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Has the Direct Primary Failed?

There is a growing volume of criticism of the direct primary system—and it comes from sincere and patriotic students of governmental practice who say that the workings of the plan have been disappointing.

Reason behind the direct primary was the corruption that had occasionally appeared in the convention system. It was believed by honest reformers that the direct primary would eliminate this—and put a higher type of man into public office. In that, it has failed, almost completely. The calibre of public officials is no greater now than fifty years ago—perhaps it is less. Political chicanery has increased, rather than waned. And the direct primary's worst offspring—the long ballot—has made intelligent voting impossible in most states. Voters are confronted with a ballot containing scores and sometimes hundreds of names of candidates—and they must either not vote, or vote in the dark. It is an interesting fact that the state of Oregon has found that the candidates whose names come first on a list are most apt to be elected—and ballots are now printed so that the names are shifted around, to give everyone an equal break! That speaks volumes for the confusion of voters faced with three feet of small-printed ballot.

It seems only a question of time before the direct primary system must be amended.

Self Help is Best Help

It is forecast that the government is going to make a change in its policy toward agriculture. It will have less to say about what the farmer should do and not do—and will leave more up to the farmer himself.

Progressive American farmers will welcome that change. And they will also welcome the chance it will give them to show the stuff they are made of. Farmers face great problems—and the only way they will ever be satisfactorily solved is by the efforts and work of the farmers themselves. Even if government, by fiat, could make all rosy in the agricultural world, it would be of small worth if the farmers became a financial and mental dependent in the process.

Today several millions of farmers are banded together in cooperative associations, handling dairy products, cotton, walnuts, wheat and other goods. The co-ops are controlled by the farmers—they reflect farm sentiment and farm ambitions. They represent real private initiative through collective action that doesn't ask for favors, that gets results. Cooperatives are the best weapons the farmer could have for fighting depression.

Congress Warned by Gold Decision

Washington has been the center of national interest during the past few weeks. A great deal that is momentous has happened there—and is happening.

First and foremost comes the Supreme Court's long-delayed decision on the gold clause cases—held by some to be the most important decision in a great many years, inasmuch as the Administration's whole recovery and reform program hinged upon it. Readers of newspaper headlines obtained the impression that the court, by a five-to-four majority, upheld the Government 100 per cent. But, as a financial commentator said shortly after, it really upheld the Government about 99 44/100 per cent—implied in the decision was a warning to Congress to the effect that there were limits beyond which it could not go.

Observations on the decision, whether favorable or unfavorable, seemed to be that the Court had simply followed the law. Most editorial comment regretted that the decision had been by so narrow a margin—in effect, one man had the power to make or break the policy of an Administration. It is an interesting fact that this man, Mr. Hughes, was once a Republican candidate for the Presidency. When Supreme Court votes are taken, the Chief Justice votes last, so that when Mr. Hughes' turn came the Court was evenly divided and he had the power to throw the balance either way. Also interesting is the fact that the biting minority opinion was read by Mr. McReynolds a Democrat who served General.

We'll Need One Too

Four million trees will this year be planted by the government in six different states of the middle west as the beginning of the 1,000-mile "shelter belt" which is proposed to stretch from North Dakota to Texas. It is well that the government should take on this big project, but it will have to go some if it undertakes to plant trees in the middle west as fast as we can chop them down in Oregon. By the time that "shelter belt" is finished we will need one here.—Capitol Press, Salem.

Spring Deliveries



State House Gossip

BY ERNEST L. GRAY
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officials and employees half their salary reduction back.

The Governor, in the peculiar position on the issue because should the Legislature pass the half pay return the executive could not veto it without returning the entire reduction. The 1933 act automatically expired March 1 of this year. But he declared he would hold the salaries down regardless, through his recently passed budgetary control bill.

The interest in this battle outside was centered about just what the Governor can do with his budget bill. The ways and means committee, called "on the carpet" because of their stand, bowed their backs and hurried the issue to the attorney general. He was asked whether or not the Governor could curtail constitutional authority granted the Legislature to appropriate money by a statute. Speculation appears more favorable to the ways and means committee winning this argument.

Well, the "boys" of the third house are still wondering when the legislature will adjourn. The members are on their second week at the State Capitol without pay—and they are all present. Adjournment now could not be made before Saturday night, March 9, and there are some who believe that would be a miracle.

About 100 members of the Older Girls conference in attendance at the State Convention at Salem last Saturday, late that afternoon took possession of the House of Representatives and held a session of their own. The house had adjourned about half hour earlier, so when the girls came Speaker Coater and other members of Legislature and "third house" put on a program for them. All participants are still lame from signing their names for the girls.

Horticultural Digest

By Roy E. Miller
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Walnut Blight Control
The following is a compact resume of the latest recommended spray for the control of Walnut Blight in Oregon:

Time of Application
1. Prebloom—Just before bulk of female or nut bearing flowers come into bloom—Spray Material and Strength—Bordeaux, 2-2-50, plus "Sumero", 1 gal to 100 gal of water.
2. Postbloom—Immediately after the majority of female flowers have been pollinated (about 2 weeks after first application) Spray material and strength—Bordeaux, 2-2-50.

According to Dr. Paul W. Miller the first treatment should not be applied too early in the prebloom stage. The shorter the interval between the first spray treatment and the period of full bloom, the more adequate the protection during the critical blooming period, when the danger of the spread of blight is greatest.

Lead Tolerance
Secretary Wallace announced on January 25th that the tolerance on Apples for 1935 will be 0.018 grains of lead per pound of fruit.

New Plant Food Element Necessary
Twenty years ago it was discovered that Zinc was an essential plant food for the normal development of corn under certain conditions. This information, however, has practically laid dormant until recently the experiment stations of California, Kentucky, and Oregon have shown the importance of this element in increasing yields of crops under certain conditions.

Following this the experiment stations of California and Florida have shown conclusively that Zinc salts are effective in correcting disease-like troubles, such as, little leaf, (mottle leaf, witches broom, rosette), of Apple, Pears, Citrus, Grapes and Almonds and the so-called bronzing of Tung Oil trees.

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YOUR CHILD AND THE SCHOOL

By Dr. ALLEN G. IRELAND
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Suggestible

Children are highly suggestible. They absorb nearly everything that goes on or that is said. To some extent therefore every adult is influential in the forming of a child's habits and attitudes.

Can you imagine the child situation which I actually witnessed? The teacher was having the class name the different fruits, each pupil answering according to his preference. One little fellow said sincerely enough "prunes." To which the teacher replied "Oh, you're a prune." It was just one of those times when a person sees a chance to be funny or smart. Though she said it with a smile, I could see that it hurt the boy. He tried to grin, but his face betrayed the real emotion caused by the raucous laughter of the class.

He had given his best, an honest answer. He meant it, so what was so funny? Why do we do such things without thinking of the child's fine, sensitive nature? What did that mean to a child in front of his playmates? Can't you hear him labelled "prune" after school and perhaps for years afterward? If he ever eats another prune, the humiliation of that moment will return for a long time to come.

Though the emotional effect is less serious, the influence upon choice of food is just as great when an adult says, often with a wry face, "Oh, I don't like the taste of milk." To the child, something queer about milk is suggested. He's not sure what it is, but when a grownup says it, there surely is something wrong. Right there in a thoughtless moment we tear down months or years of careful teaching and persuasion. If we have to refuse milk, let's say: "milk is good, but I don't care for any right now." Remember! Little ears hear a lot to wonder about.

Does the school always equip the child well for adult life? Dr. Ireland discusses this in his next talk.

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HI-WAYS TO HEALTH by ADA R. MAYNE OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

Fish in the Diet

As the Lenten season approaches we find the markets stocked with many varieties of fresh fish. Fish is considered one of the low-cost foods, because in most localities fish of some kind are likely to be cheap at any time of the year. Fish has high food value, too, which means more than being a mere item for low-cost meals.

Along with other animal foods, fish is a protein food. It is rich in minerals, and salt water fish and shell fish furnish iodine, which is important in sections where the soil and water are poor in this mineral. A number of varieties of fish as salmon, halibut, cod and herring, have been found to be good sources of vitamins A and D. It is well then to use all of the oil from canned fish in order to retain the full vitamin value.

There are innumerable ways of serving fish. We are all familiar with baked or dried fish but creamed or scalloped, in baked loaves, chowders, patties or croquettes it is usually delicious and are all ways of using leftover or canned varieties. Fish forms the basis of many interesting salad and sandwich combinations. These recipes are both favorite ways of preparing fish.

- Baked Stuffed Chinook Salmon**
- 2 salmon fillet
 - 1 1/2 tsp lemon juice
 - Salt and pepper
 - 2-3 cup buttered crumbs
 - 2-3 cup cream or milk
 - Mushroom stuffing
- Brush fish with lemon juice and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put one fillet in buttered pan or oven proof platter. Spread with stuffing, cover with remaining fillet, pour over cream or milk and bake 25 minutes in moderately hot oven (375 deg) Sprinkle with bread crumbs and bake

until crumbs are brown. Remove to hot serving dish and strain liquor remaining in pan over it.

Stuffing—Mix 1/2 cup bread crumbs with 3 tbsp melted butter and 1-3 cup mushroom caps, cut in pieces, 1/2 tsp salt and a few grains pepper.

Codfish Souffle

- 1/2 cup rice
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup salt codfish
- 1 1/2 tbsp butter
- 2 eggs

Cook the rice with milk in double boiler until tender and dry. Separate the eggs and add yolks, well beaten; add the butter and codfish, which has been freshened by soaking in water. When the mixture is somewhat cool, fold in the egg whites, beaten stiff. Bake 30 minutes in moderate oven (375 deg.) Serve immediately, garnish with parsley and accompanied by a butter sauce.

Butter Sauce—Put 1/4 cup of butter in a bowl and work until creamy. Add 1/2 tsp of salt, 1-8 tsp pepper and 1/2 tsp finely chopped parsley, then 1 1/2 tsp of lemon juice very slowly.

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