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WHY POLITICS AT ALL?

In a communication in Tuesday's Oregonian someone signing the initials A. B. S. writes concerning Secretary of State Olcott. His main contention is that Mr. Olcott is a democrat. This in spite of the fact that he was nominated and elected on the republican ticket. However, the republican nomination is something with which we have nothing to do, yet the fact is that there is no reason why politics should enter into the matter at all. What difference does it make to the state whether an officer is a democrat, republican or some other political faith? No state officer with the exception of the governor, can possibly have anything to do with national affairs, and the governor only in a remote way, that he might in case of vacancy in a senatorship or that of congressman, fill the vacancy. Outside of this rather remote contingency, not a state officer has the least thing to do officially with politics.

So long as men are selected for office on account of politics the public can expect some pretty poor officials sometimes. It would be just as sensible to select a man for a place because he was a Mason or an Odd Fellow, a Baptist, Methodist or some other religious faith.

The only differences between the policies of the two leading parties, the principal of which was the tariff, have been practically wiped out and there is little real difference except in name.

The reason for electing either Mr. Moores or Mr. Olcott should be their ability to conduct the office economically and well. That should be the only reason for selecting any of the other officers.

IRISH REBELLION MAY PROVE SERIOUS

If the dispatches printed in last night's Capital Journal, prove to be correct—and they were no doubt closely censored—the situation in Ireland is indeed serious from an English viewpoint. The New York Evening Mail claimed to have a cablegram saying that Dublin was in the hands of the Irish rebels, and that several high British officials were held as hostages for the life of Sir Roger Casement. It was further stated the revolutionists had won victories in several other places and that German submarines infesting the Irish sea were ready to sink any transports bearing soldiers to Ireland. It was also claimed two British warships were sunk by submarines. These stories are but partly confirmed, but if they are true it will greatly complicate England's affairs and those of Europe, for the effects would be felt by all the allies.

It is also claimed that the reason England had sent no more soldiers to the aid of France was the fear of this very Irish uprising, which would require them nearer home. It may be these accounts are greatly exaggerated and the affair is not so serious as the dispatches indicated, but with a rigid censorship which would let the world know but little of what is going on in Ireland, it is probable it will be sometime before the real facts of the case are known.

The trial of Rev. Madison Slaughter at Oroville is on again, he being charged with the same offense for which he was tried before, but of a different date. The fight promises to be still more bitter than the first one. A change of venue, it was expected, would be asked by the defense, but it chose to stand by its guns in Slaughter's home town, probably a wise move for there is plenty of strong prejudice on both sides there, and it will be remarkable indeed if an agreement is reached by the jury, or would be by any other selected at that place.

Peruvian newspapers are bitter, and claim their country was insulted because Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and his party did not stop there on their tour of South America. Which shows the Latin American can take offense over very small matters.

Villa has been located in another place again and a detachment of cavalry is on the way to chase the rumor to its source, even though the chance of getting the bandit is far from encouraging.

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The Statesman juggles postage figures some more this morning. It still refuses to tell how much postage the daily edition paid in the first three months of this year, but gives what purports to be the figures, for the combined postage bills of the daily and twice-a-week editions. Now we would like to end all this talk at once—we presume it is not especially interesting to readers in general; and if the Statesman will authorize the postmaster to give the Capital Journal access to its postage figures at all times the Capital Journal will in turn give the Statesman the same authority. That ought to settle the question without further debate. And to avoid all circulation disputes in future the Capital Journal would invite the Statesman to also become a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulation Co. and have its actual circulation determined and certified to just as the Capital Journal will do when the official auditors reach this city on their way to Portland, where all the daily papers are to be audited. Let the Statesman do this and then business men will know what they are buying whenever they make an advertising contract. There will be no excuse for juggling figures then because both papers will have a known and guaranteed circulation.

The second chapter of the story about the joyriders who run down a motorcycle on which Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beckman were riding on the Columbia highway, April 9, and in which Mrs. Beckman was badly disfigured, opened today, when the grand jury returned an indictment against C. A. Warriner, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon. This is the first action of the kind on the Pacific coast, and it is based on a decision of the supreme court of New Jersey in a similar case. In this it was held that the automobile driver was criminally responsible for careless driving. The third chapter will open with Warriner's trial, and if it closes according to the eternal fitness of things the last scene will be at the east end of State street, with Warden Minto in charge.

Bootlegging is done on a large and scientific scale in Seattle. A drug store was raided and an examination revealed double walls between which was stored plenty of liquid delight. In a hole in the floor under the counter was another depository for bottled goods, and they were there. The proprietor was arrested for the tenth time since the state went dry. Another discovery was made that liquor was smuggled in in bundles of laundry. Evidently there are many kind hearted people in Seattle who do not believe that just because the state went dry, Seattle's citizens should go that way.

Portland is having trouble in selecting a site for its dog pound. Sheriff Hurlburt suggests that it be located at Kelley Butte where the city owns 26 acres, and where the county rock pile is located. This is bringing the dogs down to a level with humanity, and will give the poor brutes the reputation of having been sent to the rockpile. However it may be right, for most of the men sent there, like the dogs sent to the pound, have done nothing much more wicked than being without a home.

According to a dispatch from Chicago yesterday it is possible there may be a woman candidate for the presidency. Alice Paul, announces that the Woman's National Convention to be held in Chicago at the same time the republican and progressive conventions are in session will probably name candidates, unless the republicans and democrats incorporate a suffrage plank in their platform. She mentions Harriet Stanton Blatch and Sara Baird Fields as possible candidates.

The latest crop news from Brazil is that the coffee yield is the best for many years, and will aggregate about 11,000,000,000 bags. This comes right on top of the perfecting by a Salem man of a substitute for the old stand-by beverage.

With a rebellion in Ireland England is literally between two fires. With "Hoeh der Kaiser" on the east and "Erin go Bragh" on the west our friend Johnny Bull is sure having a strenuous time.



EXCITEMENT

One man gets all fussed up and rattled, when, from old Europe's smoking shore, dispatches tell how hosts embattled have shed a new supply of gore. Another by the spring campaigning is exercised, his withers wrung; he bores us all by his explaining of Vital Themes, with tireless tongue. A third has bought a brand new motor, and plans excursions near and far; he cares not for the groaning voter, nor for the echoes of the war. The time for which a fourth was wishing has come at last, and he is gay; tomorrow he will go a-fishing, and he is digging bait today. One man is locoed while he's digging—his garden means a happy time, and he is whistling while he's rigging a lattice for his beans to climb. I view such things without emotion; yet friends can hardly hold me down, for I've just heard about a lotion for dying whiskers black or brown.



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Editor Journal:

The influence of scientific thought and method is being felt in every interest of modern life. Religion and the church are no exception to this transforming process. Men are beginning to question into essential and vital principles of spiritual reality with a view of establishing facts of truth. One of the effects is a seemingly growing indifference with the old orthodox ideals expressed in schemes of theological speculation. In other words, medieval notions in religion are slowly but surely passing away. A more rational interpretation of religious experience and of spiritual reality is demanded by twenty-century men and women.

Essential differences can only be found thru the knowing and understanding of essential elements and principles. The issue is between the essential principles of Paganism and Christianity. We shall know each by its fruits and results by its influence upon mankind. Under Paganism the institution of church and state were the ruling power. Property-rights were the basis of values. The divine right of priest and king became established as divine authority. The people collectively, or man individually, was of little or no value. They existed merely to labor, to obey and to support those in authority. The result was abject servitude and bondage. Moral degeneration thru blind fear born of ignorance. Let us call it moral and spiritual darkness.

Bondage thru fear and ignorance were the conditions of the masses. This was the basis upon which a glittering super-structure of glittering pomp, power and authority was reared. Into this darkness of ignorance came Christianity. For what purpose? To destroy the darkness. To overcome the ignorance. To liberate the captive souls of the masses. To cast fear out of the human heart. To point out the only way of deliverance. To bring the light of truth into the slum of perversion and corruption. To bring deliverance unto the world.

How? By exalting the individual, by revealing man unto himself; by pointing out the way to liberty, to freedom, to mastery, to dominance. By leading men out of the deadness of old things into the perpetually renewing fulness of the spirit. By revealing to men the key to power and the way of life.

How? Thru knowledge of the laws of life; for this knowledge of the laws of life is the key to power and the way to liberty.

The great key note of Jesus is "Know Ye" that ye "May Do". "Know ye the Truth, that ye may be Free." Application of the laws of life is the way to liberty and freedom or deliverance is the promised goal of the Christian gospel.

Under the existing condition of the old Pagan system, man was bound thru ignorance of the laws of life, ignorance of truth, ignorance of self, ignorance of higher spiritual possibility. Ignorance, fear and superstition were his curses of bondage. Under the Christian dispensation the light of knowledge becomes the way of life, truth becomes the way of liberty, love casts out all fear, enlightenment destroys all darkness of the old night of bondage as the new day of deliverance dawns, as man begins to find himself thru self-knowledge, thru self-realization.

No longer does he look to, or depend upon institutional authority or divine right of priest or king, but learns to seek within his higher spiritual selfhood the light of the inner life, the power of the living presence of the Spirit within his own soul, and in that finding himself will he enter upon the joy and liberty of the abounding life, which is the prophetic promise and goal of the gospel of Jesus of Nazareth. Thus in the conditions of the life of the masses, the people, shall we discover some essential difference worth knowing in these latter days.

—Richard F. Fischer, Ministry of the Unitarian Church.

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If this is the best capitalism can give us. Doesn't it occur to you that it has outlived its usefulness? I think it's time to wake up Mr. Worker, strike at the ballot box next election. Vote for Benson and socialists and let's have a change for better days.

—L. ENNERS.

Suffragettes Met At Train In San Francisco

San Francisco, April 26.—Welcoming the congressional union special to San Francisco, a formidable delegation of women suffragists marched to the Southern Pacific station yesterday and greeted 23 women, prominent in the eastern vote fight, who are here to tell local members of the cause what is going to happen at the women convention in Chicago, June 6, 8 and 7.

Escorted to the city hall, the visitors were introduced to Mayor Rolph who delivered an address of welcome. Following this, they went on a tour of the city and then to the Hotel Richmond, where a reception and luncheon were tendered. Mrs. Robert Baker of Washington, press chairman of the special, explained the purpose of the Chicago convention by saying that the idea was to show the dominant political party that the women hold the "balance of power" in the national election and in swing the voters to any party promising national suffrage.

Another reception was tendered the visitors in the afternoon at the St. Francis hotel, and a mass meeting will be held tonight at the exposition auditorium.

Only one plank will be adopted by the national women's convention, according to the delegates here, and that is the Susan B. Anthony amendment giving women the ballot.

"If either of the great parties will recognize the important factor of 4,000,000 voting women now, we shall not be obliged to punish them at the next presidential election," said Mrs. Nelson Whitmore, acting chairman of the Michigan branch of the congressional union.

Mrs. Fremont Older introduced the visitors to Mayor Rolph. He declared he was in favor of woman suffrage, and was applauded.

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