

INDEPENDENTS NOT FAIR SAYS WM. E. PHIPPS

To the Editor:

Are the voters of Jackson county ready to nullify the primary law? The state of Oregon pioneered in the enactment of the direct primary law. It has proven popular and efficient, and most of the other states have followed the lead of Oregon by adopting it. The old guard politicians, of course, have several times attempted a change, so as to return to the old convention system, but the voters have refused to repeal or otherwise change our primary election law.

Under this law anyone who wishes may run for office, either by paying a filing fee or by procuring a quota of registered voters on his petition. It is a free-for-all and offers equal opportunity to all comers.

And the results are beneficial, for candidates before the primary

must make themselves known and disclose their qualifications to the voters. In order to do this they must expend considerable in time and money, each taking his chance and submitting to the result in the American spirit of fair play.

But it seems our legislature has passed another law, permitting candidates, notwithstanding the primary election, to run as independents by merely filing a petition of registered voters equal to three per cent of the last preceding vote cast for governor. This means that any mal-content can ignore the primary election and run for any office in the county, against duly nominated candidates, by simply filing a petition containing the names of 257 legal voters.

The so-called independent candidate thus dodges the whack administered to the regular candidates by the voters at the primary; he dodges the expense in time and money borne by the primary candidates, and, what is worse, he assumes the role of a political coward by trying to break into the band wagon by the side door at the eleventh hour.

People generally believe in clean sport and fair play. No horse or racing car is permitted entry after

the race is half run; and if a candidate is not sportsman enough to run the full gauntlet, while the voters cannot kick him out in the meantime, they can and should hand out the deserved shock on election day.

WILLIAM E. PHIPPS.

VIEWS of OTHER PEOPLE

The following verses were written by a lady in San Francisco and is reprinted from the San Francisco Call of 1888.

Heed not slights from purse proud upstarts,

Fling them back contempt for scorn;

Vulgar pride is linked with folly,
Empty heads are highest born.

When a friendly neighbor fetches
Bones to pick from some foul stew,
Curb your tongue and guard it closely
Lest he carry one from you.

Unsought services when proffered,
By the stranger, suave and kind,
Can't be scrutinized too closely,
He may have an axe to grind.

Sleek philanthropists who labor
Gratis for mankind each day,
Ever prompt with prayers to aid you,
Always seem to make it pay.

Shun with loathing man or woman
Who in little meanness skilled,
Stabs with covert innuendoes,
From a venomous tongue distilled.

Watching each unguarded moment
At unwary prey to bound,
Every sense with malice quickened,
Keen to make or break a wound.

Would you be contented, think not
For the few by fate more blessed,
Gauge your lot by those less favored,
Whom misfortune's hand hath pressed.

For whatever way you travel,
Climbing up life's weary hill,
Pierced by thorns and torn by
brambles,
There are paths more rugged still.

FROST VISITS 'GATE SECTION LAST WEEK

Jack Frost visited the Applegate last week, believe it or not. If you don't believe it, just remember the cold weather all last week. Anyway, Mr. and Mrs. Frost and

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FOR DETAILS
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a friend, all from Oakland, are spending a short time in southern Oregon, and Tuesday visited Mrs. Frost's cousin, Mrs. Dean Saltmarsh, on Tallowbox. The trio traveled the first few miles of the mountain route in their car, expecting to take the trail to the peak. However, they missed the trail, traveling up the new government road, then hiking across country through underbrush to the summit. It was late afternoon before the hikers reached their destination, and late in the evening before they reached their car again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brownlee of Sterling visited Mrs. Frank Riddle at Klamath orchards near Medford Monday.

Mrs. M. R. Buck and grandson, Billy Heckman, left Sunday on a four day vacation trip to Colusa, Calif., accompanying Mrs. Elizabeth Parks and son Hollis of Medford. The group expected to visit Mr. and Mrs. Vern Buck at Colusa and also Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buck on their return trip by Hackamore.

Miss Erlene Taylor is spending the week as a guest of Miss Frances Barber at Medford.

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