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EDITORIAL

ZIMMERMAN, MAX COHN'S CANDIDATE.

The friends of Mr. Louis Zimmerman, who recently announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for mayor of Portland, regret that he has seen fit to allow himself to be bamboozled, cajoled or otherwise influenced by a cheap, pot house, would-be politician who aspires to fill the shoes of Jack Mathews.

Mr. Zimmerman is an honorable, clean, intelligent and representative citizen, whom the people of this city know, respect and admire, and there can be little doubt that his candidacy for mayor would have been well received and probably successful, if he had used some of the good judgment with which he is generally credited in the selection of his campaign manager.

The New Age in a recent issue, gave expression to some sentiments which were decidedly favorable to Mr. Zimmerman and therefore it is but fair to its readers, many of whom are friendly to Mr. Zimmerman, that the reason of our change of heart be made known.

Here Are the Reasons:

First. That Max G. Cohn, erstwhile slot machine boss is the accredited manager of the Zimmerman campaign.

Second. That the immoral and saloon element of the city are urging Zimmerman's nomination.

Third. That the nomination and election of Zimmerman means the reward of an enemy of the direct primary law.

"Upon what meat doth Czar feed that he has grown so great."

The immortal bard must have had in mind some such person as Max Cohn when he handed down this epigram, for it would be difficult to imagine one to whom it more fittingly applies.

We are not attempting to belittle Mr. Cohn, or to convey the idea that he is not a respectable, and in many ways a worthy man, but we do want to be understood as meaning that he is not a fit or proper person to act as trustee of the political fortunes of the citizens of Portland.

It does not require a great stretch of the imagination for us to see what the results would be if Zimmerman were elected mayor and Cohn established as boss of the works.

We do not say that it would mean the revival of the slotmachine graft, but some may incline to the belief that Cohn would naturally desire to re-establish the little nicker eaters to the delight and amusement of the gamblers and the sorrow and disgust of all law-abiding citizens.

THE PRIMARY LAW.

It would be interesting to know just how many prominent influential or thoughtful and intelligent republicans really like the primary nomination law. We believe the proportion of such is small and will become beautifully less. The daily papers stand by the new law, and try to pretend that it is a great improvement on the old system, and say that it will work better after awhile, but we don't believe that they express their real opinion of it. The officeholders and office seekers also effect to think it is a very fine thing for fear of displeasing the people, but with the exception of those who get in on it, we are pretty sure they all hate and despise it, and even those who win are likely to be out and injured financially, when they come to square accounts. And as to getting better men for officeholders than were ob-

tained by the old method, nothing of the sort is yet apparent, nor is it likely generally to occur.

Take the present situation as an example. Would not conventions be likely to pick out and nominate at least as good a lot of men for the various offices as those that present themselves? Some of them will do very well, but others would be laughed out of a party convention if they suggested their candidacy, and properly so. The delegates to a convention can meet with various prospective candidates and select the best, and can in many cases induce men to become candidates who would not humiliate themselves by begging the people to nominate them and scrambling with inferior contestants at the primaries, especially as the least fit man is just about as likely to get a plurality of votes as the best man.

This law seems to assume that the man who receives the highest number of votes in a primary is therefore the best man among the competitors, but however reluctant we may be to acknowledge it such is not the case, and we all know it. Various qualities and influences that do not render a man the most fit to hold the office will often enable one to capture a nomination at the primaries. "Gall," false pretenses, connection with this, that and the other order or society, or the use of money, may enable the worst man to win, and though he may have only 40, 30 or 20 per cent of the votes of his party, if he has a plurality of even one vote over his next highest competitor he becomes the nominee.

This law is wholly in the interest of the minority party, which may not be so bad on general principles, but it is rather amusing to hear prominent members of the dominant party praising it when it is weakening and disorganizing their party. Take the case of the mayoralty here. The democrats, few in number, have one pre-eminently strong man who will accept the nomination. There is practically no opposition to him in his party—for the opposition talked of in the newspapers is ridiculous. But four, five, six or more republicans strive for the nomination—men, too, not considered by delegates because of fitness or strength, but men who have simply put themselves forward on their own individual estimate of themselves. We do not say that some of them are not good, fairly fit men, but we do say that there is nothing back of them but their own personal say-so to show that forty or 400 other men would have just as good reasons, and it would be quite as proper for them to announce their candidacy as some of these. They each receive, say, nearly the same number of votes, one 3,000, another 2,950, another 2,900, another 2,850 and another 2,800. The 3,000 man wins the nomination, though he has received but a little more than one fifth of the vote cast. Every other candidate and all his friends will believe that a mistake has been made, and the wrong man nominated. Consequently there will be a percentage of loss in four different directions, all redounding to the benefit of the minority candidate.

But suppose a republican convention of representative, wide-awake responsible delegates had the nominating of a candidate for mayor against the strong democratic nominee. They would know that it was necessary, in these times demanding a high character of public service and the utmost straightforwardness in public life, to nominate a strong, capable, worthy man, who would command the people's respect and confidence, and who would serve them ably and faithfully, and no mistake would be made in making the nomination.

There were evils in the convention system. It needed reforming. But in abolishing it altogether and substituting the present system the work of reform has been overdone to the extent of making a mess of it.

OUR CURIOUS PRESIDENT.

The President manages to keep to the front, or is driven to the front without his own management to effect such a result in a way different from any of his predecessors. He has

had more "row s" with prominent men, some of them of his own party, than any president except Andy John Johnson. He seems to be going around all the time with a chip on his shoulder, and if nobody will knock it off he will himself fling it in somebody's face, just to have a row, and of course he is always and entirely and absolutely in the right. He makes out a large number of prominent people one after another to be liars, and to some extent traitors, but he never makes a mistake in deed or word—according to his own estimate of himself. Senator Foraker is a very bad man, yet Senator Foraker had served his country with distinction before Teddy retired from his western cattle ranch. The latest eminent liar on the president's long list is Mr. Harriman, who wrote a private letter narrating some circumstances in which the president figured prominently. Now Mr. Harriman is an exceedingly bad man, although it seems the president has been pretty thick with him and was very glad to accept Mr. Harriman's services as long as the public did not know about it. The president is a curiosity, and does exceedingly inconsistent things, and then seems to assume that he has not done so and is absolutely infallible. We believe he is honest and usually sincere, and has much capacity, but he acts crudely, he lacks poise and dignity, he takes actions and makes assertions that he cannot maintain and then throws the blame entirely on others, and seems actually to believe that none of it attaches to himself. The future historian, if penetrating and impartial, will have a difficult task in correctly portraying the character of President Roosevelt.

Mr. W. R. McGarry, one of Portland's most popular and able attorneys, has, in obedience to the earnest solicitation of a legion of friends and admirers, consented to stand for the republican nomination for city attorney.

The friends of Mr. McGarry claim, and it cannot be denied, that he is pre-eminently the strongest man yet named for the office to which he aspires; and that he will be a sure winner seems almost a foregone conclusion.

In the selection of a candidate for the important office of city attorney of a great and growing city like Portland, too much care cannot be exercised.

It is highly important that the nominee of the republican party—who most assuredly will be elected—should be a clean, able and experienced lawyer.

The people have grown tired and fully realize the futility of placing the affairs of the city in the hands of politicians. They want the same standard of efficiency and honesty in a public official that corporations and individuals demand from their officers and managers. And why should they not have it?

Mr. McGarry believes that a "public office is a public trust," and not a private snap; that the people, who are the employers, are entitled to the conscientious and faithful services of their servants.

Mr. McGarry is able, energetic and progressive, and his experience as a successful lawyer, and his extensive knowledge of municipal affairs admirably fit him for the high office to which his many friends desire him elevated.

W. R. McGarry is an ideal candidate, and his nomination would give weight and strength to the republican ticket.

NO EXTREMIST WANTED.

The city needs for the next two years for mayor a level-headed, far-sighted business man, with no prejudices that will lead him to extremes detrimental to any business or class of citizens, unless it be the know-it-all cranks who want to force everybody else to do and think as they do. The less encouragement given to them and the less their advice is followed, except where it chimes in with common sense and the manifest public good, the better. Most good and reasonable citizens are agreed that the more vulgar forms of vice should be

kept in seclusion and that the saloons should be compelled to observe the laws, except as to Sunday closing, which is ignored by almost common consent, but extreme measures such as are advocated by impractical pulpit elocutionists like Dr. Brougher should be rejected. Portland needs a mayor who can and will look on all sides of each subject and strike a reasonable mean course between extremes. There should be no hostile discrimination against any legalized business particularly when the city takes large sums of money from the people engaged on such business and guarantees them the right to conduct it. But a city of 200,000 inhabitants and that is still growing and bound to grow is sure to have all sorts and conditions of people in it, and a broadminded man as mayor will recognize this and look at things as they are, not as Dr. Brougher for example, thinks they should be. He will try to improve conditions, of course, but will recognize the fact that all reformers must be worked out slowly and gradually, temperately and in accordance with reasonable public sentiment.

LANE AND DEMOCRATS.

Since Mr. Thomas and two or three other democrats do not like Mayor Lane's platform and want him to run on a platform of their construction, the Mayor says he doesn't want the democratic nomination, and intimates that if he runs at all now it will be as an independent. The Mayor is right in this, except that probably he takes the three or four or possibly half a dozen democrats rather too seriously. They cast or control but very few votes and the Mayor will be just about as well off, perhaps better, without them. Of course he will be elected by republican votes, if he should be elected at all, and he would be very foolish to come out as a rock-ribbed, dyed-in-the-wool, extremely partisan democrat, for this would drive from him what republican votes he expects to get. The little Thomas contingent can't help anybody to amount to anything except by leading people by their support to suppose he is an extreme democrat. This is a republican town, and must be worked as such.

H. W. GOODE.

In the death of Mr. H. W. Goode Portland and the Pacific Northwest lose a larger, prominent admirable and very useful business figure. His death is a great loss to this city and state, and his place cannot soon be filled. Mr. Goode was a man of great business capacity united to a very attractive personality. He had already accomplished much here for the development of this city and the adjacent Oregon, and his work was but fairly begun. It will be carried on, of course, but scarcely by such peculiarly capable hands. As president of the Lewis and Clark fair Mr. Goode rendered the city and state another great service, which entitles him to honor and long remembrance. He died just in the prime of life, and almost any other man in this community could have been better spared. His works will live after him.

Judge Geo. J. Cameron, the popular and efficient judge of the municipal court will have little or no opposition for re-nomination? on the republican ticket. There is an old fashioned idea among business men that a good man should be retained. If this is true in business it certainly should be in politics. Let us give the judge another term.

The veto of that Johnson road bill was another one that was a political mistake on the governor's part. The people have been clamoring for good roads; this law would have secured them; but the governor, it is said had a spite against Johnson and so vetoed a very good and needed law. The people will not forget it.

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