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POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

POLITICAL conventions have lost their charm to the average citizen. Only the politician and rabid partisan get excited over them. The reason is that the invisible workings of the conventions are thoroughly understood by the people, and distrusted in proportion.

This popular distrust created as a remedy the direct primary, which has eliminated the convention in Oregon and other states, and the experiment may or may not prove a step in advance. It was intended as a corrective. It was brought about by betrayal of public interests for special interests by the politicians. The control of the organizations became centered in corrupt and unscrupulous groups financed by privilege-seekers.

The deliberative feature of the convention has become largely illusory. The enthusiasm is largely a manufactured commodity. Programs are cut and dried in advance and the delegates, like automatons, carry out the order of the day. Voters are expected to be governed by prejudice and ignorance and blindly ratify whatever is done, regardless of men named or platforms presented. Conventions became commercialized along with politics.

The recently issued book by Samuel Blythe, entitled, "A Western Warwick," published in the Saturday Evening Post, gave a glimpse into the inside history of presidential political campaigns that robs politics of its romance and is calculated to eventually take the guff, buncombe and hurrah out of political campaigns, leaving them to be decided upon merit and principles.

The political convention is as old as the Anglo-Saxon race. It was the original government of the Germanic tribes in the forests of the Rhine before they conquered England. It survives in parliaments and legislatures. Whatever liberty the world enjoys is due to it. It is government by representatives of the people, who are presumed to be selected because of superior attainments and to act patriotically for the common good.

In the purest democracy the representative merely carries out the wishes of the people he represents. It is because the politician betrayed the people that the so-called Oregon system was devised to force him to act as the people willed. The system is intended as a corrective and experience will probably cause its modification as its weakness becomes apparent as the old order passes.

CONGRESSMAN KENT

CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM KENT of California has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself, but will retire to a well-earned vacation to look after personal interests after six years' faithful service to the public.

The announcement is received with regret by all friends of good government, for, in addition to being the only independent in congress, Mr. Kent has been one of its most valued members and always fought valiantly for the right as he saw it.

Mr. Kent, as independent, occupied an enviable position. He was able to ignore partisanship and support the best measures of both parties. Although a heavy owner of Mexican properties, he opposed intervention as far back as 1911, when President Taft had the problem under consideration, and is almost the only American millionaire interested in Mexico who did not want the nation to go to war to benefit his personal interests.

Mr. Kent was a leader in the fight for parcels post, for government ownership of munition plants, for rural credits, old-age pensions, industrial insurance and other similar legislation, and opposed with all his vigor the spoliation of natural resources for private gain, the raid of the power trust and legislation for special interests.

The loss of Mr. Kent in congress will not only be a loss to California, but to the entire nation.

UNEQUALLED MOVIE PROGRAM AT PAGE

An unequalled movie program opens today at the Page theater. There is Dorothy Gish, Owen Moore and Geo. Fawcett in a delightful refreshing drama, and Mable Norman, Roscoe Arbuckle and Al St. John in a sure-fire laugh-getter. Dorothy Gish, film favorite, never starred in a play that was more suited to her personality than "Betty of Greystone." There is a heart interest that holds you to the very end.

Fatty and Mabel again in "The Bright Lights," formerly known as "The Luck of Broadway," is the most rough and tumble and at the same time one of the most breath-taking and craziest comedies that ever ran the celluloid.

Fatty does nothing more than wreck an entire building. A hysterical fight is staged and the lighters cause such a terrible rampus that the two upper floors of the building fall in. This series of scenes mixes thrills and laughter most cleverly.

But one does not need to await the climax in "The Bright Lights" to find his laughing apparatus. The story and incidentally the fun starts in a small-town cabaret where Fatty is chief cook and bottle-washer, where Al St. John keeps the sober side of the bar, and where entrancing Mabel dances to amuse those folk of Fort Corners who can drink three egg flips and still go home without the assistance of the telephone poles.

In closing, "The Bright Lights" is not vulgar—it has nothing offensive—and, after all is said in praise of Fatty and Mabel, one must not forget that there is Al St. John, who is one of the cleverest comedians that ever appeared in recent times.

CONCERT PROGRAM OF BAND FOR TONIGHT

The regular band concert will be given by the Medford Band, under the direction of Bandmaster Reginald C. Rowland, at the city park band stand this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. Judging by the inquiries from outside the city, there should be an unusually large attendance. Providing the fixtures arrive today the new lights for the concert will be in position by this evening, making an attractive addition to the popular performances. There are many excellent numbers on this evening's program. The chief feature will be the Medley selection of "Irish airs," "Sons of Erin," which contains the following old favorite songs:

- "Come Back to Erin," "Last Rose of Summer," "Wearing of the Green," "Off in the Stilly Night," "Kerry Advance," "Crusken Lawr," "St. Patrick's Day," "Moll Roone." The program is as follows: March—"Co-Ed" Zamenk; Waltz—"Somewhere This Summer" Oleman; Medley Selection—"Sons of Erin." Bever Popular—"Sweet Older Time," Menrich Reverie—"Melody of Love" Enzellan Fox trot—"Kerry Mills," Mills Concert Waltz—"Blaine," Baxter March—"United Emblem," Brown Star Spangled Banner.

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BEAR SURVIVORS TAKEN TO 'FRISCO ON SPECIAL TRAIN

EUREKA, Cal., June 16.—Survivors of the wreck of the coastwise steamer Bear, wrecked on Sugar Loaf rock, near Cape Mendocino, in the fog of Wednesday night, with the subsequent loss of five lives, were to be taken to San Francisco today on a Northwestern Pacific train provided by the owners of the vessel, the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Co.

The train was scheduled to leave early today with about 175 passengers and members of the crew brought here yesterday by the relief boats and was to stop at Ferndale to pick up twenty-one survivors who came ashore in lifeboats at Cape Town, a summer resort near the scene of the wreck.

Captain Louis M. Nopander, who ordered the passengers to the lifeboats Wednesday night and then remained aboard the Bear with three members of the crew and the other officers, planned to remain here today to testify at the inquest started yesterday by Coroner Henry Hansen. Testimony at the inquest showed that the greatest order prevailed aboard the Bear when she struck.

Coroner Hansen at yesterday's session of the inquest, criticized Captain Nopander's action in ordering the boats launched. He declared that, in view of the present safe condition of the Bear, the passengers and crew should not have been ordered off the vessel and the lifeboats should not have been forced out of the lee of the ship.

All the 219 passengers and members of the crew have been accounted for, according to Purser C. F. Heywood. He said today he was convinced that the five persons drowned in the surf when their lifeboat overturned were the only ones that perished. The five bodies were recovered.

Most of the survivors were brought here aboard the steamer Grace Dollar and the tug Relief, which picked some up at sea and took others from Blunt's Reef light-ship.

The Bear, a \$1,000,000 steamer, may yet be dragged off the rocks in fact. Captain Nopander reported yesterday that only the outer shell of the ship's double hull had been pierced. A wrecking tug, the Inna, was expected here today from San Francisco to attempt to pull the boat back into the water. Lighters were to be sent from here to assist. In charge of the Inna was Captain Lab Curtis, whose feat of raising the German steamer Walkure from the bottom of Popeye harbor caused much discussion in maritime circles.

Medford Boosters Smoke The Medford and Mt. Pitt Cigars.

GET TOGETHER BANQUET PLANNED MONDAY EVENING

The Commercial club, the Fair association and the Medford Merchants' association will give a dinner at the Hotel Austin Monday at 6:30 p. m. The affair will be an annual business meeting of the three clubs. Delegates from Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Batte Falls, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Central Point and Jacksonville will attend. Matters of supreme importance will be brought up and several speakers will present important data for the county.

The dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p. m. and will be a five-course event. Music will be donated by Manager Chisholm of the Austin. It is requested that all members be present and to notify John Carlin or Secretary Latta of the Commercial club of their attendance.

About fifty or sixty people will attend the meeting.

ANIMAL COMEDY AT THE STAR THEATER

The wreck of the circus train, or when the menagerie broke loose, is the extraordinary animal comedy, comedy, which will be the offering at the Star today and tonight only. This is positively a brand new print from the original negative and will no doubt be the most laughable comedy seen at the Star for some time. Animals run loose in a country village, in grocery stores, bar rooms, and down the main streets of a little town. Excitement and comedy is plentiful in this big comedy.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots. There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from any druggist and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion. Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

MICHELIN-FOUNDED-1832 MICHELIN MICHELIN UNIVERSAL TREADS and RED TUBES are not high-priced! Just compare these prices with those you have been paying. Table with columns: Inch Size, Q. D. Straight Sides, Q. D. Clincher, Red Tread Tubes. Medford Vulcanizing Works, Medford, Or.

SOMETHING NEW IN MEDFORD We have leased the room first door south of the old postoffice on North Central, and at noon, SATURDAY, JUNE 17 We will open a First-Class Cafateria and Delicatessen We have had years of experience in this line and solicit your patronage. All Home Cooking. Russell's Cafateria and Delicatessen

CANNING TIME Is here and we are prepared to supply your wants with everything in this line. Fruit Jars Extra lids, extra clamps, rubbers, parawax, jelly glasses, etc. Better lay in a supply early. Personal Attention Prompt Service MARSH & BENNETT PHONE 252

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TEACHERS' COURSE Preparing for June examinations. Now in session. SUMMER SCHOOL Half-Day Sessions—June, July and August. Special rates. Coaching class for grade pupils now being formed. Phone 15-L Medford Commercial College



COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

In looking over the proceedings of the recall convention, I see that our worthy townsman, W. W. Parker, claims to have been instrumental in bringing about the defeat of George W. Dunn for county judge. For this very unfriendly act Mr. Parker feels that he owes Mr. Dunn an apology. Now, why an apology? The inference is that had Mr. Parker supported Dunn by his vote and influence the figures would have been 113 votes east, of which Dunn received 100 and his opponent 13. Now, Mr. Parker seems to have overlooked the fact that the election laws of Oregon are very strict and that before entering upon their duties all election boards take a certain prescribed oath and that no election board (Batte Falls not excepted) would have allowed Mr. Parker or any other person to have gone to the polls with his paper and read Mr. Dunn or any other candidate out of the race.

Mr. Dunn is a very good man—a good farmer, a good neighbor, a good citizen. Mr. Dunn was sent to the Oregon legislature, was elected county judge and in both events I voted for him.

Mr. Dunn came up for re-election to the judgeship and was defeated. He tried it again and was defeated. There are qualifications other than that of being a good man, a good neighbor or a good farmer, or even a good fellow necessary to prepare a man to be a good judge.

Let the recallers go to it. The recall will be as in the case of Mayor Snell of Ashland several years ago. A recall election was held, opposed by their strongest man, and Snell was confirmed by a larger majority than he was elected by. I did not vote for C. W. Loeffer or Frank Madden, but in the event of a recall election I will not only vote for them, but will do all that I can up to election day to help them out. They are American citizens, and I can't find it in my makeup to humiliate a man for doing or not doing where I might have done worse had I been in their place.

No favors. No apologies. E. A. HILDBRETH, SR. Batte Falls, June 14.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Circuit Court.

T. L. De Vore vs. J. M. Ruck et al, summons.

Robert G. Smith vs. J. T. Shaska et al, certificate of levy.

Josephine Sargent vs. Henry H. Sargent.

Jackson County Bank vs. J. E. Hale et al, summons.

S. J. Myers vs. John White et al, summons.

Henry H. Taylor vs. Robert S. Toney, summons.

Flourace Bahle in vs. Edith G. Porter, summons.

California-Oregon Power Co. vs. J. N. Haven, writ of attachment.

Private Estate of Louise C. Frosberg, final account.

Estate of William Sorenson, order.

Marriage Licenses Daniel D. Wilson and Hazel M. Boone.

C. P. Trus and Hazel G. Toney.

Real Estate Transfers Henry A. Sprague et al to W. C. Clement, lot 3, block 14, Central Add., Eagle Point \$1,750.

Anna M. Thomas to John M. Allen et al, land in sec. 3, 36-1W, and in Fryer's Bl. vision to Eagle Point 1,000.

Why Smoke Big Cigars When La Gondas are only 10c