

The School of Politics

Salem Young Men to Debate the Registry Law.

A Chapter on the California and Oregon Election Law.

The Salem literary society of the Y. M. C. A. has adopted as the subject for discussion at its Friday evening meeting: "Resolved that the legislature at its next session should pass a registration law." This is an important subject and it is a hopeful sign that the young men of the Y. M. C. A. have taken up so practical a question for debate. It is to be hoped they may extend their field of investigation into other departments of public affairs, and make their gatherings a school of citizenship.

The question of a proper law for primaries, a better ballot law, the regulation of freight rates, the free pass question, the silver question, Cuba and a thousand other matters may be discussed with profit. But the immediate duty of citizenship is to be intelligent and practical and at the same time have well grounded principles of government as a background of all their speculations and conclusions. Located at the seat of government, a school of politics would have a wholesome effect upon legislation and upon public sentiment.

A REGISTRATION LAW.

The Australian ballot law contemplates a registration law, and in the colonies whence the law sprung the law provides a registry officer in each precinct, who at a certain time before an election makes up a list of voters in the precinct. There are three days set for purging the roll before a magistrate. During that time anyone who has not been put on the roll can appear and show his evidence of citizenship. Persons put on who are not voters can be struck off before the magistrate on a similar showing made. After these corrections are made the roll is closed, published and publicly posted, and no persons but those on the roll can vote at the election that follows. This law is open to objections of expense and abuse of authority by the enrolling officer and magistrate, who if they wanted to use their power for partisan purposes, could cause a great deal of trouble and pack the rolls with names of replacers and non-residents. In favor of the law it can be said the citizen is enrolled without his taking the trouble to go and hunt up the registry officer; publicity would be a protection; and repeating would be made difficult. But any law only rises to the level of the intelligence of the people for whom it is made in its immediate effect; but law is the greatest educator and schoolmaster of the people.

SITUATION IN OREGON.

The constitution of this state provides that "all qualified electors shall vote in the election precinct in the county where they may reside for county officers, and in any county of the state for state officers, or any county of a congressional district in which such electors may reside for members of congress."

It is the opinion of some of the ablest men of the state that the constitution is not a bar to a registration law, but it is plain that the constitution allows a voter a great liberty of choice as to where he may vote for any but county officers. Still, as he would have to vote for county officers in the precinct where he resides, it is not likely that a registration law that would allow him his constitutional privilege of voting for state and congressional officers outside the precinct would be much taken advantage of. The fact is that at the June election in Oregon nearly everybody votes in the precinct where he resides, although this law was openly violated in parts of this state, where whole steamer loads of voters got off and voted the whole county ticket.

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same time and place after due advertisement. This is the first essential, as it prevents repeating and stimulates a show of the full strength of each party, and brings out the fullest competition for nominations. It requires that the election commissioners of each county select names from the assessment roll of each precinct, divided equally between the different parties, and from these are chosen by lot the judges who act at the common primaries. This takes out of the power of the boss the selection of the officers who conduct the primary and certify the result more often to their liking than according to the actual result.

The new law then goes further and prescribes that the canvass must be public, and in the presence of bystanders, the voters of each party voting directly for their choice of candidates or delegates in separate ballot-boxes for each party, and having their names and residence recorded on separate tally sheets. The tickets are required to be strung, numbered, sealed and preserved until after all the state conventions are held, and all frauds are as carefully safeguarded against, and as severely punished, as in the Australian ballot law. The law has been declared invalid on some technicality, but the text of the Court's decision is not yet made public. Press reports say this just and wise measure was thrown out by the Court because it was made to apply only to counties of the first and second class. A defect that was probably well known to be fatal by some of the lawyers in the legislature that passed it. So the people are thrown back on the old Porter primary law of 1865-6 and its amendments, about as crude, defective and easily manipulated by those against whom it is supposed to protect society, as any law can be constructed. There is one officer who opens, canvasses and certifies the return of the primary. The party central committee calls the primary and conducts it, the ballots are not preserved, and aside from its general reputation as a heavenly country, California is entitled to be called the paradise of the boss so far as the laws making it easy for him to operate at slate-making and convention packing are concerned. It is doubtful if a people so long accustomed to loosely conducted primaries would have taken much advantage of the new law.

While the new law California act is suspended in the courts, it must be remembered that most states have no law to regulate the primary. In the few states having such laws it will be found they are fatally defective, or designedly drawn to throw power into the hands of the bosses. A primary law that leaves the selection of the officers in each precinct to the party central committee, or that leaves the primary open only to previously enrolled members of a party, or that requires no preservation of the ballots cast, is of this class. In one state the bosses have gone so far as to secure a primary law where the voter must receive his ticket direct from the hands of the boss-appointed primary officials, and shall vote no other.

As a result of unprotected and easily corrupted primaries, statistics show that while the debt of all the states and territories has decreased \$26,195,462 from 1890 to 1895, the debt of our fifty largest cities has increased from \$465,610,739 to \$565,965,539 in the same period. While state and national debt has decreased, the debt of cities where corrupt politics are the worst, has increased over \$100,000,000. The increased debt in all municipalities of the ten years preceding was only \$40,000,000. (See figures by J. K. Upton, Harper's Weekly Jan. 11.) What is the remedy? A comparison of the present methods of conducting the primaries in New York or any of our larger cities, with the new California law, should point out the way to reform.

The primary must be placed beyond the control of the selfishly interested office-holding and office-seeking class. The power to make nominations must be placed in the hands of the masses of each party where it belongs. Thus alone can government become responsible to the governed, and without this there can be no just or good government. The principle that obtains in the old Crawford system, still in vogue in many of the older states, and practiced in some of the largest counties and cities of Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, cannot be much improved upon. It can be perfected and the result safe guarded and made as sure and certain to do its work as the Australian ballot. Under the old Crawford system there was no delegate county convention. In each precinct the party voters cast a ballot direct for their choice of candidates for office within the party. The primaries are held all over the county on the same day and are conducted like a general election. If there are six candidates for nomination for representative, sheriff, or any county office, the voter marks his man for each office, and the candidate for nomination receiving the largest vote throughout the county is the party candidate for election. This is a simple and direct plan of nominating.

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The people of the United States will never have a representative or a responsible Democratic form of government until they destroy the present system of political corruption, which, with its roots in the congested populations of our large cities, extends its branches into every hamlet of our country.

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Which shall our country become, Christian or Communist? Government of, by and for the disinterested masses, or a highly organized plutocratic paternalism?

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16. Silver, 65c; gold, 2 65.
LIVE STOCK.
CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Hogs—Light \$3.1 @ 3.45; heavy \$3.00 @ 3.50.
Cattle—Beaves \$3.50 @ 5.20; cows and heifers \$1.70 @ 4.00.
Sheep—Weak 1c. low.
CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Wheat, cash 7 1/4 @ 7 3/4.
PORTLAND MARKET.
PROVISIONS.
Portland, Nov. 18.—Wheat valley, \$3.28 @ 3.45; Walla Walla, 79 to 8c.
Flour—Portland, Best of country, 4.25 @ 4.25; Graham, 3.50; superfine, \$2.50 per 100 lbs.
Wheat—White, \$3.40 @ 4.00; grey, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; in bags, 4 1/2 @ 5.25; barrels, 4 3/4 @ 5.75; cases, 3.75.
Potatoes—Oregon, 5c @ 6c per sack.
Hay—Good, 11 @ 11.50 per ton.
Wool—Valley, 2 @ 2.00; Eastern Oregon, 6 @ 8c.
Mills—Bran, \$14.00 @ 15.00; 50.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.00 @ 2.50; broilers, \$1.00 @ 1.75; ducks, \$2.25; geese, \$5 @ 6; turkeys, live, 10.
Hides—green, salted 60 lbs 67c; under 60 lbs 64c; sheep pelts, 10 @ 70c.
Peanut—5c @ 6c.
Plums—pitted, 3c @ 4c.
Prunes—4 1/2 @ 5c.
Raisins—1 1/2 @ 2c.
Wheat—California 4 1/2 @ 4.37 1/2.
Beans—small white, 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4; lima, 3 1/2 @ 4c.
Hops—Heavy, 3.25 to 2.50.
Veal—small 5 to 5 1/2; large 4c per lb.
Mutton—Weathers 1.75; ewes 1.50; dressed mutton, 2 1/2 @ 3c.
Beef—Steers 2.25; cows 1.75—2.00; dressed 3 1/2 @ 4c.
Cured Meats—Hams 10c—10 1/2c; bacon 6c.
Lard—in pails, 6 1/2 @ 7c.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.
San Francisco, Nov. 18.—Wheat, May 1.50 1/2.
Wool—Oregon choice, 10 @ 11c; inferior 5 @ 7c, valley, 8 @ 9c.
Hops—Quotable at 11c for new.
Potatoes—20c @ 30c per sack.
Oats—Milling, 1.05 @ 1.20.
LIVESTOCK MARKET.
SALEM MARKET.
Wheat—73 1/2c per bu., market firm.
Oats 32 @ 33c.
Hay—Haled, cheat, 8.50; timothy 9.00 @ 10.00.
Flour—in wholesale lots, 3.90; retail 4.00; bran, bulk 11.50 @ 12.50; 25 @ 12.00; shorts, 12.50 @ 13.50; chop fine, 11.00 @ 12.00.
Poultry—Hens 5c; Turkeys 7c.
Veal—Dressed, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4.
Hogs—Dressed, 2 1/2 @ 3 1/2.
Live Cattle, 1 1/2 @ 2.
Sheep—Live, 1.50.
Wool, Best, 12 @ 12 1/2c.
Hops—Best, 12c.
Eggs—Cash, 25c.
Butter—Best dairy, 20c; fancy creamery 25c.
Cheese—12 1/2c.
Farm Smoked Meats—Bacon, 6 1/2c; hams 9c; shoulders, 5c.
Potatoes—30c per bu.
Onions—50c.
Green Fruit—Pears 50c per box.
Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated bleached, 60c—8c; unbleached 40c @ 5c.
Plums—4c.
Prunes—5c—7c.
Beans—7c.
Lard—7c.
Hops—10 @ 10 1/2c.
Butter—Oregon fancy creamery, 40c @ 50c; fancy dairy, 25 @ 35; fair to good, 20 @ 22 1/2; Cheese—Oregon full cream, 10.
Eggs—Oregon, 25c per doz.
Wool, Best, 12 @ 12 1/2c.
Pears 75c—85c per box.
Onions—65c @ 75c per sack.
Dried Fruit—Apples, evaporated, bleached 40c @ 4 1/2c; unbleached, 30c @ 4c; sundried, 4c @ 5c.

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