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**THE PEOPLE VS. THE MACHINE AND BOSSES**

**F**ROM PRESENT indications, very strong assaults are to be made upon the spirit of our direct primary law, in and during the political campaign of next year. A plan has been devised and is being openly advocated, up and down the state by certain newspapers who would see the old political convention system restored and the old time machine bosses, whereby the whole intent of the law would be violated. And it is going to require the strongest fixedness of purpose on the part of voters who believe the whole people should rule, if the apparently plausible arguments of these reactionaries do not carry many of the people off their feet. Appeals to party prejudice, of the strongest nature, are continually made, for the purpose of manufacturing public opinion, in order to carry this purpose out at the primaries next year.

Boss rule and machine politics generated the enactment of the direct primary law by the people. The people had become very weary of the number of Jack Mathews throughout the state, who made politics a profession and study. No man could secure a nomination for office, especially the more important ones, until he had first placated these political vampires. No man could hope to be elected United States senator, until he had promised these unprincipled scoundrels, certain of the loaves and fishes, which would be in the power of the senator to bestow. The people had been compelled to silently witness the bargain and sale of these federal positions, time and again. No wonder they became supremely disgusted with this class of politics and embroiled, joyfully, the first opportunity to clear the decks of such objectionable rubbish.

Now the Oregonian and these dethroned political bosses, propose to return to, even a worse condition, than the old time political convention and its attendant evils.

During the old convention days, the law provided for the election of delegates at the precinct primaries, to constitute the county convention, and the county convention elected delegates to constitute the state convention. So long as these county and state conventions were unbossridden, the people were reasonably well represented. But we can all remember how these conventions were manipulated to accomplish the nomination or defeat of certain aspirants for office; of the barter and trade among delegates to secure the nomination of particular individuals, etc. We can, also, remember the disgraceful scenes enacted down at the state

capitol, in the fight made to secure the election of senator. Of the boodle, private campaign suppers and general debauchery of the legislature and how that the election of senator was made the leading and dominating feature of the session and the making of laws subservient thereto.

The object and purpose of the direct primary, the initiative and referendum laws, was to overcome these evils—to unsaddle the political boss and prevent the scandals attending the election of United States senators. That they have accomplished this purpose, is evidenced by the frantic, senseless and untruthful appeals, which are now being made to restore the old order of things. And it may be stated as a sort of axiomatic fact, that every man and every newspaper now howling for the advisory mass convention, is actuated from selfish motives and has a personal axe to grind. He expects personal reward if the assembly wins out.

The advisory assembly should meet with the most determined opposition of every advocate of free representative government. There is but one legal way to change our primary law, and that is by repeal or amendment by the people as by law provided. It is illegal and dangerous to attempt to overcome or subvert the law by a mob of citizens. The advisory mass convention has no standing or authorization of law and its purpose is to overcome or circumvent law. Its mandate cannot be binding or obligatory upon its members, because the resolutions or acts of a mob are contrary to establish law. As a rule, mobs assemble for the purpose of violating law and purposes to take the execution of law into their own hands and run matters to suit themselves. The advisory mass assembly mob will not be different from the ordinary every day mob. Its purpose is not to carry out the law in letter and spirit, but just the reverse.

What class of Republicans will attend the advisory assembly, anyway? The question is easily answered: Only such Republicans as are opposed to the direct primary, of course. All who favor the direct primary, will stay at home, content to abide by the unbiased decision made by their party at the primary election. Hence, the advisory convention or assembly is in no sense representative of the Republican party. It cannot represent the wishes and desires of the party, but only the wishes and desires of the disgruntled bosses and machine politicians who have developed the scheme. Yet, unless the people frown the movement down, it will have great influence in the selection of candidates. It will set in motion the old time party machine and will attend the primary election to a man and vote as one individual. Men who seek nomination in the regular orderly manner, will have no organized machine behind them. In fact, it is simply the revival of the old party machine, which has simply been lying dormant. The candidate who does not have this machine behind him, is sure to be a better man than he who has. A candidate who will accept a nomination from an unlawful source, or accept aid to secure nomination from an illegal source, is an unsafe man to elect to office, for he has little respect for law.

We pose as a law-abiding and a law-obeying people. So long as a law is within the lids of our statute books, it should be obeyed in letter and spirit. Dishonest citizens, trusts and corporations, (that is to say, some of them) seek out methods by which a law may be evaded. To this class belongs the advisory mass convention.

The main objection these people have to the direct primary law is Statement No. 1. Now as this portion of the law is not obligatory upon the candidate, this objection is frivolous. A candidate may subscribe to the statement, or refuse to do so, just as seems best to him. But having subscribed to it, if elected, he should obey it. The Oregonian would not advise differently.

Instead of moving forward in this unlawful manner, these advocates of the assembly could proceed within legal lines, if they would. They could have Governor Benson call a special session of the legislature and amend or supplement the primary law, so that the ante primary convention would be legal and its acts unquestioned. If they wished to proceed in an open and above-board manner, they would do this. But the ideas of machine politicians are not along this line. Such men think, if they can make the advisory assembly plan stick, they will be placed in a better position to scheme, plot and prepare to use the knife, than even in the old convention days. There was some publicity in the oldtime convention. In the proposed advisory assembly, there is none. The latter can be converted into a secret political order, with signs, grips and passwords, if the participants think best. And the secret political order would be just as legal as the advisory assembly, too. Either of them are contrary to the spirit of law, and are calculated to secure to the participants advantages, not accorded by law. Every citizen who believes in the execution of law; who believes that the nearer we can get the government to the people the better; who believes that United States senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people, and who is opposed to machine politics directed by a political boss, will oppose the advisory mass assembly with all the power he possesses. He should and doubtless will, refuse to vote for any candidate wearing the advisory assembly collar. If he believes that United States senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people, he will refuse to vote for any candidate who has not subscribed to statement No. 1.

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE—WINTER COURSE**

January 4th to February 18th, 1910  
 Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as General Farming, Fruit Culture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry-keeping, the Business Side of Farming, Forestry, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Mechanical Drawing, Cooking, Sewing, Dressmaking, Home Management, etc. All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 18th. Farmers' week February 14th to 18th. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 16 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment. A special feature is the Farmers' Week which comes this year Feb. 14th to 18th. Lectures, discussions, and a general reunion. For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

**Fair Directors Meet**

A meeting of the board of directors, of the Linn County Fair Association was held at Scio, recently. A full report of all moneys received and expended was made and approved. A copy of this report has been sent to the Governor of Oregon, as required by law.

The dates for holding the next annual fair was fixed for Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, and Friday, August 30, 31 and September 1 and 2 1910, thus making a four days fair.

The program for races and sports will be superior to the last fair, which is certainly saying much.

General plans for the next fair were outlined and acted on.

The 1910 fair promises to exceed anything ever held in the past.

**Eclipse of the Moon**

People who cared to sit up until midnight, last Friday night could, if they wished witness a total eclipse of the moon. The shadow commenced hiding the face of our night luminary about 11:20 and totality occurred shortly after midnight. Fleecy clouds were flying, but were not sufficiently opaque to obliterate the views. But as an eclipse of the moon occurs every year, as viewed from some part of the earth, it is so common that many people do not bother their minds about it.

**Notice to Grange**

Banner Grange meets 2nd Saturday of every month. Hear Prof. Dryden on Poultry on the Farm.  
 F. J. Denny  
 Master.  
 Mrs. Claudice McKnight  
 Secretary.

**Referee's Sale.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Referee will on the 11th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the front door of the County Court House in the city of Albany, in Linn County, Oregon, pursuant to the decree and order of said court made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, on the 29th day of September, 1903, in that certain suit pending in said court wherein Emeline Hassler and J. M. Hassler, her husband, J. A. Richardson and Veler Richardson, his wife, Margaret A. Lucas and M. A. Lucas, her husband, Orpha Garland and G. W. Garland, her husband, A. L. Richardson and Belle Richardson, his wife, L. W. Richardson and Lila Richardson, his wife, and M. N. Richardson, were plaintiffs, and William Garland, a minor and M. N. Richardson as his guardian, Gilbert Garland, Harley Garland, and Roy Garland, minors, and J. W. Garland, as their guardian, James Garland and J. W. Garland were defendants, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, subject to confirmation by said Court all the right, title and interest of the above named plaintiffs and defendants in the following described premises, to-wit:

All of the South half of the Donation Land Claim of W. W. Richardson and wife, Notification No 1308 in Township 10 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, containing 160 acres.

Also the Northwest quarter of Section 26 in said Township and Range containing 160 acres.

Also, the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 27 in said Township and Range, containing 40 acres.

Also, the South half of the Southwest quarter, and the South half of the North half of the Southwest quarter, the South half of the Southeast quarter, and the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 22, in said Township and Range, containing 220 acres, all of said above described premises being situated in Township 10 South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, and containing in the aggregate 380 acres.

Also, the North half of the Donation Land Claim of W. W. Richardson and wife, Notification No 1308 in Township 10 South Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon, containing 160 acres.

That at said sale said above mentioned tract containing 580 acres, and said last mentioned tract containing 160 acres will be sold separately by order of the above entitled court.

R. Shelton  
 Referee.  
 Hewitt & Sox,  
 Atty. for Referee.  
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**Referee's Sale.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion.

Matilda C. Simpson, Harriet Shriver, Cassie Hicks' Rosannah Simpson, William Simpson, James Simpson, Frank Simpson, Silva Ferrel, Victor Simpson, W. H. Logan, Frank Logan, Edward Anderson, Elizabeth Coloway, Flora Beason, Letha Bolar, Della Anderson, Rebecca E. Blanton, Annie Garrett, Louisa A. Blanton, James Simpson, David Simpson, Lois Simpson, and Hattie Smith, Plaintiffs vs. Henry Stanton, Willie Stanton, Charles Stanton, Mary Dunlap, Nellie Stanton, Benjamin Stanton, Alice Deyou, Martha A. Webber, R. F. Piburn, Clarence Piburn, Effie Piburn, C. N. Dunagan, Josephine Hardidge, Sidney J. Ireland, T. N. Dunagan, J. F. Duangan, Nancy A. Noland, Joshua R. Noland, Elizabeth George, and G. S. Bazil, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the circuit court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion department number two made on the 8th day of November 1909, in the above entitled action, I the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting referee appointed by the said court to sell the real property described below, will on the 11th day of December 1909, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m., sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, gold coin of the United States of America, and subject to the confirmation of the said circuit court, at the court house steps in the County of Linn, all the right title and interest of the above named parties, in and to that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the State of Oregon and County of Linn, and described as follows, to-wit:

Town lots thirty-nine (39) forty (40) and forty-one (41) and a part of lot forty-two (42) beginning at the southeast corner of said lot forty-two and running thence north thirty (30) feet; thence west one hundred (100) feet; thence south thirty (30) feet; thence east one hundred (100) feet to the place of beginning as recorded in the plat of the original survey of the town of Scio.

Terms and condition of sale: Cash, gold coin of the United States of America, ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, balance on confirmation of the sale by the said circuit court. Deed at expense of the purchaser.  
 W. B. SIMPSON,  
 Referee.

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