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Letter(By HARRY E. HUNT)
NEW YORK (NEA Special)—If, as its leaders declare, the Democratic party is a party of "progress," the best proof it can proffer the country would be the modernization of its national convention procedure.

The country has just been witnessing a spectacle of a great party bound hand and foot by the shackles of "tradition."

Day after day and night after night delegates to the Democratic convention, bound by an obsolete unit rule that should have been scrapped with the stage coach and the ox cart of a century ago, cast their votes for candidates whom they did not wish to nominate but whom they were compelled to support because of the bondage passed on to them by a dead and gone generation.

Just as the individuals themselves were blocked in an expression of their real preferences for a candidate, by the unit rule, so was the convention as a whole handicapped in its selection by the two-thirds rule.

The trouble with the two-thirds rule is not merely that it does not permit a majority to determine the party's choice. Much more serious is the fact that it permits a stubborn minority to block off the will of even a decisive majority.

The result of deadlocks thus developed is the thwarting of majority rule, which is presumed to be the standard by which a democracy should operate. The solution inevitably is a compromise. And compromises are neither fish, flesh nor fowl. They are bad, satisfying the pride of neither majority nor minority, and giving to the country a choice that is admittedly a bad choice for everybody concerned.

The two-thirds rule, indisputably an undemocratic standard within the Democratic party, was fixed as party policy back in 1832 under the maneuvering of Andrew Jackson. Since "Old Hickory" in Democracy's outstanding hero, his pronouncements have become the Democratic bible and it is nothing less than political heresy to challenge them.

Democrats have been free to champion amendments to the constitution. They maintain that our charter of government must keep pace with changing conditions and the march of progress. But inside their own household they still maintain, in the unit rule and the two-thirds rule, a domestic autocracy restrictive of free democratic freedom and progress.

Privately, party leaders express the hope that the situation which developed at New York, and which held the convention in a deadlock

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JUDGE'S WORD
IS FINAL ONE

A few of the sportsmen who plan to compete Sunday and Monday for the prizes offered by the Wing, Pin and Pinet club for "fisherman's success," prior to the annual fish banquet, to be held Monday evening with the Presbyterian ladies' serving, are dissatisfied with the arrangements of the prizes, according to reports.

However, there are three judges appointed for the sole purpose of settling these disputes and their decisions are final which leaves no loop hole for changes.

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BRYAN IS RUNNING MATE

COOLIDGES
TAKE SON
TO VERMONTFuneral Train Began Its
Sorrowful Journey
Last NightSERVICES HELD
IN AFTERNOONThousands Unite with the
President and First
Lady of the Nation in
Their Grief.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (By the Associated Press)—Former playmates and neighbors tendered services of respect this morning to Calvin Coolidge, Jr.

President and Mrs. Coolidge, who came from Washington with their dead, were consoled by the townfolk with simple rites at the Edwards Congregational church where Calvin as a boy was a member.

Interment This Afternoon
This afternoon the interment will take place at Plymouth, Vermont, in a cemetery where the president's mother lies.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—President and Mrs. Coolidge Wednesday night took their boy, Calvin, Jr., back to Vermont to be buried in the family plot of the little cemetery at Plymouth.

A simple but impressive funeral service was held in the east room of the White House Wednesday afternoon, attended by government officials, ranking military officers, members of the diplomatic corps and members of the family.

On the lawn several thousand stood with bowed head during the ceremony, having come to give visible expression of their sympathy.

Grief Repressed.
Typical of their New England reserve, President and Mrs. Coolidge repressed outwardly any manifestation of their grief. The family, broken for the first time, drew comfort from the service, and Mrs. Coolidge listened intently to the consoling words of scripture.

The president, at her left, sat with head slightly bowed. The son, on his mother's right, sat erect and listened earnestly to the pastor. A little later in the evening the casket was closed for the last time in the presence of the family, and soon thereafter, almost to the hour when, three weeks ago, bubbling with joy, he returned home from school, the boy was carried to his

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City To Aid
East Adams
ImprovementCommission Agrees to
Pay for Part of Pavement;
District Created
Last Night.

An ordinance was passed by the city commission last evening, with an emergency clause attached making it immediately effective, authorizing the City of La Grande to pay for a part of the improvement of East Adams street. This action was taken following to the fact that the East Adams section is really a portion of the Old Oregon Trail even though it is inside the corporate limits of the city. The ordinance was read the first two times and then rules were suspended to permit a third reading before final action was taken.

An improvement district was then created, No. 143, providing for the hard surfacing (paving) of the East Adams stretch from where the pavement stops at Spruce to the city limits. A hearing will be held on August 5th. Provided the improvement goes through and is installed, this will do away with another of the rough roads leading into La Grande, and will give La Grande paving on two out of three entrances—the East Adams and Island City entrances. At the present time it appears that probably the West Adams entrance may be attended to some time in the near future.

Forfeiture Reviewed

A petition from the jury that heard the C. S. Shultz case in the circuit court recently, asking that the order made by the city forfeiting one-half of his bond be reviewed and that the fine imposed on him be the only penalty exacted, was favorably acted upon.

No Remonstrance

District No. 144, embracing K avenue from Fourth to First streets and First and Second streets from O to K avenues, was up for hearing last evening and as no remonstrance of any kind was heard, the board was authorized to advertise for bids on the paving project. Bids will be received July 23.

George Curry, on behalf of Spring street residents, appeared before the commission and stated that a remonstrance was ready to be placed in the commission's hands regarding the Spring street proposed work but also stated that if certain arrangements were made, the remonstrance would

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RUNS TODAYPaavo Nurmi Crowned
Double Winner in 1500
and 5000-Meter RacesBROKE HEART OF
RAY WATSON, U. S.American Entry Tagged
Nurmi for 1200 Meters
Before Strain Broke
Him Down.

OLYMPIC STADIUM, Colombes, France. (By the Associated Press)—United States point score at the end of today's final events was 177. Finland was next with 103. The Americans took the first two places in the hammer throw and the first three in the pole vault. Glenn Graham, of California, won the latter event. Sparrow, of Oregon, was sixth.

OLYMPIC STADIUM, Colombes, France. (By the Associated Press)—Paavo Nurmi, Finnish whirlwind, crowned himself double Olympic winner today when two hours after winning the 1500 meter race in Olympic record time, he won a thrilling victory in the 5000 meter event from his fellow countryman, Willie Ritto, setting another Olympic and world record.

Taking the lead in the 1500 meter race before the first 200 meters were covered, Nurmi set his own pace all the way, breaking the heart of the American star, Ray Watson, A. A. U. half mile champion, who cracked after running on the heels of the Finnish ace for 1200 meters.

The sons and daughters of the Union County Pioneer association made final arrangements yesterday afternoon at a meeting in the city hall for the thirty-fourth annual gathering of the association at Riverside Park on July 17th. Mrs. P. J. Powers, of Medical Springs, past president of the order, was in charge of the details of the meeting.

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When Klansmen Gather

BODY SHIPPED
TO ALBANY, ORE.

The remains of Hubbard Bryant, Albany, Oregon, pioneer, who was killed yesterday morning in an automobile accident near Perry, were forwarded to Albany for burial last evening by the W. H. Bohnenkamp company. The body was at the Bohnenkamp chapel yesterday.

WAS ALBANY PIONEER.

ALBANY, Ore. (Special)—Hub Bryant, who was fatally injured Wednesday morning near LaGrande, was one of Lin County's most prominent pioneers. He was born September 16, 1849, in Missouri, and came to Oregon across the plains with his parents in 1852. The family settled near Seio. Four years preceding his marriage Bryant came to Albany in 1872. He was county surveyor at the time. He settled on a farm near the city limits, and five years ago gave part of his farm to Albany as a city park, now known as Bryant park, where is situated the Albany auto tourist camp ground.

He is survived by his widow and eight children; the children are: J

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SWARTZ GIVEN
TWENTY DAYS

Harvey Swartz, who was arrested last evening with a bottle of moonshine whiskey on his person, was fined \$50 and sentenced to 20 days in the city jail this morning by Judge J. D. Sinter, presiding at municipal court.

Swartz was bailed out after his arrest, furnishing \$100 bonds, until the time of his trial which occurred at 10:29 o'clock today.

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Mexican Indian Dead
At Age of 121 Years

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About 15,000 Ku Klux Klansmen gathered in Long Beach, N. J., on Independence Day. The larger photo above shows a parade through Long Beach streets while the other shows those about to be initiated, garbed in black.

The lower picture, rushed by airmail to the Evening Observer, shows a tented city, covering most of a 150-acre farm, which sprang up in no time when Michigan klansmen began gathering near Jackson for their annual convocation. Fifty thousand members, it is estimated, attended.

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FIRST VOTE
TODAY MADE
SELECTIONGovernor of Nebraska,
Brother of W. J.
Bryan, ChosenDEMO CONVENTION
THEN ADJOURNEDJohn W. Davis, Candidate
for Presidency, to
Adhere to Liberal Policies,
He Announced.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Charles W. Bryan, governor of Nebraska, brother of William Jennings Bryan, was nominated early today for vice president by the Democratic national convention.

The nomination took place on the first ballot after it became understood that Bryan was the choice of the party leaders, who had previously conferred with Mr. Davis.

The convention then adjourned.

DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—John W. Davis, Democratic choice for president of the United States, late yesterday declared: "There can be no compromise with reaction. Liberal policies must and will prevail. This is the mandate of the hour and I shall obey it."

After giving congratulations to Mr. Davis, Davis turned to a secluded room to prepare a formal statement.

Members of the West Virginia delegation said that Davis had made no attempt to win the nomination and said that he had declared that the presidency was too big a job for any man to seek.

The official report of the 103rd ballot, which nominated Davis, showed Davis 111, Underwood 105, Robinson 20, McAdoo 11, Smith 7, Walsh 5, Meredith 15, Glass 2, Daniels 1, Hull 1, Gerard 5.

Approving the suggestion of John W. Davis and Governor Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska, nominees for president and vice president, the Democratic national committee agreed to postpone reorganization of the committee until after the formal notification of the candidates, which dates are not yet agreed upon.

Reception Enthusiastic
Davis and Bryan were given an enthusiastic reception when they attended the committee meeting today.

When the convention finally adjourned at 2:24 a. m. today it had filled many new pages of political history, rising in dramatic force from a violent struggle of 12 days over naming the Ku Klux Klan in the party platform through a record breaking deadlock between McAdoo and Smith through 100 ballots before the presidential nomination was in sight.

And in the closing scenes came a new precedent in the personal

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M'ADOO WILL
VISIT EUROPE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—William Gibbs McAdoo headquarters announced late yesterday that McAdoo had no comment and that he would sail for Europe probably today with Mrs. McAdoo.

Oregon Wheat Crop to
Yield About 50 Percent

PORTLAND, Ore. — Continued dry weather throughout the month of June caused a further reduction in crop prospects, and it now appears probable that the 1924 Oregon wheat crop will not exceed one-half the production of last year, says F. L. Kent, Statistician, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Weather bureau records show a rainfall at Portland of 0.65 inch during the month of June, and a total deficiency since September 1, 1923, of 16.35 inches. Since January 1, 1924, the deficiency to July 1, 1924, is 11.16 inches. Fortunately for the grain crops, there was very little hot wind until the latter part of June, by which time the fall seeded crops were practically out of danger. Spring seeded crops suffered considerably from the hot days of the latter part of June and early July.

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