in our own locality.

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Portland wants to wag the whole state.

Next year's Chautauqua will be a hummer.

The best music these days is the tune of the thrasher.

July was a dry month for sure, just a few drops of rain.

Some people can't see further than the end of their nose.

Albany's natatorium is appreciated, a good place for a swim.

Vote the saloon out of Portland and you help the whole of Oregon.

Many streets are now being oiled. It makes the dust mind its business.

Some one says hanging is too good for the man who sets a forest fire.

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