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The Warren Rejection

A WAVE of applause swept the senate galleries when the vote was announced whereby the nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general of the United States was rejected. Why? Nine republicans voted with the democrats for rejection. Again why? Was it an expression of sincere conviction on their part that Warren was unsuitable? One hesitates so to believe. The observer's inclination rather is to look for political reasons.

Among the most plausible of these is that advanced by Mark Sullivan, one of the best informed as well as one of the fairest of national political writers. In an article published in the papers which he serves last Monday, Mr. Sullivan said, after predicting that Warren would in the end be confirmed:

In Warren's case the regular republican senators are "for" him, but not "for" him, to use a subtle distinction in the middle west. For one reason, Coolidge did not consult the republican senators in advance of the appointment. He gave it out in the same breath with that of Kellogg, and both came to the senate as a surprise. The republican senators undoubtedly think they ought to be consulted in advance, not necessarily as senators, but as republican party leaders. Coolidge seems to make it a policy not to consult them. To a slight though not serious extent, some of the republican senators have an air of implying that since Coolidge appointed Warren without consulting them, now let Coolidge get him confirmed.

The fact that Mr. Sullivan guessed wrong as to the result does not detract from the soundness of his conclusion regarding the reasons for the opposition to Warren's appointment. President Coolidge remarked in the course of his inaugural address last week that congress is jealous of its authority and added generously that it was rightfully so. He might also have added that the senate is particularly jealous. And some of the individual senators manifest this trait to an extreme degree. In the list of the ten republicans who voted against Warren one finds the names of those who have quite generally failed to give to the administration the support to which rules of party fealty might be supposed to entitle it, and the name of Borah leads them—Borah to whom as chairman of the committee on foreign relations the president must look for co-operation in other matters of very great moment to the nation. Oregon's two senators, it is noted, supported Coolidge.

The country looks to the president and not the senate for proper cabinet selections, and for those selections it holds the president and not the senate responsible. Majority sentiment of the country, if we mistake not, will be that the senate, in what it has done, has misrepresented the country. Certainly that conclusion is justified on the face of returns of the recent election, which declared for Coolidge by the greatest popular plurality ever accorded a president of the United States.

Yesterday's result bodes badly for teamwork between the president and the senate. And it emphasizes again a fact often remarked in these columns—the weakness of Coolidge is that he cannot lead congress. His leadership is a popular rather than an organization leadership.

About Wildflowers

THERE was snow on the Coburg hills yesterday, but in the valley a few more trilliums spread aside their petals to reveal their completed loveliness of satiny white, surrounding their surpassingly dainty yellow centers. Spring beauties in blossom were running riot by the roadsides. Here or there was a blooming lamb tongue, amidst hosts of others in bud.

A week of warm weather and the country about Eugene will have become a vast garden of wildflowers. It will not be so recurrently through the future years unless that vandalism is curbed which finds its expression in digging up the tender plants by the roots and carrying them away to wither and die in the unsuitable environment of home flower beds. The place for wild flowers is in their natural surroundings and soil—in the wood and field and dell. Not all are deliberate vandals who seek to take them thence, but those who are not vandals are either very thoughtless or very mistaken persons.

He who wants wildflowers to remain the perennial joy that they now are will pluck the blossoms in moderation but leave the plants and the roots. Wildflowers need to be regarded as living things and helpless ones. Those who love them wisely will treat them as other helpless, living things are treated.

Paris society is sold to the idea, apparently, that not all is gold that glitters. It declines to open its gates to our glittering Gloria, notwithstanding that she is heralded to the world as a newly-become marquise. Her marquis, it finds, spent most of his time in this country behind a bar. Now he and the marquise find a bar raised against them.

Myra, second largest known star, is found to be 250,000,000 miles in diameter. Antares, the largest known star, is 400,000,000 miles in diameter. Our earth is 8000 miles in diameter. What stars are beyond Myra and what beyond Antares? And how can any man fancy his world or himself great?

One finds it difficult to get excited over the effort to mandamus District Attorney Medley by the attorney for a man accused of violation of the prohibition laws. Since his recent assumption of his office the district attorney has shown both the will and the ability to fulfill his warranted duties fully.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Mitchell's Demotion (Salem Capital Journal) General Mitchell has suffered the usual fate of army officers who criticize the policies of the sovereign of the general staff. He has been demoted from brigadier-general to colonel and relieved of command of air forces. He will be lucky if he is not court-martialed and discharged. It is an interesting coincidence that

on the day General Mitchell is removed for insisting upon the necessity of a reorganization of aircraft service, officers of anti-aircraft defenses admitted defeat in tests at Fort Meade, Virginia, where anti-aircraft guns failed to score in a single hit and illuminating devices failed to pick up aircraft flying in darkness. Mitchell's punishment also follows shortly after Admiral Sims had testi-

fied before the congressional investigating committee declaring that the battleship is now obsolete and that future conflicts will depend upon aircraft, thus sustaining the position taken by Mitchell.

The truth of the situation seems to be that the national defense depends upon obsolete war craft, powerless before attacking aircraft, and that our own aircraft development has been so badly neglected that only a few war planes are available for defense and none of these a match for the super-war planes that the Germans are building for Japan or the Britains and France are constructing for their own defense.

General Mitchell has rendered a valuable public service by bringing out the facts regarding the weakness of the national defense and the official condemnation of the red-tape bureaucrats, who are still living in a day that has passed, will only serve to popularize him.

The Bus Law

(Corvallis Gazette-Times) We should be grateful to the founders of Oregon for leaving a loophole in the constitution for a governor when he did not have the intestinal adequacy either to veto or approve a measure. If they had not done so, the only constructive piece of legislation accomplished at the last session might not have become a law. This was the bill increasing the toll to be paid by the highway destroyers—the buses and trucks. Some day the people will wake up to the fact that these private interests for purely commercial gain are destroying the public highways. The people will realize this when they will enact legislation that eliminate trucks and bus traffic entirely. The only trouble with the present bill is that it doesn't go far enough.

A Teachers' Protest Against "Drives"

(New York World) Teachers complain that they are tired of "drives," which they declare, serve only to disrupt class-room work and add to the teacher's burdens. The gist of their complaint is made public by City Superintendent of Schools William J. O'Shea.

The bill-brokers cannot hold all the "drives" we have had and the calendar cannot hold their "weeks." They all, of course, make a scramble for the schools, where they proceed to abuse the teachers' obligation to public service.

We yield too differentially to whatever is done in the name of progress, regardless of how absurd the particular cause may happen to be. It would be a wholesome thing if opposition were expressed when some especially absurd campaign was launched. With such a possibility starting them in the face, the proponents of such drives as Learn-to-Swim Week, held during the chilly days of last month, might not be so rash.

Oregon Briefs

The work of paving the new Lewis and Clark bridge below Astoria has been completed and the bridge will be thrown open as soon as adjustments to the span lifting machinery have been made.

Mrs. Louise T. Sweetman, prominent realtor, who was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, is dead at her home in Marshfield. Mrs. Sweetman came from Oklahoma to Marshfield 20 years ago.

Orin W. Train, 69, well known farmer of Jackson county, was found dead on his ranch in the Evans creek district with a bullet through his head and a revolver in one hand.

The John county forum has been invited to co-operate with the forum at Laconia March 19 in a joint effort to boost for the consolidation of school districts in that section and to establish a union high school.

Sam R. Thompson, prominent business man and director of the Pendleton Round-Up, who has been in a critical condition in a Boston hospital for some time, is now convalescent and is expected to return to Pendleton within a month.

Postoffice Inspector R. C. Mellish of Pendleton, who made an official investigation of the postoffice at Princeton, in Harney county, last week, demanded the resignation of Mrs. Kohler as postmistress and placed George C. Christopher in charge.

The largest building project in Astoria became assured last week with the signing of a contract by the Astoria Improvement company for a three-story hotel, theater and mercantile building at Seventh and Commercial streets.

The most powerful electric searchlight in the world has a range of 30 miles. It is part of the equipment of the U. S. lighthouse service on Staten Island.

WHAT'S THAT?

Big Boxing event at the Winter Garden Monday night. m16

BIBLE THOUGHT

For Today
Thou art my lamp, O Lord; and the Lord will lighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; by my God I have leaped over a wall. —2 Samuel 22:29, 30.

Bible Question

(Look up the answer)
What shall be done with who abide not in the Lord?—St. John 15:3.

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"OUTS" ARE GETTING AFTER "INS"

Democrats Prepare to Make Assault on Claims of Republicans Regarding Party Accomplishments

By HARRY B. HUNT, (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 11.—An important part of democratic activity during the next two years will consist in "keeping the record straight" with respect to various and sundry claims of "republican accomplishment."

The party of the "ins" naturally and necessarily broadcast to the nation the news of every move which promises to hold old votes or get new votes at the next election. And the party of the "outs" if it is to stand any show whatever of getting back into power must be constantly on guard to expose and puncture all claims that are not 100 per cent plain-proof fact.

Already it is apparent that the G. O. P. bulwark in the campaign of '28 and '29 is to be the party's record on economy.

As this breastwork is being built, dollar by dollar, in the record for money saved or expenses reduced, democratic scouts are scrutinizing and analyzing each inch of its construction to locate weak spots or false work that may weaken its defenses when the time for the next campaign offensive arrives.

Chief among the democratic statistical experts who will check republican economy claims in the hope of finding weak spots to attack is Cordeell Hull, ex-national chairman, and for 16 years member of congress from Carthage, Tenn.

As a good democratic Tennessee

sharpshooter, Hull has drawn a bead on the recent economy claims of President Coolidge and Budget Director Lord.

He thinks these are vulnerable and already has taken a test shot or two at what he thinks are weak spots.

One item alone, of \$786,711,000, or close to half of the total saving claimed by the G. O. P. for the year 1922, Hull claims is merely camouflage, not a "saving" in the real sense of the term at all.

"The big catch in the favorite republican 'economy figures,'" says Hull, was disclosed by President Coolidge and General Lord on Jan. 26, 1922. President Coolidge said on that occasion:

"In the fiscal year 1921 we spent \$5,538,000,000. It is estimated we will spend this fiscal year \$3,534,000,000. This will show a net reduction of \$2,004,000,000."

General Lord said on the same occasion: "Federal expenditures in 1921 were \$5,115,927,889.30."

"This is the sort of hopelessly confusing information being broadcast over the radio by the highest government officials."

"Both President Coolidge and General Lord, carefully omitting the slight reductions for 1923 and 1924, rely almost solely on the single reduction of \$1,700,000,000 in 1922, as constituting a continuous three and one-half years' record of outstanding economies."

"It would have been equally sound and accurate for the Wilson admini-

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard March 11, 1907) Attorney L. T. Harris returned to day from Roseburg where he has been on a business trip.

The peoples' party county central committee met in the courthouse at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was moved and passed that the organization send 13 delegates to the state convention.

"Oregon is peculiarly adapted for the raising of flax," said Marcus Simpson, manager of the Portland Linseed Oil works of Portland, at the Hoffman this morning. A fiber mill in Eugene should be the goal for business men of this city, according to Simpson.

The surprise banquet seems to be epidemic among the various orders of the city and the G. A. R. was not allowed to escape its pleasures. And the order enjoyed a merry time last evening.

Miss Fannie Hemenway, who is teaching at Walthamville, is a visitor in the city today.

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PRAYER—Eternal God, we are ever thankful that thou didst reveal thyself in Jesus Christ. We would always think of thee and love thee as the Father Eternal. Let us walk with sure and kindly fellowship with thee and all thy children. Amen.

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