

A UGUST, much maligned August, the month of called dreary "dog days," is really one of the fine seasons of the year, especially in the Rogue River valley The sun shines cheerily from a cloudless sky, the dust hangs in lazy streaks along the country roads, the smoke from distant forest fires curtains the horizon in a dreamy
haze. Fruit is ripening in the orchard, melons in the gar den as nature fulfills her promise of the spring, and with the perfection of maturity completes her handiwork tense heat slips away with the sun's golden disk and delightful coolness falls with the gathering darknes The moon, yet young, already plates the wondering world
with silver, as the myriad swinging lanterns of the night veautify the heavens.

August is the season of vacations. Silvery streams murmuring through verdure-clad mountains, wildwoo sistibly to the city-worn cliffs to tell its mystery or breaking wildy on the beaches lures the overworked and weary. Beneath the shade of the pine or listening to the surging sea, the humdrum cares of life are forgotten and in idleness and ease tired nature recuperates.

But to those who stay at home-and most of us doAugust is still a delightful month. From the quiet dawn when the morning glory in its fragile beauty welcomes the rising sun till the still night with its unsung music"of spirit lut
vorth while.

No vision of heaven by poet or prophet
e splendor of the earth in the fullness of summer August, and if we

## POLITICS EMASCULATED

$T$IMES are so prosperous in Southern Oregon that fev people have time or leisure to pay attention to poi itics. Hence candidates are tardy in making announce-
ments. The political pot has not even begun to simmer, let alone boil

Politicians say that the direct primary law is to blame -that it has emasculated politics. By that they mean that it has taken out the graft of politics, and that with out the graft the game is not worth playing.

Salaries of officials are not big enough to tempt men of ability. They can make more in almost any other line. The corporations cannot finance candidates-they must go before the people. The word of a boss no longer makes r unmakes men-it is up to the people-and while the people may be fools to insist on making their own selections, they are not such big fools as to let the boss continue to make the selections for them. Hence there is nothing in it, except legitimate salary, for the politician-and he i not looking for that.
No longer does the legislator wear a crown of glory Under Statement One, as the people's servant, he must do what the people say. He cannot auction off his support
to Mr. Moneybags for senator. He serves his community to Mr. Moneybags for senator. He serves his community
for forty days and nights, gets small pay, and nothing on the side.

Who wonders at "assemblies" to restore the good old days-the days of deadlock sessions-the days when man's vote was worth as much as years of honest toil? But they have gone forever-are one with roses of yes terday
And politics, robbed of its graft, is scarcely worth while, except as an emblem of good citizenship.

## THE DEMOCRATIC ASS BRAYS

ORTLAND Democratic politicians, or would-be poli-
ticians have held an "assembly" of their own, and th characteristic shortsightedness. have "reconmended" John Manning, former district attorney of Mult nomah county, for governor, and appointed a committe to try and induce Oswald West and Jeff Myers, the K1 Klux Klan candidate, to withdraw in Manning's intera -and Myers is willing.
Mr. Manning has no element of strength that wouk appeal to the Democratic masses. He has done nothing o command their confidence and support. His recos as district attorney is not so brilliant as to justify furthe political advancement, nor will the rank and file swallo him.
It will be remembered that this same small coterie o pie-hungry politicians a few years ago ignored May Harry Lane and nominated one of their number for mayo of Portland, and that the rank and file of the party wen to the polls and wrote "Harry Lane" upon their ballots (his name was not even printed) and Lane was nominated by a majority of five to one. They are again showing similar astuteness and sagacity, even as their Republica brethren did in their assembly.

Oswald West could have no stronger endorsement than the fact that he is not acceptable to the politicians of his the facty.
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