

SMASHING THE MACHINES

THE smashing of the machines in direct primaries, as was done in Pennsylvania and Indiana, shows why there is a movement to bring back the old convention system.

Pinchot is the choice of a majority of the Republican voters of Pennsylvania. He wouldn't have had a ghost of a show if the convention had been the method of nominating in Pennsylvania.

When a citizen shows a disposition to do his own thinking without consulting the generalissimo of party he is marked. They want docile men. They want officials who can be handled.

And there are others who want unrebelling officials. Administrations don't want the people to break away from the policies of the ruling regime.

Under the convention system Beveridge, with all that official phalanx against him, would have gotten nowhere. Yet Beveridge, as the vote showed, was the popular choice of the Republicans of Indiana.

The convention is a device for strangling popular choice and limiting voters to a restricted field in the choice of candidates. Behind the scenes in the convention managing men do their work with a certainty, celerity and effectiveness that never fails.

A COMMON-SENSE RELIGIONIST

Paul the Apostle Exhibited as Always Insistent That the Faith Professed Should Mean the Corresponding Life Lived—Religion Worthless Unless Manifest in Character and Daily Conduct.

From the Chicago Evening Post. We sometimes wonder if those who are engaged in commending religion to their fellow men should make greater headway if they put a little more emphasis upon the practical implications of a vital faith in God.

There is something about the purple of the distances and the link of nearer approach in Hood River valley at blossom time that enraptures the lover of sheer color effects.

It is worth while noting some of the Pauline admonitions. Our quotations will be made from the Epistle to the Romans. As an example of Paul's common sense, take this bit of advice to the Christians in Thessalonians:

Paul was a great believer in cheerful living. Religion was a thing to joy for him. He said that you do avoid joy for bling and disputing," he writes to the group at Philippi, "so as to be blameless and innocent, false accusers, peace-loving, where you shine like stars in a dark world."

Among our most conspicuous warm weather products are flowers, flounces, flappers, flies, flivvers and floods, not to mention neckpieces furs.

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THE OREGON COUNTRY

Northwest Homesteads in Brief Form for the Busy Reader.

OREGON Although no person has yet been selected to be the first Oregon homestead agent, applications for the position of superintendent.

OREGON The first directly flower shop ever in the Northwest was organized in Coos county last week.

OREGON Mrs. John May, one of the oldest of Oregon's pioneer women, died at her home in Astoria last week.

OREGON The body of Abraham Holm, 77 years old, was found floating in Lake Washington at Seattle Tuesday night.

IDAHO Of the \$1,038,000 agricultural and livestock loans just announced by the Federal Reserve corporation, Idaho received \$1,514,000.

IDAHO Plans have been completed for the new Boise State penitentiary, which will be located on the Boise river.

Advertisement for Oregon Journal, listing subscription rates and contact information.

Advertisement for 'WHAT ABOUT CONSUMERS?' discussing the rights of consumers and the impact of mass production.

Advertisement for 'OUT OF THE STAR DEPTHS' discussing the science of meteorites and their impact on Earth.

Advertisement for 'WHAT THE HEAVENS DECLARE' discussing the glory of God and the firmament.

Advertisement for 'OLD JOE' discussing the end of a hand and the publication of a book.

Advertisement for 'GUBERNATORIAL RACE' discussing the gubernatorial election in Oregon.

Advertisement for 'LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE' discussing various letters and community news.

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