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EARTHQUAKE.

April 18, Earthquake and fire destroyed nearly one half of the city of San Francisco. The property loss is not less than \$100,000,000. Thousands of people homeless. More than 200 dead and 1000 injured in the city. The insane asylum near San Jose was thrown down, the superintendent and many of the inmates killed. The destruction wrought is something terrible, and was general over an area of 100 miles along the coast. All towns around the bay were destroyed. The Cliff house was swept into the sea by a tidal wave. Eight square miles in the city was burned.

The drydock is still sloshing around and is making such slow progress that it is almost suspected of receiving per diem.

Indications point to the complete success of the new direct primary law, which will be tested Friday, for the first time.

When the Secretary of Agriculture announced that there would be no more crop failures, he probably referred to candidates.

"They are fighting the same evil now," says Roosevelt, "that we fought in the time of Washington. To fix our eyes exclusively on evil, and to ignore all good, is injurious to the social welfare," he adds: "attacks on abuses are right only when they are based on truth."

It was the general supposition that the saloons would only be closed during the time of voting at the primary election but Sec 45 of the primary election makes the law governing general elections applicable, hence they will not be allowed to open between the hours of 8 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Of those mentioned last week by the REGISTER for the different positions to be filled at the primary election today, with the exception of Clerk and commissioner not one has expressed to us a desire for the place. Let the voters, republicans and democrats walk up to the polls and vote your choice. If printed names do not suit write in one that does. Exercise the right you have of naming your choice, and you will have done your duty.

James Rice, who served two terms as sheriff of Columbia County, has been mentioned as a possible independent candidate for the office of representative. Mr. Rice is a member of the Presbyterian church at Clatskanie. Is well and favorably known all over Columbia County. He was elected sheriff as a democrat but preferred to register as an independent, as there was no difference between the two old parties. Mr. Rice is an ardent municipal ownership advocate. If the republicans should select Brother Flag as their banner bearer, a thing unlooked for, we hope to see "Jim" shy his castor into the field and after the June election we will write Hon. Jas N. Rice of Clatskanie.

The REGISTER would urge upon democrats in every precinct to select your committeemen, and fill every blank on your ticket with such men as you believe are fitted for the position to be filled. While the democrats were not very ardent supporters of the primary election law, yet they should give the new primary law a full and fair test; and to allow the office to seek the man and to keep out the democratic portion of the primary election all semblance of corruption, machine methods and improper use of money. The board of Republican office seekers went at this primary election in their time honored manner. Each wing of the party has formulated a slate and money has flowed like champagne. It is known that the majority of the candidates for the republicans nomination for Governor, State Printer, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, have spent enormous sums in their campaign, and it is an open secret that several of them will emerge from the fight, practically bankrupt. This will leave these patriots in a state of mind not conducive to party harmony.

Portland Letter.

Portland April 18—Friday of this week the people of Oregon will name their candidates for public office. This is the first time in the history of the State that they have been permitted to do so, with a few isolated and individual exceptions.

The nomination of Governor Chamberlain four years ago was one of these exceptions. While almost every Republican candidate for office claims the lead and apparently feels hopeful, nearly all of them are dissatisfied with

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the working of the primary law. They object to the cost that they have voluntarily assumed. It is openly told on the streets of Portland that the Republican candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, State Printer and State Treasurer have each spent sums running from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

This does not look like a case of "Office seeking the man." If the republican politicians had been sincere in their protestations of giving the direct primary election law a fair trial in spirit as well as letter, there would have been no necessity for any of their candidates spending a dollar. But in their anxiety to keep alive the old machine methods of the party, they began to loosen up the purse strings.

It is an open secret that next Saturday morning, at least two of the defeated Republican candidates for Governor will be practically bankrupt. Two of the candidates for State Treasurer have spent more than they could afford to and some of the candidates for State printer have expended enormous sums. In the instances of the candidates for State Printer, State Treasurer and Secretary of State, the game, they think is more than worth the candle. It has already been mentioned in this correspondence that Senator Fulton has placed an interpretation on the direct primary law or on that part of the election law that relates to the election of United States Senators by popular vote, that will altogether nullify the people's wishes in that respect.

No more absurd and ridiculous construction was ever placed on any proposition. It will doubtless make the Oregon Senator the laughing stock of his learned colleagues at Washington. It is the general belief that the machine Republicans do not believe in the direct primary; it was forced on them by the people, but it takes away their calling. For them it spells downfall.

The primary law was never intended to do away with, and cannot be construed by the most narrow minded politicians as meaning the abolition of the party politics; but rather to destroy the machine behind that party. It is fast doing this and the machine men are consequently correspondingly sore. The primary law recognizes the intelligence and judgment of the individual sovereign voter. The republican machine never did that. In this connection it should be noticed that there is perhaps no state in the Union that contains a larger percent of independent voters.

This means destruction to the machine. It means a government by the people.

It means that the best men will likely be elected to office next June.

It probably means that the best interests of this state, regardless of the party affiliations will demand that John M. Gearin be returned to the United States senate.

This independent vote in Oregon has always been more or less active. Even in the old days of the machine rule, the sovereign people occasionally revolted from the disgraceful servitude of bossism. And these epochs marked some of the best days in Oregon's history. The administration of the late Governor Penney was a conspicuous example of this.

This independent vote is especially large in some of the Oregon counties. In Multnomah it always holds the balance of power. It is said to be very strong in Clackamas county. In that county Roosevelt was given the largest majority of any county in the state; but next June it is expected that the entire Democratic ticket will be elected by a combination of Democratic and Independent votes. This will be an uprising against corrupt machine poli-

tics. In Clackamas, the machine has always flourished like the proverbial green bay tree. No where in the state had politics become more corrupt. It had reached a point where endurance ceased to be a virtue and indications that next June the Clackamas money changers will be driven from the temple.

This is it; the old time machine Republicans view the situation with alarm.

The Independent voters are satisfied and know they are coming into their own; While the Democrats see in these signs of the times, the reelection of Governor Chamberlain: the election of United States Senator Gearin and many other things are probable.

WHY BAKER RESIGNED.

Perhaps, because he saw the trend of public opinion, is the reason why Republican State Chairman Frank C. Baker deserted his ship in troubled waters. And then perhaps the story, currently going the rounds, of his conversation with President Roosevelt is true. The story to the effect that the late chairman told the President that with the aid of the proper kind from Washington, he could carry Oregon in June for the entire Republican ticket and defeat Governor Chamberlain as well as the rest of the Democratic candidates. The President is said to have replied:

"I have no very exalted opinion of the Oregon wing of the Republican party. I believe the reelection of Oregon's present Governor will be a good thing for the people of your state and that eventually it will not injure the Republican party in Oregon."

It is said that not even the 43,000 majority he received in the last National election in this state can make Mr. Roosevelt forget the slap in the face the Oregon Republicans gave him when they elected Binger Herman to Congress.

THEY DIE HARD.

The direct primary election law was intended as the solar plexus blow for the political bosses, and it will probably be their finish. But the bosses do not pass over into the elysian fields with any particular rush. The grafters display no frantic yearning for the quietude of the simple life. They leave the public crib with reluctance and die hard. Even Johnathan Bourne Jr., who kidnapped the direct primary election law and palmed it off as his own child, has clung to the old method to such an extent that he has formulated a legislative slate in Multnomah county.

Speaking of Jonathan Bourne, Jr., whom his rivals sycorically refer to as "A remittance-from-home man," it may be parenthetically remarked that he is placing a great deal of good money in circulation in making his campaign.

STAGGERING UNDER A HEAVY LOAD.

With all due respect to whatever principles the National Republican party may have that are worth favorable consideration, the great bulk of voters of independent tendencies are saying that it is asking too much of a voter to solicit his ballot for the perpetuation in power of any party of men who have made the record that has been enacted by the dormant party in Oregon. Land frauds, both State and National, and the scandalous grafts in the offices of State Printer, Secretary of State and State Treasurer combine with other disgraceful conditions to form a load that is too heavy for any political party to carry. Party fealty is not strong enough to sustain the heft of this burden.

FIRST EVIDENCE OF INSINCERITY.

Another reason, perhaps stronger than any of these, is causing people who do their own thinking, to turn their backs on the old machine republicans. This is the evident insincerity of the Republican bosses and politicians

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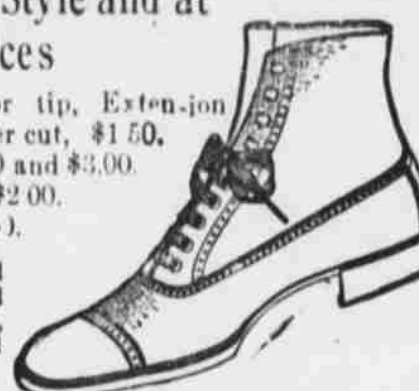
The people of Oregon, in fact the voters of the Nation, are wedded to the idea of electing senators by popular vote and pending the time when the constitution will be amended to permit of this, they will demand good faith on the part of state legislators in carrying out the provisions of the new district primary law. In fact the eyes of the entire country are centered on this state and thinking people everywhere are watching the results of the Oregon plan with interest. And it is believed that the election of John M. Gearin to the Senate is highly probable.

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