

LAWRENCE SEES LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARTIES

By David Lawrence (Copyrighted, 1920) San Francisco, July 8.—Anybody who attended both the Republican and Democratic conventions will always be asked whether or not one or the other of them were controlled or biased. Of course the Democrats point enthusiastically to the 44 ballots, and to the prolonged debate on the platform as evidence that the delegates worked out their choices here without dictation or undue influence.

But the writer, who isn't in the slightest degree interested which party is successful next autumn, came to the conclusion that in only a very few particulars did the Democratic convention differ from the Republican gathering. Essentially they were the same.

WILSON KEPT OUT Senator Penrose wielded his influence as of old. So did Charlie Murphy of Tammany Hall. The old guard in each party came back to party control this year. Alongside at Chicago the group who tried to get the nomination for Hiram Johnson were the merest amateurs. And alongside at New York, Brannan, Nugent, Moore of Ohio, Marsh of Iowa and Stanley of Kentucky, the group of Democrats were born with the advent of Woodrow Wilson at Baltimore were the merest cadets.

Everybody who is in a position to know the facts will testify that the master politician of the progressive democracy—Woodrow Wilson—kept hands off because his son-in-law was in the race. It is also true that McAdoo's fortunes would have fared much better if he had had at San Francisco somebody like Daniel C. Roper to deal with the Democratic bosses and talk to them in their own language.

THE CONVENTION ITSELF was unbossed in the sense that the balance of power was held by a set of Western delegates who were free from Eastern domination. But these delegates were worn out and confused by the effort of the chief McAdoo leaders to play the game that the old hands knew ever so much better.

It is true that the bosses who favored Cox's nomination because they thought him wet enough to help their local tickets in state and city campaigns did not actually control a majority of the Democratic convention. Jimmy Cox didn't get a tainted nomination. No, the delegates who were for McAdoo were converted by those infinitely painstaking processes of persuasion which are known only to those who have worked on a convention floor in the heat of battle.

THE WEST FINALLY swung to Cox, and the speech made by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi nominating Cox, together with the skillfully presented arguments concerning the fine record of governor of Ohio, during three terms helped create so far as Cox himself was concerned an atmosphere entirely favorable. The deadlock and struggle came because of the wets who were espousing Cox.

Democrats must be given credit, however, for one piece of political wisdom which the Republicans should have followed. The managers of the McAdoo forces virtually entered into an agreement that the choice was to be McAdoo or Cox. No dark horse was to be considered so long as either had a chance to win as against any other candidates.

The Democrats didn't eliminate their strongest vote-getters simply because of rivalry between managers, as at Chicago. PERHAPS OVER-CONFIDENT One side here surrendered to the other. First Palmer withdrew, then McAdoo's men capitulated. Disinterested Republicans say Wood or Lowden or Johnson would have been better vote-getters than Harding. Of course the Republican leaders at Chicago considered the resentment over the Wilson administration so great as to make it possible for any compromise candidate to ride into power on the momentum of the good of the party.

But the Republicans felt sure that the Democratic candidate would be McAdoo or some counterpart of Wilson. It happens that the Democratic nominee was given birth by parents who are almost as successful of Woodrow Wilson's treatment of organization Democrats (as are the Republicans on other issues Wilsonian). The truth is Governor Cox may be found praising the League of Nations and upholding the record of President Wilson's administration but enthusiastic Tammany and other Democratic organizations will spread the word throughout their various electorates that Cox means a new deal, a new "binet" and no obligation to retain in office the Burleasons and the Creels and their ilk who have helped to diminish the president's prestige.

WEST HARD TO HANDLE Jimmy Cox will not be required to submerge domestic issues like the cost of living to internationalism. He will not be held responsible by the spellbinders in his behalf for anything that has happened in Washington in the last eight years any more than will Warren Harding be held to account for the mistakes of Taft.

Unquestionably the Democrats have improved their chances in the East by throwing off the Wilson burden, though they have taken a long chance with the West, which still treasures its idealism and looks at the achievements of Wilson as something too big in history to be brushed aside by mistakes in the appointment of third class postmasters. TAKE SIMILAR STANDS Republicans at Chicago drew away from the larger international issues and reverted to the good old days of simple campaigning and simple questions. So did the Democrats, who spent more time arguing about beer and wine than they

SWISS ECONOMISTS VISIT NORTHWEST



Seated, from left—Fred Muller, Ed H. Bally, Alfred Ott and Walter Farnier. Standing—Hans Fach, Rudolf Schnorr, Werner Schober and Max Felchlin.

did on anything else. Even after the platform was adopted, the liquor issue was the controlling factor in the movement for and against Cox. It is to be an old-fashioned campaign on both sides, probably with torchlight processions and marching clubs. Jimmy Cox will not have much of a quarrel with Senator Harding about the League of Nations. Both will ask for the same thing—the ratification of the treaty with reservations that "reconcile all differences."

FREE-WAR BASIS For, be it known, the 21 Democratic senators who voted for the Lodge reservations threw most of their support here to Governor Cox, since they expected him not to offer them up on the altar because they differed with President Wilson on the matter of reservations. The League issue is likely to be obscured in the East unless Hiram Johnson jumps into the fray and demands that Harding interest the Republican platform too liberally.

The present outlook is for a straight out fight on the merits of Republicanism and Democracy apart entirely from affairs European. Wars may come and wars may go. Politics is back if nothing else is back, on a peace basis.

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reduction in the purchasing price of the dollar. Few countries produced the things necessary to the happiness of their people, and, in addition to that, extravagance ran riot. Industrial life is slowly getting back to peace time production, but it finds raw materials, wages, and everything higher than peace time prices. In addition to that, the profiteer in many instances gets control of commodities and he adds to their cost, and all is paid by the consumer. Hence, very briefly stated, we have the reasons for the merited complaint against the high cost of living. The cause is to be found largely in economic laws.

LAWYERS HELP ONLY LITTLE "Prosecuting the profiteer under laws now in force or under those to be enacted may help a little, but that is as a drop in the bucket. Deflation must come through national and international arrangements, and last, but not least, much depends upon the individual."

"Extravagance, individual and state, must end, and production must be increased. Economy and thrift ought to be the watchword of every individual, and relief from present burdens, though it may not be immediate, is sure to come. To successfully prosecute war Napoleon said it was necessary to have 'money, more money.' To reduce the cost of living the more quickly we should have 'production, more production; economy, more economy.'"

"Sometime before adjournment I introduced a bill to extend the provisions of the so-called Bankhead bill and to appropriate money to spend in highway construction in cooperation with the states. A good deal of testimony has been taken by the committee on post-offices and post roads and I am hopeful that the bill may be passed. Well constructed roads, state and interstate, will measurably assist in the solution of the freight congestion, and I am glad to see that Oregon is taking a leading part in this important work."

"Congress has been fairly liberal in making appropriations for river and harbor work. It is easier to ask for assistance for a state which, like this, shows its faith by contributing dollar for dollar with the government. In this matter, like irrigation, it must not be forgotten that the war has made such great demands upon the treasury that congress has had to limit appropriations for all internal improvements. From this time on I am hopeful that a more liberal spirit will be shown toward eye out for Oregon."

"There are many other matters I would like to call attention to as affecting the state and I will take occasion to do so from time to time while I am permitted to remain at home, and this will be until congress convenes. "You ask me to say something about the Democratic nominees and platform. The Democratic platform, it seems to me, the more forward looking, as well as the more progressive, of the platform of the two great parties, and the Democratic convention has certainly nominated one of the most progressive men in the country. I preferred Mc-

Adoo because he was recognized nationally as a fearless, constructive statesman, possessing imagination, initiative and a will to do the things which seemed to him best to be done in any emergency. Such a man I believe Governor Cox to be, though his reputation is rather local than national. "As evidence of his constructive and progressive statesmanship, attention may be called to the fact that during his three terms as governor these laws have been passed: a mothers' pension system; a pension act; a modified workmen's compensation act; the initiative and referendum, including a primary election law; a scientific budget law, which results in a great saving to the taxpayers of the state; a child labor law, which other states have adopted as a model; a mothers' pension system; a primary limit of storage of food products, thus measurably checking profiteering in such products; extension of a system of good roads, and many other laws that modern conditions demand."

HE'S ACCOMPLISHED MUCH "Judging him by his work in the past, there is reason to believe he will make good in higher place if only an opportunity is given him. And last, but not least, he is a democrat in the higher sense of the term, in that he is approachable by all men—the lowliest and the highest—on equal terms. Like the immortal Lincoln, he made his way from the humblest walks of life by his own efforts and, preparing himself for service by sacrifice and study, moved onward and upward when the door of opportunity opened to him."

"I know Franklin D. Roosevelt personally and well. He is in every way fitted for the vice presidency. He is young, brainy and active, and certainly gave a good account of himself during the war as assistant secretary of the navy. I believe, if elected, he will give equally as good an account of himself as vice president."

Senator Chamberlain will remain in Oregon until the senate meets in regular session in December. During his time here at home he intends to visit various sections of the state, make personal inspections of the many development projects for which assistance will be asked of congress, meet with the people of the state, renew old friendships and get in closed touch with home conditions than has been possible since the war began to keep congress in almost continuous session."

It is expected that the senator will be the speaker at a mass meeting at The Auditorium in the near future, which is contemplated by his Portland friends as a general homecoming meeting for him.

Lumber Mill Resumes Dec. 9.—The big sawmill of the Oregon Lumber company has resumed operations after being shut down for four days that its 300 employees might celebrate the Fourth.

MONEY TOO HIGH FOR SWITZERLAND, DECLARES FARNER

Exchange rates are too high for Switzerland to do much trading with other countries or attempt to attract much tourist travel and a great amount of labor trouble has crippled industry, but the little Alpine republic is prospering despite these difficulties.

General conditions in the oldest republic in the world were explained this morning by Walter Farnier, prominent business man of Berne, who with eight other Swiss business men, arrived Thursday morning.

The Swiss delegation is a part of the commission of 200 Swiss business men, which has been touring eastern industrial centers to make a study of business conditions. The party which came to Portland is making a tour of Pacific coast cities, inquiring into industrial conditions and working for closer relations between states and cities of the Pacific and Switzerland.

"Money exchange rates are much too high for us to engage in an active foreign trade," said Farnier. "Tourist travel has been very slow in picking up. We have had much labor trouble, as the general strike of 1918 has been followed by numerous indications of unrest. But we are prosperous and happy."

The visitors arrived at 7:20 a. m. and were met by a committee from the United Swiss Societies of Oregon, which will be the guest of the visitors. They will remain three days inspecting industrial plants in Portland and vicinity. Saturday the Swiss business men will be taken out the Columbia river highway as far as Eagle Creek, so they may be given an opportunity to compare the scenery of Oregon with the scenic grandeur of their homeland. Cars will leave Swiss hall at 10 a. m. and a picnic will be held at Eagle Creek.

Former Lieutenant Admits Ownership Of Murder Pistols Chicago, July 5.—(I. N. S.)—Carl Wanderer, former army lieutenant, after being trapped in a maze of conflicting statements in connection with the slaying of his wife and an unidentified man in the vestibule of the Wanderer home June 21, confessed today that he had carried both automatic pistols used in the shooting—his own, which he used to kill the unidentified stranger, and the one found beside the body of the latter.

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"The complaint of high prices has followed every year of our nation's history. It followed the revolution, and the profiteer, under another name, was bitterly denounced by the citizens of Philadelphia and other cities as an enemy to his country. It followed the war of 1812, of 1846 and particularly the Civil war. Sugar, coffee, flour and nearly everything that entered into the life of the citizen reached such limits that the average family had to do without many things necessary to comfort and happiness. The same fundamental causes were at work in those times as now. "Industrial life in this war as never before abandoned the production of things that go to make for human happiness and turned attention to the manufacture of implements of death and destruction of human life and property. Instead, therefore, of producing, the world was engaged in destroying production. A period of inflation followed and higher prices were inevitable, increasing, of course, with the continued



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