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Penny Whistles In Public Life

SCATHING criticism of the United States senate continues from many parts of the country and the Duluth Herald under the above heading has the following to say of "the greatest deliberative body in the world:"

Admirers of President Hoover who may be experiencing inward misgivings that perhaps he isn't getting along as well as they hoped he would must remember that most of the incidents that contribute to those misgivings grow out of the obstacles put in his path by members of a senate that is the lowest in point of ability that the country has had to endure for many, many years.

And that brings up for thought the collateral fact that on the average the men in public life today are very, very far from representing the best ability of the nation.

There are two reasons for that. One is that the professions, the sciences, industry and commerce are offering greater rewards than ever before, and far greater rewards than the public service.

The other and greater reason is the primary system. This newspaper has always supported the primary election, which was an outgrowth of the gross abuses of the convention system it supplanted, and it still supports it—both largely, now, for lack of a better plan.

For there is no use trying to evade the fact that the primary system has brought about a steady and deadly deterioration in the caliber of the men elected to public office.

And the main reason for that is that nomination by popular vote offers too many encouragements to demagogues, to men of low standards who are willing to attack anything and to promise anything if it will win votes; and therefore it offers too much discouragement to men who are unwilling to get down in the gutter and play the game.

That is why the public has so many men in congress and elsewhere that the individual voter wouldn't hire to run a peanut stand or to defend them in police court.

The old convention produced far abler men, but they were too often men who served special interests at public cost.

The primary, with some bright exceptions, yields public servants of low ability who are full of cheap tricks and small devices for carrying public favor.

Either condition is mischievous and full of danger to the Republic.

Perhaps the way out is a convention system supplemented by a primary election system that the public can use if bosses abuse the power the convention system gives them; a convention to nominate party candidates for the primary election, which would be open to opposing candidates but which would seldom be used if the conventions chose wisely.

Certainly the present condition of public life is menacing enough to challenge serious thought about a way of curing it.

"Pluto" was the name given the new planet. And probably because it was considered just the thing for the heavenly body.

Many will feel that when the New York publishers cut prices on their books almost in half the other day, they at least hit upon a novel idea.

With the latest pronouncements of the Italian premier, it would not be amiss to spell his name Muscicini.

Today's simile: As significant as a French ambassador in Italy.

An undertaker was shot in Chicago the other day. Probably by someone who thought he had taken too many "for a ride."

Judging from the publicity they received, those Dartmouth college students were the "shorts" that were heard around the world.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

INSIDE THE HOPELESS GATES
The commonwealth: Retrospectively considered, the fire at the Ohio State penitentiary is one of the most significant catastrophes in recent history. We may differ regarding prison methods. There is something to be said for rigorous control, something for the development of prisoner initiative. But nobody on earth can defend a holocaust like this—as grievous as the aftermath of a fierce battle—brought about by famishing prisoners into antiquated fire-traps designed to house a small number of men. It is foolish to try placing responsibility for such an accident upon a warden or a few guards. The first underlying cause is public unwillingness to build new and

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Fall Elections Are a Long Way Off, but the Washington Experts Are Worried About Them Already—G. O. P. Margin in Senate Apt to Be Reduced Substantially

By ROBERT DUTCHER

NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Elections do not come until November, but more often than not a candidate for high public office doesn't have a thing to worry about after his nomination in the primary. Nevertheless, November of 1930 is likely to see more doubtful contests between the major party candidates for governor and senator than most election years. And that means that in the aggregate this year's primaries won't be quite as important as usual in determining who's going to get the job.

Thirty senatorial primaries are listed for this year in 29 states. As nearly as your correspondent can figure it out, the November winner will be determined by the primary result in 15 instances. In 11 states and 11 contests the result in November may at this time be considered more or less doubtful. Among the five states nominating by state conventions—Idaho, Georgia, New Mexico, Delaware and Rhode Island—the November outcome seems certain in three and uncertain in two.

In 12 contests the Republican candidate appears certain of election on account of his state's rock-ribbed Republicanism and in 16 the Democratic candidate appears to be a reasonably sure bet. That would involve no change in party representation among this group except in the case of Iowa, where Senator Daniel F. Steck, Democrat, probably will be succeeded by a Republican unless his backers make some kind of a deal for Republican support.

An addition of the "doubtful" states explains why the Republicans are worrying about Senate control in the next Congress. There are 13 such states and of the 13 seats at stake 11 are held by Republicans and only two by Democrats. In fairness to the Republicans, of course, it should be said that they do not doubt the uncertainty of the result in a number of these states.

Situations are bound to change, but as this writer sees it we can expect Republican senatorial victories in Pennsylvania, Oregon, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Michigan, New Hampshire, and Idaho. And Democratic victories in Alabama, Texas, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia and New Mexico.

Now, as for doubtful contests: Montana and North Carolina will vote on senatorial seats now occupied respectively by Senators Thomas J. Walsh and Furness Simmons, Democrats. If Walsh is opposed by a wet Republican he may get licked. And whether Simmons or Joseph W. Bailey is nominated by North Carolina Democrats, the party be enough bitterness left over from the fight to make the state go Republican in the senatorial election as it did in the presidential contest two years ago.

The states where Democrats have greater or lesser chances of succeeding Republican senators seem to be Illinois, South Dakota, New Jersey, Kentucky, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Ohio, Colorado, Massachusetts, Delaware, and Rhode Island. It would seem as if most of them should go Republican, but not if the Democrats are correct in estimating the current amount of dissatisfaction with the administration and business conditions.

There are now 56 Republican senators, 39 Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite, a G. O. P. paper majority of 17 which has often been nullified by insubordination of western progressives. Even the paper majority might conceivably be wiped out. But perhaps it is more likely that enough Democrats will beat Republicans to make the next Senate's coalition considerably stronger than the coalition which has operated in this session.

What May Happen
The main threats to the Republican Senate majority are the possibilities:
That wet J. Hamilton Lewis will defeat dry Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick in Illinois, that popular Governor Bulow of South Dakota will displace Senator W. H. McMaster, that wet Mr. Aleck Simpson in New Jersey will defeat dry Franklin Fort—if the Republicans nominate Fort in preference to Dwight Morrow; that Kentucky and Oklahoma will like the looks of the Democratic candidates better than the cratic candidates; and Pine, incumbents Senator Neely of that former Senator Neely of West Virginia will come right back to the Senate in place of the frightened and hastily retiring Senator Goff—as many predict—that Ohio will flip as a result of industrial conditions, that Edward P. Costigan will be nominated by Colorado Democrats and grab the seat from which Senator Phipps is about to flee, that—as everyone admits is more likely than not—some fast wet Democrat in Massachusetts will clean up in the state which knows how to go Democratic for Wave Walsh and Al Smith, that Delaware and Alaska will go Democratic as well as one Republican senator—as she used to have before the Hoover landslide—and that former Senator Peter Gerry in Rhode Island drives out Senator Metcalfe, as he is showing the utmost determination to do.

NOTHING TO BRAG OF
Wife (during quarrel): After all, I've given you the best seven years of my life.

Husband: Good heavens! Are those your best?—Hummel, Hamburg.

ever, the status of the prison itself is likely to remain the major issue for a longer time than we imagine.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

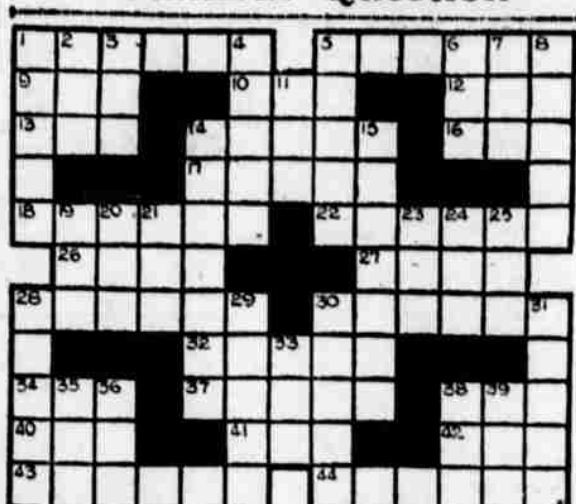
"It has become more and more difficult by viewing many drug stores to tell whether they are drug stores, department stores or 'tea rooms'."—Dr. H. A. B. Dunlap.

"I wonder if it wouldn't be better if there were more jails and more people jailed."—Rev. Dr. Howard E. Hand.

"Companionate marriage is so called because the people involved are not married and will very rapidly cease to be companions."—Gilbert K. Chesterton.

"New eras do not come out of old conditions merely by a new edict or a good resolution."—Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson.

Botanical Question



HORIZONTAL
1 Low caste
2 Burmese
3 Capital of Irish Free State
4 Self
5 Silk worm
6 Bustle
7 To rot
8 Homes of bees
9 To moisten
10 Angry
11 Bardic
12 Gaped
13 Blenishes
14 To fly
15 Jeopardy
16 Dined
17 Promise
18 Let fall
19 Cat's foot
20 Eon

VERTICAL
10 Wine vessel
11 Unit of work
12 Was victor
13 To scold
14 What is faxed called?
15 Winter and summer
16 To perform
17 More common
18 Leprous person
19 Our ambassador to England
20 To pull
21 Metastatic rock
22 Pale
23 Moccasin
24 To perform

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

Perfect harmony reigned at the meeting of the city council last night, and it was plainly evident that a perfect understanding now exists between the mayor and the members of the council, and that there was a determination to work together as a unit for the good of Klamath Falls as a whole.

C. C. Chitwood, supervising warden for Klamath and Lake counties, of the state forestry service, expects to go to Keno and Pokemama tomorrow to inspect the burning of old slashings in that territory. Chitwood states that the season so far has been favorable for burning, and that timber lands in the western part of the county are being pretty well cleaned up.

That the government will ultimately install a system of charging for water for irrigation on the basis of the amount piped, instead of making a fixed charge per acre, is the statement of chief engineer, A. P. Davis, who was recently at North Yakima. He believes that this policy will insure the economical use of water, and help to solve the drainage problem.

A meeting of citizens was held this forenoon in the chambers of Circuit Judge Henry L. Benson for the purpose of taking the preliminary steps toward the organization of a permanent Chautauqua. Mr. F. Fischer, who is conducting the present Chautauqua, was present and explained plans for the organization. He recommended that a company be formed and that stock be sold at \$10 a share.

A report of City Engineer Zumwalt was read to the council last evening recommending the laying of a new 10-inch sewer on Second street from Main to the septic tank, and action was urged for the reason that a portion of the present sewer line is badly damaged. A rough estimate of the cost was given at about \$650.

The lower end of the Second street sewer runs into the marsh, and is built on piles. The pile is boxed, and shortly after it was put in, a rail was built along the side of the sewer for the avowed purpose of enabling employees of the city to go to and from the septic tank for inspection. The present use that it has been put to, however, has been for the protection and convenience of the patrons of the Red-Light district on Oak street, across the canal. The travel has been so heavy by the latter that it is stated to have been the cause of the break in the pipe line. It was a mistake to ever permit travel on the pipe line, and the fact that it was done, has caused the city an unnecessary expense of over \$600.

More Saloons on Main Street—Two licenses granted, one transferred, and permission given for opening a Main Street entrance.

A license for the three months operation of a saloon was granted to A. L. Crystal, the petition for the transfer of the license of A. B. Livermore to James H. Wheeler, was granted, and the application of C. E. Riley for a year's license to operate in the new building which he is erecting on Main street, was finally carried with some opposition. J. Kent Ballard of Heald and DuFault asked permission to open

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Capitol Letter
Future Farmers
Scholarships
Efforts Repaid
Builds Initiative

SALEM, Ore., June 5, (UP)—The future of Oregon's farming need not be considered doubtful.

ANNUALLY, under the auspices of the Union Pacific railroad, state high school boys, students of vocational agricultural education, compete for a scholarship award to Oregon State College. The contest is under the local direction of the state board of vocational education.

RULES OF the contest provide that each junior farmer carry out some supervised, practical farm project that has the following qualifications:

1. Educational value.
2. Completion of six months' work.
3. Relation of agricultural subject carried during the school course.
4. If possible, return a profit.

UPON COMPLETION of the project, each boy submits his essay to the county school superintendent. The essay is a story showing the various steps toward success of the experiment.

THE superintendents choose those projects showing the greatest accomplishments, forward them to the state committee of three which chooses for each county, one project showing real merit.

One Raises Clover
THE DECISION of the committee, together with the story of the work, is forwarded to C. R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific. Without doubt he will accept the verdict of the committee, said Earl R. Cooley, state supervisor of vocational education.

OUTSTANDING among those submitted was the project of Bruce Stewart, Ontario high school, Malheur county. This lad planted 12 acres in clover. He received 6,952 pounds of seed, 26 tons of hay and 17 tons of chaff. His efforts brought him an income of \$1,152.52, nearly double that of his nearest competitor, which was slightly more than \$700.

Lambs, Wheat Pay
ONE BOY raised 40 acres of wheat, realizing an income of \$541.76, while another chose to

raise ewe lambs. His income was \$840.05, represented in the yield of 75 lambs and 540 pounds of wool.

OTHER PROJECTS included the raising of poultry, hogs and livestock such as cows, calves and grains.

Instill Initiative
"THE VALUE of this yearly contest lies in the fact that it teaches initiative to those boys who desire to follow farm work as a life occupation," Cooley said.

"IT TENDS to instill the desire to do something worth while—a desire to get the greatest possible gain from their work and to accomplish it with varying degrees of efficiency—a quality that will be of utmost value to them during later years."

MASONS ATTENTION

On Friday Night, June 6th, there will be work in the E. A. and F. C. degrees. All Masons requested to attend.

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