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MORE RING POLITICS.

The triumph of Senator Quay in Pennsylvania and the domination by his machine of Pennsylvania for Governor illustrates again the fact that party spirit and the party name are the resources of ring politics. Pennsylvania is so strongly Republican that control of the organization means control of the state. It is not possible that Senator Quay has any real hold upon the masses of his party. But he has a strong grip on the men that shape and mold conventions. A solid phalanx of henchmen ready to obey his orders to the uttermost is of more efficacy under machine methods than a wavering and uncertain public opinion. Once he has nominated a ticket and labeled it, it passes current as the Republican ticket, and so party fealty, itself a praiseworthy sentiment, is made to do the work of the machine.

A battle royal is imminent now between the machine and the rank and file. The President is not satisfactory to the bosses. He has shown evidence of independence. His nomination is dependable on either of two things. If he yields to the rings of the great and controlling states they will nominate him, relying upon his picturesque personality and also upon the popular notion that he is not a ring man to command popular support. If he makes an irreconcilable conflict with the bosses, they will beat him, unless he takes heroic measures and creates a revolution in his party. In the latter case he may succeed in sweeping away the machine, and so rehabilitate his party.

The destruction of the machine, the reforming of the methods of party management will become the issue upon which all other issues will wait. Until the yeomanry shall wrest the power from the princes of the party, it will be useless to expect any reforms in the interests of the common people. President Roosevelt has many characteristics that make him the ideal leader in the movement. He has courage and discretion. He has warmth and magnetism. But he must be a Hercules to strangle the lion in his path. He cannot beat the machine and be of the machine. He must break with it, openly, for good and all, and throw himself into the arms of his people.

The people are waiting for the hero. The prestige of the Republican party, arising from a successful war, and the divisions of the Democratic party puts the responsibility upon Republicans to support their President when he shall be pressed by the ring leaders. If they will get out of the wilderness, they must know their Moses and follow him.

The question is higher than a party question. Free institutions are involved in it. This or that party principle, this or that economic policy are of less importance than the supreme question whether the influence of the people is to be nullified by the bosses.

The Quay victory is not an encouraging sign.

THE REAL SALARY QUESTION.

We are again told that it will be unconstitutional to change the flat salaries named in the constitution. So be it. But it will not be unconstitutional to cut off the fees and perquisites now allowed by law. On the contrary, the law as it now stands is unconstitutional. That obsolete instrument declares that the officers named "shall not receive any fees or perquisites for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices." But the law gives them such fees and perquisites. To cut these off is not violating the constitution. It is obeying it. It is restoring it to its pristine integrity.

Let us get and keep to the real question. Some of the officers are not receiving even with the emoluments more than the people are willing to pay them. The Governor is worth his \$4500. The justices of the Supreme Court are not overpaid at \$5500. But the fee system has swelled the compensation of the Secretary of State beyond all reasonable limits. The compensation of the State Printer is a fair fortune for his term. They both get a great deal more than they are worth, and the excess is not only unjust, but, coming from fees and perquisites, is violative of the constitution. The first thing, therefore, is to make the law in this respect conform to the fundamental law. Now as to the flat salaries. There has

long been a contention that the salaries fixed by the constitution are meant to be minimum only, and that the clause fixing them does not prohibit larger salaries. However this may be, it does prohibit fees and perquisites. It was the intention of the constitution, when the salaries were fixed, whether by the instrument itself or by the Legislature, that the compensation should not be increased by any other emoluments. It was the fee system that was meant to be prohibited. It was a wise provision. Nothing is subject to such abuse. It grows by what it feeds upon. Under one pretense or another official duties are divided and then multiplied, and the process of this official arithmetic begets a product and a quotient in fees that grows steadily with the years.

It is the fee system, therefore, that the people want abolished. They have abolished it in the county offices, where it was long in vogue. They mean now to abolish it in the state offices. The Republican platform of 1894 promised to do it. That of 1902 promised to do it. The question is not what the salary shall be. It is that the compensation shall not be in the form of fees and perquisites, which always cover a multitude of official sins, and that official remuneration shall be a fair reward for services rendered, and not the princely prize of political conflicts.

JOHN SEBASTIAN, PROMOTER.

Not all of the statesmen are seated in the halls of Congress. Some serve the people in positions with the railroads. John Sebastian, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, is one of the broad-gauge men who are more than mere executors of office details. He sees into the future and works for that future. Mr. Sebastian has been progressive and far-seeing. He has been one of the best friends of the West. He has been ever desirous of furthering its development. Mr. Sebastian, it is true, has not always been a tractable member of the associations of general passenger agents. He has at times been iconoclastic. He has torn to tatters with a rude hand the structure of agreements on rates, and has stepped out into an independent attitude, making his own schedules. But the people of the West will forgive Mr. Sebastian for what he has done to the passenger associations, inasmuch as he has assisted materially in the upbuilding of this great West. John Sebastian has the kindly interest of all informed residents of the Pacific coast who know of what he has done.

Suggestion to Sheriff Durbin: Send the Walla Walla bloodhounds back home and send for the Portland braves.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Miss Isabella Dunn, an English woman in Constantinople, has turned Mohammedan, previous to becoming the second wife of a Turkish officer.

Lord Malcolm of Poltalloch has left a fortune of over \$300,000, besides real property valued at \$750,000. All his real and personal estates is bequeathed to his brother, Colonel Edward Malcolm, the father of Mr. Ian Malcolm.

John H. Johnson, who died recently in Philadelphia, bequeathed all his estate to charitable and religious purposes. Six benevolent associations in that city received \$2000 each, and the remainder went to the Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

James Hawthorth, aged 81 years, intends to pull a bellows in St. Paul's Cathedral on coronation day. He rang the bells for the death of William IV., for the accession of Queen Victoria, the birth of all her children, her two jubilees and for the accession of Edward VII.

Dr. Arthur Lachman, head of the department of chemistry and mining in the University of Oregon, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the present college year. Dr. Lachman will lecture on chemistry at the Berkeley summer school. Further than this he has no definite plans for the future.

birthday the other day, "was," says the London Chronicle, "a gold-digger at Bal-larat and Bendigo in the 50s, but it was not until he crossed over to New Zealand and joined the late Sir Julius Vogel in starting the Daily Times at Dunedin that he discovered his faculty for fiction.

Might Have Worked.

In the U. S. S. New York and Brooklyn and H. M. S. Blake and Blenheim a method of engine design is used by which the gain in economy is unquestionable. These are all large vessels, with engines from 15,000 to 20,000-horse-power, and they were designed with two complete triple-expansion engines on each shaft, the idea being that at anything below half power only one set of engines on each shaft would be used, and this is actually the practice in ordinary cruising.

Special objection to this type of engine was developed at the time of the naval battle of Santiago. On both the New York and the Brooklyn there was a comparatively simple coupling for connecting the two engine shafts, but it required about half an hour to perform the operation.

During the blockade both the New York and the Brooklyn had been kept under half power, using only the after engines. When Curver's fleet came out so unexpectedly, it was not deemed wise to lose half an hour in coupling up, so that it was possible to work the engines up to half power only.

The poor work of the Spanish engineers rendered this lack of efficiency less important than it would have been had the enemy's fleet been possessed of skilled engineers; but the lesson was learned, and this, added to the other objections already mentioned, renders it unlikely that this type of engine will again be used.—W. M. McFarland in the Engineering Magazine.

AN ISLAND ROMANCE

Strange Story of an Island in Puget Sound.

Accused of harboring murderers, smugglers and pirates on his lonely island at the entrance of Deception Pass, white-haired Benjamin Ure, once Skagit County's richest man, is now under arrest, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Formally he is charged, with receiving stolen property. He was arrested last week by Sheriff Waddell of Island County. By several of Skagit County's most prominent citizens, for he is a pioneer and well known to the older settlers, he was bonded out on Monday. The story sounds like the more graphic chapters of a romantic novel.

The story deals with desperate men; with their mysterious comings and goings in the darkness; with rats by night with the little dunt-gray sloops which slip into the quiet cove among the rocks to emerge again repainted in other colors; with signal lights in the darkness seen by chance from sleeping villages, with muffled oars silently slipping into the water; it tells of wild carousals when stolen whisky is landed on the rocky island; of smuggled opium hidden, behind logs in the woodland; close to the quiet wheat fields of Whidby Island. It is a strange story.

Yet the officers maintain it is true. Sheriff Luther Weesla worked for months gathering its details. Prosecuting Attorney Lester Hull of Island County maintains that what has been told is only the half.

Ure's Island is a flat space for such a size. It is a bleak, spruce-grown bit of rock almost at the east entrance of Deception Pass. The current slips by it like a mill race, at half tide. At slack water it laps the rocks as smooth as oil. Sheltered from the west wind and the sea from the straits, protected from the swirling currents as they eddy and rush from the mouth of the pass, it is an ideal haven for small craft.

Nothing grows on this island save the spruces and the brush beneath them. It is no spot for farming. To one who passes it on the water it looks like a wilderness. The jungle of underbrush hides the houses. To this bleak spot came Benjamin Ure, years ago, broken in fortune and spent in years. In early days he had owned several schooners. With these he had carried passengers about the Upper Sound, when travel was slow the steam craft were few in these waters. Then he worked for a time in the customs service. He invested his money carefully. He became a man of means and influence. Then he bought real estate in Anacortes. The boom, which raised values so high in that place, burst. Ure's property became worthless. He never troubled to pay its taxes. He did not take a last look at his belongings. He left the place for his island.

There he built himself a cabin. He lived much by himself. His comings and goings were unnoticed. Gradually he added more buildings to his cabins. He cruised from time to time about the Upper Sound and among the islands in a small schooner. He made a living in some of the mysterious ways by which men get tribute from the waters. He still kept to the island.

Time went on. Smuggling again became frequent. Opium was brought over the border from the Victoria factories in small craft. The smugglers kept close to the shore line and sailed for the coast part at night. They landed late in the day and hid their contraband in the woods while they slept in their innocent-looking fishing sloops.

Opium dealers were frequent on the upper end of Whidby Island. Once a farmer on the north end of that island found a lot of small time behind a log. He was ignorant of opium. He opened the tin and saw a sticky brown substance. It smelled sweet. He thought it paint. He was about to paint his house. He thinned his find out with oil and painted his house with it. When a rain washed it off he was mystified. When he learned that he had wasted \$1500 worth of opium on his cottage he was furious.

Often in the night men at Coupeville saw signal lights. One of these would flash from the darkness on the shore of Camano Island. A few moments later, from the blackness to the southward would flash another. Then the people of the village knew that some little craft, which had been lying-to in the shadows, was now stealing forth at this signal to pursue her way to Seattle.

It came to be a time of dealing and human flesh. Chinese were packed in sloops and ferried across the bar, landed near Seattle and heavy toll collected by the boatmen.

At the same time the fish trap and the Sound pirates began operations. Alfred Hawkins, alias Hamilton, who recently ended his career on the gallows, was one of these men. He, it is claimed, murdered a fisherman named Jackson, who was shot in his boat near Ure's Island. The notorious Ferguson, alias the "Flying Dutchman," who from a hook in the rocks near this island held officers at bay until they got reinforcements, was another. These men did everything from stealing boom chains off logs to sawing through floors and looting large warehouses.

During the time they were plying their traffic on the waters, strange stories leaked out concerning Ure's Island. Men said that boats crept there in the night time and lay in the little cove for days, only to steal forth again in the darkness. Stories of wild orgies on stolen whisky and of shouts and screams from the island were circulated. It finally came to be a matter of report that the island was a resort of smugglers and that its owner, for a portion of their gains, harbored the lawbreakers until they had an opportunity to steal out and dispose of their wares. The authorities heard the story and they watched the place.

That was several months ago. Sheriff Weesla has been watching it all this time. It was only last week that he went to the island and arrested the old man. They found 9000 cigars and several bottles of whiskey, all of the same brand as those stolen recently by water pirates from the saloon of Edward Kelfson at Utsaladdy. Ure himself, according to the authorities, acknowledged that he knew Ferguson, Jamison, Bergus, Hamilton and other noted pirates and smugglers. He said that these men and beachcombers had come to his place. He admitted he had given them lodging through fear—for they were, he knew, violent men. He said that when the stolen whisky and cigars were brought to his island in the night time, a debauch followed and the men drank until they were so stupefied they could not go to their boats. He was willing at first to plead not guilty of the charge of receiving stolen property. His friends maintain he is innocent.

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among them, but only in the evening departed for San Francisco. The other boats lined up at the wharf were the Harvest Queen, the Hiale, the Glensia, the Panama, the Modoc, the Kellogg and the Northwest.

All the business seems to come at once on the water-front, and when it begins to slack it goes by boulevards and causes altogether for a short period. The big ocean freighters now in nearly all came at the same time, and will probably leave not far apart. Then a dull period is expected to follow.

POWERFUL SUPPORT

For Free Kindergartens Has Been Secured.

The strength of the movement for the free kindergartens may be judged from the list of organizations which in addition to many influential individuals have endorsed the project. This list is: Civic Improvement League, Teachers' Association, Portland Woman's Club, Jewish Council, Woman's Union, Young Men's Christian Association, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Young Woman's Christian Association, Federated Clubs, Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church, Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church, Aid Society of the Calvary Presbyterian church.

SCHOOL ELECTION VOTING PLACES. At the school election on Monday next, when the question of the free kindergartens will come before the voters of the district, the voting places are to be as follows:

- No. 1—Watson school building. No. 2—Southwest corner of Glisan and Fourteenth streets. No. 3—246 Ash street. No. 4—323 Alder street. No. 5—37 Fourth street. No. 6—308 First street. No. 7—242 First street. No. 8—Hobkirk's hall, South Portland. No. 9—Engine house, Macadam road. No. 10—Fireman's hall, Sellwood. No. 11—Webfoot engine house, Powell street. No. 12—390 East Clay street. No. 13—Grand avenue. No. 14—Boys' Brigade, Sunnyside. No. 15—383 Russell street. No. 16—Hush building, Eighth and Durham, Woodlawn. No. 17—Engine house on Mississippi avenue. No. 18—Peninsula Station. No. 19—University Park. No. 20—Northwest corner Holladay and Grand avenue. No. 21—784 Thurman street.

MANLY WORKERS.

The workers for the movement have been active and are prepared to present a solid front on election day. The plan involves the districting of the city, with a superintendent in charge of each district and others as assistants, previous canvassing from house to house throughout a large part of the town, and on election day there will be carriages to take to the polls ladies who cannot conveniently provide their own conveyances.

Literature has been distributed in many of the stores, from some of which it is sent out enclosed in packages made for purchase. Other lots have gone to people through individual effort of those who are interested in the enterprise, and in all thousands of pamphlets and cards urging the free kindergarten have gone into the hands of the voters.

PASTORS ASKED TO HELP.

The Free Kindergarten Association has caused the sending to all of the local pastors in the city notices of the election, and the request that they urge their parishioners to support the movement at the polls. Speaking for this phase of the work, Miss Valentine Pritchard, one of the managers of the association, said to The Journal: "We are hoping that the pastors of the city will not fail to take up the free kindergarten matter on Sunday and present it to their congregations. We believe that, if they will do so, they will bring to bear such a strong measure of support that the project will carry at the election. In fact, there is not any particular opposition, and it seems to be a question more of bringing it to the attention of the people. Most persons, when once they have even briefly considered the subject, readily lend their support."

BOARD ASKS A VOTE.

The School Board has embodied the free kindergarten matter in the call for the annual school election, and therefore passes it up to the voters of the district to give expression to their wishes in the premises. It is understood that the vote on the subject on Monday will settle it permanently, the directors being guided as a matter of course by the manner in which the taxpayers vote in the election. The supporters of the movement, therefore, are urging the people to keep it in mind, and not to fail to vote positively on the free kindergartens on Monday. If the people desire to retain kindergartens as a part of the educational systems of the city, and at public expense, then they will mark their ballots to that effect.

POSTMASTERS MEET

(Journal Special Service.) MURKOCKE, L. T., June 12.—Postmasters of the chief cities and towns of the Indian Territory met here today to form a permanent territorial organization. The general purpose of the movement is the betterment of the mail service by co-operation and the exchange of ideas.

INDEPENDENCE

INDEPENDENCE, June 12.—The Oregon City Transportation Co. is building a light draught boat, which will be used in making the trip from Portland to this city during the summer. This will give the people of Independence a boat service during the low-water season, which has been a long felt want.

Lively—Then Drill.

Yesterday the Alaska dock-looked deserted, but the day before it presented an appearance of life and industry. At the time eight vessels were crowded around the dock receiving and discharging freight. The coast liner George W. Elder was

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THE DALLES. (Journal Special Service.) THE DALLES, June 12.—Coray Bros. & Alden, who have the contract for the construction of 27 miles of the Columbia River & Northern Railway, began grading at Lyle, Wash., yesterday. About 150 men are at work. The contract for building five miles of the road has been sublet to P. H. Flynn, of The Dalles, and he is now advertising for 800 men to do grading and build bridges. The company will soon begin the construction of a depot and floating dock at the Lyle terminus of the new road. It is their intention to have cars moving by early fall.

Summer School For Boys. The Hill Military Academy. 24th and Marshall Sts. Will hold its SUMMER SCHOOL SESSION from JULY 1st to AUGUST 31st—open to Day and Boarding Students. School sessions during forenoons only; afternoons devoted to recreation. For particulars write to DR. J. W. HILL, Principal, Hill Military Academy, Marshall and 24th Sts., Portland, Or.

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DEATH OF PIONEER

Mrs. J. M. Gearhart of Lane County Is no More.

EUGENE, June 12.—Mrs. J. M. Gearhart, a pioneer lady of Lane county, died at her home near Eugene yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, after an illness of three years' duration. Mrs. Gearhart was born in Cooper county, Missouri, 52 years ago. She was married at an early age and came across the plains to Oregon in 1852, settling on the farm on which she died yesterday. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. Mary McCollum, and one brother, L. F. McPherson, both of this county, who were with her at the time of her death. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, and the remains interred in the Mulkey cemetery.

THIRD ANNUAL

Tournament of the Wisconsin League of Gun Clubs. (Journal Special Service.) RHINELANDER, Wis., June 12.—Some good scores were made today in the preliminary events of the third annual tournament of the Wisconsin League of Gun Clubs. The program comprised 10 events at 15 bluecocks each, and the contestants included crack shots from all over the state. The championship events, the winners of which will receive a silver trophy, takes place tomorrow.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Annual Gathering of the Knight of the Grip. (Journal Special Service.) COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 12.—Council Bluffs experienced an invasion today at the hands of several hundred "knights of the grip," who are attending the annual meeting of the Grand Council of Iowa, United Commercial Travelers. Delegations are present from Des Moines, Ottumwa, Sioux City, Sheldon and other cities of the state. The meeting was called to order in a banquet hall by Grand Counselor J. B. Helwig, and the session was given over to routine business connected with the organization's affairs. Many of the visitors are accompanied by ladies, and for them an elaborate two days' program of entertainment has been prepared.

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