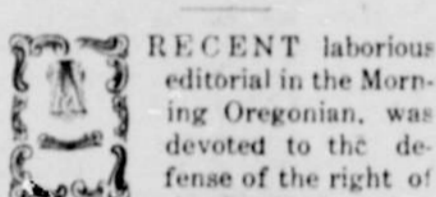


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**THE "MACHINE" STILL BUSY**



RECENT laborious editorial in the Morning Oregonian, was devoted to the defense of the right of the people to gather themselves in assemblies or conventions. So far as the NEWS can learn, no man nor newspaper has had the temerity or disloyalty to deny that right. The right of assembly is guaranteed to the people by the great Magna Charta handed down to us by the Fathers and any man, with a spark of patriotism in his soul, will defend that right with every drop of blood in his veins. But the assembly or convention must be for a lawful purpose. An assembly of the people having for their object an unlawful purpose, is nothing but an assemblage of conspirators or disloyalists. To which of these classes does the proposed advisory mass assembly or convention belong? Let us see!

It is evidently the purpose of the advocates of the assembly, to hand down as an advised list of candidates to the primary, only one name for each respective office to the primary electors. Of course the assembly will pledge itself to support, at the primary election, these "fit" candidates only. If the assembly should comprehend the great bulk of its party, there would be no other candidates names than those handed down, for the people to select from. Suppose each political party proceeded similarly. Wherein have the people been permitted to make choice of candidates? The primary selection of candidates would then become a mere farce, as completely as is now our college of presidential electors.

This is the logical result of the proposed advisory mass convention or assembly. Its purpose is to overthrow the primary law and render it useless. For this reason the proposed assembly becomes an assemblage of conspirators and is destructive in its nature to our political system. There is but one legal way to pursue in this matter and that is to obey the law. President Grant made the statement "The best way to get a bad law repealed is to enforce it". If the direct primary is a bad law and is destructive of party organization, enforce it until the bad features will become so patent that the people will repeal it. But is the direct primary destructive of party organization? That it has destroyed the old party machine, is quite evident from the fact that the same old party machine is now bending every effort to destroy the effect of the primary law.

The claim is made that the direct primary nominated candidate, while he may have a plurality of the votes of this party, is only a minor, nominated candidate. This point may be conceded,

when there are more than two candidates standing for the same office. On the other hand, is the assembly named candidate the choice of a majority of his party? If the advocates of the assembly succeed in getting one-half of the Republican party to participate in the assembly, they will do extremely well. The "fit" man selected by the assembly may have only a bare majority. Such being the case, if this candidate is a winner, he will be nominated by only a few more than one-fourth of his party. It is safe to say that any candidate nominated at the primary, will have more than one-fourth of his party behind him. But how can the assembly plan to be made representative of its party and how can its acts be made binding? As there is no law authorizing the assembly, and it will be composed of volunteers only—the men who are endeavoring to break down the primary law—its acts can be neither representative nor binding. Republicans who favor the law and are willing to abide the result of the primary election, will not attend the assembly and therefore, this wing of the party will not be represented in the assembly nor in the assembly nominated candidates.

Republican leaders now complain and have complained in the past, that their party is divided, and that the direct primary method of procedure offers no means of united party action. This is true and to this division Democratic candidates who have been successful in the past, owe their success. George E. Chamberlain owed everyone of his elections to office, excepting the first one, to Republican division coupled with the fact that he was a better man for the place than his Republican competitor. But will the assembly unite these factions? Will it not drive Republicans who favor the primary to secrete political action? Republicans who favor the direct election of United States senators and favor Statement No. 1 as the best makeshift, until the Federal constitution is amended making it lawful in all of the states, will never support machine or assembly nominated candidates for the legislature. In fact the assembly will make the present division of that party permanent. Republicans, who assisted in securing the primary law together with the statement, are as determined as men can be, not to go back to the old order of things. They will either support such candidates as they may nominate, or they will support the candidates nominated by the Democrats. At all events, they will never support assembly nominated candidates.

The Direct primary is not the cause of Republican factions. These factions existed long before the direct primary was ever thought of and Democratic candidates, always because they were the better men, were elected before the direct primary law was adopted as well as since. As a matter of fact, in recent years, voters have selected men rather than party, more than they ever did before. Nor will the assembly do away with this independence of selection. It is a laudable feature of American politics which has come to stay. George E. Chamberlain was twice elected governor, because the people thought he was a better man for the place than his competitors. He was elected United States senator because the people thought he was a better man than Mr. Calk for the place. Mr. Calk was nominated at the primary election because they considered him a better man for the place than Mr. Fulton. Of course, if candidates are considered about equal in fitness and qualification, in Oregon, the Republican will always be elected because there are about two Republicans to one Democrat. The trouble with the Republican party is there are too many of them

who want office. Heretofore, a nomination by that party has been equivalent to election. Hence, the fights and bitterness engendered has been generated at the convention or at the primary and the bitterness has been so great that it influenced voters at the general election. Governor Chamberlain was elected United States senator by Fulton followers because of their chagrine in the defeat of their candidate at the primary election. The Oregonian's claim that large numbers of Democrats voted in the Republican primaries for Calk and then voted for Chamberlain afterwards, is all nonsense and not founded on fact. It is this "get even" action in the Republican ranks which has disrupted the party. The primary method of selection of candidates and the election following affords an excellent opportunity to wield the political knife. But if voters will wield the knife, the direct primary should not be held responsible, for other causes are to blame.

**SCIO'S PROSPECTIVE RAILROAD**

WHAT SCIO'S one great handicap is lack of direct railway connection will be conceded by all. Our one hope, heretofore, has been the Southern Pacific and it has proven to be a broken reed. As Scio occupies the one natural location of the forks of the Santiam for a town, is proven by the fact that she holds her own in spite of the handicap and, also, other points located on the railroad have failed to make any considerable growth. On the other hand, place a railroad into Scio and there is not a doubt but what she will grow as rapidly as neighboring cities and towns.

In point of manufacturing concerns Scio now has the best flouring mill in the county, the only milk condensery in the county, a planing mill which promises to develop into a large concern with, perhaps, the making of furniture as one of its features, and the promise of the construction of a large saw mill next year.

Now the prosperity of all these manufacturing concerns is contingent, largely, upon the building of a railroad into town. Without it, they will never reach the importance they would wish it and, besides, with the railroad built and in operation, other manufacturing industries will come to our town. This means more people and more stores and general prosperity. It means the doubling of the value of the property of Scio and vicinity.

As stated in last week's edition of the NEWS, the preliminary survey has been made and the right of way either secured or promised. It is practically certain that the electric line south from Salem will cross the North Santiam within five miles of Scio. To build our line to a connection with this electric line, would be a very small affair, if considered from a railroad building viewpoint. With no bridges to build and no heavy grading, our line can be easily constructed for \$40,000 to \$50,000. This sum ought to be easily secured from the people who are directly benefited.

The assessed value of Scio is about \$100,000. If the railroad will double this value, surely the people should be willing to subscribe one-half the increase for the building of the road. The time has come when Scio must move forward or she will soon take the downward trend. Men who own property here, now have the opportunity to double the value of their holdings, or neglecting to do so, will soon be compelled to submit to a decline of their present value.

But it will not be necessary for the people to raise this \$40,000 or \$50,000. There are plenty of capitalists who will gladly furnish the money, if they are only secured the interest thereon. It is thought the earnings of the road will pay both the operating expenses and the interest on the cost of the road. And when the electric line comes, it will be glad to take our road off our hands and pay the first cost. Seeing that there is no possibility of loss, our people should be willing to take hold of the matter in a liberal spirit.

Now that the preliminary survey has been made, the next step is to incorporate and organize the company. Then a definite plan of procedure can be decided upon. What ever plan may be decided upon, every citizen should willingly assume his part of the responsibility. One thing is sure, if we ever get a railroad, we will have to take the initiative ourselves. It is said "God helps those who first help themselves" and it is now up to the people of Scio to act in the matter.

**The Local Markets.**

The following are prices quoted on Thursday of each week by our dealers:

Wheat, per bushel	1.00
Oats, per bushel	.60
Flour, per sack	1.50
Bran, per ton	20.00
Shorts, per ton	24.00
Chop, per ton	24.00
Butter, (country) per roll	30.00
Eggs, per dozen	25.00
Chickens, per pound	12.00
Chickens, per pound, young broilers	12.00
Cheese, per pound	10.00
Turkeys, per pound	12.00
Ducks, per pound	12.00
Duck, per pound, live weight	12.00
Stock, dressed	10.00
Veal, per pound, for shipping	10.00
Sheep, per pound, 500 lbs.	10.00
Butter, per pound, dressed	10.00

**Christmas Dishware**



Our shipment of Christmas dishware has just arrived. Call and see them.

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| Berry sets            | Salad sets        |
| Dinner sets           | Water sets        |
| Chamber sets          | Berry dishes      |
| Hand-painted platters | Bread and butters |
| Toothpick holders     | After-dinner cups |
| Fancy saucers         | Salt shakers      |
| Fancy cups            | Cake plates       |
| Vases                 | Jardiniers        |

**Christmas Candies**

Just received several hundred pounds direct from factory, insuring not only cheaper but fresher candy than at other dealers. New crop of walnuts and fine almonds are now in.

**W. E. THOMAS & SON**  
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**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 sale duly made and entered in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County, on the 29th day of September, 1909, in that certain suit pending in said Court wherein Emeline Hassler and J. M. Hassler, her husband, J. A. Richardson and Velera 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 Ella 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 Northwest 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 22 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 & Sax, Attys. for R. Shelton.  
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**T. L. DUGGER**  
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**W. W. WILLIAMS**  
 SCIO, OREGON

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 SCIO, OREGON

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