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CONVENTION OR PRIMARIES?

There is an ever increasing discussion of the question, "Is the direct primary system as success?" with the negative side constantly gaining recruits. This change in sentiment has not manifested itself so strongly in Oregon as it has in other states, but it is growing and eventually there is going to be a change here as elsewhere, for the people are beginning to take serious cognizance of the many weak spots in the direct primary system.

Commenting on an article in the Evening Post of New York, the Oregonian says:

The New York Evening-Post is informed by its observant correspondent, David Lawrence, that the "progressive west is virtually ready to discard the primary, or at least to amend it so that the party convention shall be in effect restored." This conclusion is reached after Mr. Lawrence had sounded sentiment in Idaho and several other western states but not in Oregon, Washington or California. Idaho restored the convention system as a corollary of the direct primary at the last session of the legislature. Nebraska had previously returned to the older system and Minnesota is wrestling with it.

It is probably premature to say that Oregon, Washington and California are virtually ready to restore the political convention, though there is greater frankness concerning deficiencies of the direct primary remarked among those who are not ordinarily listed as confirmed politicians. The politicians themselves are still divided between those who profited from the old-time convention and long for its reinstatement, and those who did not profit from the convention but now either derive some personal benefit from the primary or still hope to do so.

The objectionable features that Mr. Lawrence points out in the Post are generally admitted: It produces inferior candidates in many instances; there is no direct responsibility for improper nominations; no man without money and a willingness to spend it can hope to defeat an organized candidate. To which may be added that it promotes a multiplicity of candidates which in turn at first creates despair of proper selection and

finally produces party apathy and governmental indifference among the voters.

But Mr. Lawrence's letter is most interesting in its designation of the real instigator of return to the convention. The non-partisan league is the one named. This league's process of gaining control of state government has been to invade a regular party's primaries and capture the name and organization. In North Dakota the non-partisan league members are known politically as republicans; in Idaho they are known as democrats. With this explanation it is understandable why opposition to the primary culminated so much sooner in Minnesota, Idaho and Nebraska.

In the Pacific coast states the non-partisan league's activities have been inconsequential. In Oregon something like the counterpart of its policy is practiced by other political organizations and has caused protest. Members of minority parties have gone unblushingly into the republican primaries and attempted to influence nominations. Whenever successful, this practice has resulted in nomination of weak candidates. It is perhaps not wholly accurate to say that the invaders deliberately in all instances pick out inferior men with the idea that they will be defeated in the general election. Inclination to get into every political fray to which the way is open is irresistible to many men, and the majority party's internal contests are usually the liveliest and most interesting.

But it is a definite rule that the republican who is most acceptable to the democrats is not usually acceptable to a majority of republicans. Occasionally the balance of power of democrats voting in the republican primaries has been felt with the ultimate election of a democrat to office, for the democrats who vote in republican primaries invariably return to their own party in the general election. Still, deliberate attempts by democrats to nominate weak republicans have been seriously suspected.

After much experience and unproductive protest Oregon now looks upon this practice with a partial degree of fortitude, but not such fortitude that the decline of the direct primary elsewhere is viewed with dismay, or that the subtle processes of the nonpartisan league would not be resented in this state. It is not unsafe to predict that the future—but not the immediate future—will bring forth a rational nominating system in Oregon, one which does not wholly commit selection of candidates to steering committee or other methods of manipulating conventions, nor continue it under the present free-for-all self-aggrandizing process. Widespread admission of the primary's defects is an early sign.

FIRST ANNUAL

Public Dance at Moore Hall given by Boxmakers' and Mill Men's Union No. 764, Thursday, May 8, 1919. Admission 50c. 2-6t

NOTICE

The Epworth League will have a cooked food sale at Johnson's Furniture store, Saturday, May 3rd. All contribution should be in by 10 o'clock 2-11*

The ladies of St. Paul's Guild will have a cooked food, fancy apron and handmade handkerchief sale in the Western Transfer window, Saturday, May 3rd. 2-1t



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AT THE CHURCHES

NOTICE—In order to insure publication, copy for church announcements must be at The Herald office not later than Friday evening.

First Baptist Church, corner Washington and Eighth. J. B. Griffith, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. R. Delap, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m.

Sacred Heart Church, corner 8th and High streets. Rev. Hugh J. Marshall, pastor.

First Mass at 8:00. General communion.

Second Mass at 10:30. Sermon, "When Will the Churches Unite?"
Holy hour at 7:00 p. m.

The Christian Science Society of Klamath Falls holds services at 113 Fourth street every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.
The subject of lesson for Sunday, "Everlasting Punishment."

The Sunday school session is from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday morning.
The free reading room and free lending library is open from 2:30 to 4:30 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Methodist Episcopal Church, Tenth and High. Rev. Simpson Hamrick, pastor, 1117 East street. Phone 67W.

Every one who comes to the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening will be delighted to hear Lieutenant Frank James, a returned chaplain in the army, who will speak Sunday morning at 11:00 on the World Problems. Will talk to the Epworth League in the evening at 7:00 on the young people's place in reconstruction, also at the evening service at 8:00. Everybody will be welcome.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Presbyterian Church, Pine street, near Second. Rev. E. P. Lawrence, pastor.

Morning service at 11 a. m. Mr. W. G. McClaren of Portland, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society, will speak and show lantern slides to inform the public of the interesting and helpful work of caring for misled girls and the babies that come under their care. He will speak at the Christian church at night, Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor meeting at the Emanuel Baptist church at 7 p. m.

Evening service—News of latest developments in world wide mission fields. An interesting moving picture reel will be shown.

First Christian Church, corner Ninth and Pine streets. C. F. Trimble, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Sermon at 8:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

Lutheran services at the Baptist church, corner Eighth and Washington, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. M. Rosemar, pastor, residence 137 First street.

Sermon subject: "Christ and the Christian's Work."
Sunday school will be held at 2:00 p. m.

All are cordially invited to worship with us.

Emanuel Baptist Church, Eleventh and High streets. W. L. Wilson, pastor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning services at 11 o'clock.
Evening services at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

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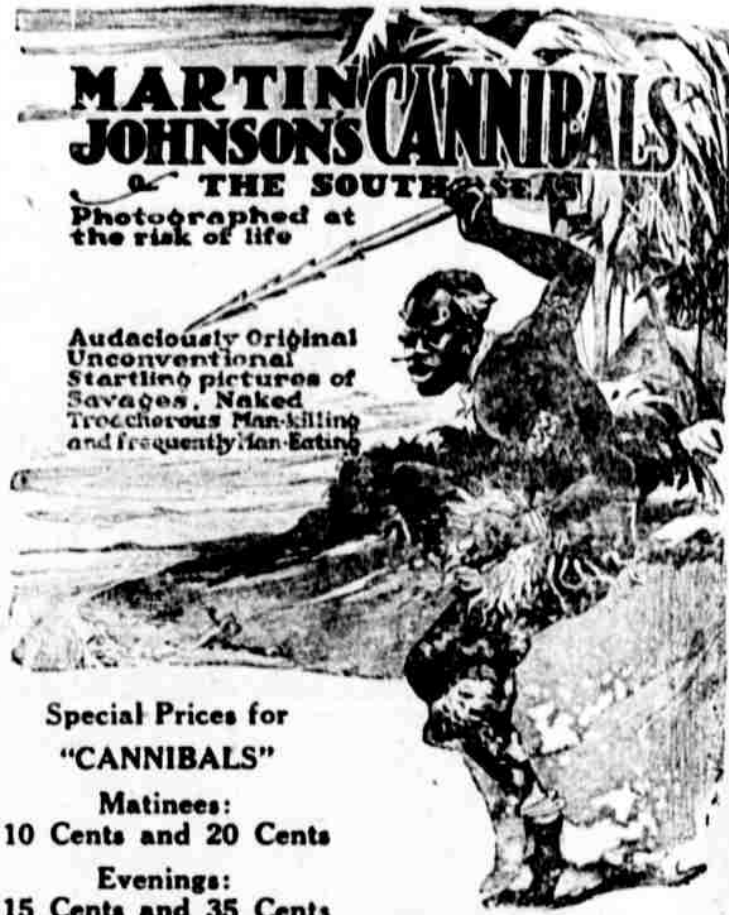
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