BAUTIES of the convention system were shown at
the Ohio republican convention. "On the third ballot, Boss Cox threw the Hamilton county delegation' 91 votes to Harding," state the dispatches. He also voti-
ed the 91 votes for other candidates and for the ant ed the 91 votes for
Roosevelt platform.
Boss Cox, like the lilies, neither toils nor spins, but, unlike the lilies, he is not beautiful. He is a type of the grown wealthy without labor, through dictation of politic by means of what in Oregon is called the "assembly"

Hamilton county contains Cincimnati with a population of 500,000 . Boss Cox names and elects the city, coun
and state officials. He chooses the delegates, and vo them as he pleases, as he did in the Ohio convention.
How much voice did the 500,000 people of Hamilton county have in the naming of the gubernatorial candidate? How much voice did they have in the adoption the stand-pat platform? None at all.
How much voice do the people have in any conventio ridden state in the nomination of an
for in either party? None at all.

It is a humiliating spectacle when one man, uneultured and illiterate, who holds no office, who has no sanction from the people, absolutely rules a half million people, controls both parties, and makes $\quad \tau_{8}$ of the electorate Yet that is what hamn
vention system rules.

Do the people of Oregon want to restore these conditions 9 If they do, they want to vote for candidates pledged against Statement One and the direct primary. If the people want to continue to name and elect their own can-
didates, they want to defend every attack made upon direct legislation and vote only for those candidates pledg

## COUNTRY EDITOR COMING INTO HIS OWN

T $\mathbf{T}$ The country editor is slowing coming into his ow them. The present republican nominee for governor of Ohio is another. In Oregon, we have Colonel E. Hofe still another, as a formidable candidate for governor.

There is no reason why the live country editor should not share in the honors bestowed by the people. Much of the progress of the community is due to his untiring efforts, usually efforts made without a thought of recomense, and often unappreciated by the recipients.
No country editor ever grows wealthy. If he makes a good living he does better than the average. His business is not such that he can make much money. It is always a struggle to make both ends meet and keep his record untarnished. If he makes any money, it goes into bettering his product. Like the artist, he follows the oceupation because he loves it-not for financial gain, for onetenth the brains and energy make many a man,
Country editors usually have no political aspirations. They understand vanity fair too well to sigh for gilded baubles. But when office is bestowed upon them, they are equal to the occasion.

## THE NEW WATER SYSTEM.

$\mathbf{W}^{\text {ITH }}$ the installation of the Little Butte gravity waminus her greatest handicap.
From the swaddling days of the village Medhas carried this awful handicap. River towns have scoffed at Medford as the veritable Sahara of southern Oregon. With no othey supply than the polluted waters of Bear creek, which during the month of August has formed a habit of going as dry as Kansas elections, the infant city fell a victim to every epidemic that municipal flesh is heir to, until the magnificent enterprise of her citizens stepped into the breach like a mighty Aaron and smote the rugged snow-covered sides of Mt. McLaughlin with a half-million-dollar rod and caused a stream of pure water to gush forth sufficient for a city of 30,000 .

The public spirit that overcomes such obstacles cannot be denied; it will found a metropolis in spite of every adversity, and now wateh the speedometer of Medford's progress click off the milestones of growth.

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| Are proof beyond doubt's sh great, <br> Results awaits the man, Who is the right material And ever as ys I CAN. |
| :---: |
| Deep beds of coal and granite gray Exhaustiess in their size, With many preclous minerals, That people ever prize. |
| Are here in Southern Oregon, <br> And freely we confess, <br> That in this part of mother earth |

[^0]Where big red apples crow,
Where many t thas are wouderful,
The place you ought to know.
To East, to North, to sunny south,
A wecome we extend,
And any time you wish our hetp.
Our time and our assistance, suldes
And people filled with mirth,
Th show the finest country that
Was ever shown on earth.
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insurgents Blame Former Secretary for Defeat-Foraker Has "Come Back" and Burton is DoomedOutlook Bright for Demoerats.

## ARCELONA WORKMEN PREPARE DEMONSTRATION





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