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LABOR AND POLITICS.

The General resolution to pay all common labor 25 cents per hour in the city of Salem has been rescinded.

It was a mistake to ever pass it, because, as Alderman Byrne said, it swayed of politics, just before the primaries.

The reaction has come sooner than was expected and THE INJURY TO THE CAUSE OF LABOR is proportionately great.

Men who are not themselves employers of labor, who only play politics as a profession, who never work anybody but the voter, SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN CHARGE OF THE AFFAIRS OF A CITY.

But political leaders who have no visible means of support never get a true conception of the needs of labor. What does the laboring man need in a city like Salem?

The largest amount of employment possible, at the best wages that can be obtained. At present two dollars a day is the best that can be got out of the situation for common labor.

What is needed is POLICES THAT WILL EMPLOY HUNDREDS OF LABORERS AT THAT SCALE, OR EVEN AT \$1.75, instead of employing a few favorites at a fancy wage that cannot be maintained.

The action of the Printers' Union and the Carpenters' Union in standing up for increased wages for common labor was right. If labor unions do not sustain higher wages, who shall do it?

Those organizations are justified in standing up for any advance in wages for THEY ARE THE ONLY INFLUENCE LEFT IN THIS CITY TO UPHOLD GOOD WAGES.

The policies that will result in the employment of the largest number of laborers is what is wanted.

Flash-in-the-pan resolutions that discourage public improvements, and make it more difficult for common labor to get employment are an injury to laboring men.

FACTS ABOUT THE PRIMARY LAW

The primary election to choose candidates for office from precinct committeemen to United States senator will be held from 12 to 7 p. m. on Friday, April 20, just the same as a regular election.

There will be only seven hours in which to vote, and in large precincts there will scarcely be time enough for all to get to vote. So the voters better get to the polls early.

The primary nominees made April 20 the candidate of his respective party will then have to go before the people at the regular election, held in exactly the same manner, on Monday, June 4.

The candidate for nomination having the highest vote at the primary election will become the party candidate, and as there can be but one candidate for each office, the choice will be between those who get the party nominations.

There can be but one Republican and one Democratic candidate for the United States senate, just the same as for any other office.

STATEMENT NUMBER ONE.

There are all kinds of misrepresentation in the papers of both parties of Statement No. 1.

The operation of the direct primary law can under no conceivable circumstances enable a minority to name an U. S. senator.

At the primary there may be several to choose from for each party, but THE RESULT OF THE DIRECT PRIMARY IS THE RESULT OF THE DIRECT PRIMARY.

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MARY IS TO LEAVE ONLY ONE CANDIDATE OF EITHER PARTY.

Under the primary law it is legally, physically, morally and politically impossible that more than one Democratic candidate and more than one Republican candidate should get their names on the ballot.

The Australian ballot will have on it just one Republican candidate for senator of the United States and one Democratic candidate. THE VOTER MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN THESE TWO PARTY CANDIDATES.

Statement No. 1 simply means that the people shall elect the senator and the legislature shall ratify that election. Nothing more or less. Those who believe in the principle of direct election of United States senators should uphold that law. IT IS NOW OR NEVER, GENTLEMEN.

People or legislature? We have tried one. Let us try the other.

WITHYCOMBE NOT A DEMAGOG.

Dr. Jas. Withycombe tells everybody exactly where he stands on any public question. HE IS SIMPLY A REPUBLICAN.

He has been a Republican for 34 years. The Republican party stands for certain principles that are well understood.

Beyond this the people have the right to make laws and repeal them, and Dr. Withycombe respects their rights.

He is a member of the state Grange, which is strongly committed to the principle of direct legislation.

In his addresses at Farmers' Institutes Dr. Withycombe DOES NOT TALK POLITICS. He stands up for the dignity of agriculture, which has been his life occupation, and WHICH HE WILL CONTINUE IF NOT MADE GOVERNOR.

Dr. Withycombe owns one of the best farms in Washington county, and is making his campaign directly to the people.

As a representative of the business and agricultural and educational interests of the state Dr. Withycombe is a citizen Oregon can be proud of.

DEFECT OF THE TUTTLE ACT.

The road law known as the Tuttle act was slipped through the legislature without much discussion by the people.

The act simply provides that the highway shall be built at the expense of abutting property, TO THE EXTENT OF TWO MILES ON EACH SIDE.

The Marion county court has set aside \$10,000 to aid in the operation of the Tuttle act, by giving \$500 to \$1000 per mile to help it along.

Now, without discussing the merits of the act, or criticizing the county court for its action, we wish to point out that the Tuttle act is not practical in several ways.

The fact that the county court has seen fit to offer assistance shows that THE PRINCIPLE of assessing the whole expense of the highway on the abutting property IS WRONG.

The abutting property has given the right of way for the road, and what basis is there for giving \$500 per mile in one case and \$100 per mile in another instance?

This is not said to find fault, but to expose the weak point of the Tuttle act—in wit, that the whole county and the whole state is a party at interest in any permanent highway.

The New York legislature recognizes this fact, where hundreds of miles of fine highway are constructed and the state, county, township and abutting property each pay one-fourth of the cost.

On that plan it is distributed so that the general taxpayers pay three-fourths

and the abutters one-fourth of the expense. FURTHERMORE THE STATE AND COUNTY TAX COME LABELY FROM INDIRECT TAXATION.

Under the Tuttle act certificates of indebtedness ARE VOTED UPON THE MINORITY BY THE MAJORITY, and it is a principle of law that the majority cannot put a mortgage upon the homes of the minority, and confiscate their homes for an alleged improvement.

That can be done under the police power of a city, BUT NOT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF OREGON BY A GENERAL STATE LAW.

Oregon should follow the New York law. When the highway is a mail route the national government should assist in construction and maintenance of the same.

The Oregon Orange has always opposed such legislation as the Tuttle act, and farmers generally will not favor its operation.

AMEND THE TAX LAW.

(Roseburg Review.)

The law for the payment of taxes seems to us one of the most unjust enactments ever placed upon the statute books of any state. The conditions, as summarized on the tax collector's letter heads, are as follows:

"Taxes will become delinquent the first Monday in April. If the full amount is paid on or before the 15th of March, a rebate of 3 per cent will be allowed. If one-half of above taxes are paid on or before the first Monday of April, the time for the remaining half will be extended to the first Monday of October; if not so paid and become delinquent, a penalty of 10 per cent and 12 per cent interest will be added."

The present law seems to have been the outcome of an agitation for the payment of taxes in two installments, the idea being to make the burden lighter upon those who are lacking in ready money at tax time, and there are many in this class. As the law was finally enacted, however, it puts an increased burden upon the poor taxpayer and gives the well-to-do a premium at their expense which does not seem justified. The idea of charging 12 per cent interest in addition to a penalty of 10 per cent upon the deferred payment is enough to make the hardest user's cheek blanch with envy. It is contrary to the established law of the state against usury and violates the acknowledged principle of government that the protection of the weaker should be its first and greatest care. To make taxes payable in two equal installments at different times of the year was proper and just legislation, but to go further than to charge the legal rate of interest against delinquents was nothing more than an exhibition of the oppression that is sometimes practiced by those who are chosen to make the laws, whether because of innate stupidity or improper influence, the reader is left to judge for himself.

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No man in eastern Oregon is held in higher esteem than John H. Aitkin and his friends, who are legion, will do everything possible to secure his nomination.

(Heppner Times.) John H. Aitkin, of Huntington, is an aspirant for state treasurer. Being a man of high character and unquestioned business ability, there should be no reason why he should not receive a very strong vote in eastern Oregon, which section certainly has a better claim for the office at this time than the Willamette valley. Mr. Aitkin will also get a large vote west of the Cascades.

(Grant County News.) Western Oregon has four candidates for state treasurer and eastern Oregon has one. Another case of victory not to many. Mr. Aitkin is the type of man that suits the members of his party in this part of the field and his primary vote will be measured by his party strength.

(Pendleton Tribune.) J. H. Aitkin of Huntington seems to be a vote getter in eastern Oregon for state treasurer. Nobody is talking about anyone else. Mr. Aitkin, through his 20 years of business affairs, has strong support in Portland, and southern Oregon in particular, is strong for him. If no stronger man than is now in the field enters the race, Aitkin will win the nomination.

The Primary Law is Construed.

Attorney General Crawford has decided that one man may be the candidate of two political parties under the direct primary law. The opinion was rendered in response to an inquiry from W. J. Moore, district attorney at Lakeview. The hypothetical case submitted was that of a candidate who, in the primaries, was on both the Republican and the Democratic tickets, and received a plurality vote for the office in each instance. The ruling of the attorney general is that the office seeker thereby becomes the nominee of both parties, and his name must be so printed on the general ballot at the election in June.

The same would be true if a man were an aspirant for a Republican nomination and his name were written into the Democratic primary ballot, thereby giving him a plurality of the Democratic votes.

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