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THE PORTLAND CONVENTION

THE EXPECTED happened. Conventions stands revealed. One incident of yesterday explains why conventions are wanted.

Even before the legislative slate was put through the convention, The Journal appeared on the street, detailing the story of the facts about the conferences, and gave the names of the slated candidates.

Such is government by convention. This innocent, virtuous assembly, called an assembly to show how virtuous it is, was stacked, packed, framed up, and its legislative ticket with one exception, was named by the Portland Gas company, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, the banking interests and other corporations.

All this was expected, and it happened. It is for such business that conventions are held. It is for such business that there is effort to take selection of candidates out of the hands of the people and give it to conventions.

THE LINES DRAWN

THERE is one and but one commanding political issue in Oregon. Yesterday's political conventions in Portland and other Oregon cities draw the line of battle. The contest is not one of political parties. It is a vastly greater contest than parties. It is a renewal in a new form of the struggle between the efforts of the few to control the many and the effort of the many who think for themselves to resist.

There is no law for holding conventions in Oregon. Political parties that at the preceding election cast 25 per cent of the vote of the state are prohibited from holding party conventions.

Delegates assembled, organized and selected candidates. The conventions were held in spite of the fact that they are forbidden by law. They were held in spite of the fact that the last legislature refused to make them lawful, and left them still unlawful.

Conventions are here. They have been held. They were held yesterday all over Oregon. Their purpose is to take away the right to nominate candidates from the electorate and put it into the hands of a few managing men in a convention.

No issue so vital has been presented to Oregon people. They used to sit helpless and see their taxes voted away by the legislature. They can veto appropriations now. They used to sit impotent and see the legislature reject measure after measure that they wanted.

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JEW AND IRISH

NOTABLE speaker of the past week at the Willamette Chautauque assembly was Rev. Madison C. Peters, the topic of one of whose lectures was the Jews of whom he is not one. He asserted and without difficulty or contradiction proved that though often and almost always persecuted in many ways and in all countries except the United States, the number of Jews who had risen to eminence or prominence in literature, in art, in science, in politics, and in other fields besides that of trade, in which they are admittedly preeminent, is and has been far out of proportion to the total number of Jews.

The same thing could be said of a very different people racially and religiously, the Irish. They, too, have no nation of their very own, that for centuries they have dreamed of, and longed for and formerly fought for.

Jew and the Irishman, so different in the respects mentioned, yet alike in power of achievement; and incomparably poorer in every way than our country would have been but for them.

This week the national convention of the largest and most influential society of Irishmen, the Hibernians, will meet in Portland. Thousands of good, jolly, bright, earnest, vigorous, red-blooded Irish-Americans from all parts of the country will be here.

TOO MUCH MICROBEISM

MAGAZINE says that the spectacle of microbes, enlarged 30,000 times, showing their activities in the human blood, will soon be thrown on the white screens of moving picture theatres as well as before bodies of students.

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Senator Bristow of Kansas, because he is not in entire accord with the administration in some matters, because he is an "insurgent," has been deprived of the federal "patronage" usually at the disposal of senators.

aspirations commend Mr. Malarkey's candidacy. He is a citizen in whom there is no flaw. He is a Republican who is sound to the core.

THINK OF SOMETHING PLEASANT

A SENTENCE in an exchange makes a good text. It was: "Think of something pleasant."

What an infinite variety of pleasant things there are in the world, after all, to think and speak about. Merely to mention them all the space in this big Sunday Journal would not suffice.

Think of something pleasant—the first thing in the morning, in the evening, as you go to bed, often through the day. Thinking thus, you will speak pleasantly, act pleasantly, will please others, will be happy, yourself.

MARJORY MAHR

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There is said to be a case of hydrophobia, the victim a boy now in a Portland hospital, he having been bitten by a dog several months ago in Columbia county.

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July 17 in History—Charlotte Corday

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jealousy or ill will that the remark is made that Portland is now and for some months past has been growing and developing and pushing ahead faster and in a more substantial way than Seattle.

Mr. Pinchot in a speech while ago said it was better and more important to be a good citizen than a good Republican.

The frequent destruction of horses by fire, and just now, in particular, the burning of a large number of horses in the old Exposition building, should prompt action on the part of city authorities to prevent such holocausts.

In the case of Paymaster Haughy of Indiana the naval authorities seem to have tried to show how far they could go in meting out injustice.

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News Forecast of Coming Week

Washington, July 14.—President Taft will extend the 19 days' vacation now ended by taking a 10 days' cruise on the yacht Mayflower, beginning Monday.

To Prolong Human Life. From the Technical World Magazine. The scientific world in France is now in a state of agitation and of controversy over the announcement recently made by Dr. Eugene Louis Doyen, a famous physician and surgeon, that he has produced a therapeutic agent which he calls micolysine and which he asserts will greatly prolong human life and revolutionize the practice of medicine.

It is feasible, said Professor Mechnikoff, with his habitual caution, when questioned concerning Dr. Doyen's discovery. "But I can scarcely permit myself to hope that we have reached this point so soon. It is a devout wish we have been pursuing, and while I am confident of ultimate success, I must refrain from expressing an exact opinion until the data of experiments are more nearly complete."

Dr. Doyen himself is unreservedly enthusiastic. He declares that he and his assistants have observed the curative effects of micolysine in hundreds of cases, and that among his own patients are many prominent men who have been cured of long-standing diseases and who now use micolysine as a preventive.

From the Cottage Grove Leader. The Oregonian and a few parrot-like country dailies are prating about the inability of the people to understand and vote intelligently on their own measures which will be tacked on the official ballot in November.

A Wonderful Apple Tree. Experienced growers predict that the Fraser apple tree growing in the Walla Walla valley near Walla Walla, which yielded 160 and 200 bushels of fruit this season, thus breaking its record of 126 1/2 bushels in 1907, the highest production from a single tree known anywhere in the world.

The Grange and Good Roads. In a recent address Honorable N. J. Bacheider, master of the national grand lodge, said: "During all the years of its existence, the grange has preached the gospel of good roads, and has urged upon our state and national legislatures the importance of this great economic reform."

Predicts Defeat. Flint Bradford in Hood River News. We will venture the prediction that anyone that is nominated on the assembly ticket for either state or federal office will suffer defeat and submit the following as our reasons to base our opinion.

THE primary law was in itself a state measure passed by the people through the assembly of the state legislature. Now the Oregonian has taken credit for it, and the primary law aside from the following is the true way, you are the wrong.

Skeptical. From Punch. "Little Girl—Look, Auntie, there's a poor man with a wooden leg. Can't I give him a penny?" "No, Auntie, I can't. He's certainly not dear. I have no doubt he's an impostor."

A necessary part of a modern education in a city is to become an expert automobile dodger.