

PRIMARY REFORM.

The state legislature cannot provide for election of United States senator by direct vote of the people. Congress alone can pass such a law, and before that can be done power must be conferred on congress by an amendment to the constitution.

But the state legislature can strike at a primary reform in our political system that will do away with corrupting influences now throw over all our politics by the present practice in electing senators. The legislature can pass on act providing that all nominations shall be made by direct vote of the people who comprise that party.

How are senators now chosen? The candidate begins early in the spring to shape up the control of the primaries. At these primaries states of delegates are chosen to the county conventions where combinations are formed to nominate a slate of candidates for the legislature who will favor elections of the man who is working all this machinery to secure his own election to the senate of the United States. After the legislature is elected he must begin anew to organize the legislature itself so that it will make him senator. If there are four years of federal offices ahead, the corrupt combination extends to the disposition of all the postoffices, collectorships, etc., in the state. Then add to this the struggle for county offices and the interference of corporations, and we behold what might be termed a seething mass of venality and selfishness, on which the ship of state is tossing to destruction.

One simple remedy for all this manipulation of the primaries and log-rolling of conventions, is to abolish the delegate system of holding conventions. Let nominations for county and legislative offices, be made by petition of from 100 to 500 voters to the party county central committee, and let all nominations be submitted by that committee to the voters of the party on the Australian ticket plan, and the candidate having the highest vote declared the party nominee.

The primary of the people is far safer, cannot be packed so readily, and all combinations in conventions are thus rendered impossible. A bill properly drawn, defining the methods of procedure, and requiring the preservation of returns, and in every way safe guarded by law, fully as carefully as the Australian law itself, should be introduced and passed at this session.

The reason for this reform is obvious. The man who manipulates the primary is the potent factor in our politics. He is the power behind the whole system, whose work the voter only ratifies, and has but one chance in a hundred to overthrow. There are no great reforms possible in the government of our state, county, school or nation, unless we start from a sound premise—an honest primary.

SHERMAN AND CUBA.

The election of Senator Sherman to be secretary of state in the McKinley cabinet (erroneously stated secretary of the treasury in these columns) signified that our government for four years shall pursue identically the same foreign policy as Great Britain under the Salisbury ministry. Commercialism and the greed of capitalism are to suppress all the emotions of justice to the oppressed. The grasp of usury on the throat of humanity against which Gladstone cries out in the old world, is to become the national policy of the McKinley administration.

Sherman as the mouthpiece of the Wall street stock jobbers opposed the Cameron resolution and has succeeded with the help of President Cleveland, in deferring action or even discussion of the matter. It was the expressed wish of the incoming administration to remain unimpaired during its inauguration, by the troublesome Cuban question. After the inauguration bill Sherman may give to the

newspapers an aggressive Cuban policy, but will never interfere with Spain's resolution to give to Cuba only such autonomy as is consistent with her royal sovereignty.

The hordes of office-seekers and official aristocracy who will swarm to Washington on March 4th in palace and parlor cars will care very little what foreign policy our country pursues. But the people of this great nation in their homes are not losing interest in Cuban independence. The foreign policy of Salisbury, that for the sake of guaranteeing interest in gold on Turkish bonds, will submit to massacres of thousands of Armenian Christians, and orphaning unnumbered thousands of children does not meet with the approbation of the Christian world. A similar policy toward Cuba, even in the name of American business interests and at the hands of as brainy a man as Sherman, will never meet the aspirations of Americans. It may be true that the Monroe doctrine does not extend to islands as President Cleveland says. But it should extend to humanity, although the island in question be 800 miles long, and is capable of sustaining five times the population of the Swiss republic. The bloodless business policy applied to foreign affairs, if extended to its logical conclusions would justify a Spanish inquisition.

THE SCHOOL FUND.

DILLEY, Or., Jan. 18, 1897.

EDITOR JOURNAL: Why is the per capita school fund distribution less now than four or five years ago? Please answer in JOURNAL. Are borrowers paying interest? If not, why?

ANSWER.

Upon inquiry of State Land Clerk W. H. Odell and State Treasurer Phil Metchan it is learned that the per capita in 1892 was \$1.45, in 1893 \$1.75, and since then about \$1.05. This is accounted for in various ways. First the number of school children is now larger than in former years, and constantly growing. If the receipts of the land department were as large as four years ago and before, this fact alone would reduce the percentage. During the present hard times borrowers are to a large extent unable to pay interest, and this fact reduces the receipts largely, making it further impossible to increase the per capita claim. The official interest is coming in to the state more readily than the banks and private money lenders, and that its securities are of a superior character. In some instances foreclosures have been necessary owing to delinquency of taxes, other reasons, but the state does not foreclose unless it is compelled to.

A prisoner in the Yanhill county jail attempted to escape a few mornings ago. When he was discovered by the sheriff he had several bricks removed from the wall. His instruments were a stick of wood and a piece of iron. He is now in a cage by himself.

Did you ever wonder what that heavy weight on one side of a locomotive wheel was there for? Anyone who understands the mechanics knows the need of a counter-balance to equalize power and keep the machinery going with a steady even motion. Without it the machinery would wrench itself out of shape. It is the same way with the machinery of the human body: it needs to go on steadily and regularly to be in good health—not by fits and starts. The sudden wrenching medicines which people sometimes take to overcome constipation, give a violent strain to the intestines which weakens them, so that the costiveness is afterwards worse than before.

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JANUARY TERM OF COUNTY COURT, 1897.

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Call for Warrants. Notice is hereby given that I have cash on hand to pay all warrants endorsed up to June 7, 1896, and interest on the same will cease on the date of this notice. Dated January 9, 1897. G. L. BROWN, County Treasurer.

STATE NEWS.

The North Bend mill, in Coos county, is running overtime at present, in order to fill the foreign-cargo order. It is cutting on an average 65,000 a day.

A. B. Daly killed a swan on the sand hills at Marshfield last Sunday. It measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings, and was four feet five inches high.

A new newspaper plant for the issuance of the District Silver Advocate, weekly by Burt Venable proprietor, and John E. Roberts, editor, was set up in Vale, Or., last week.

Aldrich, who is charged with burglarizing the Olalla postoffice, waived examination at Roseburg, and was committed by United States Commissioner Loughery.

On January 30 and 31 the boys of B company of this city, will mount guard around the fair grounds, taking two hours on and four hours off, for a period of 24 hours, all for practice.

Wm. Johnson, a farmer, east of Mount Tabor, was thrown under a load of bark Monday by his team becoming unmanageable and overturning the wagon. His shoulder was dislocated and his hand severely injured.

While C. Schlagel, residing on the Hugh Nickerson place, near Albany was away from his home, some one entered his house and took nearly everything in it, including wearing apparel, cooking utensils, etc., and \$20 in money. No clue to the robber.

Stanley Clemens, a boy about 10 years of age, who resides in the north-western part of Eugene was struck in the right eye Saturday evening by a double "B" shot which when fired by another boy from an air gun hit a tree and glanced. The shot penetrated the eyelid and destroyed the pupil of the eye. The whole eye may yet have to be removed.

The broomhandle factory at Coquille City lost about 20,000 first-class broomhandles by the grounding of the little steamer Moro on the north spit. Lyons' mill also lost a lot of cedar lumber.

The death of Abraham Fine, an old resident of Indian valley, occurred at Elgin. Mr. Fine had been at a neighbor's house during the day, and was apparently in the best of health, when he returned home in the evening. It was but a short time thereafter that he was dead. The deceased was about 70 years of age, and left family.

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Advertisement for Gold Dust Washing Powder, featuring an image of a woman and text describing its benefits for cleaning and saving money.

Advertisement for Salem Steam Laundry, listing services and prices for various laundry items.

Advertisement for Castoria, a laxative medicine, with a testimonial and product image.

Advertisement for Cook's Hotel, highlighting its newly enlarged and improved facilities, including excellent rooms and meals.

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Advertisement for President John Smith, an appeal for majority rule, with a portrait of John Smith.

Advertisement for Blood Poison, a specialty medicine, with a testimonial and product image.

Advertisement for Ladies Who Value, a product for complexion, with a testimonial and product image.

Advertisement for C. H. Mack, a dentist, listing services and location.

Advertisement for Money to Loan, offering funds for various purposes.

Advertisement for Mortgage Loans, providing details on loan terms and interest.

Advertisement for Wolz's Market, a grocery store, listing various goods.

Advertisement for Salem Water Co., providing information on water services.

Advertisement for C. H. Lane, a merchant tailor, listing clothing services.

Advertisement for Brewster & White, a flour and feed store, listing products.

Advertisement for Japan Trading Co., listing various goods and services.

Advertisement for A Pure Jersey Bull, listing details about the bull.

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