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THE OREGONIAN'S leading editorial of the edition of the 14th instaut carries the caption of "The Knife For Statement One." The NEWS, in common with all other friends of the primary, in its completeness, has believed, all the while, that the sole cause of the Oregonian's opposition to the primary law was Statement No. 1. The editorial in question acknowledges this fact without equivocation, so that now we have the enemy in the open and, therefore, we well know how to meet him.

The Oregonian is said to have originated the assembly idea and we are warranted in assuming that it voices the sentiment of the assembly adherents. We may, then, conclude that all who favor the assembly are opposed to the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. No other conclusion is tenable. Should the assembly predominate in the next legislature, we may expect an expression from that body in opposition to the amendment of the Federal constitution, making such election by direct vote obligatory, alike, in all of the states.

Perhaps some republicans who support the assembly movement, do not realize what is the secret purpose of its promoters. If so, the argument advanced in this leading article should make the matter plain to them. If they favor the popular election of United States Senators, they should oppose the assembly; or if they are opposed to the popular election of senators they should and are boosting the assembly with all their influence. Had there been no Statement No. 1 incorporated in our direct primary law, it would have had no opposition, at least, from the Oregonian. Now that paper does not seem to be satisfied in the negation of what it denominates "the holy statement." It wants negative the entire nominating feature of the law as well. Nevertheless, it says the assembly is not for this purpose, actions speak louder than words. State Chairman George, in his call, indicates the purpose of the assembly. Only one candidate for each respective office will be recommended and, of course, candidates so recommended will receive the full organized strength of the assembly at both the primary and

LIVE STOCK JUDGES

One of the most important features in connection with the management of a fair and live stock show is competent, honest judgment. Anything short of this makes a fake of the whole proposition. This disgusts and turns from the show ring the exhibitors, befuddles the public and brings the fair into bad repute. To give satisfaction a judge must possess integrity, be thoroughly conversant with the line of stock he undertakes to judge and not only this, must have had considerable experience in placing animals in the show ring. It is a fact that some men well known to be the best judges of livestock cannot go into a large ring of animals and place them promptly and satisfactorily themselves. Some men do not possess the ability to carry comparisons in their mind and some seem to get stage fright. To spend a lot of money in advertising prizes for big exhibitors and then select incompetent men to officiate in the judging arena is a great mistake—one that will work fatal injury to any show no matter how well it may otherwise be held. The time is past for picking up judges the day you wish to have your stock adjudged. The time is past for forcing men into judging who say they are not a competent and who really are not make it harmonious all around. Competent judges with established reputations should be selected early in the season in time to incorporate their names in the premium list if possible so that exhibitors may know who the judges

are and that they are competent to pass upon their stock. Then should any one be prejudiced against the judge for any reason he has his excuse for not showing under him. The idea that the judge's name should be withheld until he comes into the show ring to do his work and that the ownership of the stock should be kept from him as much as possible should be gotten away from. If a man is not competent to judge the stock on its merits and honest enough to place the ribbons according to the merits of the animals regardless of the owner he is not fit to act as judge. The importance of this thing is being more and more understood each year by our fair managers and while they may seem to be misled in selecting judges we believe it is the desire of every manager in the Northwest to guarantee their exhibitors good judges along this line. Judges have not as yet been announced for all the fairs of the coast this season but as far as they have they are men of ability and high standing and we trust when the list is complete its announcement may bring forth no name before whom any exhibitor may not be glad to show his stock.—Rural Spirit

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS SERVICE

One result of the campaign for advertising the Pacific Northwest as a summer resort country will be noticed this month, when an excursion of several hundred people from Los Angeles and San Francisco will make a trip through

general elections. Suppose that the assembly wins out at both of these elections? An ordinary every day fool can easily see and safely predict that every line of reform legislation, which has taken us years to accomplish, will be erased from our statute books. As the NEWS has often stated, it is an effort on the part of the old machine to get into the political saddle. It is an effort to restore the old time conditions of graft and the buying of legislative votes in the election of United States senators. It is an effort to restore the senatorial election club over any and all legislation which may be brought before the legislature.

The matter is now up to the voter. If you want to re-establish the old corrupt conditions which prevailed at Salem and Portland every two years, vote for the assembly candidates. But if you prefer that our present reform legislation shall stand and that Oregon shall remain, as she is now, the leader of all the states in reformation, vote for the anti-assembly candidates, regardless of what their political sentiments may be.

The Oregonian has made Statement No. 1 the campaign issue. Hence, every candidate, no matter for what office he stands, should be required to publicly express his loyalty to our direct primary law in its entirety. And candidates for the legislature and the candidate for governor, should each be required to append his written signature to the pledge. In no other way can the progress towards the people's rule which we have made, be maintained.

In order to obtain a respectable standing before the electorate, the assembly may recommend one or more anti-assembly candidates. Indeed, it is whispered about that Dr. Andrew C. Smith, who is reported to be a friend to the present primary law, is to be the assembly candidate for governor. If so, do not support him, unless he repudiates the assembly airily and squarely. We cannot nor must not compromise the matter in the least.

The defeat of the assembly and all candidates it recommends, is of the utmost importance to the electorate of Oregon. If the assembly is allowed to win out, it will be a tacit acknowledgement that the people of Oregon have not sense enough to select their officials and that they are willing that a small bunch of political chairwarmers shall perform that function for them.

We may expect that the assembly to meet in Portland, this week, will be no more aggressive than it can help. It wants to excite as small opposition as possible and, to that end, will doubly sugarcoat the dose which it is trying to administer to the republican party. After it has once won and secured the offices, especially that of the governor and legislature, then the cloven foot will be exhibited. Then will the old time boss and the little bosslets come out from their hiding and assume political dictation. This result should be quite evident to every voter who thinks.

Voters of Oregon are you slaves to the party whip, or are you independent freemen? Have you enough of gray matter under your hats to select candidates for the various state and county offices, or do you prefer that a few professional politicians and political hangers-on shall do the job for you? Have you sense enough to express, through your votes, whom you prefer for United States senator, or do you prefer that railroads and other favor-seeking corporations shall buy up the legislature, like cattle, and place men subservient to their wishes in the highest legislative body in the world? There are too many Gugenheims in that body now and Oregon will surely not add to the number.

Voters, the matter is now up to you. A few newspapers and public men in the state have endeavored to voice a warning. They have tried to point out what is the secret purpose of the assembly. But you must make the decision. You are the jury and we sincerely hope the verdict you render next November shall be so emphatic that nevermore will favor and office desiring politicians seek to break down the rule of the people.

Assembly or no assembly? Bosses or no bosses? The people or the corporations? If the bosses win the people lose all that they have fought for and won in the last twenty years. Ye, Grangers, beware of the strategies and deceptions of those who seek to enslave you. The crucial test is at hand.

Who is Jeff Meyers? He is a Scio boy who is to be the next governor of Oregon if the voters of Scio and Linn county are to count for anything.

Washington, British Columbia and Oregon to view the wonders of the scenery enjoy the beautiful summer climate, and become familiar with the great and growing cities of the northwest. This year the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and other organizations have been making a strong bid for summer visitors. The Southern Pacific's excursion from California is one of the first results of this campaign. This excursionists will come north, starting about July 25, over the Southern Pacific road to Portland, Oregon, thence by the Oregon and Washington to Seattle, where Canadian Pacific boats will be taken to Victoria and Vancouver. The rest of the route lies over the Canadian Pacific to Revelstoke, southward on Lake Kootenia and then by rail to Spokane, and via the new North Bank road to Portland, where the homeward journey starts. This trip ought to give the Californians a fine idea of the Pacific Northwest, and should be the forerunner of much travel northward in this and other summer seasons. Just as California is the winter habit of many people from the Northwest, this country should be, and in time will be the summer resort for the Californians.

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