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### WHAT PARTY MEANS.

A correspondent recently asked the Oregonian to explain the difference between a democrat and a republican. The editor side-stepped the question; merely intimating that the republican party was so eminently superior to the democratic organizations that specifications are wholly unnecessary. This reply being unsatisfactory, the Oregonian yesterday argued at length upon the necessity for maintaining political parties in this country, and contended naturally that the republican organization is more capable of conducting the government than is its democratic rival. While the reasons upon which this conclusion is based are a little obscure, since both parties in the main are led by intelligent American citizens from varied walks of life, and, therefore, should be equally capable of organization and administration, yet we are not disposed to quarrel with the Oregonian on that point. It is of course the personal opinion of the editor, prompted by the natural political prejudices that are handed down from father to son in this country.

We are willing to go further and agree with the Oregonian that political parties are necessary in this country in order to secure effective expression of public opinion. Organization is necessary in politics as well as in religious work or anything else that calls for efficiency in order to produce results.

What the Capital Journal does object to, however, is the making of one's political party name a fetish which is worshipped by its devotees on all occasions and regardless of consequences. The party ought to be a means to an end, not the end itself as so many Americans seem to regard it. The best test of citizenship ought to be willingness to change party allegiance at any time one's party does not stand for what is best on paramount issues of the times, or when its candidates do not measure up to the proper conception of public duty. Party organization on such a standard would go far toward guaranteeing the integrity of our government and its institutions.

However, the too popular conception of party allegiance is voiced in the rallying cry of the ward heeler when the campaign opens, "stand by the old party, boys, and vote 'er straight!" That is why we have incompetent and dishonest officials, machine organization within the party and vicious or valueless laws. In strong republican states like Oregon a nomination is virtually equivalent to election, no matter how that nomination was procured, and no matter how inane and extravagant a republican legislature may be there is no effective way of rebuking its profligacy or disregard of popular wishes. The dominant party grows stronger year by year, since nearly all new-comers, no matter what their previous political af-

## RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

AKRON.

One thing my panting soul desires, which is to visit Akron town, and see the people making tires, the white and black, the red and brown. I know the notion is a boob's, yet 'twill not from my mind retreat; I'd see them making inner tubes, and rubber up and down the street. I drop my feeble, halting pen, and interrupt my half baked poem, to wonder why the rubber men selected Akron as their home. I wonder if they've grocers there, and editors who print the news, and barbers who will prune your hair, and bootblacks who will shine your shoes? Is Akron much like other towns, or is it in a class alone? Do clothiers sell the handmedowns, and butchers saw off lengths of bone? I'd like to walk where Akron lies, on shoes that have a non-skid tread, and see the wives make rubber pies, and bakers vulcanize their bread. I hear of Akron every day, I taste that city in my dreams, and every hour hear salesmen say, "These Akron tires are surely screams!" I never hear of Akron odes, of Akron music, Akron art; but she has tires for all the loads men pile on lorry, truck and cart. Some time I'll pack my grip and go to see the town of my desires; it's where my hard earned savings go—I'm busted buying Akron tires.

filiations may have been, become republicans here in order to take part in the deciding primaries. Many democrats are registering as republicans and acting with that party for the same reason.

A similar condition exists in the southern states, where the democrats are in control of every branch of government. No matter how many thousands of voters emigrate to the south from the republican states, the democratic majority is not diminished, but actually grows larger, because the republicans from the north quickly sense the advantages of becoming affiliated with the party which is in the saddle.

The Capital Journal thinks a strong minority party, whose candidates are occasionally successful, is essential to honest, economical administration in any state, county or city. If this were the case undesirable candidates would seldom win and machines could not be perfected if the opposition party occasionally "turned the rascals out", as we used to say in the good old days when torchlight processions, fireworks and flamboyant oratory stirred the blood and fired the enthusiasm of the rival parties.

Again we say we have no objection to political parties, but we long for the day to come when no American citizen will think more of his party name than he does of good government. That is why we feel, having no political aspirations, we can do more to advance the public interests as a free lance in an overwhelming republican state, than by seeking to strengthen a party already too strong for its own integrity at times. A political party so strong that it becomes virtually a machine is a menace to public interests and voters of all parties would take a keener interest in public affairs, in the primaries and elections, if the contending parties were more evenly balanced and men and women were prone to vote their convictions instead of their political prejudices.

### FIUME AND DALMATIA.

What are the facts about Fiume and Dalmatia, for the sake of which Italy has seemed willing to defy the Allies and wreck the peace settlement?

The city of Fiume proper is predominately Italian. Its population is officially given as consisting of 15,600 Slavs and 24,200 Italians. It is, as these figures show, a small city. But this census ignores the suburbs of Ruskak, across a narrow river, as much a part of Fiume as Cambridge is of Boston. It has 10,000 Slavs and 1,500 Italians. Other outlying territory that will naturally go along with Fiume when the boundaries are drawn is so overwhelmingly Slav that the demand for Fiume amounts to a demand for the annexation of 100,000 Slavs to 30,000 Italians. Racially, therefore, the Italian claim is not convincing.

The legal claim is no more convincing. Fiume was not promised to Italy, even in the secret treaty with Britain, France and Russia, of which so much has been said. It was promised to Croatia, which is now a part of the new Jugo Slav nation.

The legal claim to Dalmatia is somewhat better, based on this treaty; Italy was promised certain islands and parts of the Dalmatian coast. Her recent demand, however, has been for all Dalmatia, the whole eastern side of the Adriatic, with all the islands, coast and much of the hinterland.

In that area, according to official figures, there are less than 18,000 Italians, and 610,000 Slavs. It is clear enough where the principle of "self determination of peoples" would leave Italy in this case.

As a matter of fact, the Italian claim to Fiume and Dalmatia has very little to do with the "irredentist" movement for which she entered the war. They are largely an after-thought. She wants Fiume chiefly as a means of controlling foreign commerce to the northeast of the Adriatic. It would help her in the commercial exploitation of Jugo-Slavia, Bohemia and Hungary. She wants Dalmatia ostensibly for strategic reasons. Just why Italy feels it necessary to have that defense is not clear. A few naval bases scattered along the coast would apparently give her all the protection she needs. Experts have shown that the Dalmatian coast as a whole would be a source of weakness rather than strength to Italy, because she cannot defend it, and there is no question of the moral right of Jugo-Slavia--the nation of Serbia and other south Slav nations--to this territory, whether racially, commercially or strategically.

General Leonard Wood, said to have been a fairly good surgeon before he became a rough-rider and courtier of Theodore Roosevelt, is being boomed for president. He should make an ideal candidate from the politician's standpoint; since he was never in public life and isn't enough of a soldier to hurt, nobody could seriously object to him.

Judging from the tone of reports emanating from the peace conference it appears that Japan is courting a rebuke similar to the one handed out to Italy, unless her claims to the former German colonies on the Shantung peninsula, based on the "right of conquest" are modified considerably.

It was the Liberty loans that made possible the present Victory loan. And after the Victory loan let us hope that war will never again make it necessary to float loans of any character.

Prunes and wool and hops are all in the race for high price records this year.

Real old-fashioned Fourth of July in Salem this year! If the lid isn't taken off it will be blown off by the enthusiastic celebration. Safe and sane advocates would better fight shy of Salem this time, because they are not going to be popular here.

Has it ever occurred to you that the dollar you spend in Salem today may roll back into your own pocket tomorrow?

The building of the paper mill in Salem will mark a new era in the city's industrial growth.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, is as usual against the United States and in favor of Italy's grab policy.

## THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BARBARA SPENDS THE EVENING ALONE.

CHAPTER LXII.

I did as Mr. Frederick suggested and ordered the car. At first I thought I would call for Lorraine or some other friend, then I decided I did not care to talk, and would take my boy. He would chatter right along paying no attention if I did not answer.

We had gone but a little ways when I saw someone bowing to me, motioning at the same time. I told Thomas to draw up to the curb and greeted Mr. Rayburn whom I had not seen for a long time.

"Where have you kept yourself?" he asked. "I have been to every blessed affair in the hope of seeing you, only to be disappointed. Been busy with that wonderful house I expect. I hear it is gorgeous."

"Yes, we think it very handsome. But really it is not the house when it is to blame for my remaining at home. Mr. Forbes has been away a great deal lately, and I seldom if ever go without him."

"Polish lady! does he never go without you?" A meaning in his suave voice which I ignored, although I felt myself flushing, and to cover my embarrassment I changed the subject by saying:

"Can't I set you down wherever you are going? Robert and I can easily make room for you." My son was sprawled boy-wise across the seat.

"Thank you that will be an unexpected pleasure. I have an appointment at the club. But don't let me spoil your drive, I have half an hour yet."

"Then we will go on around the park before we let you off," I said as he took his seat. I had lifted Robert up and put him between us.

"Is Mr. Forbes at home now?" he asked.

"Yes, came back from the west last night."

"His business is prospering, I hear."

"Yes—but he works terribly hard." I so wanted to add; and what else have you heard?

"It doesn't pay to push one's seat too hard. To make money too fast."

"What do you mean?" I would draw him out.

"Oh, that one misses a lot. Enjoy."

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ment, comfort, many things which mere money do not compensate us for."

"What difference if one gets fair enjoyment in work. Mr. Forbes fairly eats work." I gazed intently at him as I spoke. I would give him every chance. If he had anything to say about Neil I wanted to hear it—and deny it.

"Forbes is a wonderful fellow. Everyone says he is the cleverest money-maker in town." I did not stop to consider or look for a double meaning in his words. He was praising Neil, that was enough. I felt my lips curve in a smile.

Even men recognized his ability. I had been silly, foolish, to listen to what Lorraine and those women in the doctor's shop had said. Nothing ever could come between me and Neil, nothing.

Ever since I had first met him he had been all the world to me. I should be proud that a man whom other men thought so unusual loved me. I was proud. Self condemnation and me by the throat. The revulsion from doubt and suspicion left me weak, and trembling. It gave me almost acute pleasure to note signs of happiness upon the faces of the people we passed. Here

was a man, my husband, who was strenuously fighting his way to the high places of finance. And because he did not follow the beaten path, but hewed out a road for himself, I had been ready to blame him.

"A penny for your thoughts," Mr. Rayburn's voice startled me. I had forgotten his very existence.

"It is time we turned, Thomas, the University Club please."

I dropped my wholen cotton then

went home. I found a message from Mr. Frederick.

"If convenient I will call upon you about eleven tomorrow morning."

I knew he was coming to tell me what he had done for me. I smiled to think how needless it was. My mood again had changed. No one could make me distrust Neil.

(Tomorrow—Whimsical Thoughts Keep Barbara Awake.)

### O. A. C. Plans To Entertain Hundreds Of Visitors At Junior Week-End Program

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 30.—Hundreds of guests including many alumni are expected here for the junior week end festivities at the college. A special committee will meet visiting high school teams and conduct them to fraternity houses where they will be entertained. The program for the week end is as follows:

Thursday—Women's stunt show, women's gymnasium, 8 p. m.; Friday—bag race, lower campus; 9:30 a. m.;

batting of green caps, dedication of senior bench, "Co-op" corner, 11 a. m.; baseball, U. of O. vs O. A. C., varsity diamond, 2 p. m.; junior varsity dramatic theater, 8 p. m.; Saturday—junior breakfast, Waldo hall, 8 a. m.; tug of war, Mill race, 9 a. m.; baseball U. of O. vs O. A. C., varsity diamond, 10 a. m.; intercollegiate track meet, varsity field, 1:15 p. m.; alumni luncheon, domestic science building, 5 p. m.; junior prom, men's gymnasium, 8 p. m.; Sunday—special church services, 11 a. m.; open house, 2 to 5 p. m.

### Normal Joins Movement To Bring Prominent Men West

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Monmouth, Or., April 30.—Through the influence of President Ackerman, the Oregon normal has joined the other state schools in Oregon and Washington to bring to the coast, speakers of national and international reputation.

Among those it is hoped to secure are: Ex-President Taft, Henry Van Dyke, Lyman Abbott, Ellhu Root, Jane Addams, Charles Hughes, A. Beveridge, W. J. Bryan, Stephen Wise and many others of equal prominence. This will give the Oregon normal a series of lectures each year which cannot be surpassed elsewhere on the coast.

Robert H. Hunt has been appointed postmaster at Rose Lodge, Lincoln county.

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