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PARTY PROTECTION IN PRIMARY IS AIM

Legislature May Take Up Modification of Law.

ANYONE CAN JOIN RACE NOW

Return to Nominating Conventions Is Proposed.

DEMOCRATS LEAD FIGHT

Bourbon Leaders Declare Ruination Has Been Caused by System Now in Use.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Modification of the direct primary law may be undertaken before the legislature ends its labors. The changes which are being discussed are intended to preserve the main and salient features, but at the same time, restore party organizations.

Since the direct primary law became operative, party organization in Oregon has gradually disintegrated and small groups of politicians and organizations have supplanted the republican and democratic parties.

In a general way, the idea is to authorize nominating conventions and have these party conventions promulgate party platforms. At present, anyone can be a candidate for nomination in the primaries and can issue any sort of platform calculated to catch votes, whereas the party to which the aspirant claims allegiance has no control over the candidate nor his platform.

Democrats Start Agitation.

Agitation for adoption for the direct primary started in the ranks of the democrats. Leading democrats at their state conference held in Portland, January 8, confessed that the party has been almost killed by the direct primary system, as it now operates, and that the minority party will never regain its former strength until large, representative groups of democrats can legally get together and endorse or nominate candidates.

The direct primary is something like the prohibition question: Opposed in secret, but advocated in public. Originally designed to put the skids under political bosses, the direct primary in Oregon has not only accomplished this end, but has gone farther and placed rollers under party organization in the republican ranks and has caused the democratic party to become more ornamental than active.

Party Ruination Charged.

Democrats, although they elected a governor and a couple of United States senators under the direct primary, have discovered that outside of these notable victories, the primary system has been the ruination of their party. It has reached the point where no one wants a democratic nomination nor will seek one. On the other hand, the republican primaries are cluttered with candidates, projecting themselves into the field at their own sweet will and responsible to no one, but frequently, representing no one but themselves.

It is suggested and the point was outlined at the recent democratic state conference, that conventions be held: county and state conventions.

Every precinct in the county is entitled to one delegate, and these delegates are elected by the voters of the precinct. Such, in a nutshell, is the idea of how the conventions shall be formed and the method of selecting delegates.

400 Precincts in Multnomah.

In Multnomah county, there are more than 400 precincts. A man would know the sentiment of his neighbors, for a precinct is simply a neighborhood, and thus a convention formed of elected delegates from all precincts would represent the sentiments of the community.

In the precinct primaries, any one could be a candidate for delegate and the high man would win. The system is virtually identical with the selection of precinct committees.

With a county convention of 400-odd delegates, no small group of politicians could manipulate it and such a large body would be the backbone of the republican or democratic party in the county. The state convention, would also consist of a large membership, say about 500 or more, which would make it as representative as the county conventions. State delegates would be elected by the county conventions. These conventions would be in position to speak for the party and promulgate a platform containing party principles and issues.

Responsibility Is Wanted.

The convention could either make nominations or recommendations for nominations to the rank and file of the party. Anyone with a desire to seek office, could still file as candidate independently as is now the case.

The whole idea is to place some responsibility for officeholders on the political party with which they claim affiliation and to restore, in a measure, the party organization.

In the tentative plans for amendments to the direct primary law, there is the desire to get close to the people and obtain the expression of the party voters, so that the

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OREGON'S EXTRA SEAT IN HOUSE IMPROBABLE

REAPPORTIONMENT BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE BEATEN.

Substitute Would Keep Number of Seats as Now, Sentiment Being Against Increase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Lines were sharply drawn tonight for a fight tomorrow to defeat the reapportionment bill, which would increase the membership of the house from 435 to 482.

After a final check-up, leaders announced that the measure as reported would be voted down decisively and that a substitute plan, holding seats to the present number would be adopted by a big majority.

There seemed little sentiment for a larger house. Members from states which would lose representation declared they would vote against adding 48 representatives at a cost of \$1,500,000 a year when there is a demand for government economy.

The republican committee was reported solidly against the increase, as individuals. Under provisions of the bill house leaders expect to be adopted, the increases will be as follows:

California 2, Michigan 2, Ohio 2, and Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, one each. To make up this number without changing the 435 total, Missouri would lose two seats and the following states one each: Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont.

By this arrangement the south would gain in North Carolina and Texas, and lose in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The reapportionment bill, as now before congress and which, it is expected, will be defeated, provides for an additional representative from Oregon. Measures to restrict the state to provide for this additional representative have been discussed at this session of the Oregon legislature.

With the defeat of the bill, the state will lose the expected extra seat.

HARDING EVADES CROWDS

President-Elect and Mrs. Harding Slip Quietly Into Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 17.—President-elect Harding slipped into Cleveland today on personal business and made his way about the downtown section for several hours unrecognized.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding, the president-elect came from Marion in an ordinary parlor car. So carefully had they laid their plans to escape attention that they got away from the railway station as quietly as ordinary travelers and tonight some of their closest friends here had not learned of their presence.

They later went to a hotel, where they dined privately and remained overnight.

CITY VISITED BY SNOW

Snowflakes, Big as Leaves, Fall for Time, but Rain Wins Out.

The second snowfall of the winter visited Portland yesterday and, like the first, it lasted only on the high spots. Snowflakes as large as leaves began to come tumbling from the sky about noon and continued at intervals throughout the afternoon, with a gentle rain with and between snow showers.

The day began with a nippy east wind, which soon gave way to the rain. Then snow, rain and sunshine followed in rapid succession. The maximum temperature for the day, however, was 1 degree above normal.

SLIDES BLOCK LOG ROADS

Mishaps Delay Opening of Several Clatsop Camps.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Two big slides, which occurred on the Lewis & Clark railroad during the recent storms have blocked all traffic on the road, and the opening of some of the logging camps, which had planned to resume operations today, has been delayed.

While a large force of men has been working on the slides for several days, the track probably will not be cleared before another week has passed.

CHILE IN NEED OF FOOD

Ship Cancellations Cause Serious Shortage in Northern Ports.

VALPARAISO, Jan. 17.—A serious shortage of foodstuffs in the northern ports of Chile has been brought about by the suppression of sailings of steamers of the South American Steamship company, owing to a strike of the crews for recognition of their union and increased pay.

Steps are being taken by the government to relieve the situation. Steamers of the National Steamship company also are tied up.

BENEFITS WILL BE TAXED

Veterans Must Pay on Disability Returns Over \$1000 a Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Unmarried war veterans must return to the government as income tax 4 per cent of any disability payments they receive in excess of \$1000 a year.

The treasury department ruled today that it could not exempt such service men, although those still in the service are required to pay only on amounts in excess of \$500 a year. War risk insurance payments, however, are not taxable.

HARDING NOT SLOW TO SET PRECEDENT

Next President Listens to Every Job Hunter.

TACTFUL HINTS AMUSING

Knowledge of Offices Open Surprises Nominee.

BEST MINDS OFTEN WAIT

Every Candidate Seems to Have Bought Government Book With List of Places Available.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—When Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated president, or in the days following immediately thereafter, Washington newspaper correspondents found diversion in telling how this brand new president had smashed some

Possibly the most that he had done was to get up and make his toilet before breakfast, which with other folks is old stuff, but with a president of the United States it meant "breaking a precedent."

Now comes the story from Marion, O., that Warren G. Harding, who will take the office in seven short weeks from this day, has broken one very ponderous precedent. Mr. Harding, so go the stories brought back by those who have made recent pilgrimages to the home of the next president, has actually been mixing job hunters with "best minds." That is, men and, hayhap, a few women looking for responsible offices with good salaries under the new administration, have been breaking in to see him.

Every Candidate Received. The real facts are said to be that the job hunters have almost crowded the "best minds" off the walks around the home of the next president. Not only have several gentlemen presented themselves who were prepared to prove their special fitness for the cabinet, but there were numerous candidates on hand to show why they, and they alone, were equipped by nature and training to take care of American interests in some embassy or legation somewhere abroad.

It is declared to be unusual for any man to be elected to the presidency possessing the patience to listen to the man looking for a job, but the story is that Warren G. Harding has been receiving every candidate who presented himself, and without any promise, sending each on his way with a feeling that his

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CELESTIAL SPEEDER SMASHES RECORDS

NEBULA TRAVELS AT RATE NEVER BEFORE SEEN.

Dreyer No. 584 Said to Be Going Through Space at Almost 2000 Kilometers Second.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 17.—The nebula Dreyer, No. 584 in the constellation of Cetus, has broken all known speed records of the heavens. It is dashing through space away from the earth at a velocity of almost 2000 kilometers a second, the highest speed ever attained by a celestial object.

This was the word received at the Harvard college observatory today from Dr. V. M. Slipher of the Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., in announcing the result of observations there.

With this velocity Dreyer, No. 584, is showing its starry heels to the rest of the universe at a speed almost twice as fast as the highest velocity previously known. Professor S. I. Bailey of the Harvard observatory said most stars move at less than 100 kilometers a second; runaway stars have been known to gain a momentum of a few hundred kilometers a second and other objects have been found to go 1000 kilometers a second.

The highest celestial speed previously recorded was that of another nebula, 1130 kilometers a second, the Harvard scientist said.

The nebula, which is so faint that it is not visible to the naked eye, flashes across the lower southern sky in the early evening.

BEND MOONSHINER FINED

Still, Mash and Whisky Are Taken in Raid on Home.

BEND, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—One hundred and fifty gallons of corn mash, an incomplete still and three gallons of whisky were seized at the George Taylor home here late today, when Deputy Sheriff Anderson and State Agent Nixon entered the place, armed with a search warrant.

Taylor pleaded guilty in justice court to the charge of having liquor in his possession and paid a fine of \$200.

An extra supply of moonshine and a quantity of used mash, which Taylor had stored in the basement of a house in another part of the city, also were seized.

GIRL GETS \$2000 MONTH

Daughter of Jacques Lebaudy Requires Six Servants.

MINGOLIA, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Marguerite A. Lebaudy, who killed her husband, Jacques Lebaudy, in January, 1919, was allowed \$2000 a month for the support of her 16-year-old daughter. She declared that sum was required to bring up her daughter in surroundings fitting her rank, adding that the girl should have a proper house and six servants.

The daughter, she said, would receive at least \$1,000,000 of her father's estate, estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

MONTANA WOOL PLAN FORECAST TO SUCCEED

WAY IS PAVED FOR GREATEST FABRIC MILL IN COUNTRY.

Co-operative Manufacture and Sale of Virgin American Goods Key to Market Problems.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 17.—Extension of the movement started by Montana woolgrowers to find a market for their product through the co-operative manufacture and sale of virgin American woolen goods was forecast today at the convention of the National Wool Growers' association by President Frank J. Hagenbarth.

Mr. Hagenbarth, commenting on the report of the Montana movement, said that it "paves the way for what may become the greatest woolen mill in the country, and, if not that, at least serves strong notice on the middlemen that the producers are awake to their methods."

The 600 or more men attending the convention are getting an opportunity to purchase suits, custom tailor-made, from virgin American wool at \$28 a net, a price which yields the wool growers from 50 to 60 cents a pound. Already many industrial enterprises, especially mining companies in the west, have given orders for clothing material handled by the Montana association.

The wool growers likewise announced their intention to take advantage of the federal licensed and bonded warehousing law and to establish such institutions in the principal producing sections.

H. K. Holman, Jr., of the bureau of markets of the department of agriculture, explained the workings of the warehousing law. President Hagenbarth and other speakers gave their approval to the measure and advocated its application to the needs of financing the wool.

W. S. McClure, former secretary of the national association, predicted that the growers will warehouse their 1921 clip until they can get a suitable market for it.

Economic problems, headed by tariff considerations, formed the principal themes of today's discussions, the growers being urged by practically all of the speakers to adopt such business methods in the conduct of the industry as will put it in a position to survive the difficulties of existing economic conditions.

TWO KILLED BY BOMB

Garage in Philadelphia Blown Up. Several Are Wounded.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—P. H. Dean and George McKee, inspectors, were killed tonight when a bomb exploded in the garage of the Quaker City Theatrical company. Several other employees were slightly injured.

Chaufeurs have been on strike several weeks. About ten days ago bombs were found in two cabs of the company. One cab was demolished, but no one was injured. Several cabs have been stolen and wrecked.

The two men were examining a car which had just come in and Dean picked up a cylindrical object, at which the driver shouted a warning and jumped back in time to escape injury as it exploded.

The police have arrested 14 men.

WIFE OF NEPTUNE HUSKY AND CURSES

Tobacco Chewed and Pillow Made of Tresses.

PAGAN GOD WAITS ON COLBY

Strong Arm Initiation Attends "Crossing the Line."

BEARS TREAT 'EM ROUGH

Davey Jones, Imps and Mermals Aid in Preserving Traditions on Trip of Secretary of State.

(Louis Seibold, noted correspondent of the New York World, is now on a tour of the Hawaiian islands, accompanied by Secretary of State Colby. What Seibold learns and what he observes of public interest he will tell in a series of letters, of which this is the first. These letters will be published simultaneously by the World and The Oregonian. They will be a feature worth following.)

BY LOUIS SEIBOLD.

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"CROSSING THE LINE" AT SEA.

Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In the olden days when King Neptune boarded a ship "crossing the line" (meaning the equator) he brought along a queen clad in a robe of gold and wearing a lap of priceless pearls. In the present day King Neptune brings along with him from the deep a queen that chews tobacco, smokes cigars, uses curs words and yanks off her golden tresses (made of rope) to use for a pillow.

That's the kind of queen that accompanied the good old pagan god when he boarded the United States dreadnought Florida, bristling with guns, when she entered his domain on December 15, 1920. No more motley or picturesque retinue ever attended the king of the sea than that which included 142 members of the Florida's company into the mysteries of the ocean.

Incidentally, it was some initiation, so to speak. Vigorously primitive, it was in the imposition of penalties exacted by Neptune for the privilege of enjoying safe conduct over the line that bisects the exact center of the torrid zone. It preserved all the traditions known to sailors since the ships were invented. It was always entertaining, generally instructive and at times hilariously funny.

Two Figures Suddenly Appear.

The Florida entered the domain of Neptune 36 hours before she reached the equator. The king of the deep made known his presence in due and ancient form while the dreadnought was plowing her way through heavy swells caused by the tides from the mighty Amazon 300 miles to the westward.

Night had come with swift swiftness and already here began to appear myriads of stars seemingly only a few hundred yards away. The thin rim of the new moon was just visible on the starboard horizon, inverted, and according to the lore of the sailorman, would, when it reached its full maturity, "hold water," or in other words be a "dry" moon.

Translated into the vernacular of the landlubber, this meant there would be good weather. Officers and crews, full fed and contented, were beginning to appear on deck and the Philippine mess boys were cleaning up the remnants of supper.

The forecastle deck was deserted. Suddenly two figures seemed to come over the bow. As a matter of fact, they came up through the narrow hatch of a dozen feet from the nose of the giant warship.

In the murky gloom there appeared to be nothing unusual about them, merely two sailormen engaged in the ordinary pursuits of their craft. One of them straightened up and belted a mighty "Ahoi!" "Ahoi!"

Commander Returns Salute.

The wind carried his voice to the bridge 150 feet amidships and 50 feet above deck. Commander Dillon returned the salute by repeating the hail, and as he did so a dazzling searchlight focused on the two figures standing erect at the anchor hatch. Then it was seen that the two visitors were not ordinary sailormen. Garbed in costumes that never came from the deep, they were as weird as any humans ever seen on earth or sea. One of them (a second-class electrician) was Davey Jones, who acts as pilot to all good sailormen that go down to the sea in ships and never return.

This particular Davey Jones was clad in a knee-length smock, colored in every tint of the rainbow. His legs were bared as were his feet. On his head was a mass of bobbed tawny hair made from rope-ends combed out.

Through the V-shaped opening of his corset waist, or whatever you want to call it, a big smudge or vermilion link, irregularly shaped like a heart, was disclosed. Davey was bareheaded and a trifle nervous.

By his side stood his clerk—one of the engine room gang—who wore a plug hat, a purple coat cut like a dress coat, red and white striped trousers, and carried a book in his hand. Just what the Davey Jones has for a book is known only to sailormen.

This particular clerk acted as prompter for Davey. As the gods

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ARMENIAN BRIDES BOUGHT AT AUCTION

STARTLING OPERATIONS AT FRESNO, CAL., BARED.

Beautiful Girls Reported Brought Into United States Illegally and Sold to Best Bidders.

FRESNO, CAL., Jan. 17.—Startling revelations of a veritable marriage block operated in Fresno from which beautiful Armenian girls, brought into the United States illegally, were sold to the highest bidder, were made here today by United States immigration Commissioner Moore.

The Armenian practice of bringing girls to Fresno was brought to light this morning with the arrest of seven of the victims. Harootian Selvan, rancher of Lone Star, was taken into custody late today.

Detailed information on the girl "bride market" was made public by Commissioner Moore.

One case, in which a young Armenian inspected girls held for sale and paid a deposit on one who pleased him, is typical of many cases in which girls were made marriage slaves, according to the commissioner.

The Armenian girls are charged by Commissioner Moore with entering the United States illegally through false and misleading statements made at Ellis Island and San Francisco, and with entering the country through misleading statements and aiding in the illegal entry of the women.

HOMES WASHED INTO SEA

Worst Storm in History Hits Isle of Kauai in Hawaiian Group.

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 17.—The worst storm in its history hit the island of Kauai of the Hawaiian group, Sunday, according to advices received here tonight. Several houses in the towns of Waimea and Lihue were washed out to sea. One man was drowned.

One district of Honolulu county reported 20 inches of rain Saturday night and Sunday. Reports of damage on the island of Oahu, on which Honolulu is situated, are growing. The Star-Bulletin estimated the damage at \$500,000.

County roads and bridges were estimated to have been damaged \$100,000 and the same loss was estimated to have been suffered on the Aiea plantation; 14 county bridges were destroyed or badly damaged. The Oahu railroad service was discontinued by washouts. The highway systems were blocked by slides and washouts.

THREE SHOT IN OUTBREAK

Three Others Escape From Kansas City Municipal Farm.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Three inmates of the municipal farm here sustained gunshot wounds and three others escaped early Sunday in an attempted break by 23 inmates.

The twenty-third man in the ward, who has only one leg, was unable to scale a rope made of bed sheets which the men had fixed to aid in letting themselves to the ground, 50 feet below.

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GAS RATE BOOST GIVEN CITY FIRM

Increase to Range From 85 Cents to \$6.25.

HEATING SCHEDULE REVISED

First 200 Cubic Feet or Less Costs 85 Cents a Month.

QUALITY REMAINS SAME

Company Shows Contracts in Re-Porting Oil Cost Increase; \$1,000,000 Deficit in Old Prices.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Rates for gas service supplied by the Portland Gas & Coke company were ordered increased sufficiently to take care of the advance cost of crude oil necessary in the manufacture of the fuel, under a ruling of the public service commission here today.

Under the commission's order, the minimum charge, which includes the so-called customer cost, for the small user of gas, is 85 cents, while this same charge, allowing for the same number of cubic feet, is increased in proportion to the larger customer until for box type meters the maximum rate is \$6.25.

Home Users Hard Hit.

The residential commercial schedule, as included in the order, follows: First 300 cubic feet or less minimum monthly charge of 85 cents; next 500 cubic feet, \$1.35 per thousand; next 10,000 cubic feet, \$1.25 per thousand; next 50,000 cubic feet, \$1.05 per thousand; next 100,000 cubic feet, 90 cents per thousand; excess over 200,000 cubic feet, 85 cents per thousand.

The old rate for the first 25,000 cubic feet was \$1; for the second 25,000 feet, 40 cents; for the third 25,000 feet, 30 cents.

The revised house heating and gas engine rate schedule is: First 200 cubic feet or less, 85 cents; next 400 feet, \$1.05; excess over 600 feet per month, 95 cents.