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THE DIRECT PRIMARY.

There are views taken of the primary law in Oregon.

One view is that it will fail and be repealed. The other is that it will succeed and stand.

THOSE WHO DECLARE IT WILL FAIL SAY THAT THE BOSSES HAVE MORE POWER UNDER THE LAW THAN BEFORE.

They say under its operation a few bosses or managers can unite on the man they desire to nominate and scatter the votes among other aspirants, and thus make the whole ticket.

Under this plan they say the city of Portland can nominate the state ticket, congressmen and United States senators.

They say every city or county seat can thus dominate the political affairs of a whole county.

By bringing out candidates and dividing the opposition, the machine would have its own way more completely than before the invention of the Direct Primary Law.

The machine always has a program. So has the boss. **THE DIRECT PRIMARY LAW MAKES NO PROGRAM. IT ONLY BREAKS PROGRAMS. BUT NOT ALWAYS.**

But there is another side to this. Let us consider that the law is tried a number of times.

Let us suppose that a prominent Republican and a prominent Democrat make a canvass for nomination for United States senator.

The two men are prominent in their respective parties and they are both able to make a state canvass and make themselves candidates under the direct primary law.

Let us suppose they are both nominated by their respective parties for United States senator, and then both confine the canvass and both go before the people on a direct vote for that office.

Would not that kind of a campaign be carrying into effect the spirit of the direct primary law in the true sense of the word?

Would not a few such campaigns educate the people to select candidates for United States senator, and finally for other offices and would not the bosses even in the legislature be compelled to pay some attention to the voice of the people?

Of course, there are always influences at work for and against any law, new or old, and the direct primary law must take its chances.

But is it not entitled to a fair and favorable trial on its merits, and according to the intent of its framers?

The Journal did not favor the adoption or passage of this particular direct primary law, although it has always advocated the principle of direct nomination.

ROOSEVELT WAS THE MOUTHPIECE.

Instead of having been the whole thing, as many newspapers had it, President Roosevelt was the mouthpiece of the Peace Conference.

In the seventeen articles of agreement between Russia and Japan, the name of the American president will not appear, nor is there to be allusion to his services.

While Roosevelt was always ready and active to promote peace and while our government remained neutral, he was really the spokesman of the great powers of Europe.

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It will hurt our feelings to realize that our President was only the mouthpiece, the telephone, or speaking trumpet of the nations of Europe.

We may rest in the sweet assurance that whatever the American President did was well done. He stood for what was right if he was not quite the whole thing.

IF RUSSIA HAD WHIPPED.

Japan is censured at home and criticized abroad for having made too easy terms with Russia.

Her treatment of Russia will go down into history as the most liberal peace treaty ever negotiated.

WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE TERMS IF RUSSIA HAD BECOME A DICTATOR?

Would there have been any limit to the rapacity of the conquerors? Troops that show little mercy to a vanquished foe would have demanded an awful price for revenge.

The contempt expressed for Japan early in the war would have been followed by obliteration after victory. There would not have been left a vestige of the independence of Japan had Russia won.

All Asia would have fallen under the domination of the czar.

All Europe would have felt the impact of Russian expansion.

Russian victory would have meant Russia against the world.

It is safe to conclude that the great powers of Europe foresaw this and **SECRETLY LENT FINANCIAL AND MORAL SUPPORT TO JAPAN AND WITHHELD IT FROM RUSSIA.**

As a result of the war Russia is humiliated in her Empire building career. She is set back so far as her ambitions and policies of aggrandizement are concerned.

Moral: Don't go to war even with a smaller fellow.

ONLY A SUGGESTION.

The Eugene Development convention could well afford to pay some attention to the conditions affecting public lands in Oregon.

For instance, a system by which the Northern Pacific railroad company scrippled half a million acres in Oregon in a day. What is to prevent that being done over and over again, by some other big corporation that has the money and the pull?

Is there any greater obstacle to development, to keeping out settlers, than this monopolistic "system"?

Settlers and homesteaders were even driven off to make "relinquishments" in the interests of the syndicates.

What greater incentive to make men anarchists than to be forced to give up a homestead to a big transcontinental graft?

Is there any surer way to undermine citizenship, to prevent development of a state, and to create a plutocracy than this?

THE ACTS OF CONGRESS THAT MAKE SUCH THINGS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE REPEALED, AND THE MEN WHO ENACTED SUCH LAWS KEPT AT HOME.

The Eugene Development convention could well afford to take some action on such matters.

District Attorney Honey should be asked to prosecute at least one big corporation.

Plays and Players.

Henry Arthur Jones' new play, written for Virginia Barnard, will be produced at the Knickerbocker Theater, New York, next month. The play contains four acts, with scenes laid in London, Buckingham, Mayfair, and a studio in South Kensington.

Henrietta Crossman will make her first professional appearance in London next fall.

Charles Frohman has acquired his fourth theater in London. This is the Aldrich. When that opens in November work will have begun on his fifth theater, for which he hasn't yet selected a name.

Hall Caine has postponed his visit to America in order to witness the London production of "The Prodigal Son" tomorrow night. This play, by the way, is to be produced by Charles Warner in Australia, likewise in Stockholm and Vienna.

Brander Mathews has written a new play called "The End of the Game," which has been acquired by George Arliss. He says he hopes to

have it produced both in London and in America.

"Alles and the Eight Princesses" is the title of a new musical extravaganza to be presented by Julian Mitchell this season. The book is by Glen McDonough and the music by Victor Herbert.

Maude Adams is to sing and dance in "Peter Pan." As a child she was a musician and dancer, and she is said to still have ability in both directions.

The hero of George Ade's comedy, "The Bad Samaritan," which is to be produced in New York next week with Richard Golden in the title role, is an amiable old fellow who makes a fortune in a rural village and comes to the metropolis only to be misunderstood.

In his latest play Mr. Ade not only shows the amusing side of rural life, but also deals sharply with New York's tendency to over-adornment.

Louise Allen, in private life Mrs. William Collier has joined Proctor's Fifth Avenue stock company in New York.

William Courtleigh has been engaged as leading man for the Imperial stock company in Providence, R. I.

Eina May sings six songs in "The Catch of the Season." This is more than she has ever had in any production.

If Richard Mansfield is successful in the negotiations he is now carrying on with Comyns Carr and Beerbohm Tree, he will make a production of "Oliver Twist" during the coming season.

It is reported that the ill-fated Iroquois theater in Chicago is to be rechristened the Colonial and that Geo. W. Lederer is to be the resident manager.

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Swiss Tariff Rates.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—Consul-General Gunther, of Frankfurt, Germany, informs the Department of Commerce and Labor that the Swiss diet has decided to allow, from January 1, 1906, goods from the United States to enter under the rates of the Swiss treaty tariff. Hitherto many of the products of the United States were only admitted upon paying the customs rates of the Swiss general tariff, which rates are much higher. This new departure secures to United States products the most-favored nation clause. The action was no doubt induced by the convention that the loss of the United States market for Swiss manufacturers could not be made up and would injuriously affect Switzerland's economic life.

The Sioux Indians scalped the Albany club in that city in their Sunday game of baseball by a score of 17 to 9.

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