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A POLITICAL DIET

From now until November 6 the people of the United States will have politics for breakfast, politics for lunch, politics for dinner, and then will go to sleep and dream politics.

Politics contains all the vitamins, proteins, fats, leans, sugars and salts necessary for a patriot's health. Much of politics, however, is taken with a grain of salt. But on the whole, the diet is wholesome. Even as shady as political action sometimes appears, there is still much that is constructive and good.

It is our humble belief that if all the good in government were balanced against the bad or corrupt, the good would tip the scales sooner than the bad. If politics is crooked, the most that can be said of it is that it is an institution of the people, by the people and because of the people. No man will ever admit that he is crooked. He will justify himself at least in his own mind and among certain of his friends. Besides, who is a politician? Is it only he who gains political preferment or public office, or does the appellation run down to the uttermost precinct?

It is not so much to "powers that be" that criticism should attach as it is to the "powers that ought to be." If government fails, the people fail, education fails, morality fails, humanity fails.

We can not properly disassociate politics from the science of government, for that is its definition. We are too much inclined to take our politics in broken doses or every two or four years. In the meantime the dirty work is done, if there is any done. It is when the people are caught napping between the acts that graft and coruption get in their work. Disinterestedness is a bad habit in a democracy.

THE ITALIA SUFFERERS

Imagine being on a jam of ice, with no warm food, no fire, no communication with the outside world excepting a weak radio, your feet frozen, hands frozen, and a thousand miles north of nowhere, and find yourself drifting out to the open sea where you know the ice jam will disintegrate and then will come the end.

These experiences the crew of the ill-fated Italia have been suffering. If there are any medals left, or any more honors to bestow, it should go to men like these who brave the earth's greatest dangers in the name and for the sake of science and exploration.

In Germany a rocket machine has been invented which the inventor claims is capable of shooting itself to the moon. But wouldn't it be better, Fritz, to get things settled on earth before trying that?

A SANE FOURTH AND PRE-FOURTH

The plea for a sane Fourth of July has had good results. Similar precautions should go out for a sane pre-Fourth, or for the carrying on of premature celebrations during the "waiting" period anent the great national holiday.

According to statistics compiled by the Playground and Recreation Association of America, the toll of deaths caused by fireworks in 1926 was 111 and 1030 injured. Most of them were children. The record in 1927 was an improvement, but the problem is still formidable.

It is, perhaps, too much to say that fireworks and noisemakers should not be sold until the first of July. But it is not improper to urge extreme caution in the haphazard use of firecrackers and kindred explosives before the Fourth.

On Independence Day people are ready and expecting anything to happen. Police are vigilant in protecting property from damage and avoiding injury to persons on that particular day. As a rule they are also as lenient in permitting youth and adults to exercise certain liberty of action as time and occasion permit. In other words, all forces of safety are organized and prepared for emergencies on the actual day of celebration. But we can not expect our police and fire departments to devote two or three weeks to the specialized service of watching for property destruction or personal casualties due to acts of the over-zealous patriot or the unthinking youth who want to "shoot off" their fireworks in June.

Parents can do much to prevent such premature celebrations that not only keep the entire community in a state of apprehension, but which actually tend to spoil the real fun that is intended for the great and purposeful day of festivities. If the parents will not, the police must. Even from a sentimental standpoint we can no more appreciate firecrackers in June than we could enjoy a Christmas tree in November.

Let us not only have a safe and sane Fourth, but also a precautious and intelligent First, Second and Third.

HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

Mount Hood Loop

Opened on June 15, and in good conditon. Screenings have been placed over fresh oil and practically all surface oil had dried before road was opened. The Cooper Spur road to Cloud Cap Inn is open for seven miles from main loop highway. A snow drift 15 feet deep blocks the highway at the north end of Ghost Ridge. Motorists can walk by trail from this pont three-fourths of a mile to Cloud Cap Inn, if they so desire.

Redwood Highway

The Redwood highway, due to construction work, is not recommended at this time as underground springs have been encountered which make a bog hole of certain sections of the road. Tractors were used to haul traffic through the mud for about ten days, but when traffic became heavy, this proved impossible and the road was closed for five days to all traffic.

Crater Lake

Crater Lake highway, Medford-Crater Lake Park, Klamath Falls is open all the way, but the Spur road leading from Anna Springs to the lake has not been entirely opened as yet. Cars can get within one mile of the lake at the present time. A foot trail which is in fairly good condition leads from the road to the lake. It will only be a few days, however, until the road will be open all the way to the lake. Crater Lake hotel season opens officially July 1.

The Dalles-California Highway

The Dalles-California highway is in especially fine condition and practically all roads leading from it are in good condition. The road from Beaver Marsh to Diamond lake is in very good condition, no dust or mud, the weather is quite cold at the lake. Roads to Odell and Crescent lake in good condition. The pumice foundation on which this road is built gives the road a very smooth surface.

Rainier National Park, Washington

The Nisqually road will be opened to the public as far as Narada falls on Friday, June 15. Paradise valley, 1½ miles distant, may be reached by foot or horseback over a good trail. Mounts and hiking equipment may be rented at Narada falls. Due to the deep snow at Paradise Valley, it is doubtful if private cars will be able to make the complete trip until about June 29 or 30. Beginning June 15 full service will be in force at Paradise Inn.

Mount Baker Lodge

Mount Baker Lodge, Washington
Road all cleared of snow. Grand opening for the 1928 season Saturday evening, June 16.

HITEON SCRATCHES

Those who attended preaching services at the Hiteon school house Sunday evening enjoyed Mr. Everett's sermon which was taken from the thirteenth chapter of Genesis.

Farmers are very busy in this section planting potatoes and haying. Let us hope "Old Sol" stays with us 'till the hay is in the barn.

The Misses Ethel North and Vivian Nelson were Sunday visitors at the Peterson home.

A number of Hiteon ladies attended the Rebekah Sewing club last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Kleek, Miss Effie Van Kleek, also Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzentine and family enjoyed the grange picnic Sunday in Elsner's grove.

Miss Dorothy Struthers spent the week-end in Portland and was present at the graduation exercises of Girls Polytechnic and Lincoln high school. Miss Lilly Cook was a member of the Polytechnic class and Miss Helen Bu of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt King of Aloha and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hite and Buddy called at the J. S. Campbell home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Metzentine spent last Friday in Portland.

Hiteon club delegates and members attending O. F. W. C. will leave Sunday by auto for Klamath Falls.

Miss Dorothy Peterson was a Sunday guest at the Struthers home. Elizabeth Struthers spent the day with Genevieve Peterson.

BARNES NEIGHBORHOOD

The annual school election was held on Monday evening, June 18. A goodly number of the citizens were present. R. G. Berst was re-elected clerk for the ensuing year and D. A. Shearer was re-elected director for three years for District 57, known as Barnes school.

Henry Johnson, J. D. Trachel and D. A. Shearer are donating work on the school grounds, getting ready to sow grass seed and other needed improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Krische and Dr. A. W. Ruhndorf and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Johnson. Dr. Ruhndorf is a brother of Mrs. Johnson.

N. P. Johnson is building a large dairy barn on Cornell road for Mr. George Kieni. The barn is 40x80 and 50 feet high.

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