

DO THEY WANT LARGE CONVENTIONS?

In Marion and other counties the political managers are talking about the benefit of having large conventions. They get better results and get closer to the people.

If the politicians want to do the right thing why do they not give the people direct nomination? Give every Republican a chance to express his opinion at the primary instead of only a few.

Direct nomination gives the voter at the primary a choice direct among the candidates within the party. If there are three candidates in the party for sheriff he can take his pick.

Direct nomination is not a new thing. It is practiced in many states and is growing in favor where it is tried fairly. It is in vogue in parts of all the middle states.

The conventions of delegates express a direct choice but they are generally packed with slaves of delegates put up for this man and that. On top of that come the combinations of office seekers.

The voter at the polls on election day is supposed to have a direct choice of candidates. But he has no voice in selecting those candidates. He is relied on to vote the party ticket that is put before him.

The Republican county central committee meets in Salem soon and the Republican voters of this county the right to a direct vote at the primary, and they should do that in our opinion.

A simple plan should be adopted of putting candidates in nomination for the primary election on a petition of Republican voters—from ten to fifty voters according to the office.

Those nominated are all to be printed on a ballot and the voter at the primary can make his cross as to choice in each case. The committee then meets and counts the votes and announces the real choice of the party in each case.

The voters at the primary could make a choice for each office from United States senator, Governor, congressman and members of the legislature down to road supervisor.

The politicians should give the people this right of choice for each place among the aspirants within the party. It is democratic. It is Republican. Will they do it?

JUDGE MOORE OF LAKE CO.

Brought His Son to Florence Sanatorium for Treatment.

LARKVIEW, Oreg., Feb. 20, 1902. Dear Sir—On the 8th inst., while at the Florence Sanatorium, I had the misfortune to lose my little boy, I deem it but justice to that institution to state that his death was caused through no fault of the treatment received while there. But on the contrary the most painstaking care and attention were bestowed upon my son, not only by the physician in charge, but by everyone connected with the Sanatorium. And I would state further that everything that possibly could be done, was done to save his life and relieve his suffering by those in charge of that thoroughly equipped and modern institution.

I shall always feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to those kind people, and extend to them my heart-felt thanks for the many favors shown me while with them.

Very Truly, W. J. Moore.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

"I know you expected a letter from me some time ago, but I will state my reasons, plainly, why I did not write before this," says Mr. Joseph Gnas, of Brewer, Perry Co., Mo. "It was because I did not wish to deceive any one. I wanted to be sure that your 'Golden Medical Discovery' had benefited me and it took time after I stopped taking the medicine before I felt sure I had realized permanent results from its use. After taking six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one vial of your 'Pleasant Pellets' am able to do a day's work with any man. I cannot express in words the good your medicines have done me."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

FROM SUNNY MEXICO

Salem Man Writes of Strange Scenes

Spirited Description of a Bull Fight.

Character and Progress of the Country.

Dr. H. H. Olinger, who is now in the City of Mexico, writes the following entertaining letter to his friends in Salem describing his experiences in the land of the Aztecs.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10, 1902.

DEAR MOTHER AND ALL:—I promised that I would write again soon and tell you something of my trip. I have had a very pleasant trip and am seeing and hearing every day. I left El Paso Wednesday morning at 10:10 crossed the Rio Grande river which hasn't as much water in it at the present time as your water in it at the present time. But in June and July flood time it is a monster—overflows its banks.

When we crossed the river my trunk was thrown out of the baggage car and wheeled in to the baggage room. I followed in and unlocked and unstrapped it rained the lid, an inspector came towards me, I lifted the lid, he picked up one corner of my overcoat and looked in and said "al right" the inspector was over, I locked up and was very much relieved you can bet.

From El Paso down, the trip was very dusty, and through a dry and desert mountainous country, sometimes just bare sand and then palm trees and again cactus trees. But little vegetation other than that which grows on a desert.

The eating houses come very regularly along the road but are all run by Chinamen. They put up a very good meal. During our last day's journey the scenery became more interesting. There were small farms of ten to twelve acres and at the fields one could see eight or ten drags pulling a team of oxen dragging a plow made of a curved stick with a small piece of metal on the point.

There is not a tree any place along the railroad long enough to make a fence. The natives, where there is such a scarcity of wood, dig up a small bush which grows two or three feet high, and use the roots which are from one-half inch to two or three inches in diameter. This wood burns readily, I suppose because the sand is so dry. There are no wooden fences in this district, I did not see one but I saw miles and miles of rock fences, which have required years to build. Houses all of stone and brick with walls from two to six feet thick.

I received \$2.10 Mexican for \$1 U. S. Mexico has made one of the greatest strides in the last four or five years that I ever heard of. The City of Mexico is one of the best lighted cities in the world. There is a light in every house and street. The streets are a beautiful sight to look down on any of these streets during an evening. As to houses there are no finer ones in the world.

Streets are paved for blocks and blocks with asphalt. Policemen are found on every corner. At night each policeman carries a hand lantern and a person can find a policeman by his light. The light is a scheme of President Diaz's, so that a person can tell when the policeman is on duty. Rents are very high here, costing from \$80 to \$100 Mexican money, and then you haven't a house, you may have to make one. There is no back door or back window. The front doors are large, massive things like the front doors to the state houses and there are anywhere from two to six families live in this one house with us many children; so you can see that it must be hard to find convenient rooms.

There is another very quaint custom followed here, and that is this: Every house, however rich, whichever you may call these clusters of houses, has a man who guards the entrance, called a porter, and at the hour of ten these front doors are closed and if you are out side you may have to make a very noisy demonstration for some time. The Porter (or guard) sleeps very sound and when you finally get him to open the door you have to pay him a few cents Mexican for his trouble. This is the law and no joke. You have the same trouble if you are inside and want out, you have to pay the six cents to get out after 10 o'clock.

Music is great. The government has some five or six bands employed who are required to play certain hours every day for the amusement of the people. Maybe in the afternoon a band will give a concert down in the poor quarters for the (poor) or poor people and from seven to eight the same band will play in another part of the city for the fashionable people and vice versa. These Mexicans are great lovers of music and seems they will stand for hours and listen to it.

Attended a Bull Fight. Yesterday I attended my first bull fight. It was horrible but I stayed to the finish. They killed six bulls. They always kill the bulls there is no clemency shown, that is the fate of every bull which enters the ring. I ate dinner at Dr. Comis's, and at 1 o'clock we got on his bicycles and started to the ring, which is located about 1 1/2 miles out of town. We rode about a mile and left our wheels and then walked the rest of the distance and arrived there about 2 o'clock, which is one hour before the fight begins. We went early so I could see the crowd.

The arena is built in a huge circle about 100 feet in diameter. There is a fence about six feet high inside of this arena, so when any of the fighters are pursued by the bull they jump the fence and from this ring the seats commence and run up for 15 or 20 seats clear up to the top and all around, and promptly at 3 o'clock they are always on time. The minute a bugler blows his horns and in comes the master of ceremonies, who rides up to the reviewing box and takes off his hat and makes a bow. He then rides back to the gate and leads a procession of fifteen or twenty men, all dressed in silks and satins trimmed in gold spangles, and the last of the procession is a team of three mules which are used to haul out the dead bulls and horses, of which there are sometimes many.

Well, the people retire and then in ride a couple of men on horses which

Advertisement for Wine of Cardui. Includes an illustration of a woman's face and the text 'Told by Pain'. The text describes how the medicine cured the advertiser's chronic back pain.

Polk County Pioneer Dies. George Werts, of Lewisville, Polk county, a pioneer, aged 70 years, died at his home Monday morning, after a brief illness. Deceased was well known to the pioneers, among whom he stood high. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to California during the gold excitement, and later to Oregon, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

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Market Quotations Today. Wheat, Oats, Etc. Wheat—53c. Oats—32c. Barley—\$17 per ton. Flax—Cash, Northwest, \$1.70. Hops—14. Strictly choice—14c. Liverpool, Dec. 5—Hops at London Pacific Coast steady, £3 to £4. Live Stock Market. Steers—4@3 1/2 c. Cows—3 1/2 @ 3 c. Sheep—\$3.50 gross to \$3.75. Dressed veal—6 1/2 c. Hogs, alive—4 1/4 c. Hogs, dressed—6 c. Baled chest—\$7.50 to \$8. Clover—\$7.00. Feed barley—\$21 per ton. Bran—\$17 1/2 c. Shorts—\$12.50. Flour, wholesale—\$2.66. Potatoes—55c. Apples—40@45c per box. Fancy packed—\$1.00. Onions, \$1.50 to \$1.90 per 100 lbs. Dried Fruits. Dried apples—5@7c. Italian prunes 40s to 50s—3 1/2 to 3 3/4. Pate prunes 40s to 50s—3 1/2 @ 4c. Wood Fence Posts, Etc. Cedar posts—\$4 to \$5. Dairy and Creamery Products. Dairy butter—15@20c. Creamery—25@30c. Skots—15c. First-class country, per roll—35c. Cream at creamery, pan skimmed—25c. Separator skimmed—25c. Eggs and Poultry. Eggs—16. Turkeys, live—10c per pound. Geese—8c per dozen. Ducks—4 to 4 1/2 c per dozen. Coarse wool—13c. Medium—14c. Fine—14c. Mohair—20 to 21c. Hides, Pelts and Furs. Green hides, No. 1—5c. Green hides, No. 2—4c. Call skins—25c. Sheep—75c. Goat skins—25c to \$1.00. Gray fox—25 to 50c. Coon—10 to 40c. Mink—25c to \$1.25. Otter—\$1 to \$5. Skunk—10 to 25c. Muskrat—1 to 5c. Wildcat—10 to 25c. Steiner's Market. Chickens—7 to 8c. Eggs per dozen, cash 16c.

Portland, Feb. 25. — Wheat Walla Walla, 65 @ 65 1/2. Flour—Portland, best grade \$2.50 @ \$3.40. Graham \$2.50 @ \$2.90. Choice White \$1.15c @ \$1.25. Barley \$19 @ \$19.50 per ton. Milstuf—\$19. Hay Timothy—\$12 @ \$13 per ton. Onions—\$1.50 @ \$2.00. Potatoes—1 1/2 @ \$1.35 per cental. Butter—Best dairy, 18 @ 20; fancy creamery, 25 @ 27 1/2 c; store 13 @ 15c. Eggs—Oregon, ranch 25 1/2 @ 25. Poultry—Chickens, mixed \$4.00 @ \$4.25; hens \$4; turkeys, live 12 1/2 @ 13c. Mutton—Gross, 4c. Hogs—Gross 5 1/2 c. Beef—Gross 3 7/8 @ \$4.00. Veal—Gross, 8c @ 8 1/2 c.

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