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**THE SILLY PRIMARY.**

The defects of the Primary law grow more and more apparent as the days pass since election.

One of the silliest features of the law is that permitting the nomination of candidates "by a majority of the votes cast for the office.

This provision works so that a nomination may be made of a candidate who does not receive enough votes in the election to have had his name placed on the ballot.

Delegates are elected to a county convention but a score of votes acting together can take away the function of the convention and make a nomination. We are not complaining of any particular results, for the republicans thus nominated on our county ticket are acceptable and perhaps the wisest possible nominations. Nevertheless we can but feel that it would have been better had these nominations been made at a convention of properly selected delegates rather than forced upon the party by the action of a few.

If it is a wise provision that a petition signed by a certain per cent of the voters must be obtained before a name can be placed on the ballot, it must certainly be but a proper protection that an equal per cent of the voters should be required to make a nomination.

It is absurd that it should require forty names to get a name on the primary ballot and a dozen or less votes to get a name on the regular fall election ballot.

**PASSING OF CUMMINS.**

There can be no question but that the recent primary means the weakening of Gov. Cummins as a moving factor in the politics of Iowa. Much as this may be regretted by his friends, it is nevertheless a fact that the passing of no single individual is of vast importance. Some day Iowa will be obliged to stand the shock of the death of both the recent candidates for Senator.

It would be a calamity however if the healthy radicalism which the best class of Cummins supporters represent should also pass from the stage. In Iowa, democracy long since lost its function as an opposition party sufficient strength to be effective, and the Progressives took that place.

In this line the Progressives have accomplished much. They have lifted the state out of the rut of railroad and corporation control and despite the pessimistic view which many disappointed ones will doubtless take we doubt if Iowa will ever return to that complete and debasing servitude which characterized it fifteen and twenty years ago.

Gov. Cummins was defeated by the ambitions of his friends. Successive campaigns created obligations which he could not well deny. Mr. Prouty had rendered signal service and the Governor was forced to endorse him; electing Prouty, but losing hundreds of votes or himself. The imaginary service rendered by Mr. Woods as state chairman, prevented Gov. Cummins from requesting that he withdraw. In the same way personal ambition brought Pickett and Good into the field and incurred for the Governor the active opposition of Birdsall and Cousins and their friends. These congressional fights alone are enough to account for the Governor's defeat.

In the 10th district the same energy employed to elect Cummins that was used to defeat Conner would have

given the Governor ten thousand majority. Mr. Cummins has been afflicted by a kitchen cabinet of the pettiest politicians Iowa has ever known. Such hangers-on as Keltz, Williams, Byers and others have infested the body Progressive until each year more and more of its reputable followers have been driven away. The result is the defeat of Cummins and the triumph of a man like Woods and a man like Pickett.

Gov. Cummins has been a picturesque, magnetic and romantic figure in Iowa politics. He made many mistakes but not more than the man who accomplishes things always makes. His ambition to be senator led him into statements which doubtless hurt him with the voters, but as a whole his career has been of great benefit to the people of Iowa. It is the fate of the lions to be devoured by gnats. It was the fate of Cummins to be defeated in his supreme moment by the selfish ambitions of his followers.

**GARST ANOTHER VICTIM.**

The returns show that Warren Garst, like Congressman Conner was a victim of the treachery of the little coterie of conspirators, who, either with or without the knowledge of the Governor, have had control of the inner Progressive councils.

A year ago the plot was laid for the un-doing of Warren Garst. It was at Iowa City that we first heard of the plot. Bert Keltz, who would rather plan treachery than eat, a revealed the scheme.

Mr. Keltz wanted to know whom we would support for Governor. We said we felt very friendly to Mr. Garst. He was our neighbor, he had treated Judge Conner well and he was in our own judicial as well as Congressional district. Mr. Keltz urged us not to go too far in support of Garst. Not to commit ourselves so deeply that we could not recede, for, he said "Byers is to be the candidate. WE have had a conference at Des Moines and WE have decided that Garst won't do. He will add nothing to Cummins' strength. It will be like having Cummins twice on the ticket. Byers has been more conservative. We can offer him to the stand-patters as a compromise and he will add to Cummins strength where Garst would not. WE have talked it all over. It is all right for you to be for Garst but don't commit yourself so that you cannot follow the program, which is to nominate Byers.

Mr. Garst himself put the quietus on this plot by his interview published in the Carroll Herald in which he stated explicitly that he was a candidate for Governor. "WE" evidently did not have the nerve to carry on the conspiracy and the Byers candidacy was not urged.

During the campaign however this coterie of workers paid no attention to furthering the Garst candidacy, they were loud in their complaints of Garst's weakness as a vote getter and there are many evidences, that he was traded off in the interests of Congressional candidates.

We do not charge that Gov. Cummins was a party to these things but we do know from personal knowledge that the impression was purposely given by Keltz et al that they were acting in the Governor's name. It was this same "Black Hand" organization which defeated Judge Conner, that also defeated Garst for Governor and Cummins for the United States Senator.

**JUDGE CONNER.**

Des Moines Capital—Hon. J. P. Conner, for the past six years the member of congress from the Tenth district, has been defeated for a re-nomination by Frank P. Woods, chairman of the republican state committee. Judge Conner goes down as a martyr to his inability to satisfy the friends of Governor Cummins. The Judge tried his best to keep the peace with the governor. He made concession after concession. But there was a family row on hand, and Judge Conner must go out of congress at a time when he was just beginning to be a strong and influential member. His defeat is not a condemnation. The people have not lost faith in him, and under ordinary conditions would have renominated him. The true merits of the situation were without consideration.

There is reason to believe that the prolonged drought will soon be broken.

Major Archibald Butts is the new master of ceremonies at the White House. It does not follow that it will do for ever body to Butt in.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

The Clerk has issued marriage license as follows in the past ten days: John H. Jones and Bertha McAndrews. Matthias Joens and Louise Botje. Joseph E. Austin and Hazel Cartwright.

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**AN AMUSING EPISODE.**

It's a trifle amusing on a fine a while to hear a voice ring out during street argument in loud denunciation of the postmaster in politics. The denunciation is usually accompanied by a string of expletives obviously intended for our ears. The amusing part is that it carries us back to other days. It carried us back to the times when we were wet-nursing a boom for the denounciators. When we were burning the mid-night incandescent in earnest consultations, when we were getting up in our 'robe du nuit' to answer the telephone call of anxious candidates who had been inspired during the night with some brilliant plan for the campaign, when we were carrying the gospel into other counties, when we were writing columns of matter in their behalf.

We have the comforting thought that those who denounce so enthusiastically cannot expect to call upon us in the future and thus we shall be spared much anxiety and less of time and sleep and unremunerated toil.

**THE PREVENTIVE OUNCE**

We have been cautioned so much of late that we have taken an overdose of honesty at the hands of the President that there is danger that the conservatives will overdo the matter.

It will require some time to educate the masses to a belief that the law against highway robbery should be temporarily suspended. There is danger that the shrewd political wire-puller may carry the return wave too far.

Democracy carried it too far with its "safe and sane" candidate four years ago.

The nomination of Taft on an emasculated platform will not be strong with the voters. The nomination of Roosevelt on a Roosevelt platform would be the wisest course the Republican party could pursue. The nomination of Taft on Roosevelt platform would satisfy the majority of the voters, but the nomination of Taft on a Joe Cannon-Aldrich platform would be little short of suicide.

Iowa politics prove that it is much better to compromise on candidates than to compromise on principles. Every compromise Iowa republicans have ever made where principle was involved has weakened the party as a whole. That two factions could fight for months and then, for the sake of party, snuggle down on a platform in which either one or both of the factions did not believe, has helped to bring party ties into contempt with the average voter.

There is danger that conservatism, glutted with recent successes, will frighten the voter who has not been altogether displeased with the Roosevelt system of giving honest men their dues and dishonest men their dues likewise.

**JUDGE CONNER'S DEFEAT**

Fort Dodge Messenger—The whirlwind campaign for Woods was underestimated, and Judge Conner's defeat was unexpected. As things appear at this writing the Woods managers plowed the fields and have harvested the crop in nearly every county in the district. Even Fort Dodge cast a majority for Woods, although there was a special reason for supporting Congressman Conner. Woods, himself, seems to have met every voter in the district and won the votes he needed by his personal influence, while his opponent was tied up with Washington duties through most of the campaign, and laboring through all the accumulated handicaps which affect the public official after a few terms, no matter how deserving he may be. The labor vote was worked by the claim of Gompers' opposition; tariff revisionists were not to be satisfied by the assurance that Judge Conner is in complete harmony with the president. Woods as the state chairman and of the republican committee and kept his identification with the Cummins movement foremost in the minds of that faction in a district that has been dominated by Cummins. Wherever a Cummins picture went up a Woods picture went up beside it. The literature of both was sent out together by the Woods managers. The Allison force seemed to have divided their vote, and Conner was up against the inevitable. He would have been beaten if he had not declared for Cummins, and yet that declaration did not stay the Woods onslaught. Judge Conner made a good fight in a hard situation.

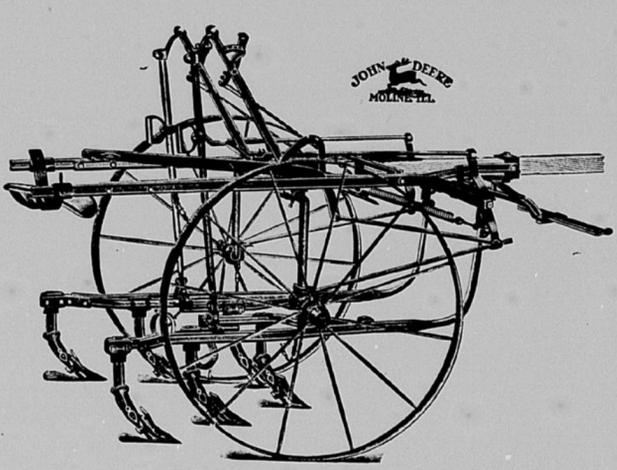
The open season for North Poles is almost at hand.

The Cedar Rapids Republican speaks rather boastfully of the receding wave, the wave of conservatism, the backward step. It cites us to Iowa and to the Georgia primary in which Hoke Smith, prohibition and railroad control were all repudiated. The Republican seems to gloat over the fact that the people are not steadfast in their desire for reform and that the corporations are about to come into their own once more. The Republican can congratulate itself that it has never receded in its own work for reform. An advance is a prior requisite to any recession. Neither can the Republican be ac-

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**ASPINWALL**

The correspondent met Mr. Getschell at Manning recently. He is President of the Railway trackmen of Iowa. This order is composed entirely of section men and bosses. From his standpoint he presented an invincible argument on present wage conditions. When some one referred to the hard times of '96 he replied that in '96 the section men were getting \$1.10 per day which would buy a sack of flour at 75 cents and three pounds of good meat at 25c and 2 1/2 pounds of sugar, but if they purchased the same necessaries of life, today it would cost for flour \$1.60; 3 pounds of same meat 50c; and sugar 15 cents, totaling \$2.25 or double that of '96. The men are only receiving for labor \$1.25 per day, or in other words it takes two days of labor to buy the same commodities that one day would in '96. Nearly everything he buys compares likewise. One thing is certain common wages must go higher or everything else will be lowered to same level before long. As the situation presents itself at present, the farming district will poll the largest republican gains ever known and Crawford county, in my estimation will go 500 plurality for Taft, figuring as a basis a change of 20 votes to the precinct and 20 precincts to the county. This would make a gain of 800 over two years ago.



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