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DEMOCRACY AT LONG RANGE.

VOTING for president is often described as the most solemn function of citizenship in the United States. We, the people, say who shall hold the highest office of our government, or at least we think we do.

As a matter of fact, what do we do? We go to the polls. We find on a printed ballot the names of various candidates submitted by various parties. We make a choice from among the names on the ballot—unless we choose to write in a name. There is no other way to do.

How much do we KNOW about any of the men upon whom we vote? We know what we have read in the papers, or what we have read in campaign pamphlets. In these days of modern printing, we have seen their pictures. In these days of radio and talking pictures we have heard their voices. A few thousands of us have seen some of the candidates somewhere, sometime, maybe.

Just the same, how much do we really KNOW? It is interesting, on election day, to turn back to the Constitution of the United States and see how closely we are following the outlines laid down by those scholarly colonists who conducted a revolt and founded a government.

They made the United States a "republic." They made "representation" and not "popular choice" the key to government of the people, by the people and for the people. They did NOT provide for direct election of the president but for election by representation in an Electoral College, each state having as many electors as it should have members of the Senate and House.

In the original plan, these electors were to meet in their respective states, vote on at least two candidates for president, report their choice to the president of the Senate. The candidate having the most votes from all states was to be declared elected.

We still have an Electoral College. You found the names printed in small type under the name of each candidate. But party government killed the Electoral College in everything but name, almost before it started. In 1804 the 12th amendment to the constitution provided that the electors "shall name in their ballots the person VOTED FOR as president."

As time went on, party conventions became the actual substitutes for the Electoral College. Then came the urge to make the conventions more responsive to popular will as in most states we adopted the primary system. Quicker things happen under the primary system. In Oregon last spring, we instructed our Republican convention delegates to vote for a man named France from Maryland in a convention we knew would nominate Hoover.

Why did we nominate France? Because somebody caused his name to be put out where it couldn't be missed and because somebody else neglected to put out Hoover's name. Why do we vote for Hoover, Roosevelt, Thomas, Reynolds, Foster, or whoever happen to be candidates in any given year? We follow party lines, if we are party members, or we follow personal likes or dislikes if we are not party members. We like this man's way of talking. We like the article the Saturday Post had about him. We like his picture. But do we KNOW much really?

In a country that has spread across a continent and grown to 120,000,000 population, presidents are created by much the same sort of technique that builds up popular shaving soaps or breakfast foods or movie actors. Each of the major parties will have spent nearly \$5,000,000 to advertise its star performer in this section. Shading downward the same technique elects senators and congressmen and governors and all who serve more than just a small community.

Some close students of government believe our system is moving toward disaster some day. The main point is that democracy should begin at home, really. We can choose a mayor or a councilman or a state representative with some direct knowledge of his character and ability. That is why sound local government is so vital to the nation's future.

CHANCELLOR TO GOVERNOR.

IN a report from Chancellor Kerr to Governor Meier on the accomplishments and prospects of the new unified system of higher education, the chancellor renews his pledge that all institutions will be utilized to the utmost, so far as this is possible under the severe financial conditions which the times have created.

As compared with the expenses of 1929-30, savings averaging \$1,072,839 have been effected. Even after capital investments of 1929-30 have been deducted to make a more accurate comparison, operating expenditures for the current year show a reduction of nearly \$700,000 (and this does not include \$1,151,000 in suspended appropriations).

In the coming two years, still further retrenchments are promised. The board has voted not to ask for any extra appropriations and to meet millage shrinkage due to falling valuations throughout the state \$338,000 a year more will be cut from operating expenses.

The statement of the chancellor is a powerful argument against any such drastic schemes as were proposed in the Zorn-Macpherson measure and it is an argument against further efforts to distort or amend the program laid down by the state board after nearly three years of painstaking study.

The board has eliminated the most expensive duplications. It has made the required savings of money. Under its program, the further savings can be made without permanent damage to any of the institutions. And as the chancellor points out, what the schools need above all else is peace and harmony.

It may not be possible for any of the schools to achieve during the next year or so the enrollment figures they enjoyed when times were good, but the best insurance of "full utilization" lies in maintaining the highest possible standards in every department during this period of difficulty.

During the last few years, dollars and cents have been saved much too heavily in the educational

wrangles. The problem now is to build great effective schools within the functions laid down for them, to restore the confidence of the Oregon people (and the educational world) in them, and to find some way whereby all deserving students can make use of these schools despite hard times conditions. Never was education so badly needed.

Millions of outside money can be had to help Oregon develop these schools if we once get the vision of what they can be and get behind them.

STRANGE LA GRANDE CASE.

OUT of LaGrande comes a strange tale. A young part-time fireman has just been arrested and convicted of setting fires which caused nearly \$100,000 damage in that fine town. The young man said that the reason he set the fires was that he hoped to add a few more dollars to his pay. It is difficult to condone such an offense against public safety so the young man goes to the penitentiary for 15 years.

No doubt the young man was a weakling. Plenty of men have met the grievous problems of unemployment and hard times without setting fires. In our own railroad community, for instance, we have scores of men who have made places for themselves in other lines of work, running service stations, groceries, driving trucks, running small farms. It is still true that where there is a will and intelligence and ingenuity there is a way. Said an engineer who has been laid off more than a year:

"I've done a lot of things I never thought I could do, but I've just as much cash in my pocket now as when I was working regular."

There is, nevertheless, a warning in the LaGrande incident. Between poverty and crime, there is a direct connection. Given the worry and distress of unemployment or under pay and a man will crack up and do criminal things he might never have done otherwise. A young man hitherto well regarded in an Oregon city goes to the penitentiary for 15 years. It is something to think over.

Prosperity must be coming back, at that. Fewer banks are failing and more are being robbed.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

INTERPRETING DR. KERR.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
 THE editor of the Eugene Register-Guard thinks that it was entirely justified in interpreting Dr. Kerr's remarks to the Dad's club as being opposed to consolidation. Commenting upon the fact that this paper stated editorially that there was no justification for such interpretation the Register-Guard says that it is compelled "in all decency to believe that Dr. Kerr is against consolidation because the board is."

It is purely a matter of decency that we refuse to accept the interpretation on Dr. Kerr's remarks as made by the Eugene partisan. The Register-Guard wishes to know if we have any inside information regarding the matter. The Register-Guard was the first one to make an effort to trick Dr. Kerr into an expression against consolidation. It came up here with a prepared statement all nicely written and ready for him to sign. He refused to sign it and, as we recall, rather preposterously, and the Register-Guard at that time was considerably put out about it. It would seem to us therefore reasonable to believe that if Dr. Kerr had been opposed to the consolidation bill it was an opportunity for him to have said so and so have saved himself the trouble of making his own statement. All he would have had to do was okay the statement already prepared for him by the editor of the Register-Guard.

The Register-Guard further wants to know, "Isn't it still possible and necessary to believe that there is such a thing as good faith?" We have begun to doubt it, considering the way the opponents of the consolidation measure have handled this campaign. They have been utterly unscrupulous not only in regard to their tactics but in their interpretation of records and events. The latest piece of contemptibility was their interpretation of Dr. Kerr's speech to the Dad's club. If that is acting in good faith with Dr. Kerr, then Judas Iscariot was a hero. Dr. Kerr had repeated on many occasions that he could not function either as president or chancellor except by remaining absolutely neutral in the fight between the two school factions. We have confidence in Dr. Kerr to believe that he was sincere in his statement and that he has maintained an absolute neutrality and for that reason we justly resent the effort of the university partisans to make the world believe he has violated his neutrality by a direct statement opposing a measure calculated to give Oregon a better school system at less cost.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The election campaign may be over, but the hysteria lingers on.

Here in the national capital quite a few folks are gravely worried as they contemplate a series of invasions by militant groups which threaten to march on Washington in active protest against unemployment and other serious effects of the depression.

The city remembers vividly the visit of the bonus army and of the Communist-led hunger marchers last year—marches with such menacing possibilities as might have bred rather horrible spectacles had they not been tactfully handled by a clear-sighted chief of police who is no longer on the job.

No one, let it be said hastily, is worrying over the prospect of revolution. Federal troops can be counted on to disperse any mob that is likely to come along, in case President Hoover deems it necessary to call them out, as he did in the case of the bonus army.

But there is much apprehension of some messy situations. The spectacle of a large mass of the unemployed in the capital being driven off by soldiers is not a very pretty one and it will be especially unwelcome to the people who have to live in this beautiful, quiet town.

Nor does the idea of placing heavy police guards at all the highway entrances to the District of Columbia for the winter appeal either to citizens or officials.

The hunger march planned by Communists for early December is now causing the most concern.

There are reports of other proposed marches and one of them is sure to materialize with hundreds or thousands of farmers—a professedly non-Communist movement which will demand tax and debt moratoriums but is not yet regarded as a likely source of serious disturbance.

The hunger march is being carefully organized. Its radical leaders have been working on it since the visit of about 1500 Communist-led hunger marchers last year and it is not unlikely that between 5000 and 10,000 hunger marchers will try to get to Washington. Communists are making much of the London riots and some of them regard their Chicago demonstration as a sort of rehearsal for the "national march."

Whether there is to be rioting in the shadow of the Capitol probably will depend on the police and the administration. The Communists are not planning any violence, although their ideas of non-violent demonstrations are sometimes rather extreme.

Their primary aim is to convince the unemployed and the poverty-stricken farmers that there is no hope of relief or humane treatment from the existing authorities. They are not dumb enough to suppose that they could upset the government without first creating a mass hatred.

When their demonstrations are met with violence the Communist leaders apparently are more pleased than others, because they believe that forcible suppression aids their cause among the "down-trodden" masses to whom they appeal. Privately, they will assure you that the authorities can have trouble if they come looking for it. And the likelihood of belligerence on both sides is the chief factor which causes Washingtonians to fear an unpleasant period.

SIDE GLANCES



"As I often tell Louis, if anything should happen to him I'd open a little tea shop with his life insurance."

"CARRIERS" IMMUNE TO GERMS MAY SPREAD DISEASES

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
 (Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

IT sometimes happens that people who are quite healthy are able to carry about in their bodies germs which do not attack them but which have sufficient virulence, toxicity or strength or poison, to invade the body of another person and in that person to cause disease.

A person who carries the germs about is called a "carrier." Should the carrier suddenly have his own resistance lowered by any of the factors that have been mentioned he might suddenly become invaded by these germs, although previously they have not been able to set up infection in his body.

There is no doubt that all of us are constantly being invaded by germs in contaminated food and water, in breathing, in touching infected items with our hands which are then conveyed to the mouth and nose, and on money, in clothing, and in various other ways.

However, the dosage of germs thus received, or the strength of the germs, is not sufficient to bring about disease. The exposure of the germ to fresh air and sunlight and the fact that it is trying to live on a substance not suitable to it as a habitation may prevent its multiplying and may cause the germ itself to lose its strength.

However, under other circumstances germs multiply in tremendous numbers so that the human being who comes in contact with them sustains a massive assault. For instance, an infected fruit peddler may use saliva to polish the fruit and the germs may grow very well on the fruit thus polished.

Germs may be deposited with sewage in running water and grow tremendously on the sewage so that when the water from a contaminated stream is drunk by a human being he gets in

enough germs to cause prompt infection.

Sometimes an infected food handler is employed to mix a potato salad, to bake a custard or to make a pie which is then kept under unsanitary conditions before being eaten, so that the germs multiply profusely.

When this occurs, everybody who eats the infected food may become seriously infected, as occurred recently in a picnic when 800 people became sick from eating infected potato salad.

DANCE AT VENETA

VENETA, Nov. 8.—(Special)—At a Veneta community club dance held

in the community hall at Veneta, it was decided to hold the next dance on November 19 and that each member would be entitled to invite a guest couple. More than 40 couples attended the dance held Saturday, November 5. This dance was one to which the public was invited for the purpose of obtaining new members to the club. Music was furnished by Budd's orchestra and lunch was served by the Girl Scouts of Veneta.

Couple at Leaburg Hosts at Party

LEABURG, Nov. 8.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Marion Elston entertained Saturday evening at a "five hundred" party. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thimmes, Mrs. Lou Crow received as high prize a box of marshmallows and Francis Elston consolation. Refreshments of fruit salad, sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served.

A meeting of the "Redsides" was held Thursday at the home of Delmer Boyer.

The high school began practicing on the play, "Two Days to Marry" Thursday evening. Miss Ellen Johnson is directing the play. Those taking part in the play are Fern Vance, Charlotte Allen, Doris Elston, Bruce Currie, Kelly Swafford, Howard Elston and Stanley Mallory.

Attendance at Sunday school Sunday was larger than usual. An Armistice day program was given in addition to the song services held Sunday evening in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker spent the week-end in Portland.

Ray Dykeman is drilling a well on his place.

Mrs. Lou Crow and daughter Irene spent Saturday shopping in Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams Jr., were in Eugene on Friday.

Governor Asked To Endorse Cash Payment of Bonus

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 8.—(AP)—A demand that Governor Meier endorse the immediate cash payment of the soldiers' bonus and of the proposed second march of the veterans on the national capital, was contained in a letter presented to the executive department here this afternoon by a delegation headed by Richard L. Lovelace, of Portland, communist candidate for congress from the third Oregon district.

Lovelace said organization of the veterans for another advance on Washington, D. C., is already under way. Several hundred Oregon veterans are expected to join the movement which will start November 15 with the expectation of reaching the capital in time for the convening of congress December 5.

Walterville Lodge Host to Eugeneans

WALTERVILLE, Nov. 8.—(Special)—A large number were in attendance Sunday evening at the Walterville church for Christian Endeavor services and preaching. A topic along lines of the coming election and also for the Armistice day observance was taken by the pastor Rev. R. E. Clark. After the church service a congregational meeting was held for discussing building a social hall. No decision was made Sunday evening.

At the meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge Saturday evening the local order was host to members of the Spencer Butte lodge in Eugene. The meeting was held in the upper N. O. W. hall. Twenty-five were present for the evening, including eleven members of the Walterville lodge and 14 from Eugene. Plans for future work and routine business were discussed. A supper of sandwiches, pie and cake and coffee were served after the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wearin were hosts Sunday for dinner and the afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Devor, Joe Devor, and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Jennings, and son Kenneth Jennings. Mrs. Anna Stacy was a guest over night Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Page.

Rain Is Predicted For Election Day

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(AP)—A considerable portion of the United States is expected to be visited by

rainy and colder weather on election day. The weather bureau today issued forecasts of rain tomorrow along the Atlantic seaboard, rain and snow in the Chicago district, rain in the southern states and the Pacific northwest, and fair weather in the mountain region, much of the mid-west and most of California and southern Florida.

Teddy Roosevelt To Speak Tuesday

Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, will be here over station KORE Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock in three campaign speeches made before his election to the presidency.

Teddy Roosevelt (not Franklin Roosevelt) had the records of his short speeches recorded on cylinders by the Edison phonograph company. Frank Hill, manager of the station, has the records, but he the phonograph on which to play them. A friend contributed the fashionable photograph for the occasion and the speeches will be broadcast as a climax to election day. The program will last for about 15 minutes Tuesday evening.

WED IN HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, Nov. 8.—(Special)—Miss Mildred Clark, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Clark, and Leonard Coate were married at the home of the bride's parents here Sunday. Ceremony was performed by Rev. Albert Esser in the presence of a large number of guests. The couple immediately went to the coast for a short wedding trip after which they will go to Trout lake, Washington, to live.

Cigaret ashes make a good polish for silver.

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