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DIRECT PRIMARY.

It has been a common remark among a large class of people that the republican or the democratic party are dictated to by political bosses; that a convention is the result of a star chamber proceeding with all the delegates picked before hand and instructed what to do. Many voters refused to go to the primaries and vote for delegates to a convention for this reason, and frequently they bolted their party ticket, thinking they could remedy the evil, but they did not stop to consider that if one party packed its conventions, the other did also, but they had an innate desire to get even for some imaginary grievance and always did so by assisting to defeat their own party candidates, and often times got worse men.

It was this constant kicking that actuated some one to get up what is known as the direct primary law, where all the people would have an opportunity to assist in making nominations and where there would be no possible chance for a packed convention. It was alleged in support of the new law, that politics in Portland were "rotten" and run by an unscrupulous political ring, and for this reason the direct primary law would give the political kickers an opportunity to participate in the primaries.

Direct primaries has been recently exemplified in Portland. Last week a direct primary election was held to nominate candidates for mayor and councilmen, and what was the result? Not one-half of the republicans of the city even registered and not 40 per cent of them went to the polls and voted, and 99 out of 100 of the stay-aways were the very men that had been yelping for a direct primary law. They had no possible excuse. There were five candidates for mayor in the field, representing the high moral element the conservative element and the wide open town element. One thousand of these yelping hypocrites could have gone to the polls and nominated any other man besides George H. Williams, had they so desired. The stay-aways could have nominated the entire municipal ticket, but when they had an opportunity, they did not take advantage of it.

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee have me excused. Another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."—Luke xiv:18-20.

The men who kick the hardest and yelp the loudest are always the ones who stay from the primaries or a school meeting or a meeting for the discussion of some local enterprise, and the object in staying away is to afford them an opportunity of exercising the hereditary system, saturated prerogative of kicking. Even God Almighty in His infinite wisdom has not made this world to suit them, and they would emigrate from the Garden of Eden because it was not constructed according to their ideas.

DWELL IN PEACE.

A city whose people dwell in peace and harmony is an ideal place both for residence and business. Constant bickerings and strife are productive of no good. They engender animosities and destroy that fraternal feeling that should actuate everyone who has but a few short years to live upon this earth. Many bitter animosities are brought about by scandal mongers who have no regard for the truth, but evince a desire to get even for some imaginary wrong or grievance. People to whom these stories are told are too often inclined to place credence in them, when there is no foundation in fact for them. Petty jealousies in business or in the social life are productive of a barrier of friendship that is seldom bridged over. Astoria is not exempt from petty differences, for many of which there is no occasion.

Abuse and vilification is no argument and does not raise anyone who indulges in it in the estimation of intelligent people. It is not news; it is not editorial comment, neither is it discussing questions of public import-

ance that the people are more interested in than personal spleen or personal dissatisfactions. "If you can't speak well of another, say nothing against him." is sound and logical advice and were it followed, more strictly in Astoria would be productive of much good and would cement the ties of kinship more strongly together. There is no argument in abuse, it is simply a subterfuge resorted to by a few who have no respect for the opinions of others.

Astoria is peopled by a representative class who should be actuated by motives looking to the upbuilding and advancement of the city. Harmony is a necessary adjunct to prosperity and happiness. Strive to better each other's condition, as well as the community should be one of the most important objects to be attained. We cannot all agree upon any given proposition, but we certainly ought to be willing to give our adversaries credit for being honest in their opinions. The fundamental principle upon which our government was founded was that "all men are created equal, endowed with certain inalienable rights, such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and no one has any right to throw an obstacle in the way of the enjoyment of others or attempt to nullify the principles enunciated by the framers of the Declaration of Independence.

Selfishness and arrogance is productive of dissension and forbodes no good to the community. Earnest work and hearty co-operation will make the desert blossom as the rose and intensify human happiness. We frequently speak disrespectfully of the living, but are profuse in our praise of the virtues and ennobling qualities of the departed. Kind words are more appreciated by the living than the dead. Curses and abuse during life and planting beautiful flowers on the graves after death do not amalgamate. "Love your enemies," was an admonition from the Divine Master worthy of emulation, but it is woefully lacking in this age and generation.

A minister of the gospel criticizes the actions of the worldly minded, simply as an object lesson. It is never emphasized with abuse and vilification. Newspapers are critics, but when coupled with vituperation, they lose their influence and are reactionary in their tendencies. Every person reading a newspaper do not always endorse its policy or coincide with the views expressed, but there are always some in every community that are in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed. Honest criticism injures no-

one. A stab in the back of an individual may not be felt by him, but a deep wound may be inflicted upon those near and dear to him. A conservative policy will always win, but antagonisms are frequently demoralizing in their tendencies and productive of no beneficial results. Newspapers run upon the higher and broader plain of journalism and devoted to the upbuilding of a community and the prosperity of the people have a wider range of influence and are commended and not condemned. There has never yet been a good word said for anyone who wantonly abuses another, especially in the public print, for the average man and woman are not interested in personal quarrels or jealous animosities, hence yellow journalism panders only to the morbid sentimentalities of the ignorant and depraved.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.
The public is gratified to learn that Mr. Paderwaki has decided not to cut his hair.

An eastern scientist declares that whiskers and hair catches and holds germs. The smooth shaven, bald-headed man seems to be the only one comparatively safe. There are no germs on A. B. D-y.

A Chicago man made his wife kneel on a bed of hot coals and swear she had been faithful to him. It ought to be easy for her to swear under such circumstances.

It is said that it was the dissatisfaction of the garment workers that caused the Chicago teamsters to rip things up and take strong measures but on reflection this doesn't seem to be so.

When you get to worrying over your debts just cheer yourself with the reflection that Uncle Sam owes \$100,000,000 and is still doing business at the old stand.

The help in a hotel in Portland went on strike because of a defective masher in the kitchen. The proprietor should get a new chef.

Prof. Good of the Chicago university who proclaims that the Rocky mountains are useless, will find nothing in the constitution of the United States, the laws of nations, or the city ordinances of Chicago, to prevent his



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Oil Magnate—I was.

Friend—A wfully unpleasant experience, eh?

Oil Magnate—Oh, I don't know. It had its good points. They didn't complain that my money was tainted.

Down in Denver there is a man whose leg was amputated and he is said to be growing another one. If the Denver climate is beginning to work that way the man who goes there with two good legs will soon look like a centipede.

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