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ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER.

Registration books for primary election close April 10.
Primary election April 20.
Registration books again opened April 25 and close May 15.
Last day for filing names for state and district offices March 30.
Last day for filing names for county offices April 4.
Canvassing votes for nominating state and district candidates May 5.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices May 19.
Last day for filing certificates of nomination May 5.
General election June 4.

VOTERS, ATTENTION.

The primary law of our state is not as well understood by many as it should be. It is no trick of the politicians. It is one of the best safeguards against his tricks the people have today. It only needs to be understood and used by the people to prove its merits.

The fact that the politicians and some of the papers noted for graft are opposed to the law should warrant a thorough trial of it by the people.

If the law proves a failure in this election it will be because the people do not understand and appreciate it and give it a fair trial.

Politics are corrupt and controlled by corrupt men mainly because good men took no interest in the primaries or conventions in the past. The primary law was framed to give all men an equal chance to nominate the candidates of their party. And if all Republicans and Democrats would register their politics and attend the primary, good men, with few exceptions, would be nominated on those tickets for the various offices.

Many good men are registering as independents who ought by all means to register as Republicans or Democrats. By so doing you can participate in naming the ticket of your party and may vote independent in the election if the ticket named does not suit you.

Our Australian ballot system guarantees every one independence in voting. Our primary law gives all a chance to take part in naming the candidates of our party if our party polled 25 per cent of the votes cast at the last election. Both are safe laws for the people and should be upheld by them.

Let good men announce themselves for office and let all men of the two old parties attend the primary, and let us prove the merits of the law in this election.

It may be an injustice to new parties, but that can be remedied later.

WISCONSIN TO TEST PRIMARY.

With Oregon, Wisconsin this year will for the first time test the primary election law, although it has been in force in her big cities for several years. From a paper published there we take this regarding the nomination for governor in that safely Republican state:

Who will be nominated for governor on the Republican ticket? What will be the first fruit of the primary election law? Will it meet the expectations of its advocates and supporters? Will it give us a better governor than we ever had before? These are pertinent questions. They will be answered in September. If present indications are entitled to consideration in forecasting the outcome of this law, it is safe to say that the practical effect of its operation will be distressingly disappointing even to those whose devotion to its originator is superhuman in its simplicity.

It may be safely asserted of this law

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that it has given birth to gubernatorial aspirations in men whose qualifications for road supervisor might be seriously questioned. But the worst of all is that the aspirations of these men are recognized as perfectly proper and highly commendatory by a large per cent of the voters, who have been led to believe that external evidence of devotion to questionable reforms is of more importance than ability to discharge the duties of the high office. No one who has observed the effect of this law can fail to appreciate its danger. When in the history of Wisconsin were there so many demagogues aspiring to office as there are today? Why is it? Simply because they know the voters don't know them and for this reason, under the primary election law, they will stand as good a show to be nominated as the worthy citizen. Under the convention system their fitness would be discussed, but under the primary election law discussion is impossible. Under the primary law we must accept whatever accidents turn up, no matter how bad they may be. It was so in Minneapolis when the first primary produced Ames, who was indicted on a felonious charge soon afterward. A similar dose awaits Wisconsin people. Nobody knows what kind of a man will be nominated for governor.

RECOGNIZE A PIONEER.

While the newspapers are bringing out many young fellows for the legislature, The Capital Journal believes in recognizing some of the old pioneers.

They blazed the way for all who have come to this land of God and great red apples, they fought the Indians, and they tried the experiments that have led us up to the present high civilization.

The Silverton Appeal has a fine notice for H. D. Mount of that live city, and we take great pleasure in copying the same, as follows:

H. D. Mount is Silverton's only Republican candidate in the present campaign, and he is deserving of a hearty support on the part of Silverton people, as well as elsewhere. Mr. Mount desires to be elected as representative in the legislature and seeks consideration of his friends four weeks hence at the primary election.

Mr. Mount is one of Oregon's pioneers, having settled in Marion county in the early 50s. He served in the Indian war of 1853-6, and is now grand commander of the Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast. He has been engaged as tiller of the soil within a few miles of this city during the past forty years and is called the pioneer hop grower on Oregon, having been one of the very first to engage in that industry, and his broad experience in hop growing has enabled him to add many improvements to the industry. What he does not know about hop growing and agricultural pursuits in Oregon has not yet been learned.

Politically, Mr. Mount has always been a Republican, and will, if elected, support every measure that will reduce the burden of taxation. He pledges himself to vote against further appropriations for normal schools, believing that with the 12th grade addition to the common school there is no call for normal school, nor the expenditure of \$100,000 of the people's money along this line making it little better than a public graft upon the taxpayers of Oregon, from which no real benefit is derived.

Of the five representatives to be chosen to represent this county in the legislature, no mistake can be made in selecting H. D. Mount of this city.

THE STRAW VOTE.

The Capital Journal—we always say Capital Journal, because we do not want to be thought referring to the Portland Journal nor to the Oregon State Journal—is taking a straw vote.

There is no harm in getting people to express themselves as freely as possible. The fullest possible expression at the primary is what is needed to secure good government.

The Republican and Democratic parties are forbidden to hold any more party conventions—any party casting over 25 per cent of the vote puts itself out of the convention business.

We can't even get together and sing psalms like the Probs, so let us take a straw vote. If we can't take any more tricks in convention, and if the boss and the machine are abolished, let us take a vote.

At a Methodist assemblage of any kind it is always in order to take up a collection. So under the direct primary it is always in order to take a vote. Pretty soon the ladies are to do something besides talk.

The straw ballot is not confined to any party, sect or crowd, or sex. It

don't count, and the ladies are invited to vote. Heretofore when voting amounted to anything we have opposed letting the ladies vote.

So no matter whether you are registered as a Republican or Democrat or Socialist, you can take a shot at this straw ballot, as Jimmie Dunne would say, and help select a ticket.

This straw ballot can be voted by any man or woman and no questions will be asked. The Republican and the Democratic parties have been abolished by law, so far as holding conventions are concerned.

SENATOR NOT SO IMPORTANT.

(Toledo Reporter.)

The Capital Journal has a habit of saying many good things from a political, but not a partisan standpoint. If Colonel Hofer was in this district we should feel a strong inclination to vote for him. We especially commend the following:

"To hear some of the politicians talk there is nothing to do in the legislature but to elect two men to the United States senate, and parcel out the federal offices right."

"This is not. The office of United States senator is not as important to the masses of the people as the office of assessor or county judge. The present delegation in the senate is one of the best the state ever had."

"While the people should nominate and elect their senators, and while the legislature should ratify the voice of the people, real reforms are far more important to the taxpayers."

United senators and national issues are insignificant as compared with our home interests. Our home government and our county officials should demand our first and best attention.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

President of the Salem Business Men's League Was at Silverton.

(Silverton Appeal.)

George P. Rodgers, of Salem, was in the city a short time Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for Republican nomination to the legislature. Mr. Rodgers has been identified among the enterprising business men of Salem, and if the Republicans should see fit to select him as one of the five representatives in the lower house it is safe to say, judging from his business career, that he will be a worthy member.

Prohibition County Convention.

The Marion County Prohibition Convention is hereby called to meet on March 23d, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the W. C. T. U. hall, Commercial and Perry streets, Salem, to nominate a full county ticket. All Prohibitionists are invited to attend. Oliver Jory, county chairman; Sylvanus Pressnell, secretary.

Good Basketball Game.

The basketball game between the girls' team of the high school and of the University, played in the college gym last evening, resulted in a victory for the Willamette representatives. The final score was 13 to 9. In the first half the over-confidence of the University five was overwhelmed by the aggressive playing of the high school girls. Miss Rudolph played a particularly brilliant game, and held down her rival, Miss Carrie Belknap, with remarkable skill, making two baskets over her during the first half. Miss Duncanson also did some very active work. The score at the end of the first half was 7 to 4.

Miss Coryell was probably the most conspicuous player for the University, and excelled in foul tossing. Miss Carrie Belknap did not play her accustomed game, but her work, nevertheless, counted for much in last night's struggle.

The rooting of the supporters of both teams was noisy and demonstrative. Scolden lifts the gym re-echoed with such cheering. At times the enthusiasm was well-nigh indescribable, and yet when time was called, the spirit of good fellowship prevailed among all. Matthews, of W. U., and Winstanley, of H. S., the officials, gave entire satisfaction. The line-up of both teams was the same as published in The Journal last evening.

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Are Weak in
the Party

Special to The Journal.

Portland, Oregon, March 24.—From a disinterested standpoint, the congressional campaign in the First district has narrowed down to a contest between Walter Tooze of Woodburn and Professor Hawley of Salem. Portland politicians have been inclined to name Tooze as the winning man from the start. The close observers from here have watched his fight, which has been entirely under his own direction, and they are convinced that he has not reached the limit of his resources. As a political manager, he has created the impression of having a good deal of reserved power, and of being able to go down the home stretch at a winning pace. The strenuous features of his campaign are said to be reserved for the last four weeks.

The weak feature of Professor Hawley's candidacy lies in the fact that he has not been conspicuous in Republican councils, nor in Republican conventions. He has more prominence as a Clatsop lecturer and a college professor than as a Republican leader. He has presided at one home Republican city convention, where he afterwards went out and fought the ticket, and laid the foundation for the success of the Citizens' party, which ruled the Capital city for five years. His next appearance in politics was in a mass meeting called at the Methodist church to nominate a candidate for mayor against the regular Republican nominee, Mayor Waters, who was elected. Another weak point of Hawley's candidacy is his prominence for many years as the president of the sectarian college.

The other candidate for congress, S. B. Huston of Washington county, has no Republican record to speak of, while Walter L. Tooze has always been recognized as one of the Republican war horses. He was out making speeches for the gold standard when many of the Republican leaders were catering to free silver doctrine, and Mr. Huston was supporting the Bryan democracy. Back of all this, Tooze has doubled strength by his close identification with the producers. He is one of the largest dealers and shippers of hops and potatoes in the state of Oregon. He has made the Oregon Barbank a familiar product in commercial circles from Texas to Montana. The farmers and livestock men of the First district recognize him as a champion of their interest. He has been until recently a general farmer and hop grower on a large scale. His humble origin as a country school teacher, and his only political distinction of being a country postmaster incline the people of the smaller towns and the laboring classes generally to favor his candidacy. His life is democratic, his home is hospitable, his business methods are direct and frank. He is a hard fighter for any cause that has his support. While not posing as a great statesman, nor a profound scholar, he has a quick wit, native ability and common horse sense, that endears him to the country people everywhere. His nomination and election can safely be predicted.

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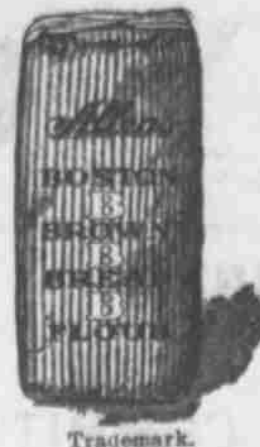
Hal D. Patton, of Salem, accompanied by Col. McDaniel, of the Evening Telegram, raised a flag over Liberty school house, Polk county, Friday. The ceremony was made interesting and impressive by an appropriate program arranged by Mrs. W. G. Wash and eloquent addresses by Editor Wash, of Dallas; Mr. Patton and Mr. McDaniel. County Superintendent Starr was present and made an address also.

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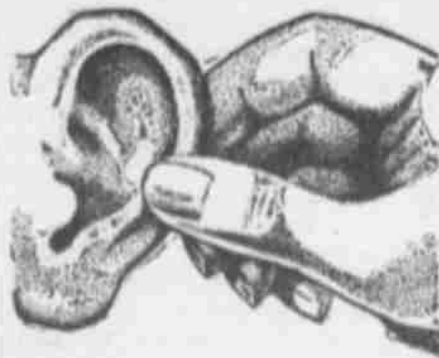
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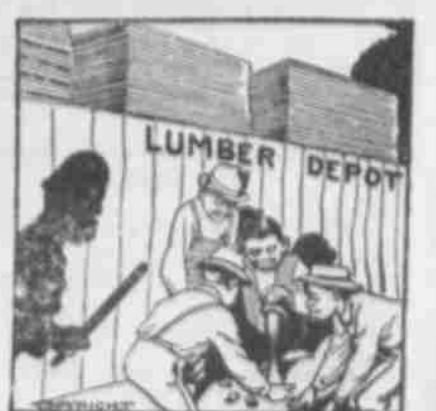
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