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BELONGING TO A PARTY

President Wilson voiced a great truth in his address to the National Association of Presidential Postmasters at Washington, Wednesday, when he said: "There is only one way of holding the confidence of the American public, and that is by deserving it." He made another statement as to politics that is exactly in accord with the position taken by the Capital Journal, as well as thousands of voters who understand what political parties stand for, and that was "I have no interest in the political party except as an instrument of achievement." That is what political parties are made for. Certain principles are maintained by each party, and the voter can take his choice. If his ideas are socialistic, he naturally votes for the nominees and principles enunciated by that party. If he believes strongly in prohibition he votes for the principles and nominees of that party. If he believes the things the republicans stand for are for the best for the country, it is natural and right that he should vote the republican ticket, and this regardless of what he has voted before. He is at each election exercising his franchise for the best interest of the whole country and he should cast his ballot as his conscience and belief dictates regardless of party affiliations. It is the same with the democratic party. If the principles for which that party stands appeal to him as best for the whole country he should vote that way.

No man should, in the generally accepted sense, belong to any party. He naturally has certain beliefs and he should vote with the party that comes nearest to representing these beliefs. When the party does not stand for the things he believes best for all he should leave it. A political party is not a fetish to be worshipped or an idol to be prayed to, but simply a convenience to be used by the citizen in expressing his political belief. A good citizen should have no more hesitancy about leaving one party to vote with another when its platform and the things it stands for do not suit him, than he should about changing his hotel if the cooking did not suit, the bed was uncomfortable or the service unsatisfactory.

This is not said, as some of our contemporaries intimate such things are said, to suggest in anyway that voters should quit the republican party to vote with the democrats, for the rule works both ways. The good citizen should quit the democratic party just as quickly as any other if its aims and principles do not suit his ideas of what is best for the country, for it, like all other parties is only a convenience of which the voter can take advantage if it suits him, or avoid if it does not.

The dirtiest work politically done by any person or paper in the northwest is that of the paragrapher of the Oregonian. He makes no distinct charges but revels in nasty insinuations aimed generally at President Wilson or the democratic party. We have no objection to his being a republican, or to his expressing his ideas, if he has any; but we have a supreme contempt for the insinuations and innuendoes of the penny-a-line libel on decency who writes the scurrilous stuff. If the manager of the Oregonian has any regard for fair dealing and decency in conducting a newspaper, he will have the paper's nasty little Thersites turned over to the garbage squad and the rooms occupied by him under the tall tower disinfected and deodorized. A couple of barrels of chloride of lime and a few gallons of formaldehyde are badly needed in his department.

It is no wonder that so many marriages turn out badly when women will marry without knowing anything whatever about the man they marry. At Stockton, California, yesterday, a case of this kind came to light when Mrs. Anne Holman was married to Christ Bohne. The bride's uncle kissed her, and the groom kicked up such a row that the police were called. The officers recognized Bohne as an inmate of the state insane hospital, and returned him to that institution to pass his honeymoon. His bride for better or worse found him much worse than she took him for, and refused to join him in the asylum.

German losses since the offensive of the allies began about July first are estimated at 200,000. The losses of the allies must be greater than this for they have been doing the attacking and naturally would be the heavier losers. The total losses would therefore, at a fair estimate, if those of the Germans are stated correctly, be half a million. That is some lives to be sacrificed because a crazy fanatic assassinated an Austrian prince. Yet it is only a small fraction of the number who have shed their life blood on this account. What the losses of the whole war have been cannot be stated anywhere near correctly but it is several millions. Add to this list those left hopeless cripples or lifelong invalids and the toll is enormous. The end is not in sight yet, but it looks as though it must come within a year. The resources of men and money are both getting drained pretty low, and the conflict must end before a great while from exhaustion.

Colonel Roosevelt said he was out of politics after the nomination at Chicago, which he did not get, and it seems he is also out of words to express the thoughts that must be roaring in his think tank. He seems to be halter broken since he was successfully ridden by the stand-patters and is also broke to lead. He may become a pet yet, and learn to eat out of the hands of the old party leaders. It looks as though he would have to do so or go without provender of the political variety.

Marriage has been likened unto a lottery, but Miss Laurine Michelson and Ralph Montgomery made it a matter of pure chance. They flipped a coin to decide whether they should marry at once. The coin decided in favor of marriage and they had the knot tied as soon as a license could be procured. If this marriage hits the divorce mill the parties can truthfully blame the whole business on untoward Fate.

The Oregon Agricultural college has discovered two new weeds. Great Scott! wasn't there enough of them before? Have any of the valley farmers been demanding new varieties or more of them? If the "experts" will discover a more speedy way of getting rid of some of the old varieties they will do more towards pleasing the farmers and justify the generous appropriations made for the college.

Evidently the prohibitionists are not sucklers for harmony. Yesterday when Mr. Hanly was nominated for president he received 440 votes as against a little more than half that many for all other candidates. Then someone moved to make the nomination unanimous and 450 of the delegates voted against it. Truly the prohis "move in a mysterious way their wonders to perform."

The numberless preparedness parades, coupled with the scarcity of recruits reminds one of the story of the society woman who when asked for aid by a needy woman, replied: "You ungrateful creature, I have nearly worn myself out attending dances and entertainments to raise money for you and your kind, and now you ask me for money."

From time immemorial the letter "B" stands for the drink habit. Commencing with Bacchus who was some wine bibber and the God of wine; old John Barleycorn, Booze and Beer have in turn held sway and now the drink is Berry Juice. Salem is furnishing her full share of it, a car load a day for the next year.

The longshoremen's strike, except in San Francisco, is still on. If the union wins, the increased wage will be required for some years, to make good the losses due to loss of time. It requires some time to make a fifty cents a day raise make up for several months idleness and loss of four dollars per day.

Sulzer is not a good or cheerful loser. When beaten for the nomination for the presidency on the Prohibition ticket by Hanly, he refused to stand for making the nomination unanimous, and asserted he would not and could not stand for Hanly.



AUTO PERLS
If one would drive his auto sanely, the way of safety always choose, the coroner would follow vainly along the course that he pursues. I lean against the barb wire fences, and watch the drivers as they pass; and some have blunted all their senses by lapping liquor from a glass; and some are in so great a hurry they hit up fifty miles an hour—like lightning streaks along they scurry, exultant in their gas-born power. And cars are run by springalds giddy, who do not keep their eyes ahead; they slay a man who leaves a widdy, and seven orphans needing bread. And cars are run by new beginners, who jog along a mile and back, and then imagine they'd be winners of medals on the racing track. With accidents on every acre, the death list grows, and gives us pain; the coroner and undertaker are busy gathering the slain. The laws we have are surely feckless, it's hard to see what good they are, when all the boneheads and the reckless may run amuck with motor car.

STATE'S CROP OF FLAX IS BEING HARVESTED

100 Convicts Begin Pulling It—Estimates Place Yield at 1200 Tons

Although the sun has been hot and the work is new to many of them the results accomplished by the crew of one hundred convicts who began on Thursday to pull the state's crop of flax are pronounced satisfactory by the authorities in charge of the undertaking. Most of the flax which the state has under contract with various land owners is in the region north and east of the city, and it is here, on the Walker farm, that the first camp has been established under the plan as arranged by Superintendent Minto. A party of representatives from Portland and Salem newspapers, accompanied by Secretary Goodin of the state board of control, visited the camp yesterday afternoon, where they were cordially greeted by Superintendent Minto and given opportunity to view the camp arrangements and observe the system which has been adopted. The prisoners were being lined up preparatory to marching to the flax field when the party arrived, the noonday meal having just been finished, and the first impression given the spectators was that the convicts chosen are men of good physical proportions. In addition to the matter of physical fitness, they are prisoners whose record is such as to warrant trust, but nevertheless every precaution is taken to prevent trouble. The gang is in charge of Guard Walter Johnson. A high fence of heavy wire encloses the bunk tent. Barbed wire is stretched around the top of this fence. The men sleep on blankets spread over straw. Long wooden troughs have been provided for lavatory purposes. The cooking is done in primitive camp fashion. When the prisoners are in camp a guard is stationed at each corner of the enclosure. Superintendent Minto's plan for the pulling of the flax crop seems to meet all reasonable requirements, and there is little question that the season's yield, which it is estimated will be upwards of 1,200 tons, will be handled expeditiously. It is now thought that the work will require about a month. A glance at the situation is sufficient to convince one that much time will be saved in the operation through the movable camp system.

Fifty Seven Lawyers Created Yesterday

Fifty-seven of the law students who took the bar examination in June were admitted to practice the supreme court yesterday. The number taking the examination was seventy-nine. Following are the names of those admitted: Miller E. McGilchrist, Salem; Paul R. Smith, Salem; Howard K. Zimmerman, Salem; H. V. Schmalz and Roy Van Winkle, Burns; Lawritz B. Casst, Grove; Roseburg; H. E. Inlow, Forest Grove; E. J. McAlair, Hillsboro; Newton Rogers, Lewis B. Hazard, Carleton, Clatsop; Fred W. Hummel, James West, Ben H. Coon, Roy H. Hatfield, W. W. Dean, Walter Scott Shanks, Edward Ordeman, Orville G. Edwards, Robert S. McCarl, G. R. Funk, George W. Neilson, Frances King, Maud Mattley, Carroll H. Hendrickson, Garnet L. Green, M. B. Kincaid, Harold Johnson Warner, J. L. Schmuda, O. J. Hawken, Edgar L. Pinder, Joseph P. Flannery, William G. Koller, W. A. Hibbs, Colfred T. Porter, Cecil H. Greene, Earle B. Stone, Carl Malloy, Mack Wilfred F. Smith, R. A. Schramm, Wallace G. Benson, Joseph B. Rheude, R. F. Hollister, Philip F. A. Boche, Robert S. Kerson, Aaron M. Cohen, Kenneth F. Fraser, Julius Harold Hart, Allen Wilbur O'Connell, Louis E. Saucy, Grace Arnold, Lester Sheeley, Robert A. Carter, E. E. Sontagard, Harrison W. Trueblood, Frank J. Streibig, Jr., R. K. Powell, all of Portland.

OPEN FORUM

Local Engineer Protest.
Editor Journal: Three of our local engineers made application for position of operating the municipal paving plant. All are good men and as far as known perfectly capable and need the work. Speaking in my own behalf would say that I have the best of recommendations and well known in the city and have been a tax payer for nine years in Salem. I hold license for operating steam engines and boilers given from the city of Spokane, Wash., and Sioux City, Iowa. I hold civil service papers showing on three different examinations 94, 96, 8-10 and 98 per cent, and marine license. Also best of recommendations from Iowa to Alaska. With the many local vouchers of trust and ability tell us why the honorable council turned us down and hired a stranger who has never lived in or has no interest in our city or even the state.
Yours truly,
CHAS. L. BECK.

MURDERER OF PARKERS KILLED

Douglas, Ariz., July 21.—Jose Valenzuela, a Mexican, declared by his wife to be the slayer of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker at the Double Adobe ranch 55 miles southeast of Hachita, N. M., early in June, did not escape from the American civilian posse which tracked him into Mexico, but was killed in the wilds of Cajon Pointa, a "no man's land" between Sonora and Chihuahua, according to advices here today from Hachita, from an apparently reliable source. The posse returned with the state-

ment that Valenzuela had escaped when they captured his wife and her uncle, who had been his traveling companions. The story of the finish of the chase generally believed in Hachita, is that several members of the posse held the woman while the rest pursued her husband and killed him.

The same report added that Valenzuela's wife confessed to members of the posse that her husband had been a soldier with Villa and had been instructed by his chief not to rejoin his band until he had killed Parker and his wife, and any other Americans he could. She is said to have alleged further that other men had been instructed likewise by Villa. Every woman has been sent out of the Animas valley while the men are reported to be watching closely all Mexicans on the American side in that district.

THE TATTLER

"Tom and Jerry," once a favorite rhyme for "let's be merry," has been discarded. "Loganberry" answers the purpose nicely.

Definition of an optimist: "A man who goes into a restaurant without a cent in his pocket and expects to pay for his meal with the pearl he finds in the oysters."

Miss Mae Murray, seen in Salem this week in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," was the brightest gem in a sparkling casket of motionplay jewels.

The individual who has been wandering about town saying that the S. P. is to begin at once the erection of a new passenger station here has been returned to the institution. It was a good story—but shucks!

The gentleman who used to state that the loganberry would never amount to anything is at present confining his efforts at general conversation to the war in Europe.

Isn't it a bit unreasonable to expect the children to sit down on the grass and keep quiet when the band is playing ragtime?

It has been a week of good attractions in Salem show houses.

The greater a country is the more it grates on other countries.

State Engineer Lewis has addressed a letter to Assessor Reed of Multnomah county in which he states that Oregon will be barred from availing itself of the provisions of the bill recently passed by congress, providing for national aid for construction of highways, if the state wide tax limitation constitutional amendment is enacted by the people. Engineer Lewis says that if the amendment passes the state will be unable to make the appropriation equal to the allotment.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the corporation commissioner by the Winlock Logging company of Portland. G. F. McClintock, W. E. Lacey and Roscoe C. Nelson are named as incorporators. The capital stock is \$25,000.

The Alsos Logging company and the Western Cedar company, both of Portland, have filed notice of dissolution in the corporation department.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE

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bringing the Bremen as far as the capes and that she should be in this port by Monday. There was no confirmation of the story, though waterfront men thought it more plausible than many of the yarns spun about the Deutschland's situation. In this connection they pointed out that the fighters could act as guards for the Deutschland.

Whether the Deutschland intends to speak or meet sister ships at the capes, cannot be learned; the German and American promoters still keep their own counsel. Monday is the day generally accepted as the docking time of the Bremen, barring "accidents," and while the Deutschland has shattered all "advance dope," many think she will certainly be ready at that time. And parenthetically, a squad of french oil policemen and reporters offered up a fervent prayer at 8 a. m. today that she would make a hasty heira.

Storm Gave Her a Chance
It was a wild night on the Patuxent. Lightning cracked and thunder roared in the harbor, it revealed tramp steamers, some of them peramps spying on the Deutschland's course. One vessel, far out, seemed a phantom ship, flashing signals, but there was no way of knowing what the intermittent lights aboard her meant.

Allied Patrol Restless.
Norfolk, Va. July 22.—The allied patrol off the Virginia capes is becoming restless. It shifts its position like a cat watching a hole where he knows a mouse is eluding him, but out of which it must attempt to come. All night long the ships played searchlights on the entrance to the capes and at daylight today quickened their speed and resumed their regular north and south patrol.

It is estimated that the ships now are 8 to 10 miles out. At one time last night one of them presumably a French vessel, moved into within five miles of Virginia beach, closer to shore than she has been at any previous time. It was impossible to determine her exact identity. She has four funnels. Another ship of a darker color, is supposed to be British. This warship has three funnels.

led to Mollie Bargett by the governor. The woman is now serving a term in the penitentiary for complicity in holding up and robbing a stagecoach-bullion from the Rainbow mine in Baker county. She lived near the mine at the time of the robbery in April, 1915, and the bullion was afterward found near the scene of the robbery, together with a revolver belonging to the woman. A condition of the pardon is that she shall reside with her son in California.

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