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SEATTLE, TUESDAY, FEB. 11.

This is the last day for registration.

THE LAST APPEAL.

Today is the last day for registration. The citizens of Seattle will learn with profound regret that many of their neighbors have failed to register.

There is yet time; the clerk's office will be open until midnight, with a force sufficiently large to insure prompt attention to the electors.

Every good citizen should today constitute himself a committee of one to ask every man he meets: "Have you registered?"

Let him wrap himself up in the shabby toga of his assumed superiority to such matters as the duties of citizenship; let him continue to strut around in the mock dignity of him who, with the privileges of the harem, is barred from their enjoyment.

A WIDE-OPEN CAMPAIGN.

Mon. Chauncey M. Depew delivered an address not long ago in which he gave utterance to sentiments which are very pertinent at this time. He said: "If the educated men of the country who are ministers, lawyers, doctors, journalists, business men, or farmers, would perform their duties in the primary school of the caucus, we never would experience that despotism of a machine which blights ambition, destroys honest effort for good government, and plunders impartially partisans and antagonists."

In the course of his address Mr. Depew remarked that the rings and bosses, of which we hear so much, "are the natural result of the neglect of the primaries by the citizens."

There is nothing particularly original about these remarks, but their truth cannot be too often or too emphatically urged. It might have gone much further and urged the same diligence upon workingmen. Nobody more than the classes upon which, in proportion to their possessions, the burden of taxation falls most heavily, is interested in assuring that men elected to office shall be worthy of their confidence.

Workingmen too often confine their attentions to union meetings, which are usually and always should be restricted to trade interests. If they do not go beyond those meetings they fail to come into contact with other interests than their own, but which have their due influence in shaping legislation.

The great bulk of the people are deeply interested in having good, strong, able and economical government. This they realize in the abstract, but they fail to enter as fully into organizations for securing it, as those interests which band themselves for the purpose of promoting measures for their own benefit, or preventing measures tending to their disadvantage. These influences are to be found in every political struggle, and there is no way of, nor is there any reason for, preventing them. It is the privilege and duty of those having antagonistic interests to meet them on the common ground afforded by primaries, conventions and elections, and to insure that no undue advantage is secured by any particular interest.

There has probably never been a campaign in Seattle so thoroughly wide open

as that now pending. Within a month of election, no man stands out conspicuously as a candidate for mayor; the new law has made the primaries open to every citizen, with safeguards against colonization and other devices of machine politics, and if the next mayor of this city is not the choice of a legal majority of the electors, it will be due to the indifference and neglect of those who fail to register, vote at the primaries on Saturday night, and at the polls next month.

TODAY IS THE DAY.

There is not a man in this city, who, if he were to be deprived of his right to vote, would not roar like a bull of Bashan till he got it back.

The political condition of affairs in this city is such that every man should be ashamed to admit tomorrow that he had failed to register.

If any untoward result follows the election, let him who fails to register and fails to vote—through his own remissness—skulk down the back alleys for the next two years.

Every man owes it to himself to register and vote.

SYSTEM OF STATE WARRANTS.

Howard I. Reed, formerly comptroller of the city of Spokane, has an article in the February Arena on a new system of state warrants. He proposes that the state issue non-interest warrants in place of all state, county, city and school district warrants. The state warrants are to be received for taxes, and are to be in the denominations of \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$1, 50 cents and 25 cents. He proposes to accomplish it by the following legislation:

First—An act providing for the assessment and collection of all district, town, city, county and other taxes and revenues by the state, and empowering district, town, city, county and other officials connected with this work to act as ex-officio state officers.

Second—An act providing for quarterly tax collection.

Third—An act to provide for the issuance of non-interest-bearing state of Washington warrants to all school districts and other districts, towns, cities and counties, and for state indebtedness, and prohibiting the issuance of county, city, town, school district or other district warrants.

Fourth—An act empowering the state to receive non-interest-bearing state of Washington warrants in payment for all fines, dues, fees, water rents, licenses, taxes and other revenues due to the state or to any portion of the state.

Fifth—An act providing for the refunding of outstanding state, county, city, town, school district and other district warrant indebtedness, warrants of old issue to be called in and warrants of new issue to be exchanged for the same.

"Under the new system," he says, "when the tax rolls and estimated revenues are turned over to the state for approval and collection, should it appear that any particular district has been assessed at too high a valuation, then the state must cut down the assessment to conform with valuations actually existing. Then enforce the payment of taxes, but with provisions hereinafter set forth."

Without any intention of treating the proposition with levity, we might suggest that by first enforcing the payment of taxes, the need of warrants would disappear.

As an illustration of the practice Mr. Reed suggests that "if a man shall receive a \$100 warrant in Seattle and he comes to Spokane and wishes to pay his water rent, which amounts to \$7.65, he can hand over his \$100 warrant and receive in change one \$50 warrant, two \$20 warrants, one \$10 warrant, one 25 cent warrant, and 10 cents in silver."

In order to facilitate the redemption of old district, city and county warrants (some of which have been outstanding for four or five years), Mr. Reed would have the state, after having made a careful investigation into the condition of any district and its delinquent tax rolls, and after having determined as to the legality of its floating indebtedness, shall issue non-interest-bearing state warrants amounting, for instance, to 25 per cent. of the legal outstanding warrant indebtedness, and shall exchange the new warrants for the old ones, principal and interest, without reference to numerical order, first come first served. When this amount of delinquent taxes shall have been collected in this particular district, thereby redeeming a corresponding amount of the new state warrants, repeat the process. Mr. Reed overlooks the fact that most of the warrants are held by Eastern investors on a guarantee of 10 per cent. and 8 per cent., and there is no reason why they should yield up an interest-bearing security for one without any interest.

The scheme is endorsed by B. O. Flower, editor of the Arena, who hopes to see this great reform movement inaugurated by the state of Washington. He says: "More and more I notice in the East that the spirit of inertia and the deadly spirit of decadence, which ever accompanies the failure on the part of the people to insist upon the realization of the highest ethical attainments, prevails. We are being bound more and more to the Jergernaut of capital, and as a result are losing the power of the initiative."

The spirit of inertia in the East would develop a remarkable amount of "ertia" if such a plan were proposed to deprive them of securities without paying for them in cash.

It has been a matter of surprise in some quarters that the Cuban insurrection has not affected the price of cigars from that island. This is explained by the fact that the seat of war has been in the east of Cuba, where there is none of the choice tobacco that renders the quality of Havana cigars superior. The deficiency in this kind of product has, therefore, been made up by that of other countries. Since December, however, the insurgents have moved into the western section, where the finest Cuban tobacco is raised. The American manufacturers were previously supplied with more than a year's stock, but if the revolution continues to advance, the future is uncertain. It is stated that the price of the finest cigars have already been raised 25 per cent. at wholesale, and that higher rates are almost sure to be asked in the future, even if the rebellion is brought to a speedy result either way.

The minister from Ecuador is distributing circulars among the various South and Central American diplomatic representatives in Washington City asking co-operation in a conference on the Monroe doctrine. As the project seems to have the support of the various administrations, it will recall to the minds of many the great change in Democratic opinion in five years. At that time Mr. Blaine's idea of

a pan-American congress was looked upon as foolish, if not as a delusion. The unfortunate feature of the Blaine conference was that it set May, 1891, as the final date of ratification. This was too early, so that the work of the congress apparently was nullified. As a matter of fact, however, it made many valuable suggestions which in time will prove its worth. It was the changed spirit at Washington City, another such conference is held, there is no question but what its recommendations would be ratified by all the states, save perhaps Chile.

All the Boston newspapers prepared long and exhaustive obituaries of their distinguished townsman, John I. Sullivan, the other evening, when it became known that the ex-champion had fallen from a train moving thirty miles an hour. They ought to have known that it will take more than a little thing like that to kill the man from Boston, who shall have dropped from a balloon a mile above the earth, or chances to be blown up in a powder mill explosion, there may be reason to apprehend serious results, but no ordinary accident can put Sullivan out.

The Belgians, having expended some money in exploring the hot regions along the Congo, now propose to take look about the country in the vicinity of the south pole. An Antarctic expedition will be shortly fitted out under the command of Lieut. A. de Gerlache, of Brussels, who will be accompanied by several well-known Belgian savants. The Belgian Geographical Society has taken up the matter warmly and is collecting subscriptions for Lieut. Gerlache's expedition, the total sum still required being about 200,000 francs.

Mr. Astor has removed the editor of the Pall Mall Gazette because the latter made disparaging statements concerning America. From the experience of the New York Herald, there is some reason to doubt if an American edited paper will succeed in London, and an American with English sympathies generally, out-Englishes Englishmen in severe criticisms of the native country.

Reports come in from all parts of the state to the effect that the people are not allowing the immigration question to be a local one. Local conventions have been held or will be held in nearly all the counties of the state, and if the matter is pushed energetically and in a business-like way, great good is certain to follow during the coming year.

The Indian affairs committee of the house has agreed to a clause to be incorporated in the appropriation bill providing that all children of a marriage between a white man and Indian woman shall have the same rights and privileges to the property and annuities of the tribe to which the mother belongs, as any other member of the tribe.

An Ohio jury decides that when a militia officer is called out with his troops to defend a jail against a mob of would-be lynchers, and when some of the would-be lynchers, but by mistake from guns in the hands of the militia, the militia officer in command is not guilty of murder.

It was hard enough to avoid state governors and deputy sheriffs, but now that United States regulars are to take a hand in preventing the prizefight, it begins to look as if the days of professional pugilists were numbered.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain has invited President Kruger, of the Transvaal, to visit England, but it is probable they will not be able to work him any more successfully than they did the son of the Ameer.

They are talking of erecting in Boston an equestrian statue of Gen. Benjamin F. Butler. It would look odd to see the figure of Ben upon a horse, and the figure of the great soldier in the hands of the militia, the militia officer in command is not guilty of murder.

Texas appears to frown upon fighting, and yet Minister Terrell at Constantinople, and Consul Hixson in China, are two of the best fighters in the diplomatic service, and they are both from the Lone Star state.

Tillman's South Carolina friends say that a hiring press mangled his speech so that they do not know what he said. It is safe to say they have a sort of an idea.

Chicago is still a lively city and will always remain lively so long as two brothers entertain the guests at their sister's baby christening with a knife duel.

It would seem that the men who were going to push the sleeping car legislation in congress have crawled into the berths without even asking to be called.

The prohibition convention meets in Pittsburgh May 27. Some how or other St. Louis and Milwaukee did not make a bid for that gathering.

One of the strangest things happened in Duluth the other day. They elected a Democratic mayor on the issue of pure water.

It is evident that San Francisco is not utterly dead when the police can run in ninety-two poker players in one evening.

A good many people are beginning to think that it takes Dunraven a long time to frame his apology.

The czar has ruled over a year and hasn't had a bomb thrown at him yet.

Tacoma, it seems, has a Dr. Jordan, but they call him "Turkey."

Every Republican has a duty; it is to register.

LEGAL REFORM.

124 Howard Street, Seattle, Feb. 8.

To the Editor: Your article on "Legal Reform" has caused a thrill of delight to pass through me. I am little anticipated, and I'm sure thousands of sufferers from the "law's delay" will owe you a debt of gratitude for bringing the subject before the public. I say, God bless Charles Dickens for so touchingly bringing to the knowledge of the world the celebrated case "Jaundice vs. Jaundice."

Notwithstanding the reforms following the dreadful sufferings in the case, I have, I opine, failed to remember that the "law's delay" was so trying in London a few years ago that the merchants and other influential parties of the mercantile community held meetings and threatened to establish "arbitration courts" for the settlement of cases of dispute. This had a wonderful effect, and reforms were effected mitigating the evil, if not quite curing it. I say, God bless Mr. Justice Brewer and Judge Harker. May they live long and never want power to follow up with vigor the good work they have commenced. I have suffered greatly and am still suffering in this respect and could state cases almost indefinitely. But, of course, I am only one of a multitude of circumstances as I am. I hardly like to trespass on your time, but if you can forward the good work and will so, you may rest assured that I will be rich in the gratitude of thousands who are as helpless as children when obliged to appeal to the courts in the grinding of legal gentleness, and the grinding of many of the men who in more cases thoroughly enjoy the encounter and wrenching and fees, and too often, I fear, the complainants and even sufferers and distress of those so deeply interested. FERRY CRAUSE.

THE STATE PRESS.

Spookish Independent: Poverty is the mark of distress, not of honesty.

Tacoma Daily News: Washington's coast needs more ships and wharves than against guns of foreign war vessels.

Mount Vernon Post: The right sort of a clergyman doesn't need the services of a chaperon when he is visited by a woman, no matter what the disposition of the woman may be.

Spokane Daily Chronicle: Poor Alfred Austin, poet laureate, though not a poet in no other way. Not satisfied with criticizing and abusing the poor fellow, the newspapers of America have taken to printing wood cuts of the unfortunate man.

Honolulu Washingtonian: If ever the Republican party of the Queen City has a duty to perform, they have it now. To lay aside all strife, all jealousy and fight for their man. If not they will wake up and find the Populists have won.

Roslyn Sentinel: The conscientious editor who endeavors to treat every one fairly and impartially very soon learns the lesson to expect no thanks or recognition for the many complimentary notices he may publish about people, but to gain unending hatred and ill-will if he but mildly criticizes their most glaring shortcomings.

NOTABLE PEOPLE.

There is a well-grounded rumor afloat that Mrs. P. H. Hester is about to embark again upon the sea of matrimony.

Miss Balfour says in her book that she saw in Dr. Jameson the hardest working man in South Africa. He is a white and humane reclamer of the native race.

Sir Gordon Sprigg, the new premier of the Cape Colony, is a short-hand reporter. He is said to have the personal confidence of the Dutch element.

A proud Republican papa and his 13-year-old boy called on the speaker, and the youngster, for the want of something better to say, piped out: "Mr. Maine Road, we have all your books in our library, and I think your 'Scalp Hunters' is fine." Mr. Road replied: "The only book in the library of Capt. Wayne Reid, and the boy looked very much disappointed."

"Prof. Mark W. Harrington, State Prof. of the United States weather bureau, and now President of the University of Washington, proposes to establish in the university a department of terrestrial physics and meteorology. Local conventions have been held and publishers would send to the university publications relating to these subjects."

William E. Curtis is authority for the statement that Jose Maceo, the Cuban general, when he was a mountain bandit, "killed the centurion of John Sheehy, man, while that gentleman was making a tour through Cuba some years ago. It was intended to seize him, carry him to the mountains and hold him for ransom, with the expectation that the government of the United States would pay a large sum of money for his release."

A romantic story comes from the town of Jerez, Spain. A young American named Edward Roberts quarreled with his wife in Baltimore and left for South America. After spending a few years in the mining camps of Colombia, he came to Mexico and engaged in mining, with profitable results. Two years ago he secured the position of superintendent of a large mine near Jerez, and has accumulated a fortune. Recently it occurred to him to return home and effect a reconciliation with his wife, from whom he had heard nothing in leaving home. He wrote a letter inviting her to join him in his Mexican home, enclosing the money for her journey. She arrived at Zacatecas a few days ago and took the stage for Jerez.

PERSONAL.

J. A. Baillargeon went East Saturday on business.

W. P. Boyd has gone to New York to purchase goods.

Francis Rotech, lumberman, of Bucooda, is at the Northern.

E. O. Samuel, merchant, of Avon, is registered at the Diller.

George H. Smith, lumberman, of Tacoma, is staying at the Northern.

Geo. M. Jordan and J. Jordan, tourists from Atlanta, Ga., are at the Butler.

J. W. Crandall, a rancher of La Coter, accompanied by Mrs. Crandall, is at the Rainier-Grand.

Cyrus Walker and E. G. Ames, of the Port Gamble mills, are at the Rainier-Grand.

Benjamin G. B. Bradshaw, of the United States navy, is registered at the Rainier-Grand.

William C. Pedlar, deputy internal revenue collector, of Juneau, Alaska, is at the Northern.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Base expect to leave for California on the Walla Walla Monday next.

M. E. Reed, W. T. Forrest and A. J. Gillis, state land commissioners, are at the Rainier-Grand.

Capt. J. R. Richards, U. S. A., Fort Walla Walla, is at the Butler, on his way to Esquimaux.

D. B. Baird, of St. Paul; F. H. Fogarty, of Chicago, and P. A. Eva, of Duluth, prominent railroad men, are registered at the Rainier-Grand.

Mrs. M. C. Jensen, wife of the port warden, is very ill at her father's home, at White river. No fears are entertained of her ultimate recovery.

Mrs. P. D. Hughes, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever at Providence hospital, is expected to die in a few days. It is thought will be able to return to her home at 1513 Rose street.

A. J. Shanks, grain inspector for Davis, of the port of London, England, and William G. Roberts, grain inspector of Simpson & Kerr, Portland, are superintending the loading of the ship Albatross with wheat for South Africa, and are staying at the Butler.

J. V. Welch, railroad contractor, of the firm of Welch & Jacota, Spokane, has been at the Northern for a few days, but leaves today for Portland and San Francisco. He has worked on contracts in British Columbia and also on the Great Northern, but has been in Seattle since 1887. He is so impressed with the improvements of the city that he contemplates coming here to reside.

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