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BETTER CANDIDATES.

There has been a great deal of complaint during the present campaign of the lack of outstanding candidates for various positions. Many voters see no reason why the best men in the state shouldn't seek public office.

As a matter of fact we get a rather high quality of public official considering the drawbacks there are to seeking and holding public office.

In the first place, there is absolutely nothing in public office from a financial standpoint. Very few who hold public office save any of the position paid them by state or county. There is a lot said about graft by public officials, and no doubt there has been some of a petty nature, but the fact remains that nearly every public official is honest, or nearly so, when he retires to public life. Many draw upon their private resources during their terms of office.

A factor that keeps many men out of public office is the unfairness of attacks upon all public officials. They are accused of everything in the calendar by persons who have no information whatever upon which to base their charges. Successful business men, men fitted for public office, do not care to take that unjustifiable criticism.

A controlling factor is the expense of being elected to office. Few men can afford to spend the money it costs to get an important public position in Oregon. That factor kept Willard Marks from being a candidate for governor and at least two men from being candidates for secretary of state in the recent primary.

Despite our corrupt practices, act, amounts far above that contemplated by that act are spent in every important contest. The number who can afford to spend from \$2,000 to \$10,000 or \$15,000 seeking such positions as governor or secretary of state is comparatively few, and many who could afford to spend that amount are either unfitted or are not willing to spend a large sum for the possible fun of being chosen by unfair critics during a four-year term of office.

The manner in which we hold our elections is responsible for a large amount of unnecessary expense. The Sentinel has suggested to make that would cut the expense to successful candidates practically in half.

The person who becomes the nominee of any party in the primaries has to conduct a campaign of almost a year, beginning in January or earlier for the primaries, and continuing to November for the general election. In the interim between May and November the nominee has to fit himself and yon to every kind of public gathering, spending money that need not be charged to campaign expenses, but which is a campaign expense nevertheless.

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For a state campaign the state has to be covered for both primary and general elections.

The Sentinel's suggestion is to put the primary and general elections within 30 days of each other. The nominees would then have for the general election the advantage of the publicity they had for the primary election, and there would not be opportunity to spend any great amount of money between primary and general elections. The energy-sapping interim between the two elections would be eliminated. We would then have a campaign of three or four months, instead of one of a year, and the voters ought to appreciate that.

Another advantage of such an arrangement would be that independent candidates would not have the opportunity that they now have to desert their parties after the primary election and become independent candidates, a spectacle which we have this year.

The Sentinel can think of no good argument against this plan and it certainly has much to recommend it. It ought to result in bigger and better candidates and more interest on the part of the electorate.

FRATERNITIES GETTING TIRED.

The Sentinel long has taken glibes at the fraternities and sororities that have become more important to many college students than the course of study. At last a yeoman assistance is coming from those in positions to put these college societies in their proper position in college life.

President George W. Peavey at O. S. C. has warned against the cost to students of these societies that have no bearing upon what a student puts into his head and he also has warned those societies that encourage high scholarships that they must justify their existence if they are to be permitted to continue to collect initiation fees.

President Peavey says he prizes the traditions of democracy that belong to Oregon. He didn't say that Greek letter societies are taking a place that endangers that democracy, but he could easily have said so and would have been able to prove such a contention.

From Yale comes even greater support for subordination of the Greeks. Students are assigned to "colleges," inaugurated in 1933 and competitors of the fraternities. Students are compelled to eat a certain number of their meals at these colleges. The larger number of such students can not afford to pay for meals at two places, so there seems good reason for the prediction of President James Rowland Angell that the fraternity question will solve itself with reasonable rapidity. The Yale Daily News has predicted that the fraternity system will crumble before the march of the new social order being built around the year-old "college" plan.

Already one Greek society at Yale has resigned and another has decided to elect no new members. It may not be long until it won't be a disgrace for freshmen not to be pledged to some Greek letter society, and those who are not or who are not members will be equals socially with those who are.

If anything more were needed to defeat the proposed 20-mill tax limitation amendment, the opposition of Grange Master Ray Gill should be sufficient. Gill is for property tax reduction with a vengeance, but he doesn't believe in wrecking the state, which is what the 20-mill tax limitation would do.

If they have in jail that Utah thief who got away with 30 colonies of bees, we'd like to ask him what he does when his wife calls attention to the fact that she has been parading around in front of him in a new dress without attracting comment from him.

An American painter in the Argentine has astounded the natives with a portrait of a woman with blue hair and green skin. Girls up here are painfully chagrined and mortified to think that they weren't first to try that color combination.

President Peavey at O. S. C. has taken a bold stand against the honorary fraternity racket. Three cheers—Eugene Register-Guard. What the heck will there be left to make college worth while?

The Vanderbilts and Whitneys are fighting over the custody of little Gloria Vanderbilt. It must be a real joy to the kid to know that at last she is really wanted by someone.

Sally Rand is to marry the fellow who announced her fan dances for her. We can't remember the fellow's name, but he can never say he didn't know what he was getting.

Prince George and Princess Marina fell in love during a manicure, but will it last when she pulls his leg instead of pinching his fingers?

Doctors now declare that rheumatism is a deadly disease. They probably have observed that sufferers from it always die soon or late.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.
 From Last Week.
 An assembly was called Friday to pledge new honor society members from the senior class. Principal Grannis explained the difference between the national honor society the schools now have and the Torch honor society, the former organization. Miss Young explained the new manner of election of members, based upon not only scholarship, but leadership, character and activities. The last two qualifications are to be decided by the faculty. New members who received their pledge ribbons are: Justin Brown, Lillian Hull, Tom Kern, Norris King, Floyd Thies and Wilma Sutherland. Mr. Ferrin welcomed the new pledges in the name of the faculty.

Joyce McCormack, junior, has returned to school after several days' illness.

Velma McKibben registered as a sophomore Friday of last week. Violet Guggisberg, sophomore, withdrew from school Monday.

Miss Marion Notved spent the week end in Portland and Corvallis visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Elsie Don, who had been absent from school because of an operation, returned Monday to teach part time. Mrs. Dale Wyatt is still assisting.

An English girl lived for 43 days on lemonade and cigarettes. It costs 34 cents a day to feed a prisoner on Alcatraz Island.

COTTAGE GROVE BAROMETER.

(Eugene News.)
 If NRA authorities are looking for weather indicators they might well take notice of the protest meeting held Wednesday night at Cottage Grove. A thousand persons turned out to enter objection against the federal injunction restraining the Chambers mill from selling lumber below the code price. The size of the gathering is important because people don't turn out for any and all public meetings. Even in a city the size of Eugene an issue has to be important indeed to attract a thousand persons. The Cottage Grove vote was unanimously opposed to the federal court action.

Perhaps it would be inaccurate to consider the Cottage Grove action a direct protest against the principle of price-fixing. The fact that the Chambers mill is a leading local industry and closely connected with the city's welfare must be taken into consideration. One must also realize that it appeared as though the Chambers mill had been singled out as an "example" case in the attempt to establish the idea of price-fixing in the lumber industry. Both these circumstances would tend to arouse the ire of Cottage Grove residents. But the price-fixing principle was obviously the basic issue and what support that principle had in Cottage Grove was not strong enough to arouse indignation at the blow struck at a local industry.

It all goes back to a thought expressed in the column some time ago. Can a principle be imposed on a people before the people is ready to receive it? We believe not. If such a thing were possible prohibition would have been a success and war could be banished from the world overnight. If administered with an all-seeing justice, price-fixing might prove generally beneficial. Without such administration, the idea is fraught with obvious dangers. Under the NRA it has not yet been enough to permit to prove itself. We doubt if it will be given that opportunity for the principle is at odds with basic ingredients of American thought.

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UNCERTAINTY OF PRICE FIXING RETARDS SALE

Not So Much Complaint About Cost as Belief That It Is Fixed.

(Cove's Lumber Digest.)
 The general outlook for the lumber market is still lost in a fog of uncertainties with what little business there is being frightened into cover by the complications surrounding the future of price fixing under the code.

In spite of the fact that a vast majority of lumbermen, the bona fide manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of lumber, admit that price fixing has proved to be impractical and unworkable, a more handful of men who have during the past year dug into the code administrative organization and bailed positions of power, have with high-handed tactics muzzling the majority and wrecking the entire industry in an effort to keep an umbrella over their own poor investments.

With the season so far advanced there is only one thing to look for for increase in the demand during the next 60 days and that is the repairs and new work that will result from releasing money under the housing act.

It is claimed, and there is everywhere evidence to bear it out, that a considerable consumption of lumber would have been started as a direct result of the modernizing work being done with housing act money. The shingle industry is feeling increased business with a substantial speeding up in buying and there is plenty of reason to believe that it is going to hold for some time.

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