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**The Sam Johnsans
And Party Control**

The oft-repeated statement that the coming Republican convention is practically under control of Samuel Johnson, as far as any contest now in sight is concerned, brings out very strikingly the evil of allowing government employees to take part in a certain kind of political activity. Of course they ought not to "keep out of politics." All citizens should be in politics to a certain extent. The last national campaign saw nearly all of the members of President Roosevelt's cabinet on the stump, using their powers as orators for the cause of their party and in defense of their own administrations. But Corfeyou was compelled to resign a cabinet position when he became a manager of practical politics—a director of the machinery of party enterprise.

In our local field are plenty of similar examples. United States District Attorney Breckons is always willing to make campaign speeches, but one does not hear of him trying to run a precinct or pack a convention. If such a thing were heard of he would promptly receive a rebuke from Washington. The same is true of Attorney Dunne of the same department. United States Marshal Hendry was a political secretary up to the time when he became marshal, but the rules of the federal service compelled his immediate withdrawal from party machinery. Departmental circulars have been issued from time to time warning the subordinates in the customs department here against too much activity in attempts to direct party matters. Yet it is perfectly understood that they have a right to be active party men, as many of them are, and that those who have ability so to do are free to do all the campaign speaking they want.

The case of the coming convention, as already indicated, furnishes striking exemplification of the value of such a policy. Samuel Johnson is an excellent citizen, an executive officer of fine ability and a public servant who has done very valuable work. But he is not a leader in any sort of public policy; he is not a public speaker, not a sponsor for any public policy that draws support, not a man, in short, who has acquired such political power as he is credited with in any of the ways in which it is properly acquired. He makes no claim to possessing the abilities of constructive statesmanship and speaks for no policy except that of winning for his party. Whence comes his power? Simply as the head of the bureau of the Territorial government which employs the largest number of voters and a working member of a political machine which uses those voters. If this is the case he evidently has no right to the power he is able to exert. It is not to the credit of the Republican party of Oahu, to say at the close of a primary, that the action of the convention chosen is to be controlled by the head of the road department of the government. This is what is meant by the "administration" interfering. Of course Governor Carter is correct in saying that he has not taken any part and is not taking any part, if he is referring to citizen George K. Carter. But George K. Carter as governor, with the power to remove or promote the Johnsans—for Sam Johnson is by no means the only department officer who is swinging convention votes—is the power behind a pernicious political system.

**An Important
Decision**

"No more important decision has been rendered by a high court of law for a hundred years," the Literary Digest quotes Justice Harlan as saying, speaking of the Supreme Court's verdict against the New York State law limiting labor in bakeries to ten hours a day. The decision "works a revolution in the relationship between the court and the States, in what has heretofore been considered purely domestic affairs of the States," he adds, and sets up a "new doctrine" that is "far-reaching and dangerous." This momentous decision was precipitated by a baker in the employ of Joseph Lochner, of Utica, who wished to work extra hours to learn to make cake. Lochner permitted him to do so, was arrested at the instance of the Utica trade unions, and was fined \$50 for breaking the ten-hour bakery law. The case was appealed, the State Court of Appeals upheld the law by a vote of 4 to 3, Judge Parker reading the prevailing decision, and now that decision is reversed by the United States Supreme Court by a vote of 5 to 4. Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Peckham, McKenna, Brewer and Brown unite in the prevailing opinion, while Justices Harlan, Day, White, and Holmes dissent.

The majority justices hold, in brief, that the law "interferes with the right of contract between the employer and employees," and declare that "a law like the one before us involves neither the safety, the morals, nor the welfare of the public," and that "under such circumstances the freedom of master and employee to contract with each other in relation to their employment and in defining the same can not be prohibited or interfered with without violating the Federal Constitution." In the minority opinion, on the other hand, Justice Harlan says that there are "many reasons" why steady work in a bakery for more than ten hours a day "may endanger the health, impair the usefulness, and shorten the lives of the workmen," and that we should "let the State alone in the management of its purely domestic affairs so long as it does not appear beyond all question that it has violated the Federal Constitution," a view that "necessarily results from the principle that the health and safety of the people of a State are primarily for the State to guard and protect, and are not matters ordinarily of concern to the national Government." The Supreme Court has held in previous decisions that a State has the right to limit the hours of labor on work performed for the State; and that it has the right to limit the hours of labor in coal-mines. Its right to limit the hours of labor for women and children does not seem to be questioned.

**The Carnegie
Benefactions**

The following is a list of Andrew Carnegie's public benefactions up to date: Libraries in the United States, \$28,000,000; heroes families relief fund, \$5,000,000; libraries in foreign countries, \$5,000,000; Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, \$7,852,000; Polytechnic School, Pittsburgh, \$2,000,000; employes pension fund, Pittsburgh, \$4,000,000; Carnegie National University, \$10,000,000; allied engineers' societies, \$1,500,000; Peace Temple at The Hague, \$1,500,000; Dunfermline endowment, \$2,500,000; Scotch University endowment, \$15,000,000; gifts to small colleges, \$17,000,000; miscellaneous benefactions in the United States, \$10,000,000; miscellaneous benefactions in Europe, \$2,000,000; for annuities to professors, \$10,000,000. Total, \$121,352,000.

The last on the list is his latest. It is to provide annuities for college professors who are not able to continue in active service. In his letter setting out his object in creating the fund, Mr. Carnegie says: "I have reached the conclusion that the least rewarded of all the professions is that of the teacher in our higher educational institutions. New York city generously, and very wisely, provides retiring pensions for teachers in her public schools and also for her policemen. Very

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The corporation which is being formed to administer the fund, is to be styled the "Carnegie Foundation."

The Federal government is beginning to show a decidedly paternal interest in Hawaii. About \$80,000 worth of improvements are to be made to the quarantine island as soon as possible, about \$60,000 more for the new army barracks and improvements will be paid and now the engineering board is to start the work of improving Honolulu harbor an appropriation of \$400,000 having been made for that work.

St. Petersburg says that a sea fight is expected in a few days. She is mistaken. The Japanese always give the Russians a sea fight when the Russians least expect it.

The American yachts lead in point of number in the ocean race for the Kaiser's cup but whether they will lead at the finish is another proposition.

Many good people question the wisdom of parading school children through the streets to aid any movement, no matter how good the intentions may be.

Senator L. L. McCandless has requested The Star to state that he is not after a nomination for supervisor.

So George Davis is back in the Republican party once more and says that he wants to be county attorney!

Governor Carter's new found friends want to impeach him for attempting to nullify the County law.

When George Davis is County Attorney he will have an opportunity to even up some old scores. A. Perry and A. Humphreys will have to take to the woods.

If Hawaii is to make an effort to attract settlers from the mainland, the Legislature must provide ample funds for the Land Office. Maybe the Legislature does not want settlers; one member of the lower house opposes the proposition to bring "Americans" to this American territory.

Thank goodness, the Legislature adjourned for a day. Now, if it will adjourn for two years no one, but jobholders, will object.

A most curious experiment is in progress in Australia as a means of checking the plague of rabbits which is so disastrously affecting the stockraisers

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George Gear will make a good supervisor-at-large.

THE FLEETS.

Russia's all, so we are told, rests upon Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet. What, then, if the fleet should come to rest upon the bottom of the ocean?—Columbia (S. C.) State.

Togo is reported up on the coast of Korea. Me, oh, my! and Rojestvensky looking for him down about Formosa.—Pittsburg Gazette.

It is reported that Russian cruisers are still lying in the vicinity of Kamranh bay, but it is possible that correspondents, not cruisers, are really meant.—Columbus State Journal.

Although naval bases are not full in the far east, Rojestvensky's run from Saigon was clearly forced.—Toledo Times.

It is hinted that the Czar of Russia may try to make peace before the battle between Rojestvensky and Togo can take place. This may account for the fact that the Russian and Japanese fleets have so much delay in trying to meet.—Scranton Truth.

The game they are playing in the eastern seas is known now as "strategic silence."—Florida Times-Union.

If it is true, as reported, that Rojestvensky's ships are rapidly moving toward Togo's, and if Togo remains where he is, and Rojestvensky keeps on going, they will come together as soon as they meet. This is the opinion of our own expert, and we stand ready to back it up against any other expert's opinion.—Toledo Blade.

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