

A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSISTENCY

They say that Statement No. 1 only works to the advantage of the minority party. They say that every man who would vote for a Democrat is a Democrat. If every voter who voted for a Democrat at last election is a Democrat, which of the two parties is the minority party? There is but one answer: The Republican party. If the Republican party is the minority party and Statement No. 1 works to the advantage of the minority party, why should any Republican knock Statement No. 1?

Why is it that so many of the people who are fighting Statement No. 1 this year were supporting it loyally two years ago? Has the principle changed? Wasn't it possible that Gearin might have defeated Bourne?

If the people are capable of electing all other officers, why is it that they become so woefully inefficient when it comes to selecting a United States senator?

If the Republican voters' choice is so much sounder in principle than the people's choice, why not change all of our elections to that basis, and let the Republican primaries settle the question? The state is Republican; why let any body but Republicans have any thing to say about any of our officers?

That it is to the best advantage of Oregon that we should have a Republican in the United States

senate, should be preached to the voters of this state so that they might elect one. But I do not believe it is becoming to the Republican party to try to devise some scheme that will put a Republican in the United States senate whether the people want him or not? What is the use to vote upon the question? Oh! That's all right; go ahead and vote upon the question, and if you elect the man we want, we will endorse him, but if you don't, we won't. Is that Republican principle? Will the people tolerate such things of the Republican party?

What will candidates who sign the Republican voters' choice pledge do if elected? Fulton and Cake both say they are going to abide by the decision of the people in June. Now suppose, as these people like to suppose (their whole talk is based upon supposition)—suppose, Chamberlain should be elected, who are these candidates going to vote for? Perhaps, they would vote for the man who had the most money. It would be too bad for them to vote for a man who didn't want it. That will be the position of Fulton and Cake, if neither is elected.

If any institution that might let a Democrat into office is unsound in principle, then we should not elect any of our officers by direct vote of the people. Under such a system, we might have a Democratic county judge. Statement No. 1.

Photographs on Apples.

It is a simple matter to print photographs upon the ordinary red apple, the tomato and smooth-skinned pumpkin, if one goes about it in the right way. In addition to the process being most simple, there is no expense incurred, not even for so cheap a chemical as hypo, as no chemical or water is required, while the resultant prints can only be said to be as permanent as the support on which the image is formed. The skin of an apple, tomato or pumpkin, particularly at a certain stage of its ripening bears a strong resemblance to our photographic plate and printing paper, for the reason that it is sensitive to light. It is this sensitivity to light that causes the side exposed to the sun to burn red or yellow and, as one can often notice where a leaf intervenes to cut off the light close to the pumpkin, apple or tomato, it will print an outline of itself, a silhouette as it were, in green upon the red or yellow ground. It was through noticing this that I conceived the idea of printing from a negative upon the same surface. My first attempt was with apples. I first tented out an apple having a leaf close to its surface, placed a piece of glass beneath the leaf and on it cut my initials with a sharp knife. I then removed the glass and pasted the leaf firmly to the apple in such a way that it would not be blown away by the wind and left it for a week.

At the end of that time I took the apple, soaked off the leaf, and found my initials in bright red on a light green ground having the outlines of the leaf. My success prompted me to try an actual photograph, or one printed from a photograph negative. To this end I selected some apples of the red variety that were yet green and incased them in bags made of the black paper in which plates and paper are usually packed. These bags were left on for ten days to exclude the light and add to the sensitivity of the surface. At the end of this time the bags were removed and film negatives were pasted in position by using the white of an egg. This white of an egg I found later to be the only ad-

hesive that would not show in the print. In order that all except the image when printed might be green, the apples were again inclosed in the protecting bags, this time an opening a little larger than the portrait being cut opposite the film. This acted much as would a vignetting device over a printing frame, and greatly enhanced the results. Other apples were given other negatives made by scratching monograms, initials and sketches in spoiled films with an etching knife and attached in the same manner, and provided with the same protection for the remainder of the surface. The richness of color and wealth of detail that can be secured in this way is really astonishing. I am tempted to say that the results are superior to any that could be obtained on photographic papers. A week was allowed for printing. The fine, deep red of the picture upon the delicate green of the ground cannot be seen to be fully appreciated. Only nature could give just the exact tones of the two colors that aid harmonize so perfectly. The method for printing on tomatoes or pumpkins is the same as for apples. I hope that others will try the experiment, and I can assure them that they will be amply repaid for their trouble.—Nature in St. Nicholas.

HON. M. L. JONES ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In a circular sent to all voters Hon. M. L. Jones, of Brooks, makes the following suggestions as to how he would handle public highways if elected county judge:

"All the money that is collected for road purposes should be levied as a road tax and kept entirely separate from other funds, and should be principally expended in the road districts that pay the tax, and altogether for the public benefit. My plan of managing the road fund for each road district would be to let the county judge, or one of the county commissioners, meet with the citizens of the road district and select a road committee, who would act without pay, and would have charge of the expenditure of the road money belonging to that district. The residents of the district should have the opportunity of doing the road work without preference, prejudice or partiality to any one. The supervisor should be selected by the road district and the county court. I have advocated this plan for 15 years and it is not an experiment, as it is being successfully applied by a former Marion county farmer boy who is now county judge of Clackamas county. Under this plan a road supervisor would be appointed because he was

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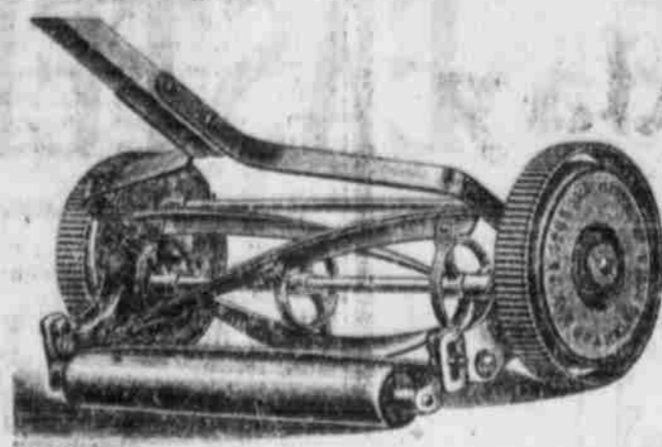


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"During the past six years there have been charged up to roads and highways in Marion county, not including bridges, etc., nor road poll tax nor special tax, \$290,479.74. These figures were taken from the records, including special road tax and poll tax (estimated) not including volunteer road work and donations, these figures would perhaps be increased to \$350,000.00.

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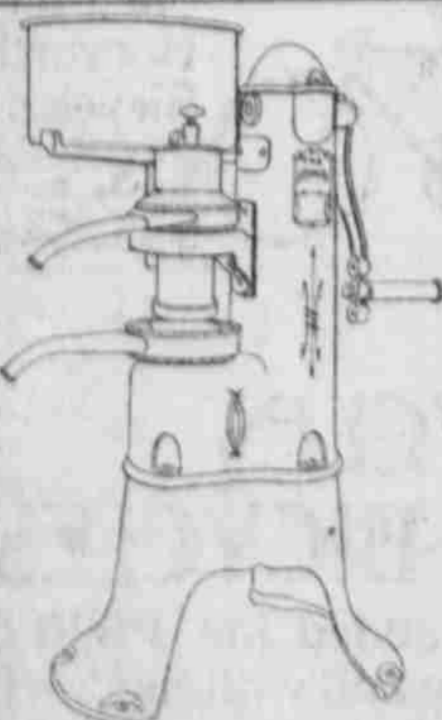
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