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THE MEANING OF THE ELECTIONS.

THE SIGNIFICANCE of yesterday's election in this county is found in the independence of the vote, on one hand, and in the strength of the reform movement on the other. In both respects it is highly gratifying to everybody who, without personal motives or hopes of personal reward, favors good government. It means, that even the political machine, all powerful as it has been in so many different directions, may be made amenable to the will of the people. The election demonstrates that the machine is no longer omnipotent and in that fact there is cause for profound satisfaction.

When one political party in any community is so strong that it may split in two factions and yet each faction have more votes than the minority party can muster, there is always great danger for the people on purely local issues. Inevitably powerful machines spring up and these rule with a rod of iron. They put forward not the men the people want or who will serve them, but men who will serve the interest of the machine and do its bidding. So far as the public is concerned it takes what it gets, which is usually the worst of it. An ideal condition would be such a close vote between the parties that each is put on the alert to set forward its best men and can only hope to retain itself in power by giving a good administration. Next to this is the condition in which Portland finds itself today. On national issues it is overwhelmingly Republican, but on local issues, which involve the personal interests of its own people, there is growing up a refreshing degree of independence which will no longer stand for "yellow dog" candidates and raw machine methods. Once these forces come together, as they have come in this instance, it is easy to bring them together again. All of this is of tremendous importance to Portland. It means better government, it means a higher standard of office-holders and it means better service. It also means that the tendency will constantly be toward higher and better things, that raw immoralities will no longer be tolerated, for there will in the future be stricter personal and party accountability.

It proclaims the dawn of a new day for Portland and every good citizen, regardless of politics, will hail it with enthusiasm and delight.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WORD AND MANNING.

THE COMPLIMENT paid to Word and Manning is a great one. Both are Democrats, yet they were elected by decisive majorities in a county which is overwhelmingly Republican. They were elected on the fair and square issue that they were the better men, that they were not tied to or part of the machine and that they would, if elected give clean, honest and honorable administrations of these two important offices.

While they may congratulate themselves and while they are entitled to the congratulations of the friends who have stood so loyally by them their election under the circumstances carries with it peculiar obligations.

They were not elected by party, even though the Democrats stood loyally by them, but by the people. The Democratic vote did not have put them in office, but the people's vote did and by such a pronounced majority as to leave no doubt of their intentions.

When these two men go into office, therefore, they should feel that they are put there in the belief that they will do their whole duty without fear or favor. Whatever they believe the right thing under the law to do, that they should do. Nothing should be permitted to swerve them from that position. If they go upon that theory, if they do what they believe is right and after they get into office, live up to the professions they made before they were elected, their administrations will reflect credit upon themselves and their party and place them in the category of honest and faithful public servants such as are no longer forgotten in Portland.

The very first man on the legislative ticket to come forward and state his unalterable opposition to charter amendment was A. L. Mills; the man who got the biggest vote on the legislative ticket was also, very significantly, A. L. Mills. The other Republicans who made their positions plain were treated accordingly; those who declined to say how they stood received such attention as could not have been pleasing to them, and one of them, A. A. Courtney, was defeated. We hope the right of the people to require an explanation of the attitude of any candidate on any public issue will never again be questioned and the hint given should surely be considered emphatic enough to warn all conspirators from meddling with the charter in such a way as to bring about a postponement of the city election now set down for next year.

PRINCIPLES INDEPENDENCE.

In Not Promising It, Our Government Rejects Its Basic Principles.

From the Chicago Record-Herald, (Rep.) Mr. Horace White has written a letter to the New York Evening Post on the Philippines question that affords an excellent illustration of the persistent vitality there is in the demand of those who are urging the promise of independence. There are unquestionably thousands of Americans who feel a sense of national shame in the thought that the holding of the islands brings us into conflict with the very principles for which we fought in the revolution. Mr. White speaks as a most earnest American when he says that we are repeating the acts of George III, with less excuse than he had, and that such acts are not acquiesced in without deterioration of national character. He certainly strikes a sympathetic chord in many hearts when in referring to the subjection of the Philippines he says: "Therefore, it was not chiefly because of the cruelty and injustice to a distant people who had never harmed us that I opposed this act, but because it gave the lie to everything that I had been taught from infancy to esteem as righteous and of good report in government."

Of course there have been many explanations why the Declaration of Independence did not fit, but none of them is sufficient to destroy the vital force of what is urged in opposition. Mr. White indicates this when he quotes as follows from Lincoln on the framers of the declaration:

They meant to set up a standard maxim for free society which should be familiar to all and revered by all; constantly looked to, constantly labored for, and even though never perfectly attained, constantly guiding and by its inspiration influencing and augmenting the happiness and value of life to all people of all colors, everywhere.

There will never be a time when

Americans are not sensitive to this idea. There will never be a time when great numbers of them will not feel the irony of any interpretation of the idea which would permit a juggling with the maxim, to make the promise of independence a mere slogan. For this reason, we may be quite sure that the promise of independence will appear in one party platform if not in another, and that it will keep recurring unless there is such complete satisfaction in the islands that the desire for independence shall pass wholly away.

PRINCIPLES AND PARTIES.

From the Eugene Journal. Hofer's Salem Capital Journal calls "Kincaid's Eugene Journal Dem." According to the principles and politics of Lincoln and the record of the party for a third of a century, to which the present thrifty commercial outfit "point with pride," Kincaid's Eugene Journal is the best representative of Republicanism in Oregon today, and also the best representative of Democratic principles (of the present time), so far as they stick to any long enough to get acquainted with them, the parties having reversed themselves during the last 40 years. Kincaid's Eugene Journal is not Democratic or Republican, or any other old thing, but has remained true to its principles and professions for 40 years, which is more than any of the Democratic or Republican organs can truthfully say, and is independent and free to say what it believes to be fair and true about any party or public matter. If there were more of the same kind and not so many hypocrites and servile camp followers it would be better for the people.

The True American Way.

For party purposes a deadlock is better than a bolt; but genuine American submission to the will of the majority is better than either.

EXPENSIVE CELEBRATION.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Special to the Chicago Tribune.

Stricken with remorse and threatening to end his life, Albert Greenwood of Palestine, Texas, assistant attorney-general of that state, is being guarded in a hotel of this city by the brother and friends of the girl who yesterday afternoon refused to marry him. Last evening at 8 o'clock Greenwood was to have married Miss Maude Utecht, a most estimable and popular young woman of this city. He celebrated his happiness too much, however, and fell down two flights of stairs at the Walpole county court house, where he went to get a marriage license. Dr. A. E. Craig, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the bride to be is a member, broke the news to the young woman.

She dutifully refused to permit arrangements for the wedding to proceed, and through the public press, recalled the invitations and announced that the wedding was indefinitely postponed. Greenwood, grief stricken, held a final meeting with his sweetheart, and when she proved obstinate he returned to his hotel and threatened to end his life. Relatives of the girl, to prevent further scandal are guarding him.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH.

Pendleton, East Oregonian. The phenomenal growth of the Oregon Daily Journal has reached a climax never before attained by a newspaper west of the Rocky mountains. Yesterday it closed the largest printing contract ever closed on the Pacific coast. A contract for printing 54,800 inches of advertising matter in a period of 15 months, was closed with Olds, Wortman & King, one of the progressive department store firms of Portland. The Oregon Daily Journal has also reached a higher circulation in the remote corners of Oregon than any other Oregon paper.

Small Change

Did you vote for Teddy yesterday?

Now people can attend more strictly to business.

A great many Oregon people are poring over figures today.

On local offices people voted more independently than ever before.

Look and feel as pleasant as possible, even if you were defeated.

It is rather a new thing to vote for a president twice in the same year.

Intelligent and conscientious scratching at the polls is a public benefit.

Next time The Journal will have a good many thousands more circulation.

Now that politics retires, preparations for Fourth of July celebrations can go forward.

Judge Parker has spoken at last; he delivered an address to law school graduates.

Baseball will attract more attention hereafter, as the politicians have retired from view.

The machine is like an automobile that has jumped down a declivity and butted into a tree.

Now Mr. Bailey can attend to his official duties again, which he is capable of doing very well.

The fighting ability of the Japs continues to astonish the world, particularly the Russians.

The Democrats are great on sheriffs, having apparently elected many, if not most, of them in the state.

Mr. Courtney, as the executive officer of the machine, ran the convention, but he could not run the voters.

The revolt against railroad domination in politics is large already in eastern Washington, and still growing.

Judge O'Day did not faint when he heard the news; he had a suspicion that he would not have votes enough.

We are to have a school election soon. If there are opposing candidates, be careful that you vote for Roosevelt.

Kuraptakin says he expected to lose all his battles at the start. But at this rate the start will include the finish.

Ten years ago today the highest water ever known here reached its highest level, and it is a flood time for some late candidates now.

O well, it is not a crime yet to vote against the Republican ticket in whole or in part, though it would be if some people had their way.

But there is slight prospect that President Roosevelt's secretary of war will give Portland any trans-Pacific transportation, all the same.

The great majority given in Multnomah county to J. W. Bailey was a deserved tribute to a worthy and useful official—one who knows his duty and does it.

Now Messrs. Courtney, Stott and Reed realize that a nomination, even with a great party majority in one's favor, is not always equivalent to an election.

President Baer is one man who loves a long hard winter, and he doesn't care about a few hundred people freezing to death. They are too poor to buy coal, and so are cumberers of the trust's earth.

The Atlanta Journal says Georgia can elect the next president; also that Parker's nomination is now a foregone conclusion. The Journal had hysterics over Parker for several weeks and now has gone "plum crazy."

According to registration there are 12 journalists, two newspaper men and one publisher in Marion county. Considering the large proportion of journalists, very good papers saying about their politics, are published there.

Owners of cherry trees do not mind what the robins take, as saucy to give their worms, but the small boy, and some not so small, who steal the fruit before it is ripe, and in many cases break off the limbs, are not borne with so patiently.

J. E. Hedges, Democratic candidate for joint representation from Multnomah and Clackamas counties, made a great run in the latter—more than a thousand ahead of the average of his ticket—and so can feel well, even if he could not carry Multnomah.

The people demand and expect of Mr. Manning and Mr. Word that they will do their full duty and make the best officials in their respective offices Multnomah county ever had. The Journal believes that they realize and appreciate their responsibility and obligation to the people who gave them such a vote of confidence.

PAUNES POORLY PACKED.

From a Consular Report.

When the exports of United States prunes to France began to reach such large proportions two or three years ago, the quality and packing gave rise to few or no complaints. The fruit was well preserved, the "count" and the weight always correct, the packages were strong and neat, and the whole affair was that of the French fruit. The enormous expansion which has taken place in the trade during the past season has led to many abuses. While some of the best brands have been kept up to their former reputation, a number of new firms have appeared in the market whose goods are not up to the proper standard. They have attempted to secure trade by means of attractive prices, which could only be covered by packing low-grade fruit, giving short weight, wrong count, and cheap and defective packages.

Fatal Oversight.

From the Chicago News.

"Young Watkins and his bride have already quarreled," remarked the society reporter, "although they have only been married two weeks."

"What's the trouble?" asked the sporting editor.

"It seems," explained the pencil-shaver, "that the wedding presents were at the bottom of it. He wanted to take two or three of them to his office, and she objected."

"Serves 'em right," growled the sporting editor; "they should have signed an agreement as to the division of the gifts before the match was pulled off."

DINKELSPIEL AT THE RACES

(By George V. Hobart.)

Ven I voke up early this morning der fastest ding Katarina set by me vas: "Dinky, dis vill be a fine day mit such a hotness in der thermometer, and I would wish to vent by der Brooklyn Handicap and show my new dinky gown mit der chiffon skirt and der applique frittens on der straight front corage at Sheepshead Bay."

"Vait, voman," I set; "der Brooklyn Handicap is not at Sheepshead Bay. It is at Gravesend. Doan't show your difference by getting der wrong geography, please."

"I would preference Sheepshead Bay because der color scheme is better for my new dress," she responded, "but I vill go to Gravesend, because I belief in der proverb, 'vill says do it is done,' and it can't be undone, especially if it is a hard-bolled egg."

"Chee vial! Who is it der man dot can resistance der tender pleadings of a luffing vife vhe she has a new dress vich should be der observed of all der observations?"

Und den der bitter question arose how to get to Gravesend vidout getting pierced by der glittering eyes of Cherome and McAdoodle.

Vell, as der old saying goes, it is a long street dot has no poolroom, so vile Cherome and McAdoodle vas cheering der brave coppers on to victory in hidderto unsuspected places vas schlippled out of der city by der back door and rushed break'lessly to der racetrack at Gravesend.

"Chee vial! Such a bunch of peoples! As far as der eye could stretch vas could see human beings pushing hider and tilder and den rushing back again!"

Efervare I could see brave mens mit der pocketbooks full of money, and der sure thing on der fastest race in der under, veighing dem in der balance.

In der far corners I could see fearless souls mit a tip on der handicap between der teeth, biting it to see vas it der real goods.

People I nefer met before rushed up to me, dug der elbows into my cafe department and vas on der way before I could return der compliments of der season.

In der first ten minutes 219 strange stood on my feet and only four of dem thanked me der privilege.

Men who der sight of Cherome and McAdoodle would run eight conspicuous miles as der crowd files spilled money all over der place and dared der bookmakers to pick it up.

By der time vas seegressed into der grandstand Katarina hat der racing fever in its vorst stages, and der temperature rushed up to 104 in der shade.

"Dinky," she set, "I haf been listening my ears to der public opinions of dem present, and I tink you should bet \$4 across der board between McChestnuts to vin and Irish Lad for der place, mit Highball on der side. Den you should bet tree dollars more because der Irish Lad vas der shodder der-shodder at Coney Island and sprained your elbow, dot vas a good omen dot Toboggan vill vin der race—yes?"

Mit der patience of a saint I concealed der anger vich vas hiding behind my vail der swam.

"Den, Dinky," my vife vent on, mit persuasive elumquence, "you should bet \$2 for a place on Africkard, because der coon song is my favorite music, vich is a good omen. Den I tink \$4 more for der shodder, because der name of Claude Diefenbauer, vich is a floorwalker in a delicatessen store, and it is a good omen—yes?"

But let us draw a wale over dis bitter scene of connubial infelicitousness.

hing off der stage, Mabel Fenton came forward.

"I want to say that I began with der boys eight years ago," said Miss Fenton, "and I am closing with der Lillian Russell said I was sorry, but that she hoped—"I hope a whole lot," she said, turning toward der partners, who stood on opposite sides of der stage.

Then came Charles J. Ross:—"It is a shame, for der call der night," as Mrs. Ross said, we were der first to sign a contract with them when they opened der music hall eight years ago, and we are here tonight. I call it business suicide."

The cheers and exclamations of der audience that followed dis speech ended only when der two men were brought down to der footlights, where they stood side by side.

It was then that der theatrical end of der scene vanished and it became more natural. Fields was laboring under very strong emotions, his partner was likewise affected. "We can only say we are sorry," said Weber.

"Shake hands!" said a voice from der audience. The men did so.

"I can only echo Mr. Weber's sentiments," said Fields at last, and then, both turning, joined hands with der old colleagues and der familiar old tune saw der curtain fall.

There was more demonstration among der members of der company after der curtain had gone down. Many of der der hushler ranks have been with der organization for der eight years. They were not ashamed of der tears as they said goodbye. Both Weber and Fields were compelled to shake hands again and again with other members of der company.

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Oregon Sidelights