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THE LESSON OF SELFISHNESS.

Judge Eddy of Tillamook county voiced a great truth in his speech withdrawing the five votes of Tillamook county from the majority that was in control of the Eugene Republican congressional convention.

He said that owing to too great selfishness, the various candidates had been unable to agree on any one of their number as the candidate to be nominated in place oflinger Hermann.

For three hours Hermann lacked ten votes of enough to nominate. The field contained three candidates any one of whom would have been a splendid representative of the Republican party as the nominee of the convention.

The convention wanted a new man for congress. The majority did not want Hermann, but were compelled to take him because there was not enough unselfishness in the field to harmonize the majority.

Either Marion, Linn or Jackson could and should have had that nomination for congress, and there is no good reason why they did not get it, but the central cause of failure was, as Judge Eddy said, unreasonable selfishness of the aspirants.

This is a hard thing to say, and The Journal would not say it but for the purpose of impressing our younger politicians with the lesson for their benefit and improvement on future occasions.

Let us not blame Jackson or Linn county for failure to get the congressmanship for the next ten years. It was a big stake and was worth playing for, but the Marion county delegation misapprehended their instructions from the county convention.

Those instructions were not to vote first, last and all the time for the local candidate, but to use all honorable means to secure him the nomination as the representative of Marion county

ty Republicanism.

Many will say it is easy to find fault and point out mistakes after it is all over. It is never gracious to analyze defeat, and it may not be well received by defeated men.

But Judge Eddy publicly proclaimed the great truth that it does not pay to act selfishly, and that the cause of the young Republicans who demanded a new man was defeated by the unselfish policy displayed.

Let us suppose that the strongest of the three candidates of the field had gone to the other two and said: "The votes of my county are at your disposal for one, two or five ballots if you think thereby you can get this nomination, and then give them to him in a whole-hearted, generous fashion."

The candidate receiving that support might have been nominated, and if he had been, the generous and unselfish act would have proclaimed the candidate doing that the biggest man in the district, and he would have been "in politics" for all time to come.

Suppose the support of Marion county had been given in that whole-hearted manner to half a dozen candidates, and all had failed to get there, would not the return to Marion have been glorious on the final and decisive ballot?

"With whatsoever measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." Dickerings, trading and small pot politics does not pay in dealing with a large convention of able men. The world gives back exactly what we give out to it, and with increase of the same kind.

Some are inclined to blame Mr. E. P. McCormack for not landing the prize for this man or that. Mr. McCormack was the man who organized the field, and had Mr. Hermann and Mr. Brownell both flat on their backs for three hours.

Mr. McCormack organized the field, acting for the opposition to Hermann in good faith, and held it in a masterly way, but having done so his work was ended. Having acted for the whole field, and thrown it open for the three aspirants, he could not in good faith and fairness act for any of them to deliver the nomination.

As Judge Eddy truthfully put it, the selfishness of these aspirants, in being entirely unwilling to lay down their personal ambition long enough to fully cultivate and develop their respective strength, caused the defeat of all, and enabled a defeated man to get up off his political deathbed and walk off with the prize.

In politics, above all other fields of human activity, men only grow in the estimation of others when they go out unselfishly and wholeheartedly show a willingness to give others the first chance.

The Christian spirit proclaimed by the Apostle Paul, "In honor preferring one another" is the golden secret of success in civilized politics. Our young men should bind that injunction

tion upon their hearts if they would succeed.

Marion county Republicans started in all right, when they declared that whether Mr. Gatch or Mr. Davey had the majority of the convention, the minority would give way and support the other.

They should have followed that up with unselfish action, and made the leader of the defeated faction the champion of the winning candidate. Mr. Davey would have enabled Mr. Gatch to succeed.

These matters all look plain afterwards, but now is the time to impress this lesson on our young men, that they may be more successful in future contests of this kind, and increase the prestige and influence of Marion county in affairs in our commonwealth.

The result of the convention showed that when Mr. Hermann was defeated even his own supporters jumped in and became candidates. Harris, Eddy and Brownell entered the field, and divided his support.

But as the selfishness of the various aspirants kept them from winning the golden prize, the astute managers of the old politician, (probably wisely directed by his own experience and political acumen), revived his fallen hopes, and snatched victory that belonged to others out of the very jaws of defeat.

THE SESSION LAWS OF 1903.

Secretary of State Dunbar has prepared and published the session laws of 1903, and the same are ready for distribution, and can be had by writing to the secretary at Salem.

The laws of 1903 cover 339 pages. The volume also contains the joint and concurrent resolutions, memorials, etc., a financial statement for six years and a very carefully prepared index.

There are no session laws for the year 1893—the year the legislature that never organized—and the people have never complained.

The great reform measures demanded by the people of all parties in the last campaign—a flat salary law, a direct nomination law and a law to tax the gross earnings and intangible property of corporations not now taxed—well, you won't find them in the volume.

They may be found in the legislative record of 1903, but it will have to be a differently constituted legislative body from that of 1902. The rest of the state will have to come more nearly to the standard of Marion county, where the representatives and senators were in the main responsive to the will of the people, and fairly well kept their pledges on these matters.

The X-Ray man some months ago registered a vow that he would for the rest of his natural days wear nothing but a soft shirt. Sunday, there being some special doings at the church, his wife made him put on a stiff-bosomed white affair, with a boiler-plate front that jabs him in the diaphragm whenever he bends over to try to be the least bit polite. The rime of the thing keep coming up about the neck like an old-fashioned ox-yoke, and the editor has been as hot in the collar as a new-broke steer ever since. Any ill-natured remarks in this paper are due to the mad craze of making a man bow down to the demands of fashion.

Phonetic Spelling.

The teacher of a country school was "bearing" her spelling class recite. She had just "given out" the word "Aaron," which, according to her instruction, had been spelled in this fashion: "Big A, little a, r-o-n."

"The next word was 'gallery.' The pupil said: "G-a-l, gal-a-l, gal," two or three times and halted. Then, after hard thought, he added: "Big gal, little gal, e-r-y, gallery."—New York Times.

Panacea.

"As for panacea, every one you pick shall have a different character. Some are perverse, like bashful babies, and will not look you in the face. Some are cunning, and some are even bold. Go and study them if you are an unbeliever, and you shall find that many things that we call human traits belong in almost equal proportions to plants and animals."

His Egg Sauce.

"Well, my man," said the visiting physician of a Dublin infirmary to a patient, "how do you feel this morning?"

"Party well, sorr," was the reply.

"That's right. I hope you like the place?"

"Indeed and I do, sorr!" said the man. "There's only wan thing wrong in this establishment and that is I only get as much mate as wud feed a sparrow."

"Oh, you're getting your appetite, are you?" said the doctor. "Then I'll order an egg to be sent up to you."

"Arrah, docther," rejoined the patient, "would you be so kind as to tell thim at the same time to send me up the hin that laid it?"

The Privilege of Poasium.

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SHORT STORIES.

The average longevity in the United States was 35.2 in 1900.

The corsets used in the United States every year cost about \$50,000,000.

Ohio courts have sustained the right of the city of Columbus to charge its citizens for water by the meter system.

The total length of brick paved streets in this country in February, 1902, was estimated at about 1,300 miles.

A natural soap mine has recently been opened up at Ashcroft, B. C. The material in which the active principle is borax, is being taken out by the ton.

The average hay crop of the year is placed by the department of agriculture at 1.45 tons per acre. Oregon shows up with the largest crop and Pennsylvania with the smallest.

The loftiest steamboat route in the world is doubtless that just opened between Puno and Chilaya, Peru, on Lake Titicaca, 13,000 feet high, or twice the altitude of Mount Washington.

Tons of Food For the Atlantic.

Commenting on the tremendous amount of food consumed on the average Atlantic liner nowadays, a writer in the Springfield Republican says: "At 5 comes the monumental breakfast; at 11 the deck steward fills up the commode figures in the morgue with their beef tea from those thick, obese English cups; at 1 the magnanimous luncheon; at 5 the sleepers assaulted by the deck steward again; at 7 the awesome English dinner; at 9:30 a trifling lunch to ballast you for bed. Besides this barbaric mounds of sandwiches, olives, cheese, crackers, perpetually stare you in the face in the smoking room. Food, food, food; the sight and smell of it pursue the unwilling stomach in every corner of the place; food tasted, wasted, thrown away. There is one port hole on the storage deck, from the galley apparently, which belches it forth in a continuous stream—half loaves of bread, great remnants of meat; we have left a trail of it across the Atlantic. If some one would only estimate the tons of wasted food which are annually thrown into the Atlantic or could calculate how much cheaper these steamship companies could give us our travel if they substituted plain, self-respecting fare for this gilded gluttony, it would certainly be interesting and worth while."

An Inhabited Mine.

There is a quicksilver mine in Peru 170 fathoms in circumference and 450 feet deep. In this profound abyss are streets, squares and a chapel where religious worship is held.

Malaria.

While malaria is not contagious from person to person, it is nevertheless advisable to keep infected persons from healthy places because they infect the mosquitoes that bite them and these in turn infect other human beings.

Cork.

All the cork used in the world in a year weighs just over 1,000 tons. It comes from France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and north Africa.

THE FIRSTBORN.

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