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Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle. I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. — Psalm 32: 9, 8.

POLITICAL PARTIES

The flood of oratory at the recent political conventions in Chicago, and the platforms framed by the two great parties there, are causing thoughtful people to wonder whether or not there is any real difference between Republican and Democratic policies of government.

Of course the Democrats flayed the Republicans for their disastrous policies which "have ruined our foreign trade, destroyed the values of our commodities and products, crippled our banking system, robbed millions of people of their life savings and thrown millions more out of work, produced wide-spread poverty, and brought the government to a state of financial distress unprecedented in times of peace."

But, is it possible that the country would have been able to avoid the difficulties of the past two or three years if only the Democrats had been in full control? Would we have been able to sustain the usual volume of foreign trade in spite of poverty-stricken Asiatic and European nations? If the Democrats had been in power would speculators have been saved from ruinous losses on the stock market? Would prices have remained at their original high levels, and would everyone now have a job with good wages?

It is hard to believe that there could be so much difference between the policies of two American political parties which are both striving for the same goal, and no sane person, Republican or Democrat, does believe it. Any such statements are nothing more than appeals to prejudice.

As an actual fact, the Democrats have been in control of congress during the past session. Of course, they could not muster enough strength to pass any legislation over the president's veto. But they did not even work together. Party lines were obliterated in the voting on countless measures in both houses. Neither Republicans nor Democrats appeared to be guided by any great party principles. Each senator and representative seemed to be interested primarily in conducting himself in such a way as would be most likely to assure his re-election.

The rank and file of our citizens hold differing opinions on such questions as the tariff, farm relief, unemployment relief, international relations, prohibition, and government finance — regardless of party affiliations. It would almost seem that political parties have degenerated to such an extent that we might be better off if they were abolished.

But under the present scheme of government we cannot get along without them. The selection of office holders would be hopeless confusion without party organization. Some day we may discover a more efficient method, but in the meantime we shall have to blunder along as best we can and refrain from criticism unless we have something better to offer.

DIPLOMATIC BARRIERS

Spanish scientists and diplomats will co-operate in presenting to the League of Nations a plan for tunneling the Straits of Gibraltar, which, if ever completed, will prove a greater diplomatic feat than an engineering undertaking.

Engineers would not hesitate to tunnel the neck of the Mediterranean "bottle," which is less than half as wide as the English Channel, but diplomats quake at the very thought of the international questions involved.

The proposed African terminus is in the internationalized zone of Tangiers, where several European powers have a toehold and the United States reserves certain administrative rights. The Spanish territory lying beyond and the French protectorate of Morocco mean that both Spain and France must be fully conferred with. And then, as if these were not complications enough, there is England at the other end standing sentry in Spanish territory.

A tube for Gibraltar might not have a quieting effect on European politics, but it would do more for the development and modernization of Northwestern Africa than the occupation of that region by European soldiery has done in decades. Morocco and Tangiers would not long remain oriental after trade began pouring through this intercontinental tube.

The fate of the tube rests upon the politics of Europe and Africa, not upon the need for this channel of trade.

False pride has one virtue. It may force you to do something of which you can be justly proud.

Other Papers Say:

THE SAME OLD THING So it promises to be Hoover and Curtis against Roosevelt and Garner. The time-honored battle of votes, that shakes this country to its emotional foundations every four years, is about to begin.

During this period nearly everyone is going to be a trifle crazy. Things are going to be said and done that would never be done or said, at any other time.

Friendships will be broken, even homes disrupted. With prohibition as a vital issue, the fat will be in the fire from the outset, and on nearly every kitchen stove there will be a keg of dynamite. Hoover and Curtis will be painted as simps and imps of Satan by one faction, and saints and saviors of the country, by the other.

It will be the old, old game, played in this land of the free, for nearly two hundred and fifty years, only it promises to be a trifle worse. With people starving, embattled hosts will be crying for a drink; with business prostrate, literally millions of dollars will be thrown away, to settle the difference between Republican twaddle and Democratic twaddle.

For it is perfectly clear to any thinking person NOW though it won't be clear a few months hence—that as far as the fundamentals of human life are concerned, whether Hoover and Curtis, or Roosevelt and Garner enter office on March 4th next, will make no difference whatever.

If this country is going wet, it is going wet, regardless of who happens to sit in the White House; if this country is going to stay dry, it is going to stay dry, and no president of the United States can prevent it. If business is going to improve the next four years, it is going to improve regardless of the party label on the White House door; if it isn't, then no partisan continuation or political change is going to prevent it.

In spite of the cynical prophecies and the calamity howlers, in the FUNDAMENTALS — the moral and material destiny of the people of this country, lie not in their politicians but in their OWN hands. As the two major parties are at present constituted, the only difference the fall election will make, to the people as a whole, is the difference between one party label and another — a difference of serious importance ONLY TO THE OFFICE HOLDERS.

But under the spell of the prevailing political psychosis, few of us are going to believe it, and so the crazy snare dance of political partisanship will go on — and on — and on — Medford Mail Tribune.

POLITICS

Politics! The "outs" tearing at the vitals of the "ins" for political power and the spoils of office. The "outs" are of course the attackers — the prosecutors. With innuendo and damnation every act of the entrenched "ins" is held up to the public jury as a scandalous sin against the suffering people. We learn from the Democratic convention that the Republican party is composed in large part, if not wholly, of thieves and thugs, of liars and leeches, of plunderers and blunders, incompetents and weaklings, knaves and inequities, and that the party is the party of special privileges, of Wall Street, of the rich and powerful, and that to save this grand and glorious land of the free and home of the brave from its destroyers it is imperative that we change party labels on the machinery of government.

But no one told you, did he, that we now have a Democratic congress and that all legislation comes from congress; and no one told you, did he, that what little has been accomplished in the present session was driven through by the president; and no one told you, did he, why the Democratic congress did not abolish the farm board and the other agencies which the convention orators so vehemently condemn; and no one told you, did he, that the president has asked congress time and again for authority to reorganize the machinery of government so as to abolish unnecessary bureaus, boards and commissions, a request which has not been granted. And no one told you, did he, that the Wall Street crowd is not confined to any one party; that Al Smith, John Rankin, Franklin Roosevelt, Jimmy Walker, Joseph P. Kamp are some of the richest men in this country and closest to the stock market and to the corruption of Tammany hall.

And no one told you, did he, but what's the use — that's the way of politics. Surely there is a better way. Never was need so great for clear vision and calm thinking as now, and never was there so much deception and befuddlement. Too bad! — Oregon City Enterprise.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP) — Cattle 65, calves 10; quatably steady. Steers 900-900 lbs., good, \$6.25 @ \$7.00; medium, \$4.75 @ \$6.35; common, \$2.75 @ \$4.75; 900-1100 lbs., good, \$6.35 @ \$7.00; medium, \$4.75 @ \$6.35; common, \$2.75 @ \$4.75; 1100-1300 lbs., good, \$6.00 @ \$6.75; medium, \$4.25 @ \$6.00; bulls, yearlings excluded, good and choice, beef, \$2.75 @ \$3.25; cutter, common and medium, \$1.75 @ \$2.75.

Hogs 400, 10 @ 35c higher. Light hogs, 140-160 lbs., good and choice, \$4.50 @ \$5.50; lightweights, 160-180 lbs., good and choice, \$3.25 @ \$5.50; 180-200 lbs., good and choice, \$5.25 @ \$5.50; medium weight, 200-220 lbs., good and choice, \$4.50 @ \$5.50; 220-250 lbs., good and choice, \$4.35 @ \$5.25; heavyweights, 250-290 lbs., good and choice, \$4.25 @ \$5.00; 290-350 lbs., good and choice, \$3.75 @ \$4.75; packing sows, 275-300 lbs., medium and good, \$3.25 @ \$4.25.

Sheep 900, steady. Lambs 90 pounds, down, good and choice, \$3.50 @ \$4.00; yearling wethers, 90-110 lbs., medium to choice, \$1.00 @ \$2.25.

BUTTERFAT SAN FRANCISCO, July 7 (AP) — Butterfat L. a. b. San Francisco, 18c.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

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BORAH SHUNS THIRD PARTY NOMINATION

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The reference was to a meeting of the national prohibition board of strategy and the national conference of organizations supporting the eighteenth amendment to be held at Washington next week. These include representatives of all the major dry organizations. Throughout the convention here there have been indications these groups would be interested in backing Borah for the presidency. In addition prohibition party leaders who have conferred with him have said that if such support is thrown behind him he would consent to make the campaign. Others close to Borah at Washington point to Borah's repeated refusal to head a third party and his assertions that prohibition is not a promising basis for a successful third party.

Before last night's session of the convention, a platform was adopted which included a declaration for American adherence to the world covenant. Borah has long been a foe of such action.

The group seeking to make him the nominee laid plans for naming another with the proviso that the latter withdraw if the senator after the Washington meeting should consent to run.

The plan, however, went askew when Borah's name was presented to the convention and an enthusiastic ovation followed. State standards were carried in a long procession about the aisles, in a demonstration recalling last week's session in Chicago stadium. A pipe organ helped with "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Marching to Zion."

Convention leaders hurriedly consulted Borah by telephone, anxious not to embarrass him or hamper the efforts of leaders of other dry organizations to draw him into the presidential field. Their statement followed.

Borah's withdrawal left a group of long-time prohibition party workers in nomination for the candidacy. They were Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, N. Y., convention key-note; National Chairman D. Leigh Colvin; Frank S. Regan of Rockford, Ill., and Harley W. Kidder of Barre, Vt. William P. Varnay, the 1928 nominee, was presented but withdrew in favor of Regan.

\$100,000 FUND BILL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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Walter W. Waters, the veterans' commander-in-chief. Speaker Menaced A thousand men moved menacingly toward the speaker as he shouted his demand for the removal of Waters.

Pelham D. Glassford, police superintendent, held up his hand and the advance ended abruptly.

"Peace has just as much right to speak here as anyone else," Glassford shouted. "Any of you who disagreed with him and don't want to listen go outside to the other part of the camp and play baseball."

Speaker Nearly Deserted The communist organization's leader was left with a mere handful in his audience.

Pace had just concluded a demand for more demonstrations at the capitol before beginning his attack on Waters.

8 MEASURES SURE TO GO ON BALLOT

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Known. They are the recall amendment, bill to repeal Oregon prohibition constitutional amendment, three dollar license for automobiles, another bill to repeal prohibition amendment, and the removal of the constitutional amendment, state water power and hydroelectric amendment, and one of the governor's tax programs, the tax and debt control constitutional amendment.

Of the other seventeen proposed laws, three referendums and two initiative measures will be given a place on the ballot, with the probability of several more being filed before night. The completed referendums to be acted upon by the people are the bill prohibiting commercial fishing on the Rogue river, the higher education appropriation bill of about \$1,000,000 and the oleomargarine tax bill.

The two initiative measures completed are the bills to repeal the state prohibition law and the so-called freight truck and bus bill. Initiative petitions still out and as yet uncompleted include the two on the governor's tax program. One is called the tax supervising and conservation bill and the other the personal income tax law amendment. Petitions are still being circulated on these and they may be filed before 5 o'clock.

The measure for the consolidation of the state's higher educational institutions and establishment of junior colleges, despite several handicaps, is being pushed by sponsors with the hope of securing the 17,888 names before the dead line. A move to restrain the circulation

EFFORTS OF SOME TO RAISE PRICE OF EGGS FAILS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP) — Efforts of outside interests with headquarters elsewhere to boost the price of eggs here for competitors while themselves reported selling at lower prices, are meeting with no success. Publication of an advance of 1 cent in eggs the previous day, was generally denied by leaders of the trade. None could be found to admit of advancing the price.

Market for eggs appears generally steady. Trade conditions in the butter market appear generally steady characterized with no price changes for either prints or cubes during the day. Butterfat is firmer.

There is a better demand for live chickens in the trade here; prices being maintained at the advance of 1c. being generally quoted for hens yesterday. There remains no change in broilers.

While prices reflect practically no change, the market for country killed meats is quite active with a general cleanup of hogs, lambs and calves at quoted figures.

Sugar to Go Higher Effective Friday morning there will be a general advance of 10 per hundred pounds in the price of all grades of refined sugar on the Portland market. The trade has been notified.

There is an acute shortage of loganberries in the local trade and prices are fractionally higher with many others unfilled. Strawberries are nominally quoted with only a passing demand for raspberries and blackcaps.

While there is only fractional change in the price, a somewhat better movement of cherries is reflected in the local trade with pie stock especially sought. Lamberts are arriving more freely with Bing's decreasing.

Quite liberal supplies of both white and yellow corn are reaching the local trade from Columbia river points of Oregon and Washington as well as Yakima. Prices are lower with receipts too liberal for the early movement. Quality quite fair.

Notes of wholesale trading: Bell peppers are weaker and generally lower. Local hothouse mushrooms are being offered at 90c lb.

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Fish supplies from the Oregon coast are more liberal; all low prices held. Green and wax beans are very scarce and prices reflect this. Peas are about steady with Puyget Sound contributing the bulk of the local supply.

BOOTLEGGING OF MILK NEW WORRY

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Mr. McAllister points out that the ordinance was put into effect to protect the health of La Grande residents and asks all milk users to co-operate by using milk distributed by licensed dairymen.

TWO GANGSTERS MURDERED; THIRD MAN IS WOUNDED

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was seriously wounded in trying to get out of the line of fire. The killers escaped in an automobile, and the police were unable to obtain a good description of them from witnesses.

HONAN HALL MAY BE HEADQUARTERS

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appeal for co-operation. All jars, sugar and jar lids will be received at Honan hall, and money contributions may be turned over to Mrs. Gehring.

PUBLISHER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

CHICAGO, July 7 (AP) — Arthur Gould, publisher of a small race section sheet, was shot and seriously wounded today as he drove his automobile along fashionable Lake Shore drive near Surf street.

Gould told police two men drove alongside him and opened fire without warning. Two weeks ago, he said, he was approached by two men, who threatened to "get him" if he didn't stop publication of his sheet or consolidate with them.

WALL STREET INTERESTED IN PRICE OF HOGS

NEW YORK, July 7 (AP) — Wall street is displaying more than ordinary interest in the rising market for hog prices. While there is no disposition to believe that the turn in this market has an unusual barometric significance so far as general business is concerned, it is nevertheless felt in financial quarters that the substantial price improvement will help purchasing power in the sections where hog raising is an important industry.

SPARE RIBS Pound 8c BOIL BEEF Pound 8c SHORTENING 4 Pounds 30c RIB ROAST Pound 18c Grande Ronde Meat Co.

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A varied program of activities in which employed and unemployed alike are co-operating has been planned by the governor's committee in order that the unemployment problem will be alleviated to a great extent during the coming winter.

FALK'S July Clearance Store-Wide Reductions For Nine Days—July 7th to 16th. 28 Men's Suits at HALF PRICE. 72 Men's Suits at 33 1-3% OFF. 74 Men's Suits at 25% OFF. 144 \$1.95 House Dresses now \$1.00. 23 \$15 and \$18 Dresses now \$6.75. 37 Dresses at HALF PRICE. All Coats now HALF PRICE. \$1.95 and \$2.95 Scarfs \$1.00. All Sweaters, Lingerie, Corsets, Gloves, etc. 20% OFF. All Enna Jettick Shoes \$4.89. \$1.35 Phoenix Hose 95c. All \$1 Jewelry 49c. All Silks, Summer Fabrics, Hose, Gift Items, etc. 20% OFF. Puritas Sanitary Napkins, 5-boxes \$1.00. Boys' Kaynce Blouses, 3 for \$1.00. All Men's and Boys' Sweaters, Swim Suits, etc. 20% OFF.

EGGS STEADY TO FIRM Fruit Crop Not Large in British Isles, is Report

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 7 (AP) — Steady to firm markets characterized the egg trade last week, with Portland prices unchanged at 16 cents for large Oregon extras which is 2 cents up from a month ago but 4 cents below a year ago, said today's review by the O. S. C. extension service and the U. S. D. A. bureau of agricultural economics.

Egg production on the coast declined 2 per cent, which is not so much as the average seasonal decline at this time. Shipments east totaled 83 cars.

Poultry markets in June were weak and unsettled.

PORTLAND CASH PORTLAND, Ore., July 7 (AP) — Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 50 1/2c. Soft white 50 1/2c. Western white 49 1/2c. Hard winter 48 1/2c. Western red 48c.

Today's car receipts: wheat 18; flour 8; corn 2; oats 1.

STOCK MARKET SUBMERGED NEW YORK, July 7 (AP) — The stock market finally wavered of trying to keep its head above water today, and was submerged in a wave of selling. Losses of 1 to more than 3 points were numerous. Turnover was only about 800,000 shares, but trading quickened on the decline, and the closing tone was weak.

Indications of a protracted deadlock at Washington over the relief measure tended to counterbalance more encouraging reports from Lausanne.

OMAHA SHEEP OMAHA, July 7 (AP) — (U. S. D. A.) — Sheep: 12,000; lambs 25c or more higher; sheep steady; feeders stronger; range lambs \$6.00 @ \$6.35; native lambs \$5.85 @ \$6.00; ewes down from \$1.75.

Fresh Supply Tree Ripened Oranges & Grape Fruit. Bucket of Oranges—Three to Four Dozen 50c. Grape Fruit Ten for 25c. California Fruit Market Across From La Grande Filling Company.

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