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WHAT OF THE DIRECT PRIMARY?

At no time since its adoption, either in Oregon or elsewhere, has the direct primary been free from attack, but it is apparent to all who keep reasonably informed as to what people are thinking about and talking about that it is just now more severely under fire than usual. It is likewise apparent to unprejudiced observers that much of the criticism that is being directed at it comes from those who like to have a finger in the manipulative phases of politics and who are denied this avocation by the principle of direct nominations; but it is not to be denied that dissatisfaction with the direct primary is spreading beyond the ranks of the politicians and the would-be politicians, who have always opposed it, and is finding expression among the public generally. That is a sign that is worth heeding.

Within the past few days the Republican organizations of Lane and Marion counties have gone on record as favoring a change in the primary system. That is to be expected. Party organizations have never been enthusiastic about the direct primary, because it lessens their influence. But it is worthy of note that these declarations are not greeted with a show of indignation on the part of the voters generally, as they would have been a few years ago. That may be taken as proof that the direct primary is no longer regarded as something sacred—that, in fact, it is generally agreed it has faults that need remedying.

Discussion of the primary system and its defects leads at once to this question: What is to be done about it? and in attempting to answer the question three possible courses of action present themselves. They are: (1) Do nothing at all; (2) repeal the direct primary and go back to the old convention system; (3) try to find some compromise that will preserve a fair measure of the advantages of both. There might be other answers, but these cover the ground pretty thoroughly.

The first contemplates merely standing pat, which amounts to saying that the present system of nominations is nearly enough perfect. That is not true. The direct primary in Oregon has destroyed party organization and party conflict and at the same time it has saddled upon the public an expensive and complicated system of making nominations that results in much duplication of cost and effort. If party organization in the state is to be destroyed, why have a costly election in the spring and another, equally costly, in the fall? If party conflict is to be done away with, it would be far better to have only one election, declaring the winners of that election the duly constituted officials without further ceremony. That would save cost and it would save the disturbance of a second election in the fall.

As for the second proposition, it is out of the question. No scheme to scrap the primary and go back to the old convention system would get farther than to first base. The convention system of nomination, as practiced in the old days, may have shown fair results so far as the caliber of nominees was concerned, but it lent itself admirably to manipulation by a few men and for that reason it fell into disrepute. The same thing would happen again and the result would be a new wave of protest that would sweep the convention system out of existence and substitute for it one no one knows what.

The third proposition—that is, a compromise that will preserve a fair measure of the advantages of both the direct primary and the party convention—has received considerable thought over the country. The state of Iowa has a plan embodying it that was given a trial day before yesterday, with results that are not yet apparent.

To be declared the direct primary nominee in Iowa, a candidate must get 35 per cent of the vote cast at the last Presidential election. Failing that, a convention is held and nominations are made. There have been suggestions that the Iowa system should be adopted in Oregon.

It is urged against the direct primary that it results in nomination by a minority, which is an objection that is lacking in weight, at least as an argument for return to the convention system; for it is highly probable that the average nominee of the direct primary is the choice of as large a percentage of the total electorate as the average convention nominee. But it is true beyond contention that the direct primary has destroyed party organization and party conflict and has set up as a substitute a system that is excessively costly and that has needless duplications.

It is coming to be widely admitted in Oregon that the weakness of the Democratic party is a misfortune, which is another way of saying that party conflict is desirable. If that is true, and we think it is, it is desirable to modify the direct primary in a way that will promote party organization and party conflict instead of destroying them. That is a thing that is by no means impossible.

THE MENACED MASCULINE

The college boys are starting crusades against sissynism. One group has even gone so far as to pledge its members to take a manly "chaw" of tobacco now and then as the one thing farthest removed from feminine tendencies.

It is said that the boys have been driven to this desperate stand by the rapid encroachment of the girls upon all things masculine, knickers and cigarettes included. They want to do something, no matter how hard-boiled, to impress upon the world the fact that masculinity remains supreme.

In a way it is funny and silly and hopelessly juvenile, yet it has its wholesome side. While girls have been veering more and more toward masculine dress and masculine sports, there have not been wanting lads who aped the feminine manners, amusements and outward appearance of the screen hero de luxe.

Nobody wants the boys to be either unduly rough or hopelessly vulgar, but the elimination of the dandy, the lounge lizard and the tea hound can be accomplished with credit to the sterner sex.

Day before yesterday a Portland moron beat his mother to death with a hammer, explaining that he did it to "put her out of her misery." The next thing in order is for the state to put him out of his misery by hanging him.

The manufacturers of ouija boards object to their classification as sporting goods. They'll surely admit, though, that "kidding" those who use them is good sport.

Scientists representing Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland have met at Stockholm to decide who started the war. After that, they'll probably feel strong enough to figure out who won it.

The bigamy charge against Valentino has been dismissed. He is now free to find some other way to run afoul of the courts.

Max Oser says he belongs to one of the oldest families in Europe. Of course he does; traces his lineage from Adam.

It's too early to worry about a drought. The clover hay will be down in a day or two.

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, June 7, 1902)

Thursday morning, July 2, the Masses will start on their pilgrimage to the Three Sisters. George T. Hall has the contract to furnish the commissary and Charles Croner the transportation.

P. J. McPherson and George Gross were appointed road viewers by County Judge Kincaid yesterday.

At the regular meeting of Eugene Camp W. O. W., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Consul, J. M. Williams; adviser, Burgess Ford; escort, M. O. Fuller; watchman, W. Gunton; sentry, George K. Munroe; manager, T. W. Munroe.

George Knowles, of Cottage Grove, yesterday was appointed by the county court to supervise the building of the road between Cottage Grove and Beahm.

The third annual Eugene high school commencement was held at the Christian church last evening. President Campbell, of the university, delivered the address.

Professor F. G. Young attended a meeting of the commissioners of the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland yesterday.

Miss Henrietta Lauer, of Portland, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Friendly. Mrs. Lauer and daughter, Barbara, will arrive next week to attend commencement.

Eugene defeated the Albany team in the Valley league series yesterday by a score of 6 to 2. Roseburg defeated Salem, 10 to 7.

PASSING OF FAMOUS
BEAUTY IS MOURNED

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filled a number of such engagements. She was actively interested in civic affairs in this city and was a leader in women's movements.

The Office Cat

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And now Henry Ford is to harness the Hudson river. Henry is such a versatile chap that there isn't much use in anybody working. Why not let Henry do it all?

BOB!

Here lies the body of Willie Jones, Who wouldn't mind his summer. A brackless auto broke his bones One fatal day last summer.

We don't care how much a man says if he only says it in a few words.

JUST SO

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen."

"That's right. Since paint got so plentiful."

When a girl admits she didn't mean what she said about refusing to take back her promise to change her mind, she was probably mistaken in the first place, and doesn't really mean it.

BETWEEN GIRLS

A girlie-girl in knickers Meets another looking cute. And then the first girl snickers While the other follows suit.

They shake their bobbed hair curly Displaying signs of joy. Then one hails the other girlie With this remark: "Oh, boy!"

SO THIN DO SAY

When some people die they go to everlasting bliss, while others go to everlasting blisters.

"Walter, what are these black specks in my cereal?"

"I don't know, Boss, but I spoo maybe they're some of these vitamins you see advertised."

Don't tell your wife that you are going to Hollywood on a business trip. She'll rush right down to see a divorce lawyer. Touch any kind of wood but Hollywood.

OUR SHORTEST SCENARIO

Scene I

Clerk in shoe store is waiting on well-dressed lady.

Customer: "One of your feet is larger than the other, madam."

Lady leaves store in great indignation.

Scene II

Clerk in another shoe store is waiting on lady in Scene I.

Customer: "One of your feet is smaller than the other, madam."

Lady bursts pair of shoes and leaves store highly pleased.

Bowlers resemble flappers in one respect. They both roll their own.

EPIGRAMS

Stranger, pause as you pass by. As you are now, so I was once. As I am now, so you must be. Step on the gas and follow me.

A lot can be said about the saxophone, but most of it would be unprintable.

NEVER NOTICES THE DIFFERENCE

"Why is it you always wear a derby hat?"

"So my wife won't complain about my extravagance whenever I buy a new one."

President Harding has endorsed "the kind-to-animals" week. Harding is a good enough and knows how to stand in with the men, all right.

MRS. JEAN DAY QUIZZED
OVER COL. BECK TRAGEDYSOCIETY WOMAN RECITES DE-
TAILS OF ALLEGED ATTACKSpecial Army Board of Inquiry Also
Hears Day's Story of Killing
of Beck

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 6.—Mrs. Jean P. Day, local society woman, related today to a special army board her story of an alleged attack upon her by Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck, commanding officer at Post Field, Oklahoma, which resulted in Beck's death, at the hands of her husband here early in April. The army officers composing the board went to the Day home this afternoon to hear Mrs. Day.

At a morning session of the board in the federal building, Jean P. Day appeared with her attorney and submitted to the questioning. Both hearings were strictly private and neither Mr. Day nor the board members would make any comment. Day answered all inquiries with "I have been pledged to secrecy."

European Develops at Session

A surprise developed at the morning session it was understood, when Pruett, Day's attorney, introduced several letters concerning alleged relations of Beck with women at other army posts where he had been stationed.

Before the hearing Day and his attorney assented to waiving the rule of evidence so that all questions might be answered.

Persons conversant with army affairs pointed out tonight that the investigation might have no bearing as intimated, on whether civil authorities would be asked to prosecute Day. When an army officer dies, a board of army officers is named to determine if he met death in line of duty, it was pointed out.

A coroner's jury exonerated Day shortly after the slaying.

RUSSIAN PRINCESS IS
ADMITTED TO U. S. SOILMUSE ESTABLISH AMERICAN
CITIZENSHIP TO REMAIN

Woman Relates Experience as Show-
away on Lincer After Crucifixion
of Husband and Son by Soviet

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Princess Ivan Tchernitschew, of Russia, who was admitted conditionally into the United States by Secretary of Labor Davis under a decision today overruling the immigration authorities at New Orleans, who had denied the princess entry, must establish American citizenship before her case is finally closed by the department, it was announced today by Secretary Davis.

A few hours after the order had been issued permitting her to remain in this country, the princess called at the labor department and conferred with officials of the bureau of naturalization. Facts and documents said to relate to her birth in this country in 1881 in Louisville, Ky., were presented, and this information, it was said, will be examined and official action taken within a few hours.

Princess Tchernitschew related her experiences as a showaway and stewardess aboard a trans-Atlantic liner in reaching the United States after the crucifixion by bolsheviks of her husband and her eight-year-old son.

My mother was Russian and my father a German," she said. "I attempted to secure my father's naturalization papers and present them to the labor department. When this is done I have been assured I shall be accorded naturalization papers, though I now claim American citizenship despite the fact that when I married I lost the Russian nobility. I naturally sacrificed my citizenship in this country."

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LABOR BOARD ORDERS BIG CUT OF SHOP PAY

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must, through those decisions, transmit this information to the public."

Big Savings Cited

The decision, the minority report continues, tended to substantiate the position of the railroads that wages need not be established with reference to the needs of the family, contending that a minimum wage for the shop crafts should be 50 cents an hour, which would mean a rate of 37 cents for skilled mechanics.

"The savings to the railroads far exceed anything justified by the savings to the public in reduced rates," the dissenters said, adding that payroll slashes during the last six months of 1921 had been made including lay-offs, at the annual rate of \$1,300,000, "in strong contrast to the increasing prosperity of the roads."

The increasing antithesis between profits and just wages will result in lowered morale, these reductions will not result in economies the minority opinion said.

Explanation Lacking

"The majority failed to carry out the functions for which the board was created," continues the minority report. "Such decisions giving no explanation to the public of the process by which the majority arrived at the rates established gives the public an impression that these rates are not founded upon a careful consideration of facts."

The duty of labor board as a constructive, impartial body in providing means whereby railroad employees can have their legitimate human needs satisfied without recourse to stoppages and to enlighten the public so that through the state of unregulated industry and the confusion of propaganda, they shall be able to see the real facts as they affect the body politic. This decision fulfills neither of these duties.

Delay Telegraphers' Ruling

It was learned today that the labor board's decision affecting telegraphers, the next class of employees to be dealt with in a wage ruling, will not be handed down for some time, and undoubtedly will not be issued in time to become effective July 1, the date the maintenance of way and shop craft decisions take effect.

The reason for this, it was explained, is that the chief questions in the telegraphers' case is not how much money shall be paid, but how inequalities of pay on different roads shall be settled. The matter is expected to take several weeks more of discussion by board members.

The effect of this delay on a possible strike would be considerable, for telegraphers are considered among

the most important units in the traffic moving machinery and are among the most difficult to replace quickly.

JEWELL RAPS BOARD'S RULING

Head of Ship Crafts Terms It Hastily
Assembled Unfair Apology

CINCINNATI, June 6.—Characterizing the shop crafts wage cut decision as a "hastily dressed up and obviously unfair apology" for the \$69,000,000 slash, B. M. Jewell, head of the six shop crafts unions, declared today that the evidence in the case had been totally ignored and that the decision gave rise to the belief that the board was trying to "help the railroads carry out their labor policy."

The labor union heads, here for a conference of union heads which today called for a strike vote of 1,200,000 railway workers, said the board's latest cut could be justified by no stretch of the facts.

The board was offered evidence as to the amount necessary to secure the necessities of life for railroad families," Mr. Jewell said. "The rates in this decision are so far below these necessities that this evidence must have been ignored."

Contrasted With Rail Profits

"The employees cannot help noticing the contrast between their losses and the increasing profits of the railroads. The payroll losses of the shop crafts since 1920 as the result of decisions and lay-offs amount to at least \$150,000,000. Similarly the maintenance of way men are losing at the rate of \$500,000,000 annually. Such a reduction makes the 10 per cent reduction in railroad rates, totaling \$400,000,000 look pretty small. Someone is pocketing the difference."

The shop men's chief complaint pointed out the increasing earnings of numerous large roads, declaring that 44 carriers for whom returns had been published, showed a net return of \$154,708,784 for the first four months of this year.

The effect of this "contrast" Mr. Jewell said, would be "confirmation of the belief among railroad employees in general that the railroad labor board is not an impartial court created to dispense justice but created to help the railroads carry out their labor policy."

PASTOR VICTIM OF ATTACK

REV. THOS. IRWIN CLAIMS HE
WAS SET UPON, BEATEN

LAWTON, Okla., June 6.—The Rev. Thomas J. Irwin, who resigned as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here recently, after being

charged with conduct unbecoming a minister, was attacked and beaten last night near his city, he said today. Irwin would not talk about the alleged attack and few details were obtainable.

County officials who went out in search of Mr. Irwin when he failed to return to his home last evening, telephoned that they had found him nine miles from here in a weakened condition. Most of his clothing had been torn from him, the officers said.

Two Killed in Plane Crash

LOS ANGELES, June 6.—Jackson E. Underhill, of Long Beach, Cal., was instantly killed and his flying partner, Maynard L. Marley of Santa Ana, was fatally injured when the airplane in which they were riding crashed to the ground late today two miles from Huntington park.

Judge Hallinger Is Dead

SEATTLE, June 6.—Judge Richard A. Hallinger, who was secretary of the Interior during President Taft's administration, died here tonight at his home after an illness of two days.

Obituary

Died, in Risikvun county, California, on May 27, Julius R. Pickert, aged 64 years, 9 months and 27 days, leaving a wife and seven children: Mrs. W. L. Parker, Elmira, Ore.; DeForest Pickert, Veneta, Ore.; Jerome E. Pickert, Rogue River, Ore.; Elkanah E. Pickert, Cascadia, Ore.; Mrs. Walter Vincent, Veneta, Ore.; Mary and Orrin at home.

Mr. Pickert was born in Herkimer county New York July 30 1857, while a boy he came to Nebraska with his parents. In 1889 he was married to Miss Alice A. Cammatt of Ponca, Nebraska. Seven children were born to this union.

In 1904 he came to Oregon and has made his home here nearly ever since, he being in California at the time of his death for his health. W. W. Branstetter of Eugene had charge of the funeral arrangements. Mr. Goodwin, pastor of the Baptist church had charge of the services. He was laid to rest at Tanan cemetery, Elmira, Oregon. 6-6-1.

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(Written by J. Harold Beytlen
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