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ABOUT THE PRIMARY

A suggestion has been made by the Oregon Voter for improving the present direct primary law by making the party organization responsible for selecting one candidate for each office, each candidate to be voted on by voters as at present, along with others who may want the nomination. The Voter admits there are some weighty objections to the proposal and discusses them at length.

Friends of the direct primary, and the Herald belongs to that category remembering the abuses that were a part and parcel of the old convention system, watch jealously any effort to tinker with the law. Candor compels the admission that the law is not perfect. Moreover, it is not satisfactory. It is better than the old convention system because it prevents bossism, but it leaves voters at the mercy of self-starting, self-appointed office seekers whose questionable fitness to serve in office does not inspire confidence. The suggestion of the Voter is worthy of serious consideration. The suggestion in part is as follows:

If a method can be provided which keeps control of nominations in the hands of voters, and still imposes on the party organization the duty of making preliminary recommendation to the voters who are registered members of the party, such a method ought to lead to better nominations.

We believe that such a method can be provided, and that in no sense would it abridge the freedom of choice of voters in selecting the actual nominee at the primaries.

The method would consist of extending permission to each party organization to propose one candidate for each office for which party nominations are to be made at the primaries.

On the primary ballot, the name of each candidate so proposed would be identified by a statement such as: "Proposed by convention of members of the republican county central committee," or "Proposed by convention of delegates regularly called by republican county central committee."

Such a candidacy should be filed 30 days in advance of the time for filing other candidacies, so there would be at least 30 days during which the candidacy would be before the public prior to the closing of the list to other aspirants for the same nomination.

The candidate proposed by the party organization would not be permitted to carry any slogan after his name on the ballot, other than the identifying statement suggested above. Other candidates would be permitted to carry slogans after their names, the same as under existing law.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes would receive the nomination, as under the existing law.

Foregoing would tend to encourage some activity on the part of each party organization, but would confer upon it no power to dictate, control or review nominations. It would be encouraged to propose candidates for nomination, with no assurance that the candidate proposed would be nominated. The electors would decide and would not be bound in any way to decide in favor of the candidate proposed by the party.

Every once in a while someone returns from a trip over parts of the state with a report that the Hermiston country is plunging ahead faster with better prospects than most other districts. It is also a fact that a number of people who left this district a few years ago have either returned or are planning to return in the near future. All of which may be interpreted as a reason for keeping an eye on this Hermiston district.

McKay reservoir is filling with water to be used for irrigating arid land. Only a few years ago McKay dam was a dream.

A northeast wind brought some winter, the first we have had for two years.

Have you done that Christmas shopping yet?

3,000 at Service View They Talk With Dead
 London.—An impressive belief in spiritualism was registered at the spiritualists' annual armistice service in Albert hall. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, leading the services, suddenly appealed to his hearers, shouting:
 "I ask all who are sure that they have been in touch with their dead to rise and testify."
 More than 3,000 men and women of all types quietly rose, and this brought from Sir Arthur this fervent statement:
 "Thank God there are so many. I prophesy within five years that to such an appeal every man and woman will rise. We are not testifying to faith but to fact."

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Coyle dance hall in Vernonia.

Fourteen million eggs of eastern brook trout have been taken at the Fall river hatchery, near Bend.

Farmers of the Haines district are very optimistic over the crop outlook for next year. Six feet of snow is reported in the mountains.

Twenty-seven hundred Christmas trees are to be shipped this season from Canby for the holiday season to Honolulu and San Francisco.

Harvey Kaser, 13, was accidentally shot through the abdomen by his brother Oral, 15, while the two were hunting with a .32 rifle near Salem.

At Reedsport the several mills are cutting about 7,500,000 feet of lumber each month, the larger portion of which is being shipped to foreign ports.

The Coos County Ministerial association, at an assembly held in Myrtle Point recently, went on record as opposed to billboard advertising of cigarettes.

A number of the prominent growers of the Sheridan district met in the city hall of Sheridan to talk over plans for organizing the prune growers of the northwest.

Benny Caesar, 17, son of Levi Caesar of North Bend, is in a serious condition as the result of being caught and mangled in a large electric bread mixer in a local bakery.

Four inches of snow has fallen in the Siskiyou mountains and, owing to slippery conditions, the Pacific highway is unsafe and several minor collisions have been reported.

Nine died in Portland as the result of automobile accidents during November, according to the report of Dr. Earl Smith, coroner for Multnomah county, for that month.

Miss Mina Bluhm of Beavercreek brought a crate of Cuthbert raspberries to Oregon City last week. They found a ready sale at \$3.00 a crate, here being 24 boxes in the crate.

A higher tariff on eggs imported from China is sought by the Oregon branch of the International Baby Chick association, which held its semi-annual meeting in Portland last week.

The Yamhill County High School basketball league has opened its fifth season. The league is composed of the high schools of Amity, Carlton, Dayton, Sheridan, Willamina and Yamhill.

The 1927 Rainier city budget, calling for \$18,375.60, was passed by the city council last week. Of this amount \$12,963 will be raised by receipts for the city, and the balance will come from taxation.

High water in the Siuslaw river during the past week took out a cable suspension bridge across the stream, and since then more than half the pupils of the Rainier school have been unable to attend classes.

The army of state employees has increased from 350 in the year 1899, with a monthly payroll of \$25,000, to 5375 in November, 1926, with a monthly payroll of \$547,000, according to Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

The cost of supplies for state institutions during the six months beginning January 1, 1927, will be about the same as during the current six months, according to bids opened by the state board of control in Salem.

Portland ranked fourth among the cities of the Pacific coast in value of building permits issued during November, according to a survey made by S. W. Straus & Co. The value of permits issued in this city totaled \$2,099,925.

Representative Hawley has telegraphed friends in Salem that the interior department has included in its appropriations for the next two years a item of \$40,000 for the construction of a dormitory at the Chemawa Indian school.

Motorists seem to have lost interest in getting their 1927 license plates early, according to W. L. Campbell, in charge of the Portland branch of the state license bureau. Few owners have made application for their new plates.

Oregon's state highway system on November 30 of this year included 321 miles of improved highways and 47.6 miles of unimproved highways, according to a report prepared by Ray Tein, secretary of the state highway commission.

A forked tree on the ranch of J. P. Pein, near Alsea, proved a most efficient bear trap. Pein, visiting the ranch, found a big black bear, dead, caught in the forks. Apparently the animal had slipped while climbing the tree and had fallen so that he was caught just in front of his hind quarters, with his head banging down.

Edible Oil Supply
 Although the potential production of edible oils throughout the world for 1925 was apparently larger than in the preceding year, there are indications that a balance may be struck between increases in world cottonseed-oil production and a decrease in other edible oils, including that from sunflower seed. There was a heavier world consumption of these products during the last year. Prices, however, declined

TURKISH PROGRESS IS BLOW TO CZECHS

Abolition of Fez Hits Important Industry.

Washington.—When news reached the world that Turkey had abolished the fez it created mild interest.

That is, the interest was mild in nearly all the world except in a little Czechoslovakian village in the Bohmer Wald, where it stirred up amazement. Now the people of Strakonitz have protested against Turkey's abandonment of its traditional headgear because it cripples their industry of supplying fezes to Turkey.

"The predicament of Strakonitz (the Czech spell is Strakonice) is for a telling cross-section of Czechoslovakian industry," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in Washington.

"Long before Czechoslovakia became an independent state it had the habit of making things for other nations. When the buying power of Europe shrank after the war, Czechoslovakians were forced afar for markets as they never were before. The 'Yankees of Europe,' as they have been called, have been doing business with the 'Yankees' of America. What woman is not familiar with Czechoslovakian glass beads from Gablonz, with Czech embroidery and Bohemian glassware?"

"Strakonitz, Gablonz, Kladsno, Pilsen, Brunn and other manufacturing towns are in the western end of the country. Czechoslovakia, at first, seemed an awkwardly long name, but it helps one remember the geography of the nation. Czech is a short, compact name, and likewise the western or Czech, or Bohemian section, is as compact as a box. Slovakia stretches out on the tongue and geographically tapers out along the Carpathian range like a scarf trailing behind the Bohemian box.

"The edges of the box are mountain ranges and Strakonitz lies near the south wall. Another way of giving its position is to say that Strakonitz lies half way between Ceske Budejovice and Pilsen. A still better way is to say that it lies half way between Budweis and Pilsen, for the German spellings of those towns are far more familiar to an American than the Czech spellings.

Volstead Act Grievous Pilsen.
 "The sorrow caused Strakonitz by the Turkish edict against the fez is a drop in the bucket beside the grief Pilsen faced because of the United States' declaration of prohibition. Pilsen's municipal brewery is the largest in Czechoslovakia and one of the largest in the world. Its product goes to nearly every land. This brewery is a community project operated by a few hundred house owners of the town.

"While the textile industries, including the hat making of the Strakonitz district, are extensive, even a slight inquiry into the Czechoslovakian trade reveals that Bohemia is especially dedicated to beverages. First there is Hana (Prossnitz) in Moravia, between Bohemia and Slovakia, famous for its barley malt, which is shipped all over the world. Then there is Saaz (Zatec) in the far west of Bohemia, famous for its hops, which are shipped to Pilsen and to Germany. There also are the numerous breweries. And finally there is the extensive glass industry centered in Gablonz (Jablonec) for fancy ware and Teplitz (Toplice), Prague (Praha), etc., for plainer ware.

"Pilsen, Strakonitz and Budweis are also within the chief health springs district of southern Bohemia, one of the most famous of Europe. In past ages the country was liberally sprinkled with small volcanic peaks. Volcanic activity has survived only in the warm health springs, such as Karlovy Vary, better known as Karlsbad, and Mar Lazne (better known as Marienbad).

Whistling Policeman Is Saved by Whistle

New York.—There was considerable whistling early in the morning in the vicinity of Manhattan avenue and One Hundred and Eighteenth street.

Patrolman Frank A. Ryan of the West One Hundredth street station was making his rounds just before daylight while solemnly contemplating, as is his wont, a weighty metaphysical problem. He was just speculating as to what would have been the fate of Europe had Napoleon not had a cold the night before the battle of Waterloo, when he was interrupted by the sight of three men trying to break into Samuel Lipman's drug store at the intersection of the aforementioned thoroughfares.

"Whew—" whistled Patrolman Ryan to himself.

"Whew—" whistled the three men on finding themselves thus rudely interrupted.

"Whoa, there!" shouted Patrolman Ryan, as he saw the men running to their automobile.

The driver swerved his car and bore down on him. He pulled his gun and fired three times. The three returned the salute. A fourth hit him on the hip and felled him.

All of which gave Patrolman Ryan a new problem. For it was his police whistle, silent all through the interchange, that deflected the bullet that whistled straight for his body.

Like Ghost Stories

Copenhagen.—Ghost stories are gaining in popularity, according to Danish publishers who are placing them on the market.

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| 2 Pound Pails Snowdrift, per pail.....50c | |
| 4 Pound Pails Snowdrift, per pail.....\$1.00 | |

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HURLY CASH GROCERY
 Hermiston Stanfield

COLD WEATHER CALLS FOR CHANGES IN FEEDING WORK

O. A. C. Poultry Station Head Tells of Plan Followed With College Flock.

Successful Oregon poultrymen help maintain high production throughout the winter by careful feeding of the layers, explains A. G. Lunn, head of the experiment station poultry department. Any sudden change in weather conditions is likely to lower production. Unless the poultryman is observing, he will over-feed at this time, since the appetite of the flock will not be so keen.

"During December and January, especially around the holiday season, cold snaps usually occur when it is best either to cut down materially on the morning feed of grain or to divide it into three periods to keep the pullets active," says Professor Lunn. "If they begin to let up on food-consumption a mild mash is fed at noon to stimulate their appetite. Three pounds of mash to 100 birds or enough to last them about 10

minutes is plenty. The mash is moistened by adding buttermilk. "It is important that layers be given a regular supply of green feed and as the kale is likely to be frozen during this period, mangels, beets or carrots may be fed. These placed in the pen throughout the early winter season allow the birds to become accustomed to them."

Very little change is made in the feed itself from that used at other times of the year, according to Professor Lunn. Corn, having slightly higher heat value, may be increased in the scratch grain to advantage. A higher average production has been maintained at the Oregon experiment station farm without any change in composition, however.

It is essential that a constant supply of clean water, grit, shell, charcoal and cut-bone is kept before the fowls at all times. Many poultrymen change the water several times a day during the cold spells.

SCHOOL NEWS NOTES
 Tuesday afternoon two visitors from Kennewick spoke to the stu-

dents. Both talks were very interesting and much enjoyed by the students. Mr. Lamson urged us to keep in mind that "education helps us to do worth while things in life and do them well," and the motto, "laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone."

Thursday afternoon the parent-teacher association met at the high school. Entertainment was provided by the eighth grade in a group of songs and by Della Fittell, a first grade pupil. Mr. Cherry, Rev. Hamrick and Mrs. Schillings were the speakers. They gave short talks on "The relation between the home and the teacher," "The relation between the church and the school," and "Habits—Punctuality." It was suggested that the association raise some money to build tennis courts, but discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

The senior class held a meeting Monday morning to discuss plans for the annual senior play. A committee was appointed to make a list of suitable plays to be presented at

a future meeting.
 The Junior class play has been chosen. It is "Good Gracious Annabelle," a three act comedy.

Basket ball practice has started with great enthusiasm. Two class games were held on Friday night in the auditorium. The Seniors beat the Juniors and the Freshmen the Sophomores. When these two teams play, the winners will be the high school champions.

The high school glee clubs are now practicing Christmas carols to sing on Christmas eve. The clubs will sing in front of many homes in town that evening.

Miss Dallinger, the sixth grade teacher, was absent one day last week and her place was taken by Mrs. Cherry.

The seventh and eighth grade basket ball teams are to meet in a preliminary game Friday night, before the high school team plays Umatilla high school.