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others the adoption of a platform indorsing the Taft Administration or op-posing some feature of the new charter of democracy; yet others the actual nomination of Taft.

But some have proposed the ultrarevolutionary expedient of a bolt in the years ago. electoral college from any candidate other than Roosevelt. Such a bolt would be without precedent. Men chosen as Presidential electors have regarded the nominations made by conventions as binding on them and, if any were ever inclined to disregard the implied obligation, they have been restrained by fear of obloquy.

The proposal to bolt comes from the ates which held Presidential primaries, at which each party nominated candidates for elector. It is contended that whichever electoral ticket should successful in November is bound the preferential vote cast at the primaries rather than by the choice of the National convention, especially if convention should act counter the preference expressed by the primary states. In most cases the names of men nominated for electors were placed on the ticket by the faction and these men are presumed to be in sympathy with the popular preference of their states. There are exceptions we know to be the case in Oregon, but that is true in the main.

If the bolt should thus be postponed until the electors meet in each state and if the Republicans should carry all the direct primary states, all of which are normally Republican, the possibil-ity of a bolt would extend to 144 electors from nine states carried by Roose. velt among a total of 531 electors from 48 states. Should the bolt be nearly general in these nine states, the Re-publican electoral vote would be so

The election would then be made by the present House of Representatives. The Constitution provides that in such a case each state shall cast one vote. The party having a majority of Representatives from each state would cast the vote of that state for its candi-Under this system the Repubthe Democrats in twenty-two states, the Democrats in twenty-two states, view of Reviews; Otto Eidlitz, former and two states—Maine and Nebraska chairman of the Building Trades Employers' Association of New York; seldom do in office, though they do it frederick N. Judson, of St. Louis, and president Van Hise, of the University and this is the great improving which but the division in the party which brought about such a situation would render such unity highly improbable. Interested serving mainly to inform their colleagues on the technical ins preference as expressed at the primaries, the convention states standing and outs of the engineers' work. They maries, the convention states standing are men of such high character and maries, the convention states standing are men of such high character and by Taft, there would be thirteen for ability, known impartiality and thornaft, nine for Roosevelt, two for La roughness in all they undertake that they can be trusted to make a just award, which will be accepted by both the railroads and the engineers. Their but to break the tie in either Maine or Nebraska by winning over a Democrat. The Democratic candidate could This latest resort to the Erdman the Republican states.

men would thus invite practically cer-tain ultimate defeat and would accomplish only the defeat of Taft. They might have a fighting chance if they boilted the convention and nominated a third electoral ticket in each state, though they could only win by gain-ing enough Democratic votes to offset the Taft vote and many to spare. Roosevelt desires his own election as ardently as he desires to defeat Taft. He will therefore be more likely to take the fighting chance of a boit from the convention, if he falls to secure the

Roosevelt does not, and Bryan, or Wil-

The only thing really certain at Chicago is that the old guard is in for a sound licking, this year of grace—unless it can achieve the impossible and nominate a dark horse.

THE STEAM-BOLLER AND ROOSEVELT. Somehow we are able to restrain our excitement over Colonel Roosevelt's bitter indignation at the remorseless activity of the steam-roller at Chicago. Not that we approve the steam-roller; only that the Colonel's virtuous outbreak appears to be inspired mainly by

or invoked technicalities wherever the ernor lays too much stress on saving excuse offered in states where the issue was clear cut.

sue was clear cut.

The steam-roller lived up to its expectations and it rode down the able engineer who left its throttle four

THE TREMBLING SENATORS.

Senators have discovered that, no matter how grave may be the doubts they entertain as to Lorimer's guilt, the people entertain no doubts. Of the Senators who voted to allow Lorimer to retain his seat, ten have already been retired and ten more will retire next March, either of their own free will or by virtue of an adverse primary vote. Some of those who will retire
voluntarily will do so rather than "face
the music" of public reprobation.

In advance of the adoption of the

direct election amendment, the Senate is gradually becoming a truly representative body. The people are prov-ing their capacity for looking through a mass of contradictory statements and sweeping away a cobweb of fine-spun reasoning to get at the central, essential fact of the case. That fact, in their opinion, is that Lorimer's election was secured by bribery and that he should be cast out. Their displeasure is visited on any man who obstructs what they consider justice.

That is why the Senate so long de-lays the vote on Lorimer. Many of its members are loath to vote against him, but, looking around at the doomed and recalling those who have already met their doom, they dare not vote

A STEP FORWARD IN ARBITRATION In their selection of an arbitration board to settle the wage dispute bedivided between Taft and Roosevelt con-that, even though as a whole it con-stituted a majority of the whole cci-stituted a majority of the whole cci-missioner Nelli and Judge Knapp stituted a majority of the whole cci-stituted a majority of the whole cci-stituted a new trail. It has been customary to name an equal number of men to represent each party to the controversy and to allow these to choose one, who has the casting vote. This one has usually been in practice the only arbitrator. In the present instance only one from each party has been appointed and the other mem-bers of the board are: Oscar Straus, former Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews; Otto Eidlitz, former chairman of the Building Trades Em-

of Wisconsin This board will really arbitrate the dispute, the members who are directly

not be elected without capturing both act encourages hope that the railroad tied states and winning over one of strike, at least of any extent, has gone into history and that all future dis-putes which cannot be adjusted by By postponing the boit until the putes which cannot be adjusted by electoral college met, the Roosevelt direct negotiation will be settled by

In his letter concerning Govern West's prison policy, published today, Mr. Bauer credits some assumptions to The Oregonian that we were not to The Oregonian that we were not aware we had taken. The Oregonian has never assumed "that a man is not being punished unless he is beaten and starved into submission." It does not recall that it has accused the Governor or the prison authorities of lax discipline within the penitentiary walls. Its criticisms have been directed at errors of judgment in parole of con-victs, at features of the Governor's The "discredited bosses" who are so honor system and at sentimental with-heartily lampooned by Colonel Roosevelt are the identical party leaders who served him so efficiently four years ago. The only exceptions were the states which had favorite sons, but the favorite sons did not last long, and that rollites! The state of the death of a convict who has broken his word of honor. It con-

favorite sons did not last long, and their political managers speedily climbed aboard the Taft-Roosevelt bandwagon.

The problem which now confronts these same political bosses or leaders—whichever they are—is outright surrender to Colonel Roosevelt, or probable destruction by him and his friends in the Fall election.

If they surrender now, a candidate will be nominated on a platform repudiating them and traversing the record of the party's present titular head.

Mr. Bauer seems to admit that the Oregon prison policy is misunderstood by convicts in other prisons. The Oregonian suggested this in the article that called forth Mr. Bauer's letter.

Mr. Bauer lays the fault for this misunderstanding at the door of the Govunderstanding at the door of the Gov-ernor's critics. Yet the advertising of

ord of the party's present titular head.

If they refuse to surrender now, and stay with the old ship, it is likely to go to pieces anyway, later, on the rocks of party dissension; and they will be the losers in the end.

If they surrender now, they turn the party and probably the Government over to the Rocseveit kitchen cabinet, consisting of Perkins, McCormick, Garfield, Pinchot and Heney.

If they refuse to strike their flag now, the alternative is Democratic success in November.

If they surrender now they will avert a possible, or even probable, boilt by Roosevelt, and consequent party ruin.

If they refuse, the ardent partisans of Roosevelt will boilt anyway, even if read the recent article in Collier's with none of the hardships. Another

Weekly on the West pris Does he know that the Brooklyn Eagl Does he know that the Brooklyn Eagle and other papers of wide circulation have copied the most striking passages from the Collier's article? Can he wonder that desperate criminals in other prisons become restive when they hear, as Collier's has told, and as other publications have repeated that

murderer and an expert safe cracker?

A murderer is a man who has taken something he can never return. Probably the majority of murderers are repentant before they see the inside of the penitentiary and would not kill again if released at once. But are repentance and a determination never again to take human life all that society requires of a murderer? If it is just to give one murderer a "good outside joh." freedom from stripes and

THE FIRST WOMAN MAYOR.

Mrs. Mary D. Lowman's tragic death sets one thinking about many things. She was the first woman ever things. elected mayor of an American city and she served two terms. Her official exshe served two terms. Her official experience did not destroy her capacity
for usefulness in the home. We are
sure of that, because it was in the
kitchen that she came to her end. As
she was cooking supper for the family her dress caught fire from the
stove and she was burned to death.

Mrs. Lowman was not only the ploneer woman mayor in this country, but
she was almost the first mayor of

she was almost the first mayor of either sex to act upon the principle that it is the duty of municipal officers to serve the people and not the grafters. Her first term began in 1888, a time when most Americans still believed that politics was necessarily "filthy" and that right and wrong were foolish distinctions so far as public business was concerned. Kansans had been told this in so many words by their brilliant Senator Ingalis, and that makes it all the more surprising that Mrs. Lowman should have done what she did in Oskaloosa which is a Kansas town.

Her appointees to the various city offices were all women and she chose them because they were qualified to perform their duties. This was perhaps the most surprising of her inno-vations. The old traditional rule had been that city officials must be appointed for usefulness to the party or because they were "good fellows," never because they were qualified to the work for which they drew pay. Having secured a corps of qualified women to work with her. Mrs. Lowman proceeded to clean up Oskaloosa. She swept out the filthy saloons, or "hell holes." as they are called in Kansas. She put a stop to the "social eyil" which men are in the habit of including among the inevitable dispensa-tions. She kept the streets clean. She

nais to obey the law.

In fact Mrs. Lowman did in public office exactly what women have been doing in the household for some thouof years. She applied commo sense to her problems and sought remost direct and efficien romen will bring into public life wh they obtain the ballot.

THE VACATION SEASON.

The vacation habit is growing upon the American people. Twenty-five years ago many men could be found who boasted that they never needed a change from their habitual routine. change from their habitual routine. Give such a one his office, his daily grist of letters and his three meals and he would grind away without a thought of tedium until it came time for him to pass to a better world. Men of this stamp are not so common as they were formerly. We should not be surprised to see the habit of working all the year round branded as disrespectable before many years have passed. Addiction to work will be placed in the same shady category as too much fondness for the bottle. Whether strong drink or unbroken toll is the worst habit one would have some difficulty in deciding. Both are bad enough. Without trying to measure nice distinctions, it may suffice to say that both the drunkard and the person who never takes a vacation are wicked and both set a frightful example to the young.

The New York Independent has

fallen into the practice of publishing an annual vacation number. The one which appears this year is particular-ly pleasing. In looking over the pictures and reading the descriptive arti-cles it is easy to imagine that one is sailing down some crystal stream or fishing in the pellucid depths of a lovely lake, or camping under the trees in a secluded spot, where toll is never heard of and duty is a word without meaning. The very essence of a vacation is freedom from routine. Anything, no matter how trifling, which calls the mind back to the daily round detracts just so much from the pleasure and profit of the cuting. the pleasure and profit of the cuting. The only genuine vacations are those which are undisturbed by letters, telephones or visitors on important errands. During the sacred moments of the annual rest nothing is important but the useless. Nothing else should be permitted to intrude. Some of the most pleasing vacations described in The Independent were taken almost within the city illmits. It is not necessi

nan, still more adventurously original, SALEM PRISON POLICY DEFENDED SUCCESS OF COLONEL PREDICTED conceived the daring idea of having a vacation in his own house. He locked the front door, drew down the shades have copied the most striking passages from the Collier's article? Can he wonder that desperate criminals in other prisons become restive when they hear, as Collier's has told, and as other publications have repeated, that in the first honor group in Oregon of men given "good outside jobs" was a murderer and an expert safe cracker?

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The first own home. No letters were opened. The morning paper they was left untouched on the porch. When it was necessary to go to the grocery he siunk through dark alleys, ask three questions which seem to me to be fair. I ask these questions and comment upon them that your worthy readers may be enlightened concerning the spirit and the method of the Oregonian June 13, —(To the Edmand. To all intents and purposes he maid. To all intents and purp

The second contract of the property of of

Last week all was frivolity, but this week will be given to dignified honor to the pioneers who made Oregon.

Let all be thankful for the bountiful

check instead of pursuing the elopers

crops in sight after the conventions shall become history. The "naked fight" and the "nake eal" must be shocking to Anthony

Whoever is nominated will get it by vote so close as to preclude comfort

egon cheese is advancing in the market, but it is worth the money.

Is that new fighting hat the one the clonet threw into the ring?

Chaplain Denies That West System

tion. He was able by the same the close of the school season. Youth and the close of the school season. Touth and the close of the school season. The close of the school season the close of the school season. The close of the school season the close of th

PORTLAND, June 15.—(To the Editon)—As manager for Hon. Champ Clark I want to enter my protest against the theft of our "dawg" by the Roosevelt crowd. This gang is alleged to have stolen most of Mr. Bryan's thunder. It is now being charged with the theft of the Taft delegates from the South, but when it comes to trying to steal Champ Clark's "houn' dawg." I protest.

Let the circus go on, but these plagiarists and political thieves must let our "houn dawg" alone. He is the mascot of a reunited Democracy. He howls at the moon and tells the watchman of the hour of the night. He has sounded the keynote of a deliverance from spoils, stratagems and treason. He has caught the scent of the passing crowd and this effort to steal his usefulness and turn him over to the tender mercles of a bull species is both cowardly and ungrateful.

JAMES F. BARBEE.

out Writer Falls to Draw

"Well, we have been engaged for a week."

"Yes, it was just a week ago tonight that you asked me to be yours."

"Have you told anybody?"

"Not a soul!"

"Then I'm afraid I'll have to give you up. I don't want to marry a freak."

Essence of Co-Education. "Do girls do as well in college a

boys?"
"As well, or better."
"Indeed! And how do yeu account for that?"
"They have more opportunities to study, for one thing. A girl doesn't have to put in a lot of time coloring a meerschaum pipe."

Weighed in the Money Market. "My wife still thinks I'm a treasure.

mine did; she thinks I'm

The Man Who Knows

the future proposes to vote "no" on all the future proposes to vote "no" on all initiative measures.

Thousands of Oregon's citizens, fooled and muddled by the one-man made laws emanating from the fertile brain of Mr. U'Ren, and supported by inspired editorials, are reaching the same conclusion as Mr. Herkimer.

I have attended several meetings of the People's Power League, so highly spoken of by our muckraking periodicals, and represented by them as consisting of the best thought of the State of Oregon, sitting as a body to formulate those wise laws that are the admiration of the muckrakers all over the United States.

I invariably found these meetings of the "people of Oregon" to consist of Mr. U'Ren, Mr. Cridge, Mr. Eggleston and about a half a dozen more or less wise unknowns who do not care for moving-picture shows and desire to kill a dull evening.

This is the source from whence emanates the laws abolishing the State Senate, creating the cabinet form of government, the confiscatory single tax and all the rest of the brood we have to contend with.

A famous Swedish philosopher has said: "It is astonishing what little wisdom is required to govern." Our Mr. U'Ren has the little wisdom, a marvedous amount of nerve, the backing of the Fels fund, and he governs.

W. P. ADAMS.

Good Hearing at 100 Years.

Baltimore American.

Mrs. Spencer Mowry, of Woonsocket,
R. L. who will celebrate her 100th
birthday soon, wears glasses only when
she sews or reads, and has suffered no
impairment of her hearing. She continues to exercise by taking long walks,