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COMMITTEE FOR PRIMARY IMPROVEMENT

The Republican central committee of Union county, which is the organization sponsoring Republican principles throughout the year, has gone on record with a desire to improve the present primary law.

It is a worthy step, but people should not throw up their hands and say, "they want the old convention back again", for such is not the case. No fair-minded Republican wants a return of the corrupt, bossed convention. On the other hand, no fair-minded Republican believes that the present primary law is divine and not subject to improvement.

The committee does not want to abolish the primary in any manner whatsoever, but it does seek to provide some guidance, to have the party in Oregon stand for something; to have some principles which today are never put before the electorate.

To do this there must be some kind of a meeting of men and women interested in Republican principles and out of that conference a platform can be written and adopted for candidates to stand upon, and if they do not stand there they have no right to run as Republicans.

The New York primary law has been suggested as an improvement over the Oregon law and we believe it is an improvement. In that state a conference is held and a platform is written, and at the same time candidates for the different offices are recommended only. This does not shut out anyone from running, and if the conference should become corrupt or err in judgment the free right of running another candidate is preserved.

Under this plan Oregon would be relieved from the Johnny-Jump-ups and the self-centered boys nominating themselves; it would be relieved of influences entering into party politics which do not belong there.

Unquestionably the Union County Republican Central committee has taken the first step to relieve a sane primary procedure for the state. To our mind it is a historical step, for the entire party in the state has been waiting for some county to take the lead, all knowing that the primary law needs improving, for its expense and results are not what the state either wants or can afford.

RE-INFLATION.

The Evening Observer weeks and weeks ago said business would have to take one of two courses—either suffer the general drop, drop, drop in commodities and labor, or have re-inflation. Our judgment then was that re-inflation was very liable to come, for the reason that America holds the wealth of the world, and it seemed to us that bankers would hold their feet on the brake about so long and then they would increase the business speed.

The speed is increasing. Harden Colfax, writing in the Portland Oregonian, says the banks of the United States are bulging with idle credit, and that 40 billions of dollars lie unused in the nations vaults.

Bankers abhor idle money. Their teaching is against such a thing and our teaching finally controls us whether we be bankers, ranchers, or railroad men. Thus, it would seem that bankers of the country, having grown tired of idle piles of money in their vaults now seek investment that will give returns, with the result that re-inflation to some extent is now on and is bound to get bigger. No one looks for the hip, hip, hurrah inflation we once had in this country when the safest and sanest business men lost their heads and went plunging like a chariot horse, but it is quite apparent there is going to be more money turned loose each month than has been and every time this happens the re-inflation gains just that much.

Somehow, everything points to better times if more money and freer spending make better times.

The Flapper.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
Every once in a while some one rises to remark that our grandmothers were just as flapperish as the present generation and points to hoop skirts and citations from current literature to prove it. But they could go back farther than that and some of them have. Recently we saw an account of the flapper-ship of the Egyptian maidens of some 2,000 years ago, but as the account was not literal it did not convey the exact idea that the older people might have had at the youngsters of that day. Here is one from Socrates, however, that shows how sad the poor old world was 2,200 years ago with the girls and boys all going to the devil as fast as possible. Socrates wrote:

"The children now love luxury, they have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect to elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the slaves of their households. They no longer rise when an older person enters the room, they contradict their parents, chatter before company, their cheeks are smudged and their little, cross their legs and tyrannize ought to know what they are talking about. And they are not speaking altogether for themselves. That \$15,000,000,000 is not really owed to the American bankers, save in very small part. It is owed to all citizens who own Liberty Bonds, or pay federal taxes, or buy goods.

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Bible Thought For Today

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against these there is no law.—Gal. 5:22, 23.

THE OFFICE CAT

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BEFORE AND AFTER.
Before a man's married to the girl in State street, isn't it?
Dick: "Yes, why?"
Edith: "That's what I told papa. He made such a funny mistake about you yesterday. He said he'd been looking you up in Bradstreet."

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Death-Defeating Radio.

There are seamen who believe that the original home of Davy Jones is Whitefish Bay on Lake Superior. It is the most dangerous stretch in all the Great Lakes, with their heavy traffic, fog and swift storms. Lakemen call Whitefish Bay "The Graveyard of Ships." Its 60 miles are strewn with wrecks. The waters of the great, sweet inland sea pour around its corner into the channel of the St. Mary's river, and no matter how smooth and beautiful the weather elsewhere, the bay is always choppy with conflicting currents. No matter how many years a captain has sailed the lakes, no matter what his record for intelligence and care—or perhaps all the more so because of that—he is always glad when he gets out of that dirty stretch of hidden rocks and tortuous drifts and awkward winds.

Safety has come to the bay at last — through radio. One radio naval compass station was opened the middle of May, and within three weeks two more will be ready for action. The skipper lost in fog can ask about his position at any moment. Reports from two stations, telling his direction from them, can be plotted on his chart. His ship is where the two lines meet.

The people who are lamenting the progress of radio because it adds more noise and restlessness to life may well pause before they condemn it. For those who go down to the sea in ships it may mean life itself.

Which are the states having the greatest number of electrically equipped homes? Washington, Oregon and Ohio. June brides will now know where they want to live. But even New England is beginning to develop a mild interest in washing machines.

It has got to a pass where the poor Old World has got to be afraid of inviting Uncle Sam to international parties, for fear of being snubbed.

FAMOUS BLIND COMPOSER DEAD

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, June 6.—Paul Barnes, composer of "Goodbye Dolly Gray," the battle chant of American soldiers and sailors in the war against Spain, died at the Manhattan state hospital, May 8, blind and a pauper, according to friends. Barnes also composed several other songs popular around 1900 and is reputed to have written the song, "You Won't Do," with which Dan Jolly, a noted variety actor, sang himself to fame. Barnes had been confined in the hospital about two years and the Masonic order and friends had been seeing to his welfare.

SHOP NOTES

Items of Interest from the O.-W. Shops.
John Hartzell, who has been employed at the shops for some time, has resigned to accept a position with the Stoddard Lumber company at Baker.

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Mr. Hartzell worked for that firm once before and he is going back because he prefers that kind of work to that in the shops.

Mr. Hanstiner, a shop employe at Huntington, is in the Grande Ronde hospital and would be glad to see any of the men from these shops. Mr. Hanstiner is a member of the local of the shopmen's union.

Deil Hartzell, for the past five years engineer at the power house, said he had worked too hard those five years and that he was going to take a vacation. Thereupon he packed his suitcase, forgot his work, and is now taking in the sights between here and Portland.

J. P. Caldwell and Everett Hesse, machinists, are taking off a couple of days. They are to play with the La Grande band at the Union Stock show.

V. W. Plumber, maintenance of way employe, is in the St. Vincent hospital at Portland suffering with high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries.

Walt Lane, boiler maker helper, is in the same hospital recovering from a serious operation.

Wm. Brown, a carpenter at the shop, is on the sick list.

Death in a Rose.
A native of Lancashire, England, a member of a firm of cotton manufacturers, died recently, from the effects of a petal by a rose thorn. One day he picked his hand when in his garden. Next day he complained of pain, but an examination revealed nothing. Later his hand swelled and a doctor told him he was suffering from septic poisoning. This caused his death.

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