

DIRECT PRIMARY IS 'BUNK,' SAYS HEDGES

Tells Legislature He's Through With Politics Based on Feeling the People.

CONVENTION PLAN SCORED

ALBANY, March 11.—I am through with the game of politics while its activities are predicated on bunking the people who do not know the facts.

"I favor an official State convention with final determination of its nominees lodged in a primary vote. You cannot make the people participate in the primary. We know the effort it takes to bring a large portion of the voters to the polls at a ridiculous cost.

The vote of the gubernatorial election here fell was an anti-Democratic vote, not a pro-Republican vote.

"Four years ago it was an anti-Republican vote for a pro-Democratic vote. No man votes for a platform unless he believes in it.

"The direct primary agitation has not done anything to the old time proposition of bunking the people, who do not care anything about it anyway. It is time for open, frank legislation on this question. We must have party government, and if we cannot have good government we can only get it through the official State convention.

While William M. Calder, Kings county's candidate for United States senator in the Republican primaries last fall, agreed that the convention plan of nomination was better than a committee designation of candidates, he thought that the present primary system should be continued.

"I do not agree with Mr. Hedges that the direct primary is bunk. The last fall's primary 25 per cent of the vote cast at the election for Governor was registered at the previous primary. The people should not be asked to vote on the question of holding an official convention this year, as they must then name on the same question.

Francis M. Hugo, Secretary of State, said the State board of elections should be abolished and the work turned over to him, claiming he could do the work for which they spend \$324,000 for \$113,000. He said his present election bureau spent only \$3,000 a year for salaries and \$22,000 for printing.

DENTAL SOCIETY ACCUSED

Assemblyman McTee Tells of Charges of Graft.

ALBANY, March 11.—Assemblyman Martin McTee of New York on the floor of the State Legislature today said that he has been "reliably informed that the officials of the State Dental Society had accepted graft in the city of New York."

"The dental society in New York has made by an Assistant District Attorney of the county of Queens that three agents of the State Dental Society have been indicted for accepting graft in New York."

REFUSE CONTRACT STANDS

Senate Declines to Recall Bill Passed for the Mayor.

ALBANY, March 11.—The Senate today defeated a resolution by Senator Foley of New York to recall from the Mayor the bill recently passed by the Legislature permitting the Street Commissioner of New York to make a fifteen-year contract for the disposition of refuse.

Senator Cromwell, ex-Borough President of Richmond, explained that Supt. Petherston was in charge of the refuse in Richmond when he devised a system of separating refuse, which was patented by a corporation under Mr. Petherston's name.

"Mr. Petherston conferred with me, and as a result signed over all his interest in the patent to the city of New York," Mr. Cromwell said.

Mayor Mitchell said yesterday that he would sign the bill, passed by the Legislature, permitting the city to enter into a fifteen-year profit sharing contract for the disposition of all garbage, ashes and street refuse.

STATE PLANS FOR FAIR MADE

Prominent Men to Speak at Opening of New York Building.

ALBANY, March 11.—Vice-Chairman John R. Vale of the New York State Fair and Pacific Exposition Commission named Adjutant-General Storey today that all arrangements for dedicating the new State Building at the fair on March 15 have been made.

Chairman Norman E. Mack will introduce Commissioner Cobb as the first speaker. The president of the fair commission, John R. Vale, will make an address in behalf of the United States Government.

State Is Brutal to Its Young Wards, Is Charge

'Water Cure' Used on Girls at Hudson Training School; Boys Underfed, Says the Report of Efficiency Department.

MAY CAUSE CHANGES IN HOSPITAL BOARD

ALBANY, March 11.—Punishments described as "barbarous" are inflicted upon the girls who are committed to the New York State Training School for Girls at Hudson, according to the report of the recently abolished Department of Efficiency and Economy upon its investigations of State institutions, which became public today.

The report, which was transmitted to the Legislature by John H. Delaney, the Commissioner, before he left Albany, recommends that a new superintendent be selected in place of Dr. Horstess V. Bruce at the Hudson institution. The investigation of the training school was made in December and was one of the last to be conducted by the department.

The report also assails severely the management of the State Agricultural and Training School for Boys at Industry, near Rochester, and recommends that a new superintendent be chosen there to replace David Bruce, who is charged with responsibility for "the worst run institution in the State."

The report contains a description of conditions in every prison, reformatory and State hospital for the insane, and may furnish grounds for charges against the Hospital Commission and the prison authorities. It is highly sensational in many respects and constitutes a severe indictment of the institutions.

'Water Cure' in Use

A form of "water cure" for unruly girls is in use at the State Training School for Girls at Hudson, according to the report. The girls are almost strangled, it is alleged, as part of the punishment for being impudent or disobedient. The system is called "water cure" because the girls are made to drink water until they are almost choked.

"If a girl speaks an immoral or a profane word, she is washed out with four tablespoonfuls of a compound prescribed by the physician, consisting of asafoetida, gentian and nuxvomica. For more serious offenses, she is fastened diagonally across the mouth, extending from the temples to the jaw on both sides of the face, with a wide piece of tape or cloth. According to the report, the girls are kept in this position for twenty-four hours, but it was explained "We always lift the plaster for meals."

The "water cure" is described as follows: "The girl is taken to her room by the assistant superintendent, accompanied by one of the matrons of the cottage. The bedding is removed from her bed, a blanket rolled is placed on the wire spring. The girl is then laid on her back and her hands are handcuffed behind her back and her feet are put on her feet."

"Wet Towel Over Her Mouth. In this condition she is laid across the roll of blankets. The assistant superintendent sits on the knees of the girl while the hospital nurse dips a towel in water and holds it, sopping wet, over the mouth of the girl for ten minutes. The girl is then fastened to the towel, and the endeavor to breathe through the wet towel, draws in the water. This treatment either strangles or suffocates her, and she is kept in this position until she is unconscious. The girl is then carried to her room and her hands are handcuffed behind her back and her feet are put on her feet."

"The girls are deadened," says the report, "so that no ordinary sound can be heard by the occupant. There is nothing in the cell and the girl is obliged to sit all day on the bare floor. The girl is fed with a supper of dry bread and water, the same for breakfast, and for dinner has a meat and vegetable. For exercise she is turned loose in a high iron cage."

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BEARDS ON SUNDAYS MAY BE THE FASHION

Bill in Assembly Would Close Barber Shops on Sabbath—Other Measures.

ALBANY, March 11.—Sunday morning shaves in New York city would be prohibited by a bill introduced by Assemblyman Cottillo, Democrat, of New York, which would close all barber shops on Sunday.

Assemblyman Landon introduced a bill permitting any automobile club incorporated in New York State and having a membership of 300 or more to form an organization to mutually insure against fire, theft, legal liability, collision or damage to persons and property.

A bill by Assemblyman Nehbauer provides for the dismissal of female teachers who marry after their appointment to be reviewed by the State Commissioner of Education. Provision is made that at any time within ten years of such marriage the teacher may be reinstated upon furnishing proof that her husband is dead or has been declared insane.

Assemblyman Perlman of New York introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor to practise palmistry, astrology or any other form of fortune telling, or to pretend to tell the location of lost or stolen goods.

Mayor Mitchell's bill establishing a department of purchase for the city of New York was introduced today by Senator Burdette, Republican, of Kings. It provides for a board of purchase to complete the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Mayor of Albany, who are to appoint a general purchasing agent and as many deputies and other assistants as are necessary.

The purchasing agent under the direction of the board is to purchase all supplies, materials and equipment required by any city department, office, board or bureau. Supplies and equipment at an expense of more than \$1,000 are to be bought under contract let at public bidding. The purchase of supplies and equipment at an expense of more than \$1,000 are to be bought under contract let at public bidding.

With Lewis, accredited representative of Gov. Whitman, will make the chief address and will be followed by the Mayor of San Francisco and the president of the New York State Society of California. The exercises begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

WESTCHESTER LIGHT RATE CO. OPPOSED

Company and Complainants Ask for Rehearing of the Case.

VALUATION IS ATTACKED

ALBANY, March 11.—With the reduction in the price of electricity for New York city to 8 cents added interest was given today to a hearing held by the up-State Public Service Commission of a request from both the company and the complainants for a rehearing in the case of the Westchester Lighting Company, which was ordered to reduce the price of electricity from 15 cents to 13 cents a kilowatt hour. The district affected under the latter decision were Port Chester, White Plains, Tarrytown and East Chester.

John A. Garver, counsel for the company, said the principles involved would ultimately have to be settled in the case of every public utility throughout the United States, one of which was the question of the valuation of the company's plant. He said that the commission had erred in its decision by treating the Westchester Lighting Company as two corporations because it furnished both gas and electricity in Westchester county.

The commission had figured the earnings from the sale of electricity and determined on the reduction of the price of the gas. Mr. Garver said that the commission had not permitted of a reduction in the gas price, although the commission had made the suggestion that the company reduce the price of the latter commodity.

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\$18,000,000 TAX ABSURD, JOHN G. SAXE REPEATS

Reiterates That Governor Whitman in Message Duplicated Comptroller's Estimates—Glynn Expected to Enter the Controversy.

Ex-Gov. Glynn is expected in this city today or to-morrow, returning from San Francisco. He will probably make a personal statement in relation to the controversy over the large direct tax which Gov. Whitman says is necessary.

Meanwhile John G. Saxe, who was Gov. Glynn's counsel, returned to Mr. Glynn's defense yesterday with a statement replying to the explanation from Gov. Whitman which appeared in THE SUN yesterday.

Mr. Saxe insists he was right in saying that Gov. Whitman in his financial message duplicated the Comptroller's estimates and that the threat of an \$18,000,000 tax is absurd.

"The suggestion is made," says Mr. Saxe, "that I, in some way which is not indicated, have confused the necessities of 1915 with those of 1916. I have not done so. Gov. Whitman's message was delivered to the Legislature; it was delivered pursuant to the constitutional mandate that he should communicate the condition of the State." He was discussing the condition of the State as it exists in 1915. He went out of his way to criticize Gov. Glynn's financial record and charged him with creating a situation whereby a direct tax of \$18,000,000 has become necessary.

"The last administration," he asserted, "deliberately exhausted its surplus by its failure to levy a direct tax as provided for in the Constitution for the interest on the public debt and for sinking fund requirements. The result, he continued, is that the present administration must levy a direct tax not only for such interest and sinking fund requirements for the ensuing fiscal year, but it must also levy a further tax to meet the deficiencies in appropriations for the support of Government."

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1915 CROP OUTLOOK BETTER THAN EVER

Soil Full of Moisture, Bigger Acreage Planted, Says St. Louis Merchant.

SOUTH GOING TO WHEAT

St. Louis, March 11.—In his address before Missouri Pacific officials at the St. Louis Club, speaking on "The General Outlook," A. W. Douglas, president of the Simmons Hardware Company, said that abundant moisture everywhere in the soil promises an abundant harvest this year. He said: "On the cattle ranges in the West more grass can be seen than for years. The wheat crop has the best average ever planted. It is about 12 per cent more than last year. The condition of the crop is excellent."

"There has been more wheat and water oats planted in the South this year than ever before. The outlook for greater diversification of crops in the South than any previous period of its history. In this connection the South has a greater variety of crops than any other section of the United States. Much misconception to the contrary. The South raised 30 per cent of all the cotton raised in the United States last year. It has 31 per cent of all the cotton raised in the United States. The cotton acreage this year will be less than last year, but at least 10 to 12 per cent, possibly more, though it is a little early to speak definitely on this score."

"I am directing my attention solely to the Governor's message to the Legislature required by the Constitution of the State, and in defense of Gov. Glynn I reiterate that Gov. Whitman has no justification for his financial message. His administration with one cent of these various items on which he bases his assertion that there must be a direct tax of \$18,000,000. Gov. Glynn's message even as he and his advisers attempt to construe it by Wednesday's statement does not require, justify or excuse a direct tax of \$18,000,000."

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