

**BENSON DISCUSSES PRIMARIES**

**Says California and Oregon Must Amend Law to Shut Out Political Manipulation.**

SAN FRANCISCO, August 19.—After observing the operation of the new direct primary law in San Francisco, when the candidates for municipal offices were nominated this week, Governor Frank W. Benson of Oregon to-day stated that it was his belief that California would find cause to make several amendments to the statute as it stands at present. He said:

"I am not entirely familiar with the direct primary law of California, under which the nominations of San Francisco's candidates were made Tuesday, but from what observations I have taken of the operation of the law, I believe the California legislature will see the necessity of changing portions of it in some respects. Under the California law, as I understand it, there is no check to prevent voters from registering in a party for the purpose of nominating a weak candidate in one party so the opposing party candidate will have no trouble in beating him in the election.

"By experience, the citizens of California will see the necessity of the amendment to stop this. The Oregon direct primary law should be amended the same way.

"Neither law as it stands at present has a check to prevent this move on the part of politicians. I believe there should be some other check than simply having voters make an affidavit that it is their intention to vote such and such a party at the election following registration."

Governor Benson is a native of California and he has been in California for three weeks visiting his relatives and friends at San Jose, which is his old home. He is accompanied by his wife.

The governor intends to remain in San Francisco for several days before returning to Oregon.

**MERCHANT COMING HERE**

**Owner of Three Big Stores Proposes to Sell Out and Engage in Merchandising Here.**

J. F. Sullivan, the owner of three merchandise stores in Nevada, with headquarters at Manhattan, Nev., is paying this section a visit. He is very much impressed with the conditions prevailing here. In an interview with a representative of this paper he stated:

"Although I have had but little chance as yet to investigate all of your resources, I will say that what little I have seen is a revelation to me. You have here a combination of timber, agriculture and tourists—any of which will sustain a country, and you have all.

"It is my opinion that this country has a great future before it, and it is my intention to return home, put my business in shape so I can return here about the first of the year, and take in the whole situation carefully. I do not think you will have any regular boom here for the next year or two, and up to that time it will be a steady growth. A boom is sure to come, as the people in this United States have gone 'land crazy,' and it is my intention to get located here before that wave strikes. Prices now may seem high, but when the actual settlement of this immense country begins people will wonder what they ever sold so low for, and I want to get in on the low prices.

"This country is totally unlike a mining section. There trade is good just so long as the mines pan out, which, to say the least, is very uncertain. Here the conditions are entirely reversed, as the country will be a steady producer beyond a gamble when this vast territory is put under cultivation and settled up. It looks mighty good to me."

**Plucked at Sacramento.**

Samuel Dunn of Bonanza, Ore., was relieved of a wallet containing \$80 shortly after midnight last night while boarding the Oregon Express at the Southern Pacific depot. He reported the robbery to the police and although a quick response was made, the officers could find no trace of the thief. Dunn said he was jostled by a stranger while climbing aboard the car, and when he took his seat discovered that he had been robbed.—Sacramento Bee.

One of the most urgent needs of the County High School is places for students to secure board and room. Citizens of Klamath Falls should cooperate to solve this problem. Many students are coming from different parts of the county if they can find a suitable place to stay. Some of these pupils desire to work for their board and room. People who could furnish a home for students where they may either pay or work for such accommodations should phone Mr. Butcher, who will be in his office from 9 a. m. to 12 this week.

**TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND**

**Colonel Holabird Sees No Reason Why He Should Change His Former Manipulation.**

W. H. Holabird returned Thursday evening from New York, where he had been on private business. He left for Pelican bay this afternoon, where he will continue to carry out his plans for improvement started prior to his departure for the eastern metropolis. When asked relative to the report that Mr. Harriman would be here this year, Colonel Holabird said:

"I have no information whatever from Mr. Harriman that would cause me to change the statement that I made some time since to the effect that Mr. Harriman would not be in Klamath Falls this year. No preparations have been made for his coming."

When the question that is uppermost in the minds of most of the people in the State—the building of the Deschutes road—was touched, the Colonel was interested at once. He was told that the announcement was made that the Hill line, if constructed, would not come through Klamath Falls.

"I have traveled over practically every road and trail in Eastern Oregon," said he, "and I want to say that Klamath county is the choice of them all, with her timber, water and agricultural resources."

"Klamath Falls is the natural gateway for a road to San Francisco, and when people say that it is a hundred miles shorter to San Francisco by building a railroad from Bend to Paisley, then to Lakeview, thence down Pitt river, all they will have to do to convince themselves they are wrong is to take a pencil and draw a line to San Francisco on the map. The result will be that it will be found that it is about 150 miles longer. In addition to that, no such revenue-producing country will be found via that route as will be found through here. Railroads are built, as electricians would say, on the line of least resistance.

"Eastern Oregon is a large country, and there is room for more than one railroad here, but as to what Mr. Hill's intentions are I know nothing. Wildcat railroads, however, are a thing of the past. Railroads are now built with a view of returning the best revenue to the people who put up the money, and are also constructed on the lowest grades and the shortest and most feasible routes."

"How about the line from Alturas; do you think that line will be constructed, Colonel?"

"As to the Alturas narrow gauge line—it may be built, and there may be others built. But where does it start from? Why, Reno, which is the end of the Southern Pacific. Many foolish railroad schemes are carried through, but not so easily now as formerly.

"There is one thing I want to speak about," continued the Colonel, emphatically, "and that is the statement that was sent out to the effect that President Taft and Mr. Harriman would meet at Pelican bay. It is absolutely foolish, and the man who sent it out belongs to the Ananias club. It gave me no end of trouble. It was scattered broadcast throughout the east. Such statements are ridiculous and should not be given publicity."

When asked about the prospects for future developments in the northern part of the county, Colonel Holabird said:

"I am informed on good authority that the government will construct a canal between Odessa and Pelican bay which will extend inland about three miles, and will go right up to the timber. This will be used for the purpose of logging the timber from the reserve down to the lake, and will undoubtedly have a beneficial effect on the lumbering interests in that section of the county."

"What is the belief of the railroad company about the future of Klamath Falls? They have directed the erection of a magnificent depot in this city, which would indicate that they had implicit faith in the future growth of the city. What do you know about it, Colonel?"

"The railroad has faith in Klamath Falls, and I believe you will have a population of 25,000 in 1915. When I came here four years ago this city had a population of only about 700 people. You have 3,000 now. Figure the ratio, and you will find that it will be over 25,000 population in 1915."

When asked what he thought about the proposition to bring the land office to this city, he said:

"The land office should certainly be located here. Klamath Falls is the natural place where all important things in this country should diverge from. You have the location here with which to command these things, not ask for them. If Los Angeles had asked for permission to do everything that has been accomplished here it would be nothing but a vil-

lage to-day. Klamath Falls is relatively in the same position and should be governed accordingly."

"Times are good back east," said he, in discussing the revival of business since the disposition of the tariff bill. "They have splendid crops back there, with the exception of the corn, which, on account of the fearful heat of the past ten days, will be injured seriously. All lines of business are picking up and I look for the return of the good times of the two years ago to be with us again at no distant date. That is the feeling prevailing generally throughout the east, and that is what, in the end, is going to make things hum."

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

Pierce Combs et ux to C. C. Tillotson, SW 1/4 sec 28, tp 40 s, r 10 e, W. m., \$6,550.

Chas. E. Worden to Luna C. Smith, lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in blk 2 in Fairview add. to K. F., \$600.

Luna C. Smith et vir to Martha A. Craddock, lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in blk 2 in Fairview add. to K. F., \$2,000.

E. D. McDonald et ux to Nannie E. Lacey, lots 3, 4 and 5 in blk 4 in Opportunity add. to K. F., \$120.

E. D. McDonald et ux to Allen M. Lacey, lots 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 in blk 7, Opportunity add. to K. F., \$200.

John G. Patterson to J. E. Whitlatch, 30 feet frontage on Front street in town of Merrill, \$1,250.

Klamath Development Co. to Wm. L. Albright, S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of sec 16, and N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec 21, in tp 39 s, r 9 e, \$100.

J. L. Sparretown to Wm. Bassett et al, N 1/2 of SE 1/4 sec 7 and W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of sec 8, tp 39 s, r 12 e, \$2,500.

E. P. McDonald et ux to Flora A. Larkin, lots 4 and 5 in blk 6 in Opportunity add. to K. F., \$100.

Wm. H. Webb et ux to F. T. Higgins, NE 1/4 sec 19, tp 38 s, r 10 e, \$1,000.

Jno. F. Wilson to R. P. Lathrop, lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of blk 78 of Klamath Falls add. to K. F., \$10.

Will W. Baldwin et ux to I. S. Voorhees, lot 6 of blk 6 in K. F., \$10.

G. W. White et ux to J. A. Maddox, part of lots 3 and 4 in blk 17 of K. F., \$10.

Geo. H. Merryman to A. S. Moorland, lot 7 and 50 feet off from the south end of lot 1 in Buena Vista add. to K. F., \$10.

J. T. Totten et ux to F. D. Courtade, lots 25, 26 and 27 in blk 41 in Buena Vista add. to K. F., \$10.

Geo. B. Snyder to Wilbur White, lot 7 in blk. 18 in Fairview Addition No. 2 to Klamath Falls; \$-0.

F. H. McCormack et ux to William Lathrop, lot 1 of section 20 and lot 2 of section 29, twp. 38 S., range 8 E., of section 29, twp. 38 S., range 8 E., W. M.; \$60.

Long Lake Lumber company to C. E. Worden, Fred Melhase and Gus Melhase, lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in blk. 50 of Nichols' Addition to Klamath Falls, with planing mill and other buildings thereon; \$9,000.

**PLEVNA NEWS.**

Mrs. D. Heavilin of Klamath Falls visited with relations in Plevna Sunday.

G. W. Heavilin, G. F. Sevits and Owen Sorrels were riding in the swamp Sunday.

Faulkner Bros. are cutting hay on Mr. Lee's place this week.

R. A. Alford was in town Monday. A. M. Sutton was at G. Byers' Monday.

G. Byers and sons took a load of hay to Keno Monday.

Those visiting Klamath Falls from Plevna and vicinity Saturday were G. Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Alford and son Lloyd, F. F. Sevits, Chas. Faulkner, E. Thompson, Earnest Boyd, Will Brown and Mrs. Foster and daughter Mattie.

J. H. Barnes hauled hay for Mr. Hendricks last week.

Geo. Byers' sister of Pennsylvania is visiting with her brother in Plevna. A. M. Sutton was in this vicinity Monday.

H. H. Van Valkenberg is binding his grain.

Mr. Tower of Keno passed through Plevna Friday on his way to Klamath Falls.

E. Thompson of Long Lake was at G. Byers' place Friday.

Blanche Foster of Round Lake is visiting with R. A. Alford and family.

Ivan Daniels has returned from Waldo, Cal., where he has been for the past two weeks on business connected with his new position. He has resigned as cashier of the Light and Water company, and will sever his connections with that corporation during the next month. When he leaves here he will go to Waldo, Del Norte county, California, where he will assume his duties as manager of the Central Oregon Mining and Milling company. This company is extensively engaged in working placer mines near Waldo, and the position to be occupied by Mr. Daniels is one of responsibility. He will carry with him the best wishes of his friends in this city.

**NEWELL'S SUCCESSOR**

**Private Reclamation People Said to Have United on Seattle's Present City Engineer.**

WASHINGTON, August 19.—It is stated that the opponents of Director F. H. Newell of the United States reclamation service, who are seeking to drive him out of the federal service, have united upon R. H. Thompson, city engineer of Seattle, as the man whom they will urge upon President Taft to be named as Newell's successor.

Capitalists who desire to prevent the government from engaging in the reclamation of arid lands, and who wish to do that work themselves, are back of the fight on Newell. This may be asserted without fear of successful contradiction. Against Newell his enemies raise the spurious issue that he is going beyond the law in conducting his bureau, indulging in the same technicalities of legal interpretation as in their fight on Forrester Pinchot. No doubt remains that definite plans have been laid to oust Newell. Powerful influences are working, perhaps secretly, and perhaps not, but it has been decided that he must go.

Of course, these plans were not revealed to President Taft. As a former jurist, Taft will be appealed to on the ground that inasmuch as he has declared for a strict adherence to the statutes, therefore Newell's alleged acts of bureaucratic administration in going beyond the provision of the laws are reasons why he must leave the directorship of the reclamation bureau.

The only substantial issue which could be raised against or for Newell was, "Shall the government reclaim all the lands possible, or shall it leave the reclamation of all possible to private capital?"

The proponents of government reclamation argue that it is better for the settlers that the government reclaim, because that would obviate the settlers remaining forever industrial subjects of private corporations, which would always be able to levy, as an annual toll, "all that the traffic would bear" on families living on reclaimed land.

The proponents of private reclamation insist that the government should not enter into any business when private capital stands ready to do that work.

Intimately connected with irrigation is the water power question. Whoever controls the sources of irrigation water in the mountains controls in large part power sites. Thus, water power corporations are in unison with those groups of capitalists who wish to prevent government reclamation.

It has been noted here that practically all attorneys for private reclamation enterprises and for capitalists who desire to reclaim instead of having the government do it, are backing Ballinger in his fight on Newell and are supporting Thompson, who is a fellow townsman of Ballinger. For instance, it has been cited here that former United States Senator George Turner of Spokane, who sprang to the defense of Ballinger, is the attorney of the Yuma Irrigation and Development company, an Arizona concern which sought to prevent the government's proceeding with the reclamation of tracts and went so far as to raise the question of the constitutionality of the irrigation law. Turner came here to represent the Yuma company in litigation.

It has been decided by the friends of conservation that it will be impossible to separate the issue as to Newell from that involving Pinchot, as it is believed, with a good show of evidence, that the same forces which have been thrown against Pinchot have operated against Newell. Conservationists aver that both officials have been attacked by enemies of conservation on false issues and that hence, to a greater or less extent, both must stand or fall together.

**SERIOUS RUNAWAY**

While standing at Martin Bros.' mill about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon the big sorrel team belonging to Bob Short became frightened at Childers' automobile and bolted down the county road. Before they had gone a hundred yards they ran into one of Moore Bros.' light poles. One of the horses had a leg broken and was so badly mangled that it will have to be shot. The other was scratched and cut quite badly, but the injuries are not serious. There was no one in the wagon at the time.

**ALMOST DOWN AND OUT**

The street car met with an accident Saturday forenoon that nearly sent it to the scrap heap, though it did not place it beyond repair. One of the trucks broke down, tying street car traffic for all day. The old machine is getting weary of its duties and, overcome by its anxiety to get out of business, it has begun a series of bucking contests all its own.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK at Klamath Falls, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, June 23, 1909.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS
Loans and Discounts	\$ 50,969.55
Bonds, securities, etc.	2,304.27
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	450.74
Due from approved reserve banks	3,627.66
Checks and other cash items	55.48
Cash on hand	4,952.40
Total	62,360.10

  

LIABILITIES	DOLLARS
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,508.78
Due to banks and bankers	1,553.21
Individual deposits subject to check	15,946.54
Demand certificates of deposit	55.00
Time certificates of deposit	8,285.00
Certified checks	200.00
Savings deposits	9,811.57
Total	62,360.10

State of Oregon, )  
County of Klamath, ) ss.  
I, J. W. Siemens, cashier of the above mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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