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UPHOLDING OF DEVLIN PRIMARY REGISTRATION LAW A VICTORY FOR REFORM

THE action of the supreme court in the primary registration case was painfully disappointing to the machine politicians. By its opinion, sustaining the validity of the Devlin registration law, the court greatly simplified the work of political reform in California.

The Call earnestly advocated the passage of the Devlin bill providing a partisan registration law. Its enactment was a long step in the right direction. That the supreme court would declare it unconstitutional was the hope of every political trickster and the belief of some of the legislators who helped enact it.

The Devlin law is good law and wholly equitable. Its provisions are simple. Under it electors who wish to participate in the selection of delegates to partisan conventions must, at the time of registration, give formal notice of their partisan affiliations.

The republican voter has no more right to participate in the selection of democratic delegates and democratic candidates than has an unbidden guest to a seat at a family dinner table. Unfortunately, prior to the enactment of the Devlin law the bona fide partisan was at the mercy of the corrupt political manipulator and the unscrupulous voter who was willing to help elect bad delegates to the conventions of opposition parties.

But the Devlin law has a greater intrinsic value than as a mere protector of intermediary primary elections. It is the accomplishment of the second great step toward the direct primary election goal to which the people of California are marching steadily.

Enemies of direct primary reform in eastern states have bitterly fought registration laws like the Devlin act, on the ground that they were in violation of the constitutional guaranty of a secret ballot. This argument should fall of its own weight, but it has served admirably the purposes of the practical politicians, whose deathknell rings by the enactment of comprehensive direct primary laws.

THE STATE AND THE HARBORS

FORMER GOVERNOR PARDEE has declared himself as unalterably opposed to state control of the Oakland water front, for the reason that the Southern Pacific controls the state. The fact upon which Dr. Pardee bases his argument is sufficiently established. The former governor says the thing that is when he charges that the Southern Pacific dominates the government of the state; he knows what he is talking about.

As to Dr. Pardee's charge that the appointment of a senate committee to look into the needs of the state's harbors was part of a grabbing scheme for the benefit of the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific, it is not borne out by the record. That committee, which was lately in session here, was created at the insistent request and as a result of the labors of the California Promotion committee, whose representatives met with little encouragement when they first went to Sacramento demanding that something be done toward the development by the state of the state's harbors.

What Dr. Pardee desires for Oakland harbor is that it shall be kept open to as many railroads as may be induced to seek terminals on San Francisco bay, and not fenced off for the accommodation of the roads now using and preparing to use it.

Then and Now



with him widely when it comes to method. Oakland harbor is not merely for Oakland. San Francisco harbor is not merely for San Francisco. All the state's harbors are for all the state and for all the vessels and all the railroads that want to use them.

A NEW CAVE OF THE WINDS

THE first election of a legislative body for the Philippines appears to have resulted in a striking victory for the nationalists. The platform of this party was outlined at the time of its organization in April and is thus summarized:

On Sunday morning, April 28, was officially launched the nationalist party. There were five speeches at the meeting, three in Spanish and two in Tagalog; and among the speakers were Dr. Gomez, former leader of the urgent independents; Dr. Lukban, former leader of the immediate independents; and Rafael del Pan, former leader of the union independents.

There is nothing alarming in all this and it appears to be a strictly parliamentary program, but it is a significant fact that Dominador Gomez and Dr. Lukban, who are leaders of the party, were both tried for sedition by the American authorities some years ago.

The other party, the progressionists or federals, support the present government. The three native commissioners are federalists and most of the government employes are of the same political faith, at least by profession if not in fact.

The newly elected body, known as the assembly, will practically constitute the lower house of a legislature for the islands and the Philippine commission will be the upper house. The prospect for harmony between the two bodies is not very bright. But the lower house will doubtless furnish an outlet to blow off tropical steam. The genius of American statesmanship has created a new cave of the winds.

Personal Mention

T. C. Tilden of Boston is staying at the Hamlin.

J. F. Shaw of Carson City is a guest at the Majestic.

H. W. Brewer of Lakeport is staying at the Jefferson.

F. D. Parker of Kansas City is staying at the Majestic.

G. W. Cartwright of Fresno is staying at the Dorchester.

Charles P. Hinch of Coronado is a guest at the Fairmont.

John S. Wilson of Marysville arrived at the Hamlin yesterday.

George W. Gains of Philadelphia is a guest at the Dorchester.

J. R. Garnett, a merchant of Willows, is staying at the Baltimore.

H. E. Doolittle and wife are at the St. Francis from San Diego.

W. J. Curtis arrived at the Savoy yesterday from San Bernardino.

Joseph C. Todd of Long Island arrived at the Majestic yesterday.

W. T. Hood and family of Los Angeles are guests at the Majestic.

W. D. Bridges arrived at the Dorchester yesterday from Los Angeles.

George Calvert and Miss Calvert of Los Angeles are staying at the Savoy.

E. D. Bowles, a mining man from Goldfield, is a guest at the Baltimore.

J. C. Baird of Redding and S. C. Baird of Long Beach are guests at the Savoy.

W. T. Raw arrived from New York yesterday and registered at the St. James.

Theodore Dosch and wife arrived from Portland yesterday and are guests at the Jefferson.

J. B. Alexander, C. Seligman and wife and C. H. Meredith of Los Angeles are registered at the Fairmont.

J. Ross Clark, vice president of the Salt Lake road, arrived from Los Angeles yesterday and is at the St. Francis.

Miss Katherine Ball has returned to the city from a visit to the southern part of the state. While in Santa Barbara she was the guest of Mrs. Bowman H. McCalla.

The opening of the new casino at Tahoe tavern last Monday evening proved the social success of the season at that popular mountain resort.

A cotillon was danced, led by Miss Dorothy Van Sicken of Alameda and Walter Bliss, and at its close supper was served on the veranda and in the clubroom, after which dancing was resumed for an hour.

Among those present were: Mrs. Frederick Kohl, Mrs. Francis Carolan, Mrs. Herbert Moffitt, Mrs. Francis Murphy, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Rylan Wallace, Miss Pickering, Miss Marie Pickering, Miss Mary Joffe and Miss Ruth Winslow of San Francisco; Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Wheaton of Oakland; Miss Van Sicken and Miss Dorothy Van Sicken of Alameda.

Answers to Queries

CAPTAIN WEBB—Subscriber, Oakland, Cal. Captain Mathew Webb, the famous swimmer, made his first public appearance as a professional in July, 1875, when he swam 20 miles in the Thames in 4 hours 53 minutes.

LONGEST CANALS—W. E. H. City. The three longest canals in the United States are the Erie, Albany to Buffalo, N. Y., 387 miles; the Miami and Erie, from Cincinnati to Toledo, O., 274 miles, and the Ohio canal, Cleveland to Portsmouth, O., 317 miles.

BATTLESHIPS—W. F. R. City. The nations that have first class battleships are: Great Britain 48, France 22, United States 23, Germany 18, Japan 18, Italy 9, Russia 8, Chile 2, and Austria-Hungary, Sweden and Norway 1 each.

In the Joke World

Mrs. Wickwire—If you go first, you will wait for me on the other shore, won't you, dear?

Mr. Wickwire—I suppose so. I never went anywhere yet without having to wait for you. Illustrated Bits.

She—Mary Graham is certainly a very clever woman, yet she has little to say.

He—That's where her cleverness comes in. She leads a man to believe that she thinks he is worth listening to.—Pick-Me-Up.

Cittiman—I understand that you are keeping house in the country?

Lonesome—Yes, so far I have. The neighbors have borrowed everything else.—Woman's Home Companion.

The Insider

Tells of Grievance of Young Woman Against a Tract Distributor and Writes of Society Leader Who Has a Dislike for Publicity

Once Saved, Further Effort is Annoying

ONE of my young woman friends tells me that she has a grievance against a tract distributor. "I was standing at the corner of Sutter and Devisadero streets," she says, "waiting for my car. There was a little woman standing near by, and all at once she came up and handed me a tract. I didn't know what it was at first, and just thanked her before I glanced at it, but then I saw what it was—something in the 'Look to God before it is too late' line—and I returned it to her. I also told her quite politely that I was an attendant at church and was not therefore in need of missionary instruction. Now, do you think there is anything irreligious in my looks and clothes?" I courteously negated the idea.

"Well," she continued, "not very long ago on the Oakland boat a woman came up to me and offered me a religious paper, which, she said, she thought I might find instructive. What do you suppose is the matter with my face and figure?"

Society Dame Who Abhors Publicity

I am wondering if Mrs. Robert McMillan, wife of Captain McMillan, has outgrown her dislike to be pictorially featured in the society columns of the papers. When Mrs. McMillan, who is, by the way, to spend the remainder of the summer visiting her parents here, was Miss Leontine Blakeman she would never give her photograph to the papers for publication, no matter how earnestly importuned. When every other girl of her set had graciously complied, Miss Blakeman always strenuously held to her denial. Even when a group picture was the accompaniment of a bride's outfit, she would never, never sit with the others. Yet on one occasion her photograph was captured, and in a clever way.

There was a host of newspaper photographers in attendance at the marriage of Miss Carol Crockett and Laurance Scott, and in snapping a picture of the wedding party Miss Blakeman's picture was caught with the others and appeared in one of the dailies.

Tun Chun, Benedict, Healdsburg's Chef

The nearest approach to a French restaurant in Healdsburg is that proprietorred by Tun Chun, who has married a white woman. Mrs. Higginson, Healdsburg is like the ordinary country town, capless and barren of a satisfactory night life. To get a decent midnight supper would be impossible were it not for the restaurant presided over by Tun Chun. I do not know how it is now, but when I was there a year ago Tun Chun was ready to get up a first class meal at any hour. He is a chef in his way, and I recall with pleasure a succulent beefsteak, with accompaniments of French potatoes and vegetables, excellent liquid refreshment and the petit cafe noir served by this Chinaman, who has succeeded in winning the heart and hand of a rich white widow. Perhaps the road to some women's hearts is the same as that accredited to the men's. Perhaps Tun Chun served Mrs. Higginson one of those beefsteaks.

Papa Disapproves Miss Reid's Choice

Miss Jean Reid, who is quite well known out here by reason of her visits at the country place of her grandpapa, D. O. Mills, is said to favor the suit of Craig Wadsworth. It is also said that Whitelaw Reid does not approve said suit for his daughter's hand. Craig Wadsworth, though he is an American, is by no means an unknown. He is second secretary of the American embassy in London and extremely popular with the Londoners. However, Miss Reid is strictly American in her independence and may have her own ideas as to whom she would like to marry. The last time she was out here there was a hint that her father and mother looked with eyes of friendliness upon a young sprig of the British nobility who had his face turned toward Miss Reid's dot. This would not be the only instance of an American girl preferring to wed one of her untitled countrymen to figuring in Burke. There have been examples of that right here in our own city.

Gossip in Railway Circles

PAUL SHOUP, assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, left last night for the Sierra Nevada mountains and will be absent for two weeks on a vacation. He arranged for pack animals and horses and will spend his vacation in roaming through the mountains, taking pictures, fishing and hunting. It is thought that his outing in the mountains will result in the writing of a book by him describing the pleasures of roughing it in the high Sierras. Shoup is a clever and a forcible writer and has won several prizes for fiction in eastern magazines.

James Horsburgh Jr., general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, has returned from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of all the general agents of the Harriman lines. The object of the gathering was to discuss advertising for the ensuing year, and Horsburgh brings back the news that the Southern Pacific and the other Harriman roads will spend more money than ever in proclaiming the attractions of California in the east and also in Europe. Several new advertising schemes have been thought out that will require big expenditures of money, but will more than amply repay themselves by bringing immigration to the coast.

Edward Snell of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul is blamed by all the members of the baseball club of the Transportation club for losing every match that has been played up to the present time. According to the statements of the other members Snell was the only man who made an error in all the games, and he is further accused of standing and clapping his hands at a fellow player when he should have been running. He also was discovered fast asleep at one of the bases, and then it is said that he further added to his offenses by making the remark: "We would have won the game if the other clubs had been more lively. All this happened at Palo Alto. The rest of the members of the club declare that they are going to win the game to be played tomorrow in Oakland. Snell will be there merely as a spectator.

"Think," said the railroadman as he flourished a large and a fragrant cigar, "what a benefit to the country the railroads are. We, sir, we are the pioneers of industry, the advance guard of civilization. It is owing to our efforts that the Indians have been swept away and that the forests, once inhabited by the

John Miles is one of the few wise railroad men, according to the statements of his friends, in the railroad business. For many years he was agent of the Boston and Maine line, and after acquiring a competency purchased a rancho at Los Gatos, where he is engaged in the growing of fruit. Miles left a debt for Boston to do some missionary work for California.

F. C. Lathrop, former passenger agent of the Southern Pacific in Los Angeles, is in the city on a visit.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion committee wired the following to its eastern bureau in New York yesterday:

California temperatures for the past 24 hours: Eureka Minimum 54 Maximum 60 San Francisco Minimum 59 Maximum 65 San Diego Minimum 60 Maximum 75

Cargoes of green fruit shipped from California during the last week, 400. Reports received by the California Promotion committee from St. Helena, Napa county, say that crop prices are being realized on crops.

The supervisors of Los Angeles county have appointed a road commission to lay out upward of 300 miles of boulevard, uniting all cities and towns in that part of California. A proposition will be put to popular vote for bonding the county for \$5,000,000 for the construction of these roads.

Work is now progressing on section 15 of the seawall, at the foot of Second street, San Francisco. This section will be 1,000 feet in length and will cost \$150,000. The contract calls for 200,000 tons of rubble, together with the concrete and masonry work.