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THE OLD WAY.

They have just had an old-fashioned convention over at Olympia to nominate a Congressman. We are told that the direct primary does not produce harmony in the party and that obscure men cause themselves to be nominated—and a lot more such stuff. Now here was a real good caucus dominated convention, and the man who started with four votes on the first ballot was made the nominee of the Republican party on the 56th ballot. Of course he was nominated on his merits. We have no doubt the good points of the candidate were carefully discussed and gradually the delegates became convinced that McCredie possessed the best qualifications for the position. We note that one of the delegates, in presenting his candidate, stated that he could not vouch for him "as a knight of the diamond or the round table." Some might think this was intended as a slur on the Judge, but we are confident it was merely a calm and deliberate presentation of the other gentleman's qualifications. And so it ran through 56 ballots until the people's choice was announced in the nomination of Judge McCredie, whom the Tacoma Republicans are now denouncing as the "Gentleman from Portland." This is the brand of harmony the good old convention system quite frequently produced. It nominated Cornelius against Penoyer, and Furnish against Chamberlain, and we all know how enthusiastically the Republican voters rushed to their support.

THE COST OF A SPECIAL ELECTION.

Many persons were deterred from signing the petitions for a special election in November by statements that the cost would run into the thousands of dollars. The Mist has made some inquiry in regard to this and is informed the cost will be less than \$800. There are, we believe, twenty-two saloons in Columbia County, and we think it is safe to say their daily revenue will amount to as much as the cost of holding this special election. Not to hold the election next month would give them a year longer to run, and they would take in for the sale of alcoholic beverages, something like \$250,000. But we will cut that in two, for the sake of the argument and say they will take in \$125,000 per year, on an average of \$20 per day for the saloons of Columbia County. They pay in license money, about \$11,000 annually, a considerable portion of which is paid out for the extra police help made necessary by their presence. The balance, of over \$115,000, is paid for something which, to say the best that can be said of it, does an infinitely small amount of good and incalculable harm. The Mist believes the saloons of Columbia County are conducted as nearly in conformity with law as those of any other county in the State, yet, it must be admitted this is a terrible waste of money, even if no greater evil follows, and, if it can be stopped by the expenditure of \$800, on a special election, the money is well invested.

This is a very sordid manner in which to view the question but it is one that appeals to a great many.

If the saloon is a good thing to have in the community it should be conducted upon the same basis as other business. It should not be heavily taxed or have unusual restrictions placed upon it. But all are agreed that it should be labeled "extra hazardous" and surrounded by every possible restraint.

Being needless, useless, dangerous and expensive, why should it not be voted out of existence?

COOK AND PEARY.

If the matters at issue between Dr. Cook and Commander Peary were to be settled by a naval board no doubt the Commander would be the victor; but, unfortunately for Peary, the scientists and the general public would not accept such a decision. They are not partisans of either men, but Peary's arrogance has disposed them to look with favor on the claims of Cook, and the latter's gentlemanly demeanor and refusal to be drawn into an undignified wrangle has made him many friends.

It is the general belief that both Cook and Peary reached the Pole, and, if that is true, the honor of discovering it rests with Dr. Cook. This is, of course, a grievous disappointment to Peary and, when its full force is understood, will somewhat mitigate the unfavorable comment on his conduct toward his rival. This was his lifework and his ambition was not only to reach the pole but to be acclaimed as its discoverer. After enduring the greatest hardships he reached the point where there is neither latitude nor longitude and believed his great ambition had been accomplished. His disappointment must have been intense and the theory that it affected his brain and is thereby responsible for his subsequent actions will be accepted by many as the only sufficient excuse.

GOV. HUGHES' IDEA.

If the direct primary is to be amended (as it should be) let it be amended by law, and not by a convention called for the purpose of discrediting it. The present system, with all its faults, is better than the one it superseded. Nothing could exceed the scathing criticism of the Oregonian upon the old convention system, and it will not now advocate a return to the old methods. But it advocates the "assembly" or advisory convention, and claims this is favored by Gov. Hughes of New York. It seems to overlook the fact that the assembly proposed by Gov. Hughes is one constituted and governed by law and not an irregular and illegal gathering of men whose object is to override or evade an existing law. The people understand this fully. They are willing the primary law should be amended so as to keep voters of one party from attempting to control the primaries of another party, but they are not willing the wireworkers should again resume control. As to the product of the direct primary, we believe it will compare favorably with that of the old system. Compare, for instance, Hermann with Hawley, Chamberlain or Bourne with Mitchell, or the present state officers with the general run of their predecessors, and really we are unable to see that the public service has been the loser by the new system. Better let it stand as it is until the necessary amendments are made in a legal manner.

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 U. W. Clark,
 Assessor of Columbia county, Oregon.
 Dated this 17th day of September, 1909.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
 In the matter of the application of J. B. Godfrey, to have registered the title to an undivided one fourth interest in the southwest quarter of section 29, in township 5 north, range 1 west of the Willamette Meridian, Applicant.

Carl Nicklin, Lela Nicklin and Mrs. K. V. Nicklin, Defendants.
 To the above named defendants and all whom it may concern: In the name of the State of Oregon, TAKE NOTICE: That on the 11th day of September, 1909 an application was filed by the said J. B. Godfrey, in the circuit court, of the state of Oregon, for Columbia County, for initial registration of the title to the land above described. Now you are hereby required to appear and answer said application or otherwise show cause why said application shall not be granted, on or before the 18th day of October, 1909, and you are hereby notified that unless you do so said application will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 11th day of September, 1909.
 Seal of Circuit Court. W. A. HARRIS, Clerk.
 J. B. GODFREY, Applicant's Attorney.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
 In the matter of the application of R. P. Graham and H. B. Nicholas, to have registered the title to the east half of the northwest quarter of section 34, of township 6, north, range 2 west of the Willamette meridian, applicants.
 Robert Davidson, Walter Davidson, Alexander Davidson, Henry Nicol, David Goodell, Columbia Timber Co., and all others whom it may concern, defendants.
 To the above named defendants and all whom it may concern: In the name of the State of Oregon, TAKE NOTICE: That on the 11th day of September, 1909, an application was filed by the said R. P. Graham and H. B. Nicholas, in the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Columbia County, for initial registration of the title of the land above described. Now you are hereby required to appear and answer said application or otherwise show cause why such application shall not be granted, on or before the 11th day of October, 1909, and you are hereby notified that unless you do so said application will be taken as confessed and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 2nd day of September, 1909.
 W. A. HARRIS, Clerk.
 T. J. CLEETON, Attorney for Applicants.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
 Lulu E. Bryant, Plaintiff, vs. William Bryant, Defendant.
 To William Bryant, Defendant: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit, on or before the 29th day of October, 1909, the last day prescribed by the order for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in the above entitled suit to-wit: For a decree from this court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between this plaintiff and this defendant, and for a judgment for her costs and disbursements in this suit, and for such further relief as the court may deem just and equitable.
 This summons is published pursuant to an order made on the 7th day of September, 1909, by the Hon. J. U. Campbell, Judge of the above entitled court, to which order it is directed that this summons be published in the Oregon Mist once a week for six consecutive weeks, and the date of the first publication is the 17th day of September, 1909.
 A. R. MENDENHALL & T. J. HEWITT, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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