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"The people are on trial, not I." And the people won.

The primary election held last Friday demonstrated several things: That the people are already losing interest in the plan as shown by the very light vote cast in some of the counties; That an organization of certain interests can control the nomination of candidates, as demonstrated by the nomination of Mr. Lafferty against Judge Gantebain in Portland. That it is necessary to spend time and money in considerable quantities to be successful; That the successful candidates in the primaries have, very often, to fight the friends of their unsuccessful rivals as well as the opposite party; That every man is a party to himself and writes his own platform, thereby tending to eliminate great political parties. Several other things could be enumerated as arguments in favor of doing away with the primaries and making one election instead of two. Where every man is a party unto himself and writes his own platform what is the use of having two elections and two campaigns. Why couldn't it be arranged to have one election do the business, then the people would take enough interest in it to come out and vote. It would require much thought and study to work out a plan in detail to carry this into effect, but it certainly seems that it should be done. It would be fair to the candidates and fair to the political parties. It would be a saving of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers in election expenses and tend to preserve parties rather than destroy them.

With this issue the Mist returns to the weekly edition instead of the twice a week. We do this reluctantly as the twice a week idea was popular and we now have more room for general news, but under the circumstances we are compelled to do so in order to protect our legal advertisers. There is a question of law involved and while it perhaps does not amount to much, it is better to be on the safe side, hence we are compelled to take this action. We will endeavor to give you the best paper that can be had in our community and trust the readers will appreciate it.

Some steps should be taken to improve the mail service between St. Helens and the lower River points. Our service to Portland and eastern points is all that could be desired but going down the river where a great deal of business is done, has only one mail each day, all because the Astoria train does not take on mail in the evening, in fact does not even slow down when going through Houlton. With this train making a stop at Houlton, which it should do any way, our mail service down the river would be greatly improved and it would not take two days to get a letter down to Clatskanie only 35 miles away. This would be a good thing for the Commercial Club to get busy on.

The Democrats have nominated a full county ticket for the election as follows: For Representative, J. N. Rice; For County Judge, J. D. McKay; for County Clerk, H. E. LaBare, endorsed; for Sheriff, A. E. Thompson; for Treasurer, R. S. Hattan; for Assessor, Silvio Graham; for School Superintendent, J. B. Wilkerson, who also received Republican nomination; for Surveyor, Geo. B. Conyers, endorsed; for coroner, F. H. Sherwood, endorsed; for County Commissioner, Louis Fluhrer. The Republican ticket will be the same as was announced in our last issue, the only real close

race at the primaries being that of Commissioners, which was between Mr. Freeman, Mr. Gessell and Mr. Johnson; The vote was as follows: Freeman, 509; Gessell, 329; Johnson, 426.

"Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That A Man Lay Down His Life For His Friends". Nearly two thousand lives were lost on the Titanic recently, nearly all men. There were poor foreigner peasants, men of moderate circumstances and millionaires, all on the same level. All met the same fate and all took the same stand; the saving of the women and children first, men afterwards. Millionaires helped the poor women into boats and stood back calmly awaiting their fate. Poor men helped the rich women into boats and did likewise. Truly this disaster exemplified the highest type of humanity and civilization. It shows that in the heart of man there still exists the spirit of unselfishness and brotherhood whether rich or poor. The trait of selfishness generally attributed to the millionaire was not there; he took the same stand as the pauper. Such acts as these by men of all classes should be a lesson to bind the ties of humanity closer and closer and eliminate some of the bitter feelings existing between the rich and poor. In view of the number of men who went to their graves in the Atlantic on that awful night, it is interesting to know that the Chinese in their maritime regulations insist upon saving the men first, the children next and the women last, on the theory that men are more useful to the state than the women.

EGYPT'S GREEN SUN.

Bright Emerald Hues Tint the Sky at Merid and Eve.
In Egypt, where the atmosphere is very clear, the green tints of the sunset light are peculiarly distinct. As the sun descends nearer and nearer to the horizon and is immediately enlarged its rays suddenly become for an instant of a brilliant green. Then a succession of green rays suffuses the sky well up to the zenith.
The same phenomenon occurs at sunrise, but less conspicuously. Sometimes at sunset, just as the last portion of the sun's disk vanishes, its color changes from green to blue, and so also after it has disappeared the sky near the horizon is green, while toward the zenith it is blue.
The fact was, of course, observed by the ancient Egyptians, and references thereto are found in their sacred writings. Day was the symbol of life and night that of death. The setting sun being identified with Osiris, that god became king of the dead. The setting sun was green; therefore Osiris as the nocturnal deity of the dead was painted green.
The splendid coffins of the high priests of Ammon frequently depict the green sun, and the funeral deities are all colored green. This association of death with green was undoubtedly due to the green tints of the Egyptian sun at sunset.—Youth's Companion.

COFFEE WITH AN ARAB.

It Protects Even Murderers Where the Cup Has Been Shared.
Describing the hospitality of an Arabian home, the "Last Journal of Bishop Hannington" says:
The great event of the visit is the coffee. The host has a kind of brazen shovel brought, in which he roasts the beans; then he takes a pestle and mortar of the oak of Bashan, and with his own hands he pounds it to powder, making the hard oak ring forth a song of welcome to the guest. Many of these pestles and mortars are heirlooms and are richly ornamented and beautifully black and polished by age and use. Such was the one in question. Having drunk coffee for the honored guest the cup is filled three times, you are quite safe in the hands of the most murderers.
So far do they carry this superstition that a man who had murdered another and fled to the dead man's father and begged to know what had happened drank coffee. Presently friends came in and as they were relating the news to the bereaved father recognized the murderer crouching beside the fire. They instantly demanded vengeance. "No," said the father, "it cannot be. He has drunk coffee and has thus become to me as my son."
Had he not drunk coffee the father would never have rested until he had dyed his hands in his blood.

Drug Store Signs.

Every one has noticed the beautiful colors in the large glass jars that stand in the drug store windows, but every one does not know why drug stores use that sign. In the old days apothecaries and alchemists were the only druggists, and they made up their own nostrums, and the composition of which was supposed to be a great secret. They used to leave their retorts and jars and stills in the window to impress upon the passerby the mystery and importance of their business. The modern drug store has no use for retorts and stills, all the processes being handled by the big chemical factories, but the large jars full of brightly colored liquids are still left in the window, just as they were hundreds of years ago.—New York Sun.

Population by Race.

The population of the world by race is: Indo-Germans (white), 550,000,000; Mongolians (yellow and brown), 630,000,000; Semitic (white), 45,000,000; Negro (black), 150,000,000; Malay (brown), 35,000,000; American Indian (red), 15,000,000. This latter figure includes every variety of the redman in all parts of the earth, the actual number of Indians in North America being much less than a million. The white race is increasing much faster than the others, owing probably to its superior intelligence and scientific knowledge of medicine and sanitation.—New York American.

Sounded All Right.

Patience—Well, he told the truth, anyway. Patience—How so? Patience—When he was buying the solitaire he told the jeweler it was for a sister. Patience—Well, I'm sure that wasn't true. Patience—Why, yes; when he offered it to the girl she promised to be a sister to him.—Yonkers Statesman.

Eager to Please.

"I want you to see if you can't find out that I am descended from a king," said the man who had become suddenly rich.
"Very well, sir," replied the genealogist. "We have a large stock of kings to select from. Have you any preference?"—Chicago Record Herald.

A Popular Girl.

"Yes; she has promised to be mine some day."
"But when?"
"She can't exactly say as yet. Seems she will first have to break off four or five other engagements."—Washington Herald.

His Status at Home.

"Your father seems to be an important member of the community."
"Gross; you've only seen him outside of home. Ma doesn't think he's such a much."—Detroit Free Press.

A Good Word For Caviar.

Caviar receives a clean bill in the London Lancet, despite the fact that it is regarded by many medical men as "oily, indigestible and unwholesome." Numerous analyses have been made of this sturgeon roe delicacy, which, according to the writer, when averaged, appears to be as follows: Water, 59.92 per cent; protein, 27.92 per cent; fat, 13.29 per cent, and mineral salts, 7.57 per cent. It differs sharply from the flesh of fish by containing a much larger quantity of fat. Moreover, this fat contains the peculiar oily phosphorus compound known as lecithin, which is a stimulant to metabolism, affecting favorably the processes of nutrition. Caviar is, in fact, highly nutritive and its digestibility has been determined, the time taken for its absorption being relatively short. If there is anything to be said unfavorably of caviar it is that its constituents err slightly on the side of richness.

Flogging.

The Jewish rabbi had a legend which carries corporal punishment back to the days of our first parents, which is quaintly reflected in that modern schoolboy's play upon names, "Adam Seth Eve Cain Abel."
Of course there is, too, the warning of Solomon, "He that spareth the rod hateth his son," or the old Egyptian proverb, "The back of a lad is made that he may hearken to him that beats it," but if we must go on history alone the earliest records belong to the Romans, who practiced flogging in several degrees of severity.
There were the ferula, a flat strip of leather, a comparatively mild persuader; the scutica, a harsher instrument of twisted parchment, and the flagellum, a cruel scourge of leather thongs.

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Call for Bids
Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Columbia County up to 12 o'clock noon Wednesday, May 1st, 1912, for road improvement work to be done under special leyvin Road Districts, No. 12, 13, 15 and 16 in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk. Bids must be accompanied by deposited or certified check for 10 per cent, of the amount of bid. The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids for cause.
Signed,
W. K. Tichenor
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