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#### CAN BOSSISM BE SUPPRESSED?

The new Primary law passed at the recent election will be under the ban of shrewd politicians and party bosses, since they have awakened to the full realization of the true intent of the law. The primary nominating law was sprung upon the bosses at an inconvenient hour when their attention was so devotedly attached to other political problems, and the seriousness of the matter was given little thought until it was too late. Now that the campaign is out of the way opposition to the measure will receive the attention of politicians who will attempt to annul it in the courts. Although advocates of the new law maintain that its constitutionality was thoroughly tested before it was put before the people; that it had the benefit of scrutiny from the ablest lawyers in the state and that all weak points were cut out which leaves the law an impregnable bulwark against which political scoundgery will spend its violence.

The law leaves it optional with the voters whether or not they are controlled by bosses. If the people seize the opportunity to do away with bossism and take their political burdens upon their own shoulders the boss system will be a thing of the past and candidates for nomination will have to go before the people with a clean and unblemished record, or go down to defeat, and successful ones will have their constituency to repay, which debt can always be paid with efficient service, instead of the political boss who demands something more. But on the other hand, if the people are stupid and dull and continue to believe that the real power of politics is wielded at the polls instead of the primaries, party bosses will so continue to run politics.

The question of a money standard for Panama has given rise to considerable stir in Washington. Minister John Barrett was sent for and had a long conference with the Panama canal commissioners and the President and Secretary Hay, all with reference to the Panama currency proposition. A measure was pending in the Panama legislature the decision of which hung the fate of the gold standard on the peninsula. It is said that the question of a gold standard involves an interest to this government of about \$25,000,000. This is based upon the belief that contractors will be compelled to add 25 per cent, to their bids in order to guard against charges in the cost of labor and supplies which must be obtained from the surrounding country, as are incident to currencies not being placed on the gold standard.

Attorney General P. C. Knox has been appointed U. S. Senator to fill the unexpired term of W. S. Quay, who died recently. Unless political complications arise between now and next January, when the Pennsylvania legislature meets, P. C. Knox will be elected to the U. S. Senate.

Postmaster Bancroft of the Portland postoffice has resigned and Senator Mitchell has recommended his successor. J. W. Minto will probably get the place.

#### PREPARE FOR NOVEMBER.

Some of the republican county central committeemen have suggested a meeting in the near future for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary and to formulate plans for carrying on the presidential campaign. Now is the time to begin work for a big majority for Roosevelt this fall. The fact that Oregon has, in its state election, given the republican party the biggest majority ever given in Oregon should not put republicans at ease. What we want is to out do the state election in rounding up a majority for the president. Oregon has in the past been counted in the doubtful column, but let it roll up such a majority for the republicans next November that there will be no doubt in the future. We predict a larger vote at the November election than was cast this June. The vote the 6th of June was 783, just the number registered, nevertheless, several electors were sworn in on election day. This goes to show that a number had registered while the registration books were open simply to qualify them for the November election, as they did not vote last Monday. There were fewer straight votes cast on the 6th than at any previous election, in several precincts where from 15 to 30 straight tickets are usually cast, not one appeared.

On account of the death of John McElhinney there is no chairman of the county central committee and it is time that the committeemen get together and elect a chairman and secretary, and from this time on till the 1st day of November every precinct committeeman should work for the interests of the party.

So far but very few disgruntled have been so silly as to send in their resignation to The Examiner's subscription list. If they have been subscribing to The Examiner for charity's sake it is well enough that these few did quit, we have so many subscribers that are taking the paper for the news that the loss of five or six philanthropists cuts no figure with the paper. The Examiner will continue to be published and give the news and all the news, and we are not an institution supported by charity, and we care nothing for the few "charity" dollars that we have lost as a result of The Examiner's open, outspoken and fearless course in the campaign. We have made hundreds of friends where we have lost one.

The situation in Colorado is indeed critical. The recent tragedies enacted at Cripple Creek have aroused the citizens of the state to concerted action, and unionism in the state has received a blow that it will take years to overcome. Nearly every male citizen in the troublesome district has been deputised a walking arse, and hundreds of mounted deputies are patrolling the borders to prevent the escape of any of the union miners marked for arrest. The acting governor has declared martial law. All mines being operated by union miners are closed down. Lynching is strongly talked of and the aspect of the situation at this time presents a serious appearance.

The State Insane Asylum reports for May shows the greatest increase of enrollment of any month in the history of that institution. There were received during May 43 patients; discharged 10; died 9; eloped 5; three escapes were returned. On June 1 there were 1359 on the roll at the asylum.

Governor Chamberlain pardoned Alonzo Swartz of Marion county who was sent up for life for killing his son in a quarrel in 1895. Swartz is pardoned on conditions that he will not interfere in any way with members of the family or their property.

One of the hottest contests ever held over the adoption of a city for a future convention was had in Atlantic City, N. J., the first week in July over the place for the next meeting of the American Medical Association. Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hot Springs were candidates for the honor. San Francisco withdrew in favor of Los Angeles and when another vote was taken Portland only lacked one vote, and Los Angeles joined Portland which won the contest on the next ballot easily. There were 6000 delegates to the New Jersey convention, and a still greater attendance is expected at Portland next year as the convention will meet during the big Lewis and Clark Fair.

Judge Benson is the best vote getter in the district; his majority will reach close to 1200; Dr. Steiner is not slow, as will be shown by his big majority in every county in the district.

In the vote on the removal of the county seat from Union to La Grande, the latter place received about 100 more than was necessary to remove.

A big fire in Glenn county destroyed 400 acres of standing wheat for the Murdock Land Co. and about 200 acres for another firm on June 8.

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