

WILL VOTE ON NONPARTISAN PRIMARY LAW

Charter Amendments Changing Method of Municipal Elections Come Up

Political Gossips Uncarth New Method Whereby Chief of Police Cook Will Retire

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH The advocates of nonpartisanship in municipal politics will have an opportunity to demonstrate the good faith of their protestations at the ballot box when they vote for governor and state officials next November.

Last summer, when all the politicians and the public generally were in suspense over the probable decision of the supreme court in the direct primary test case, a nonpartisan primary scheme was partially worked out. It was understood then that if the supreme court knocked out the state law that the necessary charter amendments...

MEETS WITH FAVOR The nonpartisan primary scheme already has something more than the passive attention of at least two local political forces. And it is declared that the proposition will be put on the ballot by popular petition.

The good government league leaders interested in nonpartisan direct primaries appear to be in favor of postponing action until 1911. If that be done the system, if ratified by the voters, can not be employed until 1913, since it must be approved by the legislature.

Other political and civic forces interested in the movement are opposed to any unnecessary delay. They prefer to proceed without the intervention of the supervisors, regardless of the attitude of the board. The proposition can be put on the ballot by a petition signed by not less than 15 per cent of the registered vote, and the proponents of the system contend that the circulation and preparation of the petition would result in familiarizing the public generally with the purposes and provisions of the amendments in a degree that would be virtually impossible if the amendments were initiated and submitted by the supervisors.

TWO AMENDMENTS NECESSARY At least two amendments would probably be necessary, since not all of the San Francisco officials elected at the municipal elections are city officers. The judges are state officers, and they, the sheriff and the district attorney could probably not be brought in under the provisions of a city or municipal act different and in its essence antagonistic to the state law and constitutional provisions touching certain offices.

Presumably the scheme when worked out will provide that those offices which can not be considered county offices shall be filled at the general elections in the seven numbered years, as is done in every other county in the state. Every San Franciscan interested or associated with the practical side of politics is watching the Los Angeles campaign with intense interest. A majority of the local politicians are of the opinion that Alexander, the anti-machine majority candidate, will be elected. Under the nonpartisan primary scheme he was nominated by a margin of thousands over his nearest opponent. His election will be construed as conclusive proof of the merit of the system, and serve as the cue for the opening of the local campaign for a similar system.

Along with the discovery of a new crop of sure thinners of the chief of police baton under the McCarthy administration the political gossips have uncovered the method by which they assert Cook is to be got out of the way of Captain John Martin. Captain John Gleason, or whoever the rascal may decide to invest with title to the job.

METHOD OF HANDLING COOK No charges are to be brought against Cook, say the gossips. Neither is he to be asked to quit without a fuss and with the promise of speedy retirement. No Chinatown gambling is to be dug up for Cook's discomfiture, because that sort of thing might be employed by Cook's friends to embarrass Cook's successor. The "good fellow" play is not to be invoked, because Cook might refuse to be a "good fellow" and force the hand of the commission. Say the wisecracks, who are forming new political families for McCarthy every day, Cook's leave of absence from his sergeant's hat will be revoked by the police commission. Cook will be forced to beat it back to his old job or lose that berth and the certainty of pension for the uncertainty of his tenure on the unexpired portion of a three years term as chief. The answer is easy, according to political mathematicians. Cook will give up the chief's baton and hustle back to duty as a sergeant.

Navy Orders WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—Lieutenant W. C. Watts is detached from the bureau of navigation to duty on the staff of the commander of the third squadron of the Pacific coast fleet, on the Charleston.

BALCONY FALLS ON CROWD—Walla Walla, Dec. 4.—The collapse of a display balcony in the furniture store of Davis & Kaser today resulted in the injury of three children and the narrow escape of a score of persons. The balcony was overloaded and insufficiently supported.

Daughters of the Confederacy Entertain Many for Charity



Daughters of the Confederacy selling home made candy for benefit of charity. From left to right: Miss L. N. Fritch, Mrs. A. M. Otis, Miss A. Theobald, Miss K. Hall, Mrs. F. M. Eaton, Miss Claire Kent and Mrs. George Theobald.

VAUDEVILLE TEA SOCIAL SUCCESS

Members of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter Are Hostesses at the St. Francis

Bright bunches of vivid poinsettias and evergreens added to the attractiveness of the mezzanine floor of the St. Francis yesterday when the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy entertained at their annual vaudeville tea for the charity fund of the organization.

The rooms were crowded with 600 or 700 guests between the reception hours of 2 and 6 o'clock. An excellent musical program had been arranged for the committee, which in itself proved a drawing card. Mrs. Richard Bayne won praise for her singing, while Miss White's clever fancy dancing was voted one of the best features of the afternoon.

Miss Jennie Dawson and Miss Mabel Berry sang delightfully a number of songs and Miss Nevada Hefron gave two amusing piano solos. Herman Heller, Dr. A. T. Regenburger, Louis Neuhauer and Louis Horst, the Valencia theater quartet, concluded the program with their selections from "The Merry Widow," "Jocelyn" and other pieces played at the request of the audience.

A string orchestra in the corridor played during the reception hours, and the secluded booth in the corner of the red room proved one of the most popular spots in the place, to judge from the strings of waiting maidens to hear what the future was to hold. Miss Winifred Mears and H. J. Woltje carried out their allotted task of fortune telling with great skill, many dollars

being added to the treasury by their cleverness at the art.

The big tables of home made candies and Maryland biscuits proved so popular that they were depleted long before the close of the afternoon, and the tea rooms and punch corner were crowded. The success of the afternoon was voted even greater than that of preceding occasions.

Among those present yesterday were: Mrs. Eleanor Martin, Mrs. Harvey Darnell, Mrs. Seiden Wright, Mrs. F. M. Eaton, Mrs. J. de Berth Shorb, Miss Suzzette Newton, Mrs. Campbell Shorb, Miss Katherine Hall, Mrs. William B. Pritchard, Miss A. Theobald, and Mrs. Mary Polk du Bois, Miss L. N. Fritch, Mrs. J. Boogie, Mrs. Claire Kent, Mrs. George Theobald, Mrs. Frank Angelotti, Mrs. Irving Scott, Mrs. E. C. Clay, Mrs. James King Steele, Mrs. William T. Bargeit, Mrs. California Newton, Miss E. Escolio, Mrs. Frederick Kohl, Mrs. John McMullin, Mrs. A. W. Foster, Mrs. Alexander Meadie, Mrs. William Craig, Mrs. Marie Churchill, Mrs. Louis Aldrich, Miss Angela Coyie, Mrs. E. K. Smith, Miss Alice Yoell, Mrs. Richard Bayne, Miss Maizie Coyie, Mrs. H. T. Ferguson, Mrs. James Coker Sias, Mrs. John McGaw, Mrs. I. Lowenberg, Mrs. O. D. Baldwin, Mrs. Walter Sutton.

TWO SERMONS PROMISED AT CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Father Harvey Will Deliver Address on Faith

The second of Father Harvey's advent sermons will be delivered tonight at St. Mary's cathedral. The subject will be "The Testing of Our Faith." Vespers will be said at 8 o'clock and will be immediately followed by Father Harvey's talk. A splendid program of music has been arranged for the occasion.

The services at the cathedral this morning will begin with high mass at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be preached

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ST. DENIS GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Life Term for Man Who Killed Henry Huber

J. B. St. Denis, who shot and killed Henry Huber July 17 last, was convicted yesterday of murder in the first degree with the penalty of life imprisonment. The shooting took place in the A. Bisson saloon at Vallejo and Powell streets over a disputed bill of \$2.25. St. Denis, who is a carpenter, had done some work for Huber, a jeweler and watch maker, and the two men quarreled over the payment. They were ordered from the saloon by the bar tender. Huber walked to the swinging door leading to the street. St. Denis followed him and placed his revolver at Huber's head. The bar tender called out a warning to Huber, who turned around. As he did so St. Denis fired and Huber fell dead with a bullet in his brain.

CHIEF GRANTED PROBATION—Ernest Parnagial, who snatched a purse containing \$75 from School Superintendent Ronovier, was admitted to probation by Judge Cahoon yesterday.

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MORGAN BUYS TO GUARD EQUITABLE

Purchases Control of Stock to Protect Interests of the Policy Holders

Determined to Safeguard Society Against Effect of Any Financial Flurry

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 4.—J. Pierpont Morgan's purpose in purchasing a majority control of stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society, as stated by himself and his partner, George W. Perkins, was made public tonight in a statement issued by State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss.

Morgan's idea is to make it impossible that this great interest should be used to the detriment of policy holders and to place the control of the Equitable stock outside the present or any future financial situation in New York or in the country, so as to end for all time the dangers which lurk in an individual holding. Morgan also is quoted as saying that he desires the co-operation of the insurance department in working out a plan whereby the stock, which means control of the company, would be safeguarded in the interests of policy holders.

Superintendent Hotchkiss' statement follows: Immediately on learning that Mr. Morgan had acquired this stock I called upon him personally and requested a statement as to his intention concerning the same. He replied that in acquiring the stock he had but a single purpose—namely, to prevent its being sold to different individuals and thus make it impossible that at the expiration of the present voting trusteeship this great interest could be used to the detriment of policy holders. He stated that he desired the co-operation of the insurance department in working out a plan whereby the stock—which means the control of the company—would be safeguarded in the interest of the policy holders, and that I could assure Governor Hughes that no steps to that end would be taken by him save with the concurrence of the insurance department.

Later in the day I had a talk with George W. Perkins of J. P. Morgan & Co., who reiterated what Mr. Morgan had said, and stated that that gentleman desired shortly to take up with the insurance department the matter of so placing the control of the Equitable stock outside the present or any future financial situation in New York or in the country as would end for all time dangers which lurk in an individual holding, such as that held by Mr. Hyde prior to the insurance investigation, or a trustee holding, such as that which has recently been the fact.

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