MANY GOVERNORS PREFER TO KEEP DIRECT PRIMARY

(By United News)

New York, July 13.—Efforts of political leaders to do away with the direct primary system will meet with small success, judging from statements made to the United News by governors of states.

Critics of the primary favor a return to the old system of making political nominations in party conventions. But apparently their views are not shared by governors—and it is the states that would have to change the electoral laws since the primary is a state institution, state administered.

The primary system recently has been subjected to an unusual amount of criticism. Critics have included such important figures as President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty.

CAUCUS CONDEMNED

Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas believes that while the direct primary has faults it is much to be preferred to the machinery it displaced.

"I realize fully that the direct primary has not met with the full success its advocates hoped for it," said Allen, in a statement to the United News. "Nevertheless the discontent with it is probably not as great as that which existed concerning the old caucus and convention method of nominating public officers.

"I do not agree with those who contend that it is responsible for corruption and inefficiency in public life. These characteristics of public life have been with us from the beginning and the old method to which those who oppose the direct primary system desire to return, did not save us from these evils.

FAVORS SHORT BALLOT

"The direct primary system gives the public the freedom to act in the choice of their official representatives and this freedom is in itself a valuable safeguard. We are giving the primary too much work in most of the states. The ballot should be shortened and the responsibility of the officers who are chosen at the primary thus emphasized and dramatized.

"In this state the direct primary has given us an occasional bad result, but on the whole the average of accomplishment is better than that secured in the old way.

"The errors which we now suffer are those resulting from carelessness and indifference on the part of citizens. The evils of the old system were often the result of sinister manipulation on the part of practical politicians who sought to control government for selfish ends."

PRIMARY SHOULD REMAIN

Harry L. Davis, governor of Ohio, is likewise in favor of the direct primary system, and believes it should remain.

"I am in favor of the direct primary system," Davis declared. "It was established after the old convention system, through many years of its operation, had shown frequent inconsistency with the popular need or interest.

"Perhaps sometime—when the millenium of ideal control, guided always solely by the common interest of the entire people, comes to pass—the old system might no longer be open to the objections which caused it to be swept away by public disapproval and demand for progress.

"There are few indications of the immediate prospectiveness of this ultimate era, hence the direct primary system, even with some of the comparative drawbacks that may be inherent to it, should not be permitted to be endangered by specious arguments of its foes."

EXTENSION FAVORED

Edward I. Edwards, governor of New Jersey, is emphatic in his support of the primary. He said:

"It is here to stay to be extended, rather than abolished. It would be an evil day for this country should the time ever arrive when the people are not to be trusted to select as well as elect their candidates for public affairs. Our government is evolved from the town meeting, and the closer we keep to the true and tried ideals of the men who built so well, the better."

Minnesota is one of the states that has retained the direct primary system, but has provided for a pre-primary party convention. Governor J. A. O. Preus explains how the system operates:

"At the last session of the legislature and upon my recommendation, a pre-primary convention was enacted into law. This convention met in Minnesota on March 21 and nominated its candidates and adopted a platform. Each candidate is privileged to have the words 'recommended by Republican convention' on the ballot, or if it is a Democratic convention or Farmer-Labor convention these words go after the names of those candidates.

"I was nominated for governor by the Republican party by convention at the primaries on June 19, without making any campaign. The ticket was nominated by about 100,000 plurality. We all had opposition. I believe this is a good arrangement for it eliminates a great many self-seekers who split up the vote in a primary and prevents expression of the will of the majority of voters.

"The nominees of the convention in our state made no campaign, but if the convention had not acted honestly and properly the primary would have furnished the opportunity for a just rebuke to the convention. In this manner our primary is left intact and so far it strikes me as the best solution of this perplexing problem."

Academy Boys Play in Street; Neighbors Object

Complaints filed with the city council by the Resthaven sanitarium and other neighbors of the Hill Military academy on 24th and Johnson streets, will be investigated as soon as school reopens for the fall term, it was announced after a hearing held in the city hall Wednesday. The sanitarium management protested that the academy provides no playground for the boys, who are forced to use the streets, at great danger to themselves as well as annoyance to the neighbors.

The hearing developed quite a bitter neighborhood row and the council decided to go into the matter itself as soon as the students are back in school.

Field Hospital to Hold Its Reunion

The fourth annual reunion of the 364th field hospital company, 316th sanitary train, 91st division, will be held Saturday night in the Benson hotel. The banquet and entertainment which is being arranged by a committee composed of John Helmer, Dr. Alfred Schilt, J. Harry Carroll, William Harrison Stipe and James M. Vranizan will start at 7:15 o'clock. A majority of the members of the company are living out of Portland, but word has been received that quite a number will be on hand. It was on July 15, 1917, that the outfit left Portland, being one of the original enlisted companies to leave Oregon.

STILL IS CONFISCATED

Eighty-one gallons of moonshine and a 35-gallon still were confiscated by morals squad police in a raid at No. 1135 East 23d street north, where they arrested C. W. Wilson and C. B. Ward. Dan Allen, a visitor, was charged with violating the prohibition ordinance.

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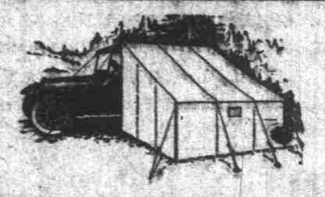

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GAS MONOPOLY BY STANDARD SCORED

Washington, July 13.—(U. P.)—A denunciation of the policy of the Standard Oil company in "continuing to maintain a monopoly" of the gasoline supply of the United States was contained in a report of the federal trade commission to congress today.

Immediate legislation to prevent interlocking stock ownership among the various Standard Oil concerns was suggested as the only solution of the situation.

The combination is now "within the law" in view of supreme court interpretations of the Sherman anti-trust law. These decisions permit common stock ownership in corporations which have been members of a combination dissolved under the Sherman law, and hence the only remedy open is creation of a new law to prevent such action, the report adds.

POLICEMEN SUED; ACCUSED OF HASTENING MAN'S DEATH

Suit asking $7500 damages from Lieutenant Harvey Thatcher and Patrolmen William A. Florence, W. E. Drennen and W. N. Johnson was filed in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon by Oscar J. Holm, who alleges his brother, George Holm, received injuries during a course of brutal and inhuman treatment by the police which hastened his death.

Holm was arrested as a suspected highwayman September 22, 1921. While in the custody of the police he developed some cerebral trouble and died September 28, 1921. The complaint alleges the police abused the man, which is given as the "proximate" cause of death.

The police are accused of assaulting the man with their fists. At the time of the death of Holm an investigation was conducted both by the chief of police, the district attorney and the coroner, and all police connected with the case were exonerated from blame. Thatcher denied that any brutal treatment was permitted while he was present during the interviews.

PHONE DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTED

Distribution of the new June directory of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company was completed Tuesday night. Beginning Monday operators will inform telephone users of changes of numbers when wrong numbers are called. This service will be continued for a month until all subscribers are informed.

Confectioners to Convene on Water

Two special cars with 30 members of the Wholesale Confectioners' association arrived today from the South and East en route to Puget Sound, where they will take a steamer trip to Alaska. The wholesale men will hold their annual convention on the boat during the trip north. Today they were taken for a tour of the Columbia river highway by local confectionery manufacturers.

EARWIGS WIN OUT

Earwigs in Portland may breathe signs of relief and go on their devastating way rejoicing, so far as the city council is concerned. The ordinance providing for an appropriation of $2000 to aid in exterminating these pests is a dead issue. The city council decided Wednesday to give the matter no further consideration, as the county commissioners have failed to make a like appropriation, on which the city's appropriation was contingent.

TEMPLE FALLS IN; FOUR MEN HURT

Philadelphia, July 13.—(U. P.)—Four men are known to be dead and more than 25 persons were rushed to hospitals, several of them seriously injured, as a result of the collapse of the wall and eleventh floor of the old Odd Fellows temple this afternoon. Fifteen men were working on the eleventh floor when the accident occurred.

EX-PASTOR GADDED, SAYS WIFE; SHE GETS DIVORCE

Irregular, late hours and too much gadding about and dancing with other women were cited in the complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, who was granted a divorce from the Rev. G. W. Moore, 66-year-old retired pastor, in Circuit Judge Stapleton's court Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Moore testified her husband would leave her at home and go to dances with comparatively young women on an average of four nights a week. They were married March 15, 1921. The first four months were "pretty good," Mrs. Moore testified, but after that her husband got more interested in dancing with other women than in his domestic duties.

"He would dance until he was covered with perspiration," said Mrs. Moore. One night a woman between 35 and 40 came to take the retired minister to a dance, Mrs. Moore said.

The decree was granted by default, the defendant failing to appear. Twenty-six other default cases were granted Wednesday.

SIDE-STEPPED 4 STEP-CHILDREN

The refusal of Alexander Valdemar Clausen to support six step-children and his abusive manner, particularly on one occasion when he hurled a platter of beef and a cup of coffee at his wife, are charged in a divorce complaint filed today in the circuit court by Barbara Clausen. The Clausens were married in Alberta, Canada, December 14, 1907. The six children by a former husband range from 3 to 15 years.

Funeral of Victim Of Explosion Is Set

Funeral services for William Lee Diffenbacher, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Diffenbacher, No. 429 East Lincoln street, who died Monday of burns he received July 8 when an alcohol lamp exploded, will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the East Side Funeral Parlors. Diffenbacher was working with the lamp at the Sunlight Electric company, No. 229 Morrison street, where he was employed, when the accident occurred. Interment will be in the Rose City cemetery.

8 CHILDREN DIE AS SHELL BURSTS

(By Universal Service)

Watertown, N. Y., July 13.—Eight children were killed almost instantly and a woman was seriously injured when what is believed to have been an abandoned artillery shell exploded on the rear porch of a house here this afternoon.

Mrs. James Judd, who was nearly a quarter of a mile away from the scene of the explosion, was hurled to the ground by flying rocks. The explosion wrecked the rear of the house.

The children were playing croquet when the shell burst. Several in the vicinity of the explosion were slightly injured by flying stones.

Police and firemen were rushed to the scene and a guard was thrown about the house as an investigation was set afoot.

An officer from the Madison barracks identified fragments of the shell as parts of a 150-millimeter projectile which the tenant of the house of whose children were killed, had brought with him from France.

Galician Village Is Destroyed by Blast

Warsaw, July 13.—(I. N. S.)—An entire village in Galicia has been destroyed by the explosion of a powder factory, according to information received here today. The casualties are not known, but it is feared they were heavy. The location of the village was not specified.

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