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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Fair; warm-
er south. Showers north portion.
Western Washington—Showers
followed by fair weather.

PARTY LINES ARE FADING.

All over the country it is noted that the lines of political partisanship are fading rapidly and plainly. It is expected that the grosser expression, as indicated in the national organizations, will be the last to disappear though even in that field the lapse has been discerned and seriously commented upon by the leaders.

Among all the grave things that have risen in the past few days to engage popular attention, there is nothing so conspicuously good and advantageous, as this. It will do more to bring the whole people to their senses than anything short of a great war. It will bring the alleged leaders up with a round turn and demonstrate the unfattering fact that they are not necessary; it will give tone and direction to the popular thought and make it dependent upon its own wisdom and farsightedness, rather than upon the will or wish of a group of men heretofore composing the real autonomy of the parties.

Anything that forces the commonality to think, and weigh out its own course and destiny, is a public blessing, since it eliminates the political sharper and high-binder and relegates the selfish element to the rear. It is indicative of a better sentiment in the civic body and a larger interest in the affairs of government on all sides, and that is what has been needed in America for many a long year. For, had it been in vogue during the past quarter century, we would have less to complain of now in the way of corporate ravage and official wrongdoing.

When the day dawns that only the people shall have first and last decision in the electoral affairs of the country; when the "boss," the ringster and the benchman are unknown, and the word of choice, election and confirmation are with the primal authority, the nation will be cleaner and happier, with a power and confidence and sway never known in its history, and the example will be for the good of the whole world.

No clean-hearted American cares how soon the change is wrought; the sooner the better for him, for he will be needed infinitely at such a turn in the political flood; he is not needed now, except to save some desperate situation that has gotten away from the leaders and lieutenants, and threatens society as well as the party. The home itself will cut an immense figure in the new deal, and this will be a God-send, because as things are, and have been, the home influence in American politics has been nil, and where the home spirit does not operate there is danger.

We shall hail the hour of freedom with honest satisfaction on account of the superb possibilities inalienable in the doctrine of public and popular conception and control.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

The trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone is on, at Boise; and the world is looking that way for some startling developments. The case is classed among the celebrated causes at bar, and the law as it shall be expounded there, will be quoted for many and many a year. There is an immense weight of responsibility resting upon the State of Idaho, her officers, courts and jury that must decide the issues; nor is the legal group in charge of the defense free from its burden of liability in the conduct of its share of the huge engagement of justice.

There has been a great prelude of re-

proach and countercharge ever since the Governor of Idaho was murdered at the gate of his home, and this vast interchange of abuse and vilification has not tended to lessen the public interest in the matter, but has, rather, whetted the popular appetite for extraordinary results and given wide latitude to the play of emotional and spectacular programs from both sides of the famous trial.

Now that the issues lie in court, there will, or should, be marked cessation of critical comment in the press, in order that the utmost fairness may prevail at Boise. There is no demand for any departure from the essence of justice and the people at large hope there will be none; that the case will take straight and honest course, and eventuate along exact lines of justice as nearly infallible as human wisdom and equity can provide.

There are points of immense gravity and importance inseparable from this case, and its termination must be of a character commensurate with the great questions that are to be decided there, and the people and the papers can easily abide the issue and wait for the close, before indulging again in general discussion. There are those who believe the future of the labor unions is closely wrought in the outcome of the trial, and that its weaknesses will be scarified and exposed, until reorganization upon loftier and saner lines will be inevitable, all of which will be for the infinite good of unionism; there are others who look to Boise and this great case, to demonstrate the essence of civil government and sound its real depths of effectiveness, and for a final and conclusive exhibition of its real value to man; still others who await the history and verdict of the cause, as a new and fundamental departure in the application of law and its processes. The whole affair is full of profound interest to the country at large and nothing but the most exact and rigorous justice is looked for or wanted, since it is to be a source of future judgment in all kindred matters and because of the wide scope of the elemental agencies involved.

SEASIDE REMAINS WET.

Monday's election at Seaside has demonstrated, nearly two to one, that her people are not opposed to the presence of saloons, and the thirsty tourist as well as native, will have something to drink there beside sea water.

The issue was warmly contested and overwhelmingly decided, and by the best and last resort at hand, the local polls. This is always the best way to dispose of popular issues and is wholly satisfactory in the end. We may deprecate public adjustments of this kind but we cannot question them; it is with the individual to vote as he sees fit, and having had recourse to this expedient, there is nothing more to be said. Local matters are susceptible of great bitterness and radical phases of contention, since the people engaged are closely knit in a small compass and are universally familiar with the mooted issues, and are the best judges of the relative merits at stake. For this reason they should be left to the popular expression as made at the polls and the decision abided by unless there is proven collusion or fraud that warrant an appeal.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

General Kuruki will have to answer to the geisha girls for praising the women of America.

Mrs. Gould wants Howard to give her \$250,000 a year for pin money. It must be that her mind is on diamond-pin money.

One of the troubles of the Oklahoma Democrats is that they are unable themselves to understand their proposed constitution.

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TOUGH BEEFSTEAK

Steak in a Union Boarding House Causes Strike.

TWO UNIONS CLASH OVER FEED

General Mixup Between Carpenters and Woodworkers' Unions In Which the Employer Is Squeezed In Trying To Act As Peacemaker.

CHICAGO, June 4.—The fact that there are no rules governing, "Union" boarding houses is deplored by Louis Kirmse, proprietor of the Commercial Cabinet Company who has a strike on his hands today because a union woodworker employed objected to the quality of beef steak served to him for Sunday dinner.

Two unions—the carpenters and the woodworkers—are interested in determining the quality of the steak. The carpenters struck in sympathy with the foreman who discharged the "Fussy" woodworker and was himself discharged. The woodworkers struck because the foreman was reinstated. The plant is practically tied up as a result of the union row.

The woodworker in question, according to Anton Joensen, business agent of the union, was living at a "Union" boarding house conducted by the "Shop steward" of the Carpenters Union. Last Sunday, it is said, he was displeased with the quality of the dinner. Steak was served, but it was not tender, as usual. The "shop steward" in his capacity of boarding house keeper, insisted that the steak was first class.

The controversy resulted in the woodworker changing boarding houses. Yesterday he lost his place, being discharged by the foreman of the plant.

Mr. Kirmse then was appealed to, and ignorant of consequences, reinstated the discharged man, at the same time getting a new foreman. The carpenter's strike followed, 14 men walking out. Mr. Kirmse upon reflection offered to take back his old foreman to appease the strikers. Thereupon 16 woodworkers went on strike. Now all are refusing to go to work.

Every Man His Own Doctor.

The average man cannot afford to employ a physician for every slight ailment or injury that may occur in his family, nor can he afford to neglect them, as so slight an injury as the scratch of a pin has been known to cause the loss of a limb. Hence every man must from necessity be his own doctor for this class of ailments. Success often depends upon prompt treatment, which can only be had when suitable medicines are kept at hand. Chamberlain's Remedies have been in the market for many years and enjoy a good reputation.

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