

THE COMMITTEE'S WAR CRY

HERE is no longer doubt about the animus and purpose behind the assembly scheme. The state central committee that met in Portland Saturday supplied the information. It "unanimously" adopted an official report, and that report boldly declares that the direct primary has brought on "a long train of abuses." One of the so-called "abuses" is the method by which candidates are proposed and their names submitted to the voters. It stigmatizes them as "self-nominated" candidates and scouts at nomination in that manner. Yet the primary law itself prescribes this as the method and says all candidates for office shall be nominated by that process and "not in any other manner." The very method, then, that the law lays down and names as the direct primary, the committee officially and unanimously laughs at, scouts at, repudiates, denounces. In the face of such an utterance there need not longer be doubt in any mind as to the ultimate purpose of the assembly scheme. It is a note of attack, a slogan of battle, and a declaration of war.

This official report further declares to be an "abuse" the personal platforms of direct primary candidates in which they make promises to the people of what they will do if elected. These promises are stigmatized as "self-promulgated platforms," and are hissed at as an abuse. Yet, to unbiased minds, the making of promises direct to the people instead of to convention bosses is one of the very best results brought about by the direct primary. In the very nature of things, promises made direct to the electorate are better and more virtuous promises than those made to the convention chieftains. The pledges made to convent on manipulators are invariably promises that salaries of favorites shall be raised, that soft snaps and jobs shall be created for political understrappers, that grafts for this and that bosslet shall be perpetuated and increased, that state printing fees shall not be reduced, that official fees of all kinds shall be increased, that new offices shall be created with which to reward participants in convention slates and jobs, that state money shall be loaned to this and that bank, that appropriations shall be made for sundry and divers activities, that raids new and old shall be made upon the public treasury, all of which is mighty costly to the taxpayer. On the contrary, promises made to the people are for reduction of salaries, reduction of official fees, reduction of appropriations, reduction of all extravagances and other promises that lessen taxes and relieve taxpayers.

But, the central committee says these promises to the people are an "abuse," and that the direct primary which causes them to be made is all wrong. With this feature out of the direct primary and with the proposal and submission of candidates by petition also out, what is left of the system? It immediately becomes hobbled, handcuffed, shackled and chained to a hitching post. Cut and carved, hewed and hacked as the central committee would "unanimously" have it, there would be nothing left but the shadow—the substance of the system would be gone. It would be a strangled, shorn, plucked and pathetic thing of the past. It would not be a direct primary at all, but only a futile and fantastic farce. By their own official confession, the purpose of the assembly backers is to cut all that is of value out of the direct primary, and to cart the remains off to the boneyard.

However, what else is to be expected? The assemblyites voted against the direct primary law in the beginning, and have hated it ever since.—Oregon Journal

Clubbing Rates

As the time of year is now at hand when winter reading should be provided for, we make the following clubbing offer to our readers. One year's subscription to the Santiam News is included in all the prices quoted below: The Weekly Oregonian (Portland) \$2.25 The Semi-Weekly Journal " \$2.00 The Breckers Gazette (Chicago) \$2.25 The Thrice a week World (N.Y.) \$2.25 Any \$1 a year magazine \$2.00

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The Local Markets

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

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| Wheat, per bushel | 1.01 |
| Oats, per bushel | .45 |
| Flour, per sack | 1.50 |
| Irish, per ton | 30.00 |
| Mutton, per ton | 32.00 |
| Chop, per ton | 24.00 |
| Butter, (country), per roll | .50 |
| Eggs, per dozen | .25 |
| Chickens, per pound | .12 |
| Chickens, per pound, young broilers | .12 |
| Cheese, per pound | .08 |
| Turkeys, per pound | .12 |
| Ducks, per pound | .12 |
| Beef, per pound, live weight | .07 1/2 |
| Pork, dressed | .09 |
| Veal, per pound, for shipping | .13 |
| Sheep, per pound, live | .08 |
| Mutton, per pound, dressed | .09 |

EDUCATIONAL MEETING AN OREGON OPPORTUNITY

At Crabtree Church Saturday, February 26, 1910. Program to begin at 10 O'Clock.

Songs and Declarations, By Pupils of the Public Schools.
 "Comic Selection", Prof. C. M. Kendall.
 "Home and School," Miss Mary A. Ewing, of Lacombe School.
 "Horticulture," E. W. Cooper, County Fruit Inspector.
 "Public Expenditures," Judge J. N. Duncan.
 "Select Reading," Prof. C. M. Kendall.
 "The Grange in a Community," C. L. Shaw.
 "The Truancy Law," C. F. Bigbee, Truant Officer.
 "School Problems," W. L. Jackson.
 "Comic Selection," Prof. C. M. Kendall.

LITERARY PROGRAM

Declamations (a) First prize for best declamation, \$1.50. (b) Second prize for best declamation \$1.00
 Songs, (a) First prize for best class song, U. S. Flag (4 by 6 feet) (b) First prize for best solo, U. S. Flag (4 by 6 feet)
 Maps, (a) Best map of the U. S. by pupils above the 6th grade, \$1.50 (b) Best map of Oregon by pupils below 6th grade, \$1.00.

BASKET DINNER

All patrons of the Public Schools, Grangers and friends of Education are most cordially invited to bring their baskets—well filled—with them, so that the noon hour may be spent in a social manner.

INVITATION

To the friends of Education of Crabtree and adjoining vicinities, under the management of the Public School interests and the Harmony Grange, a public meeting will be held at Crabtree church Saturday, February 26, as above indicated, for the purpose of discussing "Common Interests" along several practical lines. In order to encourage the children we have offered the above named prizes of award in a free and open contest to all.

COME, bring your family, your friends, invite your neighbors to come with you. Your presence and influence is wanted. Yours very truly,
 H. C. POWELL,
 Master of Harmony Grange.
 W. L. JACKSON,
 County Supt. of Schools.

Some Table Rules

Cream cakes and things of similar nature require a fork to carry them to the mouth; they should never be bitten. Asparagus may be taken with the finger and thumb if the stalks are large and full; otherwise, they should be eaten with a fork. Pastry of all kinds and raw oysters call for the fork only. Peas and beans must be eaten with the fork; berries and sauces require a teaspoon. The spoon must be removed from the tea or coffee cup after the sugar is dissolved, and left in the saucer. Always leave some of the liquid in the cup or glass from which you are drinking, avoiding the appearance of attempting to balance the upturned vessel on your nose. Do not fill the mouth too full; do not tip the plate to get the last drop of soup; do not eat soup from the end of the spoon; salt should not be put on the cloth, but on the side of the plate. Do not reach across your neighbor for a dish, but ask that it be passed to you. Do not pass your knife and fork with the plate for a serving, but rest them on a bit of bread on the table. Do not cut into the butter with your own knife.

Peculiarities of custom vary in widely separated localities, so one should not depend too implicitly on rules laid down in certain books on etiquette. "Wait and see what others do" is a good rule, but it will not hurt to study the book on etiquette. Every family should have such a volume, and insist on the young folks taking an interest in it. A general knowledge of good dining rules, together with observance of prevailing customs, will carry one through many a doubtful situation. Good manners can not be laid aside six days in the week to be assumed on the seventh. Etiquette should be a matter of habit, if we would avoid humiliation. Observe a correct posture at the table, never lounging, tilting the chair back, nor leaning on the elbows. Have your chair near enough the table to admit of an upright position.—Ex.

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Notice of Final Settlement.
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Allen Van Ness, deceased, late of Linn County, Oregon, has filed with the Clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his Final Account, and the court has fixed the 7th day of March, 1910, at the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. for the hearing of objections, if any, against said account and the settlement of said estate.

J. F. LEFFLER
 Administrator
 J. K. Weatherford, Atty. for Adm.
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