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## THE PRIMARY LAW

### Cause of Factional Strife Due to Present Method of Nominating candidates for Office.

Nothing will do more to destroy the factionalism in the Republican party than the enactment of the direct primary law at the polls in June. Throughout the entire state there has been a demand that factional strife shall cease, the outside counties blaming Multnomah for the continuance of the conflict. As a matter of fact the present system of nominating candidates is responsible for the division which has existed for years in the Republican party. With the enactment of the direct primary law the reason of this division will cease and the party can be united in its endeavors.

The operation of the present system of nominating candidates is well known. Candidates are nominated in a convention and the great contest is over the control of the convention. As the first issue to be fought out is the organization of the convention, two factions are formed and the aspirants who work with the controlling faction claim the preference for nominations. When Republican primaries are held men ally themselves with one faction or the other and the victorious faction claims all the spoils of victory. A man who aspires to the Republican nomination of sheriff must work with one faction or the other, and if his side has won he bases his claim for a nomination upon the work he has done for his faction. Members of the losing faction are either shut out altogether or given only such nominations as the victors are willing they should have.

Under this system nominations are not governed by the wishes or the best interests of the people. Even though a large majority of the members of the party are in favor of a certain man for the nomination of sheriff, if that man happens to have worked with the losing faction he is thus debarred from securing a place upon the ticket. This should not be. Every man should stand upon his own bottom, and every candidate should stand or fall upon his own merits or qualifications. If an admirer of a prominent Portland leader is peculiarly fitted for the office of County Clerk, he should not be debarred from asking for a nomination merely because that faction of the party failed by a few votes to carry the primaries.

What is true of Multnomah County is applicable throughout the state. In nearly every county factional lines have been drawn in the past, some political leader having been recognized as the head of a faction. The factional fight has been carried into the State Convention, sometimes with disastrous results. The faction which controls the State Convention names all the candidates and those who were so unfortunate as to work with the minority are shut out entirely, so far as nominations are concerned. Because one aspirant for the nomination for Governor has worked with the prevailing faction, he secures the nomination, even though the rank and file of the party desire another man on the ticket for that high office.

This method of making nominations is not in the interests of good

government. It is satisfactory for the time being to the faction that happens to be in power, but it is unsatisfactory when the other faction wins. The purpose in all elections, whether primary elections or general, state and county elections should be to ascertain the wishes of the people. This is impossible under the present system. The members of a party go to the polls on primary day and vote for a list of delegates chosen by political bosses, and have no means of knowing what the choice of those delegates will be as between candidates for the various offices. It cannot be said that the members of the party have had an opportunity to choose from among the aspirants for party nominations.

The direct primary law is based upon the theory of a government of the people by the people and for the people. It does not propose to destroy party lines nor to displace party leaders. It proposes to change the manner in which party leaders work, so that they shall work with the people, and not accomplish their ends through the manipulation of caucuses and conventions. The direct nomination law is American in principle, proposing a marked improvement in popular government. It is proposed by men who have confidence in the intelligence and honesty of the people and their ability to govern themselves.—Oregonian

### IN MEMORIAM.

John McElhinney was born in the northern part of Ireland, and at the age of about 33 years came to the U. S. settling at Philadelphia, where he remained but a short time. In 1876 he removed to California and engaged in mining in Tuolumne county for about two years. He sold out and removed to Siskiyou county, where he became engaged in the sheep raising business. In 1882 he moved his flock into Lake County Oregon, and was up to the time of his death engaged in the Live Stock business.

As a resident of Lake county, he was honored at various times by his fellow citizens with the offices of County Commissioner and the Mayorality of Lakeview. He was a member of Lakeview Lodge No. 71 A. F. & A. M. where he served as Treasurer for many years. He was also a member of Oriental Chapter No. 5, O. E. S. He was President of the Lakeview Water Company and had but recently been chosen the Chairman of the Republican County Committee.

In the many public and private positions he held, he performed the duties assigned to him in an honest, upright way, earning the unstinted approval of all those interested. In his private life he was of a retiring nature, kind and affable, charitable to a fault. None came to him for assistance but found that his great heart responded as liberally as his purse permitted, in fact many times did he deprive himself of comforts to bestow them on those whom he thought was in more urgent need of them.

"His word is as good as his bond," was the common expression of all those who had any business relations with him. While always prompt in the payment of his just debts, he was most lenient to those owing him and many are today the beneficiaries of that leniency.

Long will his memory be cherished by those who knew him well and sadly will he be missed by this community where he resided for so many years. He has departed to the home of the just and entered the portals where life is eternal.

## OUR COUNTY TICKET GOOD

### Steiner for the Legislature not in Any Way Involved in the Factional Strife Here.

The day of election is drawing near and the time is coming when every voter should be seriously considering the question of who he is to vote for. Republicans can find men on the Republican ticket worthy of their support. The Examiner can conscientiously recommend the entire ticket with but one exception.

The men who aspire to state offices are all men of sterling worth and their election is necessary for the well being of the republican party of the state. The republican candidate for congress should be heartily supported, both from a political standpoint and from the fact that through their zeal in the last session of the national body of lawmakers our state has received due recognition.

Our circuit judges, Hon. H. L. Benson, and Hon. H. K. Hanna have been on the bench for the past four years and no one can say a word against either of them. Judge Benson has taken this part of the district and has made many friends throughout the county. He is admired both in the court room and on the street. When a man has met and talked with Judge Benson or sat on a jury in his court or appeared as a witness in a case before him or sat in the gallery during a trial or has been brought before the Judge to answer to charges preferred against himself, all know they have met a gentleman of culture, and social standing and a man whose sympathies and sternness are alike strong features of his noble character. Judges Benson and Hanna, (though Judge Hanna is a democrat, which cuts no figure in the election of circuit judges, as this one above all offices is kept above all politics,) should receive a unanimous vote for circuit judges of this district.

John A. Laycock of Grant county the republican nominee for Joint Senator from this district composed of Lake, Klamath, Crook and Grant, is an honored citizen of his home county, where he is extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. The interests of this district will be well protected by Mr. Laycock, who possesses the qualities that go to make up great statesmen, and his interest in the welfare of Eastern Oregon insure his hearty support of all measures effecting our portion of the state.

John Shook of Klamath county, is well known to a great many of the voters of Lake county and the fact of his being engaged in the industry that is mostly effected by the laws of the legislature places him in a position to familiarize himself with the needs of this district. Mr. Shook is a man whose walks through life are ever marked with honesty, integrity and industry. His accumulation of worldly goods, though not of dangerous magnitude, was gained through his ambition to build up this section of the state and develop it into the paradise of Oregon.

Coming now to our country's own candidate for the legislature, we are led to say of Dr. R. E. L. Steiner just what we have seen and heard of his admirable career since he has been in our midst and the reputation he bore in the county from which he

came. Dr. Steiner has kept himself clear of all factional strife within this county and is not bound to any faction whereby the influence of the high position to which he aspires would, in the least, be hampered or his actions be dictated by any faction. So far as the Dr's. personality is concerned every man in Lake county knows him personally and none have ventured a dissenting opinion in regard to his candidacy.

For Sheriff the Republicans have put before the people a man who, when tried in this position, will leave the same marks of merit that have followed his every move in private and business life. None can say of Elmer E. Rinehart that through a business deal they have not found him equal to his word. Mr. Rinehart possesses the qualities that are necessary in a sheriff. He is uncompromising when performing his duty and unflinching in the face of danger. Mr. Rinehart like Dr. Steiner, is absolutely free of all factional differences that might be recognized by some voters as a matter to be considered in casting their votes.

The Republican nominee for County Clerk returns from his trip over the county with renewed vigor for going through the campaign with flying colors that will doubtless decorate the front door of the Clerk's office after the 6th day of June, when the overwhelming majority of votes will be credited to E. N. Jaquis for County Clerk of Lake county. "Ted," as he is known by a great many people of this county who have known him since boyhood, has made friends wherever he has met men in Lake county. Both the papers in the north speak very highly of him and his chances of election are twofold what they were the day he was nominated. The more one sees of him, the more they are impressed with his manhood, honesty and the ambition that has placed many a young man of his kind in the front ranks. It is important that we say here, "Ted" is taking no hand in any factional fight and must be considered the choice of the party proper.

Fred O. Ahlstrom for County Treasurer should also receive the full support of the party. He will be a credit to the county administration, and after two years of his service to Lake county, no voter will regret that he put the X before the name of Fred Ahlstrom for Treasurer. He is always attentive and honorable in his dealings, which is one of the essentials to an efficient county treasurer. Fred's majority should exceed the republican vote of the county, owing to his popularity.

The office of county commissioner is an important one and has been tendered by the republicans to Mr. C. W. Dent, a man fully capable of performing the duties devolving upon such officer. Mr. Dent's career is one that any citizen may feel proud of. His long years as a stockman of this county and a taxpayer has put him in possession of the proper credentials, as he is thoroughly in touch with every need of our county. The development of the county depends upon the administration of county affairs, and the interests of taxpayers are in the hands of the county court to a considerable extent.

The office of Assessor is also one of importance to the taxpayers and voter, and the republicans have put a man on their ticket whom the people can trust to fill this office and as-

## COURT DOCKET

### Present Term of Circuit Court Will Be Short--But Few Cases Are Filed for Trial.

The May term of circuit court for Lake county, convened Monday, May 16, 1904. The following cases were filed: J. E. Mitchell-Innes, plaintiff, vs. R. Sherlock, defendant.—Action to recover money. Judgment and default.

State of Oregon vs. Fred Collins. Information for larceny of a horse. Jury secured and trial proceeding yesterday. Following are the jury: Geo Jammertal, John Bull, Louie Myers, John George J C Hotchkiss, T J Magilton, J C Oliver, S B Chandler, A M Smith, B Reynolds, Steve Gaylord, W D Hopkins.

State of Oregon vs W R Miller. Information for selling spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon without first having obtained a license in the manner provided by law.

State of Oregon vs. W E Scammon. Information for selling spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon without first having obtained a license in the manner provided by law.

State of Oregon vs. Phillip Barry. Information for manslaughter.

State of Oregon vs. W E Scammon. Information for selling intoxicating liquor to Geo P Boone, a minor.

State of Oregon vs. W E Scammon. Information for selling intoxicating liquor to John B Wise, a minor.

State of Oregon vs. W E Scammon. Information for selling spirituous liquors to D U Cleland, without first having obtained a license as provided by law.

James Barry, plaintiff, vs. Hough Ahern, defendant. Civil action to recover possession of property.

State of Oregon vs. W R Miller. Information for selling spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon without first having obtained a license as provided by law.

State of Oregon vs. W E Scammon. Information for selling spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon without having first obtained a license as provided by law.

N D Asdell, plaintiff, vs. Edith J Asdell. Suit for divorce.

State of Oregon vs. A L Howell. Continued over to the next term of court.

In the case of the state vs. W R Miller defendant was fined \$250.

In the case of the state vs. Scammon, defendant was fined \$400.

Assess the people justly and in a manner that will equalize taxation. Mr. Chas. Umbach has been in a position to know where the burden of taxation should rest and we believe he will be able to render as good service in this office as any man that could be selected for assessor. Mr. Umbach should carry the county by a good round majority, and will do it.

J. Q. Willits for school superintendent has the advantage of being the most popular educator in Lake county, and we do not know of any opposition. Whether or not the democrats have yet found a man qualified for this position we are not aware, but we can say that one better qualified than Prof. Willits has not been found in the county, because he is not here. So vote for Willits and you are safely on the right side.

P. M. Curry has for years been the republican nominee for surveyor, for reasons well known to all. His ability makes him the natural nominee of the party. Once during the campaign The Examiner was "sneezed" at for making the statement that Mr. Curry knew every section corner in the county. Now if he does not know everyone he comes mighty near it, and can find it for you so quick that you would think he knew where to look.

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