

# U.S. GOVERNMENT ONE OF IDEAS NOT OF PARTIES

### Old Idea of Partisanship Dying Out— Division Is Between Progressives and Backward Lookers—Independent Voters Control and Curse of Partisanship Passing.

(By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The demerats will probably organize the next house of representatives.

Republicans that are rosy-dreaming about this would do well to come out of their trance. The demerats stand to put it all over them.

Today the count stands 216 demerats, 213 republicans and six others, most of whom are set down as republicans in their sympathies.

That's the point—sympathies. Sympathies are not likely to go very much in this matter. Five of the six may be in their sympathies republican, to beat the band, and still the demerats may bring home the bacon.

What will decide is power, opportunity, the goods, the real thing, and the demerats have both hands full of these and the republicans have nothing. Even if they could organize the house they wouldn't have a trick. The demerats have the senate and the presidency. According to the ancient rules of the game, therefore, and the political Hoyle, there would be nothing doing that the demerats don't want.

### Public Doesn't Care

The odd thing is that to the nation it makes no difference, either way, Republican house or democratic house—the people at large do not care.

They are too wise to care. Suppose we have a republican house. There will be about three bills (unimportant) that you might call demeratic party measures and about three (unimportant) that you might call republican party measures. One set will get through the senate and not the house; the other set will get through the house (maybe) and not the senate; and the country will neither know nor care, and everything will go on just the same.

All the important bills, appropriation, defense, finance, national improvement, will go through as they would if both houses were democratic or as they would if the whole shooting match were republican.

### Governed by Ideas

I have been keeping tab on congress a great many years now and it seems so long since I have seen a strictly party vote in either house that it makes me feel old to recall it—along with other dim scenes of my childhood.

The fact is, and it is one of the greatest facts in all our history and all our affairs, this country is not governed by parties.

It is governed by ideas. We have no party government here and have had none since the British congress, anyway.

In those old days when I used to see Tom Reed make a quorum by waggling the handle of his gavel and jam every bill through in the teeth of the bitter opposition of the demerats he walked over, things were different. You might well have said then that we had party government.

But that's all dead and gone now. There is now no particular obligation to party loyalty, no party responsibility, and very little party worship.

### No Partisan Divisions

Here is one more point wherein we differ completely, radically and permanently from conditions in Great Britain. Party feeling in Great Britain runs to a depth of bitterness utterly unknown in this country at any time in this generation, and strange and disastrous things come out of it. Of Great Britain you can truly say it has party government. But we don't have it here.

On every vital bill that comes up in either house, progressive republicans vote with progressive demerats, and reactionary republicans vote with reactionary demerats.

No incident in congress these days is more common than that.

There is today no antagonism between republicans and demerats in either house. Whatever feeling exists is between progressive men and backward-looking men, without any regard to parties.

## SHARKEY'S WIFE NOW MOVIE STAR



Miss Rita Gardner, photoplay star who in private life is Mrs. Tom Sharkey

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—Tom Sharkey, who in former days feared none of the good ones in the prize ring, is today a stage door Jonny.

Tom admits it. He doesn't care a whoop what anybody thinks about it. He even likes to be kidded about the fact that he has fallen for the lure of the calcium.

You see, it's this way, Tom's wife has gone into the movies or has "entered the photoplay profession," if you like it that way better. Mrs. Sharkey, whose screen name is Rita Gardner is 19 and fair to look upon. Moving picture managers are raving over her unusual good photoplay features.

That is why Tom has become a stage door Jonny.

He can stay at the door a slant as he cares to and even has entree into the mysteries of the stuido where his wife is engaged.

"It's a great business, this movie game," Tom grunted. "I never thought I'd care for it—well like, she's a star now, and I'd like to hand around and watch her act. Then I guess no guy'd try to get fresh with me on the job. I've still got a punch or two left."

Harry McCabb, leading man, playing love scenes with Mrs. Sharkey, has taken out a heavy accident insurance policy.

Tom's wife, or Miss Gardner is with the Ross Photoplay Company, the first producing organization in San Francisco.

He is classed as a republican who, on vital measures, vote with a democratic majority more often than with a republican minority. I have seen such men, with long records of what might be called violations of party fealty (if there were any such thing) go home and receive thundering endorsements from voters classed as republicans.

The old curse of partisanship is passing from this country. Today it is almost gone. Very few men that own to thinking apparatus in which they have any faith are now afflicted with the partisan bug. Judgment and reason are taking the places of party passion.

Look at the last election. There never was one in this country in which the independent voter wrought such havoc with the whole party system. He just took his little vote in hand and went out and turned things over to suit himself. Party loyalty sat very lightly on his shoulders as he thrust his good old crowbar into the works. Democratic on president, republican on governor, republican on president, democratic on senator; republican on congress, any old thing on local offices—that is the way the returns look in states that a few years ago were counted in blocks.

### Partisanship in the Discard

The nation has become tutored and sophisticated. It knows now that the sheep and goats idea doesn't work in public affairs. That all the good men in the country belong to one party and all the bad men to the other is a little too much for American common sense. They may still believe that rubbish in England, but it is out of date here.

Also, you can't believe now that any party governs. Ideas govern. Parties and party divisions are becoming more or less nominal distinctions for the convenience of those that make politics a business.

Come, view in the complete returns, old party fealty lying in the discard. Never was a place he was so well fitted to adorn.

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## EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

In my last I made mention of the death of Miss Mabel Wansley, who died just as I was finishing up my letter and of course could say but little with regard to her at that time.

She was born in Texas County, Wisconsin, May 21, 1895, and died at her home in Eagle Point December 2, 1916, aged 21 years, 6 months and 14 days. She was the only daughter of George H. Wansley, with whom she lived up to the day of her death in our town. Until her health failed her she was quite prominent in social affairs. She was a devoted daughter and did everything she could to help encourage her father after the death of her mother, but for the past few years, has been suffering with tuberculosis of the lungs and after trying different climates without avail, finally succumbed to that dreaded disease.

She leaves a father and a brother who the last time I heard was in El Paso, Texas, and a large circle of friends. She was a member of the lodge of Rebekahs, and the remains were interred in the Central Point cemetery by the members of that order on Sunday afternoon. Considering the disagreeable weather there was a large number, about fifty followed her remains to the grave. She had every care and attention that loving hands and hearts could provide.

There was quite a number of persons came in for dinner Sunday and among whom were Robert R. Minter who has been off in the Coos Bay country for several weeks, who arrived at his home a few days before his son Marshall, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammel, Carl Ringer, Howard Hall and his chauffeur and Miss Mida McIntosh, of Roseburg were here Sunday night for supper, but had to return to Medford that night.

Mrs. P. H. Daley of Medford came out on Saturday on business, returning the same day.

Mrs. John Cook and family have

moved into the old von der Hehlen store building.

Frank Dewarth of Derby came out Sunday, spent the night with us, going to Medford and back Monday and Tuesday morning started for his home. While here he gave me his subscription for the weekly Mail Tribune.

Mr. L. O. Walker and Miss Millie Hodges of Gold Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Edington were here Monday for dinner. Mr. Edington is now the foreman on the Corbin orchard, under Henry Van Hoeydenburg, who has leased the orchard of the owner Mr. A. Corbin.

Wm. Mussall of Lake Creek came out Tuesday and brought two dressed hogs for the Sunnyside and then went on to Central Point.

Frank Lewis is complaining that he has about all the business that he can do with his jitney. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Stinson of Hubbard, Ore. came out with him Tuesday evening to spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Lewis.

We held our town election Tuesday afternoon, but there was so little interest taken that many of the voters did not know of it and the result was there was but a few votes cast. Frank Bron, George Phillips and Norman McQuold were re-elected as members of the town council. There was but twenty-four votes cast.

Sam F. Coy was in town Tuesday and while here renewed his subscription to the daily Mail Tribune.

Limmie Bryan was in town Wednesday morning and so was Frank Abbot foreman of the W. Hart orchard and farm.

The president pro tem of the local federal farm loan association of Eagle Point has called for a meeting of the members and those interested in the movement meet at the Eagle Point school house Saturday afternoon at half past two o'clock. A full attendance is desired as Professor Reimser of Talent will be here and give an illustrated explanation of the workings of the loan law on the black board.

Wednesday morning when we arose

from our beds we found the ground covered with snow and that brought to my mind a remark made by Mr. Mussall about snow. He expressed the belief that if we did not have more snow this winter than what we have had in the last two or three that about all the springs in the hills would dry up as many of them had already done and rendered it difficult for stock on the range to get water to drink.

H. S. Harnish and John Simon went to Medford Wednesday afternoon in Lewis' jitney.

I omitted to state the proper time that Rev. J. B. Weyley of Medford came out and preached for us last Sunday morning and evening and at the close of the evening services arrangements were made to have him preach here next Sunday both morning and evening. Owing to the funeral of Miss Mable Wansley Sunday and other causes the Thanksgiving exercises for Sunday evening were dispensed with so that Mr. Weyley had the whole evening. He had a good sized audience and seemed to take with the people. There is talk of calling him to take charge of the church here. He comes well recommended as a devoted christian worker and we trust that he may do us all some good.

J. F. Marquess of Beagle was a Medford visitor Friday, renewing old acquaintances and looking after business matters.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON WILL COME WEST IN SPRING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson is seriously considering making a trip west next spring. When invited today by Speaker Clark to speak before the school of journalism of Missouri university, in May, the president said that if possible, he would like to visit the west after congress adjourned in March and that if he did so he would accept the invitation.

Medford, Nov. 9, 1916 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb Store is at 211 Third Front street in Medford,) I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to stomach better as soon as I used them, and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON.

Witnesses:

M. A. Anderson, Medford

Wm. S. B. Homes, Eagle Point

Frank Lewis, Eagle Point

Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point

W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point

C. E. Moore, Eagle Point

J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point

Geo. B. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point

Thos. E. Nicols, Eagle Point

John S. Orth, Medford

### BAZAAR Presbyterian Church

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Large Assortment Fancy and Useful Articles

Home-Made Candy

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Served from 11 to 2 o'clock

Chicken Dinner Saturday, 5:30 to 8, only 50 Cents

## Why Are We Having Our Clearance Sale Now?

Rather than buying sizes to fill out the runs in each line on sale and pay all the way from Fifty Cents to a Dollar a pair more on the wholesale price and thereby be forced to raise the retail price, we considered it a better proposition to cut the price way down and clean out all these short lines, giving the public the benefit, and in that way also cleaning up our stock and also giving us an opportunity to buy the newer styles as they come up, keeping our stock up to date all the time, even with an advance on the retail price.

### THE FOLLOWING PRICES ARE QUOTED ON THE OLD SELLING PRICE LIST. POSITIVELY NO ADVANCE ON THE RETAIL PRICE PRIOR TO THIS CLEARANCE SALE

Women's \$5.00 Shoes reduced to only.....	\$3.15
Women's \$4.50 Shoes reduced to only.....	\$3.35
Women's \$3.50 Shoes reduced to only.....	\$2.35
Women's \$3.00 Shoes reduced to only.....	\$2.15
Women's \$3.50 Slippers reduced to only.....	\$2.35
Women's \$3.50 Slippers reduced to only.....	\$2.15
Women's \$2.00 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.65
Women's \$1.50 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.25
Women's \$1.35 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.10
Women's \$1.25 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	.95

Men's \$5.00 Work Shoes reduced to only.....	\$4.15
Men's \$4.50 Dress Shoes cut to only.....	\$3.45
Men's \$5.00 Dress Shoes, badly broken.....	\$2.95
Men's \$5.00 Rubber Boots, first grade.....	\$4.35
Men's \$4.00 12-inch Top Rubber Paces.....	\$3.45
Men's \$3.50 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$2.85
Men's \$3.50 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$2.45
Men's \$2.50 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.85
Men's \$1.75 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.35
Men's \$1.50 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	\$1.20
Men's \$1.25 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	.95

Little Gents' \$2.00 Scafflers cut to.....	\$1.35
Misses' \$3.00 School Shoes cut to.....	\$2.55
Misses' \$2.50 School Shoes cut to.....	\$2.15
Misses' \$2.50 Tan Calf Shoes cut to.....	\$2.05
Misses' \$1.25 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	.95
Child's \$1.00 Christmas Slippers cut to.....	.85

### One Big Lot of Women's Shoes at Only \$1.95

Unless you are dead broke you can't afford to miss this opportunity to buy GOOD FOOTWEAR at these prices, you couldn't buy them at wholesale on the open market today. GET BUSY AT ONCE.

At the Sign of **Schmidt's** 21 North Central Ave.

"GOOD SHOES" BUILT OUR BUSINESS

## RUMANIANS ARE SILENT UPON RECENT REVERSES

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Rumanian government still withholds announcement regarding the latest events. The only news available respecting the Rumanian situation comes from Rumanian enemies.

Pending further information, the London morning papers print second thoughts on the central powers' successes by the military critics and editorial writers. The gist of these opinions is that, while it would be useless to seek to attenuate the moral advantage and considerable accession of useful supplies obtained by the central powers, it would be easy to exaggerate the evil consequences for the entente. Expressions of certain German newspapers quoted show that the informed people of Germany realize that their triumph in Rumania has very definite limitations.

Among those things which, it is contended here, materially qualify the successes of the central powers is the fact that Bucharest voluntarily surrendered. The main bulk of the Rumanian army, so far as is known, is intact. The losses the Germans suffered from the stubborn resistance of the Rumanians, it is pointed out, can ill be spared.

## HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salta.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salta from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the ash of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salta is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

