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**Editorials**

**REMEDY WORSE THAN DISEASE**

The more we see of the working of the direct primary the less we like it. The longer it exists as it is at the present, the harder it will be to get good men to run for office. The convention system had its abuses, but, in this case the medicine has almost killed the patient.

It does not appeal to us to have a large part of the voters disfranchised so far as the selection of county officials is concerned. Nomination on the republican ticket in this county is equivalent to election in most cases, yet a democrat has no voice in that nomination.

The theory, like many other fanciful social and political remedies, supposes an ideal human element to deal with. When put in practice there is disappointment in results obtained.

Probably the worst feature in connection with the working of the primary is the indifference of the average voter. Just as good results would be obtained on the average if the names of the candidates were put in a box and a sweet little girl, blindfolded, would draw out names of the lucky office seekers and they would be declared elected. As it is, the majority vote blindly, without knowing one thing about the man voted for.

The most serious thing is that the average voter does not care to know anything about candidates but prefers to curse the after election results.

Monday night the commercial club gave the voters in this section an opportunity to meet the different county candidates. But few were interested enough to come. A crazy man on the corner had more voters listening to him than did the candidates.

To assume a superior air of intelligence and to abuse the candidates gets nowhere. These are the men who are going to levy the taxes and spend the money. If the people who pay the taxes are too indifferent to pay any attention to who are selected they have no right to kick at results.

In the old system you could hold the party responsible for the quality of the candidates furnished and the results of their work. No party is

held responsible now. The only responsible person is Mr. Average Voter and he don't give a d—.

We are substantially in accord with the above able editorial from the Molalla Pioneer. In theory the primary is ideal, but like many ideas fails to properly function in practice owing to the uncertainty of the personal equation represented by Mr. Average voter. However the primary should not yet be discarded, but greater efforts made to rouse the voters to sense of their responsibility. We had great hopes that woman suffrage would bring about a great improvement, but the women in politics are falling the same way as the men. —Estacada News.

**PRIMARY THE BUNK**

We agree with both the above articles by two good Editors, and go them one better. The present primary system is proving the bunk; it's a fizzle. A frost. It loses all effect; it tends to place in office entirely unfit officers; it makes it too convenient for any one to run for office, for publicity sake alone. Any man with the filing fee can spoil politics. It creates two elections instead of one causing two equal expense accounts to the tax payer; it causes democrats and republicans to double cross members of their respective party and precinct, one was pretty sure to get popular opinion of the man chosen. The primary system is another freak law.

For the benefit of those who never saw real mud the Eagle, with pleasure, gladly reprints the following from two well-known Missouri papers

"Kirksville Journal: A farmer was riding along the road in the Chariton river bottom one day after it had been raining for a week. He noticed what looked like the top of a Ford car barely sticking out of the mud. Stopping to investigate he peeked under the top and saw a man sitting holding the steering wheel. He noticed for the first time that the car was slowly moving. "Say, this is pretty tough wheeling, brother, do you think you'll make it?" The driver smiled. "Sure I think I'll make it, I've got a feller a pulling me with a Fordson tractor," he replied."

"Kahoka Gazette-Herald: We heard so much about the Montrose mud holes, we thought it necessary to go and see. Our first sight was two very loving couples. One girl standing on the running board of the car demanding her lover not to pay \$3 to be pulled back and out. She stepped off the running board and went into the mud to her waist. The argument ceased. Our attention was called to a hat father out in the mud hole and we laid a board down and walked out to the hat but in picking up the hat discovered a man's head was under it. I asked him how he was getting along and he said all right for he was standing on a load of hay and he thought the wagon had struck solid ground."—Big Timber Pioneer.

You will notice in the Political Announcement column the announcement of J. H. Wellington for Sheriff of Columbia county. Mr. Wellington has been quite successful in the Sheriff's office. He has made enemies among the bootleggers and he has caught many criminals. This is a hard office to fill and one of the most important in the county. Duke

has made good, so his many friends in all precincts are reporting. He is a veteran of both the Spanish-American and the World War. On the ticket at the primaries for Wellington is 70—X.

We can heartily recommend voting for W. C. Haley for Congressman from this district. Mr. Hawley is qualified in every way, of course. He has served faithfully, the best interest of the state. Hawley is the father of the Roosevelt Highway and Hawley, we are sure, will favor the continuance of the Roosevelt Highway from Astoria to Portland through Vernonia, over what is known as the Inland Highway. This will relieve the congested condition of the Columbia River Highway, and will be a Military road in fact; as, in case of war, troops could be rushed from Portland to the ocean by the Inland cut-off, without danger of bombardment from the Columbia river. The Inland Highway paved from Astoria to Portland would give many hundreds of farmers a market would benefit thousands of timber and mill workers and be a blessing to several small towns.

A. E. Veatch is editor of the Rainier Review, and what he was doing in Vernonia last Sunday is a mystery unless he wanted to be convinced as to the wonderful growth of this city that builds a house every day. Mr. Veatch didn't get to see the best printing office in Columbia county, because it was Sunday and the editor was at home in deep thought and in observance if the Sabbath Day. But we found his card under our door Monday morning, and we are very sorry that we missed the visit as we would have been delighted to "Show him around" and talk shop. Tell us you are coming next time, Mr. Veatch, and we will have an extra plate of beans on the table.

A new Exchange that we will prize highly reached us this week when we unwrapped a copy of the "Southern Oregon Spokesman" published at Grants Pass. The Editor isn't afraid to express an honest opinion, and the weekly paper is one that the reader will look forward to every week with much interest. It is a booster for Southern Oregon and for the mining interest that is adding to the other "big things" of that region.

Forest Grove has voted bonds for a new 8 room school house. Like Vernonia people, they voted to build it in a different part of town for younger children of that section, and they feared the fire dangers of building it adjoining the present building. Traffic dangers, fire dangers, convenience, rapid growth, and an all-to-crowded play ground with lack of play material housed the big majority to vote for a new building west of the railroad.

"State Development, Restrictive and Selective Immigration, Tax Reduction, Honest Service"—A few of the published principles and planks of K. K. Kubli, Republican candidate for United States Senator.

Shanon Shafer, of Deer Island, a farmer, a dairyman, and an experienced business man is a candidate from this county for Representative in the Legislature on the Republican ticket. Shafer is not a politician but



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a sincere and honest man that would work all the time for the interest of the people he represents. He would not miss all the roll calls. He will do us some good. Remember Shanon Shafer for State Representative when you go to vote at the primaries.

Judge Philip was a caller Monday, being over here in road matters; talking paving, etc. Our County Judge, John Philip, deserves credit of no small degree in the result of the recent timber cruise. He saved the tax payers many dollars, and these things will be remembered when the citizens go to vote. Judge is a candidate for County Judge, you know.

Vernonia can shortly have free mail delivery if the citizens want it and put forth a little effort to get it. The streets and ohuses will have to be numbered first.

It behooves the visiting motorist to get an Oregon registration card for

his car. The Oregon law provides that transient automobiles must register within 72 hours after reaching the state. Secretary of State Kozier the past week wrote to all peace officials and traffic officials urging that they enforce the law.

Got your straw hat?

Prosecuting Attorney Foote has everything his own way with no opposition in the primary election. The people of Columbia county are well satisfied with Mr. Foote.

It certainly looks like Coolidge year.

Anybody seen Skeeexix?

Its a grand old world if you think it so.

If you WILL it to be, why that's the WHOLE show.

Get away from the mourners who whine and pine And mingle with those who are feeling fine.

—merchants who advertise have to tell the truth about their goods.

—because the printed word can never be retracted.

—the unreliable advertiser is soon out of business.

—the merchant who stands out as a regular advertiser for any length of time can be depended upon for reliability.

**NEW GARAGE**

W. H. Brendle, of Marshfield, Ore. has under construction what will be known as the Square Deal Garage on Bridge street across from the Grade School building. He expects to have the building completed and open for business April 15. There will be a double driveway to take care of those seeking service and a ladies rest room provided with all the comforts of such a department. A full line of Ford parts will be carried as well as other accessories, gas oils and fully equipped as a first class repair station.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR  
**United States Senator**

**K. K. KUBLI**

PRIMARIES, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1924

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