

POLITICAL PARTIES HELD NECESSARY

State Laws to Safeguard Integrity Advocated.

PLATFORMS HAVE VALUE

Candidate for Congress in Opposition to McArthur, Aims Views at Luncheon of Civic League.

There should be state laws to safeguard the integrity of the political parties in Oregon and there should be platform conventions, held by elected delegates of these parties, declared Eugene E. Smith, at the Civic League luncheon at the Benson yesterday.

At the close of his speech Mr. Smith was asked several questions by W. L. Brewster, L. M. Mabone and two women which precipitated a lively discussion.

Among other things, he said: "I do not care what party you belong to, but belong to some party. Get your neighbors to belong to some party; have those with whom you are immediately associated belong to some party. Play politics all the year around, not in the sense that is commonly accepted—that of the politician who merely elected to office—but politics in the better sense—in the sense in which the statesman plays politics, who foresees things, or thinks he foresees things, and uses our resources and our initiative combining all these for the welfare of the people."

"I think that the state of Oregon would be much better off if first we had laws that would safeguard and make sure of the integrity of all our parties, whatever they might be, and then I think these parties should have a platform convention where delegates elected by the voters of the various parties could lay down the principles of government that that particular party believes in."

Thus, I think that during our primaries do not misunderstand me, now, I don't want to monkey in any way with our direct primary system. I don't want any convention trying to further the interests of any individual. I want reserved to the voters themselves, the right and the opportunity to select those who will run for office on the various party platforms. But I want those voters divided up as they may be into the various party groups, to dictate likewise what principles of government and legislation those groups want once they are elected to office.

Good Platform Needed. "I think that if in the session of the legislature I attended the republican voters in the state of Oregon had spoken through such a platform as the republican party and yet concern us of reconstruction by collecting up the odds and ends left after the war, that legislature would have done something for the advancement and the progress of Oregon away and beyond what it did do."

Be in my opinion the people will never be in politics as they have been until the integrity of our parties is clearly assured by law. I think that the same for office on these party tickets are given a party platform to run on. Now this objection will be found. A friend of mine stood up in the Press club when I mentioned just briefly this matter and he said: "That's fine, Gene; but will these men after they've carried out their platform pledges? They never have in the past." I said: "Well, why? Because in the past the people have not built the platforms. They were built by men upon whom they nominate other men to put them in office. The first man could get at the public sack."

Platforms Have Their Value. Having had nothing whatever to do with the making of the platform, the people have had no voice in it. But I hold that if you get this point, and you safeguard the integrity of your people so that the individual voter can express himself through his party, and you can make two platforms or three, but will take two illustrations, built by direct representatives of the people in the various states, and you elect, we say, a republican legislature or a republican congress on that platform, built in that manner, and you have the republican forces to keep the fellow elected in line.

In the first place, if he does not keep those pledges the people who elected him will tear him out of office. If he does not place the opposition is always there ready to lend a helping hand in a matter of that sort. So, I do not think that argument avails. I think that men elected to office in this way and age pay a great deal of attention to their platform if they come before the people on that sort of a platform.

Parties Far Apart. Mr. Brewster asked Mr. Smith to define the difference between the democratic and republican party principles and Mr. Smith detailed some of the cardinal differences which he said seemed to him to prove that the two are "as far apart as possible." Mr. Mabone brought up the North Dakota situation and asked Mr. Smith "how the farmers there could ever have gotten anywhere had they not organized as they did and some out for their own reforms?" Mr. Smith replied that, had the farmers taken as much interest in either of the big parties as they did in organizing a so-called non-partisan new one, "they could have gotten any reforms they wanted."

Mr. Mabone, however, said he could not see it that way. "As a matter of fact," retorted Mr. Smith, "what the farmers of North Dakota have is not non-partisan, but is as partisan as any thing you can get." A woman asked Mr. Smith about prohibition, as to why that "great reform" did not come through party action and Mr. Smith said it did, "just the minute the subject became a economic one, instead of a moral one."

FILING LAW IN FULL EFFECT. Attorney-General Brown Gives Opinion Asked by Resident of Vale. SALEM, Or., April 3.—(Special).—Chapter 124, Oregon laws of 1919, prescribing an additional method whereby electors may become candidates for party nominations and for national committees, delegates and presidential electors, which act requires filing fees, also provides for an additional declaration for all candidates to the effect that "if I am nominated I will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any party other than the one in which I am registered," is in full force and effect, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown today. "The act of 1919 is a complete in-

dependent statute which declares that its purpose is to afford another method in addition to the one already provided for becoming a candidate for a party nomination," says Mr. Brown's opinion. "The elector is not obliged to follow both methods, but he has the option of choosing either one or the other. He has the privilege of filing a petition signed by a certain number of voters without the payment of any money, or, if he chooses, he may become a candidate by merely filing a declaration and paying the specified fee."

SALEM PLANS BUILDING

\$2,000,000 WORTH OF IMPROVEMENTS IN SIGHT.

Largest Single Item Is That of Oregon Pulp & Paper Company Which Is to Erect Plant.

SALEM, Or., April 3.—(Special).—Improvements aggregating a cost of more than \$2,000,000 are contemplated for Salem during the year 1920, according to figures compiled here today.

These improvements include the erection of the plant of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, at a cost of \$800,000; plant of the Valley Packing company, \$125,000; Salem hospital, \$120,000; additions to Hunt Brothers cannery, \$75,000; Salem Deaconess hospital, \$50,000; new building to be erected by F. N. Derby, \$30,000; West Side Sand & Gravel company's plant, \$20,000; improvement of Salem Sand & Gravel company, \$25,000; proposed Salvation Army hall, \$20,000; building and repairs at state fair grounds, \$20,000; remodeling of Gross meat market, \$15,000; additions to Oregon Packing company plant, \$15,000; increase facilities for Spaulding Sash & Door factory, \$10,000; extension of Buren building, \$8000; Oregon Electric railroad improvements in city, \$10,000; home of G. G. Quackenbush, \$7000; filling station for Union Oil company, \$6000 and grill room in Marion hotel, \$2000.

Labor conditions were never better in Salem and the city employment bureau is meeting with difficulty in supplying help in almost all lines of industry.

NEW SHOE STORE OPENS

Tieburg Bros. Transforms Place in Two Days.

The shoe service of Tieburg Bros., San Francisco and Oakland dealers, which has transformed the store at the northeast corner of Fourth and Alder streets from its former interior arrangement into a modern, well-lighted large room in the space of two days and part of one night, was opened yesterday and had a heavy run in spite of the downpour. A five-year lease has been obtained and A. J. Hildebrandt installed as resident manager.

Further improvements will be made to the interior and exterior of the store as soon as possible, Mr. Hildebrandt announced yesterday, and every convenience will be installed as rapidly as circumstances will permit, with a heavy volume of business running.

Tieburg shoe service headquarters are in San Francisco, two stores have three in Oakland, also, and is contemplating adding to its chain by opening at least one more store on the coast, exact locations not having been decided upon.

MILITARY POLICY DEFINED

Senate Clears Way for Consideration of Proposed New Legislation.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The senate cleared the way today for consideration of legislation proposing establishment of a definite military policy. Debate on the army reorganization bill framed by the senate military committee is to begin Monday and its passage is about 10 days or two weeks is predicted by senate leaders. The bill differs radically from the house measure passed March 18, in that it provides for compulsory military training, consolidation of the national guard, regular army and reserves, composed of trained men into a citizen army, and also for a general staff eligibility system similar to that in the French army. The bill will leave the compulsory military training issue for separate legislation.

EXPLOSION FATAL TO TWO

Oxygen Tank Bursts, Endangering Scores of Persons.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., April 3.—Two men were killed, another lies in a critical condition, several others were injured and the lives of scores of citizens endangered by the explosion of an oxygen tank today that demolished the rear of the City garage. C. L. Hilliard, 31, battery man, who was working in the rear of the garage, was blown to pieces. Paul Holmes, 26, tractor salesman, who had his automobile parked in the building, was standing more than 30 feet away when a large fragment of the bursting tank struck him on the head. He died on the way to a hospital.

SPOKANE DEATH RATE LOW

Mortality Reported Least of 18 Representative Cities.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 3.—Spokane's mortality rate for 1919 was the lowest of 18 representative cities in the United States, according to figures compiled by H. C. Bender, superintendent of the municipal department of public utilities and made public by him today. Spokane's rate was announced as 14.5 per 1000 of population, compared with 17 for Seattle, which was second. Others in order were Cleveland, Portland, Or.; Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Birmingham, Ala.

Veterinarian Finds Glanders.

SALEM, Or., April 3.—(Special).—W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, has returned from Pendleton and other Oregon cities, where he passed a few days investigating several cases of glanders among the horses of that section. Dr. Lytle says the disease has been checked and the results have not been serious.

Easter Carols to Be Sung.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 3.—Members of young people's societies of local churches will sing Easter carols tomorrow on downtown streets and in hospitals, following sunrise prayer meeting. A community song service, at a downtown corner also has been planned.

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SCHOOL GIRLS TO SING

EASTER CONCERT TO BE HELD IN CITY AUDITORIUM.

Washington High Students Under Direction of George D. Ingram Will Give Programme.

The Washington high school girls' chorus, composed of 130 trained voices under the direction of George D. Ingram, will be featured in the Easter concert to be held in the public auditorium this afternoon. Frederick W. Goodrich will preside at the organ.

Frank Chapman Arrested. Frank Chapman, cook and restaurant man, who was wanted in Eugene on a charge of non-support, was arrested by Inspectors Wright and Gordon early yesterday morning. He was turned over to Sheriff Stickles of Lane county following the arrest.

Baker Gives Y. M. C. A. \$30,100. BAKER, Or., April 3.—(Special).—In the four-day Y. M. C. A. campaign here Baker subscribed \$30,100 to pay off the debts against the association and the local building. The amount was secured three hours before the time limit expired.

Spier's Excuse Disregarded. When Theo H. Swint, 321 East Gilliam street, appeared in municipal court yesterday to answer to a charge of violating the traffic ordinance, his auto having collided with a truck driven by T. J. Hood, 291 1/2 East Morrison street, he told Judge Rossman he had just received a telephone call that his father was dying and for that reason he was hurrying home at the time of the accident. Patrolmen Tully and Stanton said Swint told them a different story, merely declaring he was in a hurry to get home for supper. Judge Rossman fined him \$25.

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