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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.

THE RING AGAINST TOOOZE.

In politics people ought to look around and see in what kind of company they find themselves. For instance, Candidate Walter Toose, of Woodburn, is not supported by a single one of the old school land ring. If you want a congressman who is free from their domination, then support Toose at the primary for congress. For instance, NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE OLD SALEM POLITICAL RING IS SUPPORTING TOOOZE FOR CONGRESS. If you want a congressman who is NOT easy game for that gang, who runs this county in debt and disgrace, support Toose for congress. Show us a Marion county machine politician who has been indicted for land frauds, and we will show you a man fighting Toose. They want a man who is easy and no obstacle to ring rule, and who will make ring appointments, and do machine distasteful. The people who want a new deal and a clean deal should NOMINATE THE MAN THE GUMSHOE BRIGADE DON'T WANT, AND THEY WILL GET GOOD RESULTS. This is plain talk, but, so far as lies in the power of this little one-horse paper, the truth about candidates will be told.

GETTING RIGHT WITH THE PEOPLE.

The effort of the Oregonians to secure pledges from candidates for representatives in the legislature on the franchise question is to be commended. As the Republican paper of greatest circulation, it is a favorable sign that IT IS FITTING THE KEY-NOTE OF REFORM IN THE COMING CAMPAIGN. Four years certain Republican leaders trampled under foot the flat salary law promised in the platforms of all parties, and the result was bad. The Republican candidate for governor was advised that he had better ignore that salary and he did so with results that were fatal to him. The Democratic candidate for governor made his campaign on that issue and won his election thereby, AND A GREAT DEAL HAS FOLLOWED IN ITS WAKE. The Republicans in the legislature who deflected action, and defeated the flat salary law from going into effect for four years, hurt the party. It destroyed in the people generally the hope and belief that the party leadership meant to deal fairly with reforms close to the heart of the masses. There are still federalists, Tories, and hangers in all parties who do not believe the people can be trusted, that the people do not want what is right, BUT THEY ARE A MISTAKEN MINORITY. The Republican party in Oregon

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under better and wiser leadership ought this year to get right and stay right with the people or get out.

WHO KILLED THE NORMALS?

A writer in the Roseburg Spokesman says: "I believe the normal schools should be under one general board of control, a uniform course of study, the appropriation to be a special bill and go on its merits—equip the school for good work and require it." YES, BUT SUCH A BILL PASSED THE HOUSE AND WAS KILLED BY THE NORMAL SCHOOL SENATORS. Just such a bill as the Roseburg man or woman indicates passed the house without a dissenting vote, but the senate was opposed to any reform whatever. So the people took the referendum and hung up the whole appropriation bill, and the voters will sustain the referendum two to one. If any normal school at all can be had in Oregon under the constitution IT WILL HAVE TO BE AT SALEM. Under the constitution of Oregon and according to the decision of the supreme court.

ONLY HONEST COURSE.

Senator C. W. Fulton has been interviewed on statement No. 1, and from the tone of his reply he believes in it. Here is what he says: "Were I candidate for renomination I would submit my claims to the people under the direct primary law, and failing to secure the approval of the people by a majority vote I would retire from the contest." Whether Mr. Fulton believes in it or not, the above expression discloses the only honest course open to any man. Public officials have seen the kernel to the direct primary law. They must make such records as the people will endorse or they cannot be renominated. See! Under that system, even if the law be changed or amended, GRAFTING IS AT AN END, because with even a few honest newspapers the people will get at the facts.

A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Primary day, April 20th, has been declared a legal holiday, as such, laboring men should be given a chance to vote. It is suggested that all employers give their men AT LEAST A HALF HOLIDAY on that day, so that they can get out to vote. In some of the larger wards many will be unable to get to vote the big blanket primary ballot at all IF THEY HAVE NO HOLIDAY. The whole day should be given up to the primary election, as it will be a day well spent and for the interests of humanity. It is the first time the people have ever had an opportunity to express themselves directly on the political methods and records of aspirants. If the laboring men of the cities are not given a chance to vote at the primary IT WILL NOT BE A FAIR ELECTION, AND EMPLOYERS WILL BE ELAMED. As legal holiday, laboring men are entitled to have the day for the purpose of taking part in the primary election. The primary election well attended is the biggest part of the campaign work done for the government.

STRIKE AT THE TRUSTS.

The first and most effective way to strike a blow at the trusts is by electing United States Senators by the direct vote of the people. The United States Senate is the natural breeding place and bulwark of protection for the great money interests. GENERALLY ELECTED BY THE USE OF MONEY AND BY CORPORATION INFLUENCES, the Senate has vast legislative appetitive power. The trusts regard the senate as their meat—their juicy morsel on which they rely and grow fat. The trusts naturally oppose popular election. If senators can be nominated and elected by the people, their graft on the United States Senate is gone forever. If Oregon can do it then all the other states can do it. THE BATTLE TO BREAK THE BACKBONE OF THE TRUSTS IS IN OREGON TODAY. The people have an opportunity to elect senators for the first time by direct vote in Oregon. They should express themselves. They should go to the primaries on April 20th with that determination clearly mapped out and set upon it. By all means exercise your right of franchise on this question and let us say to the world that trust control over the senate shall be ended.

BARLOW TOLL ROAD

Attempt Made to Sell a Worthless Piece of Right Away to the State

One of the most brazen attempts at graft ever undertaken in Oregon is the effort to foist upon the state the purchase of the Barlow road for \$24,000. Under the pretense that the road is valuable and that the chief purpose is to abolish tolls, a bill has been proposed by initiative to compel the state to buy the road at the figure named. The petitions for the submission of the proposal were secured by employing men to procure signatures, and this having been accomplished the measure will be voted upon in June. The bill will have a very attractive title on the ballot, and for that reason it is thought the measure will receive many affirmative votes from the people who do not understand its real purpose.

How Proposition is Headed.

"For a law to abolish tolls on the Mount Hood and Barlow road and providing for its ownership by the state," is the way the promoter of the enterprise present the question before the people. In the title on the ballot no mention is made of the appropriation of \$24,000 to be paid to the owners of the road. A man who has been over the road says that this would be practically a free gift to the owners of the road, and ever thereafter the state would be called upon for annual appropriations for maintenance and improvement. For that reason he urges that the subject should be freely discussed so that it may be understood before election day and the people may vote intelligently. It will be noticed that the bill provides that the secretary of state is directed to purchase the road at "not to exceed" \$24,000, but further down in the bill it is evident that the secretary has no authority to purchase for a less sum, for the bill makes it his duty to issue a warrant in favor of the owners for \$24,000, without any negotiations whatever.

Text of the Bill.

On its face the bill makes a very plausible showing. It provides: "Whereas, the Mount Hood and Barlow road is one of the few highways crossing the Cascade mountains and is a necessary public means of communication between eastern and western Oregon, used extensively by farmers, cattle men and sheep men, and is a great highway connecting two important divisions of the state, separated by a high range of mountains, in which the people of the whole state are interested, and "Whereas, this highway is an internal improvement—a state highway—in which the community at large is interested, the benefits of the road to the people along its route being insignificant compared with the great advantages to the people at large which it is its purpose to subservise; and Whereas, the road is owned by a private corporation, and toll is charged on all livestock and vehicles crossing said road; and "Whereas, the Pacific Coast Abstract Guarantee & Trust company is the owner of said road, and is willing to sell the same to the state of Oregon, together with all rights, franchises and privileges of every kind and character pertaining thereto, for the sum of \$24,000; and "Whereas, it is desirable that all tolls be abolished upon the said road and that the said road be owned by the state of Oregon; therefore "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon: "Section 1. That the secretary of state be, and he hereby is, directed to purchase said road from the said Pacific Coast Abstract, Guaranty & Trust company for a sum not exceeding \$24,000, and that the secretary of state be, and he hereby is, directed to deliver to said Pacific Coast Abstract, Guaranty & Trust company, before the first day of September, 1906, or as soon as this bill may become a law, a warrant upon the state treasurer, payable out of any moneys in the general fund in the state of Oregon not otherwise appropriated, in favor of said corporation for the sum of \$24,000, upon its delivery to him of a deed conveying to the state of Oregon said Mount Hood and Barlow road, together with all rights, franchises and privileges of every kind and character pertaining to said road. "Section 2. Upon the title to said road being vested in the state of Oregon, all tolls of every kind and character shall be, and hereby are, abolished; and said road shall be free to the use of the public. "Section 3. If this proposed law

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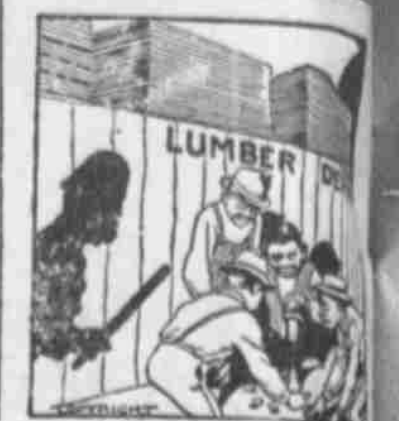
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