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COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S exposition of the general principles and objects of the plan of direct nominations for office at the primaries may be regarded as a manifesto addressed to the voters of New York state and a challenge to the corrupt bipartisan machine which has controlled the legislature and defeated the bills in this relation propounded by Governor Hughes.

Mr. Roosevelt describes the legislative situation in these words:

The republican party was in the majority in both houses of the legislature which refused to carry out the republican governor's recommendations, and although it was only a minority of the republican members which brought about this refusal, the party can not escape a measure of responsibility for the failure; but it is only just to remember that a clear majority of the republican members of each house supported the bill, whereas three-quarters or over of the democrats opposed it. This is one of the cases where it is easier to apportion individual than party responsibility.

Those who believe that by their action they have definitely checked the movement for direct popular primaries are, in my judgment, mistaken. In its essence this is a movement to make the government more democratic, more responsive to the needs and wishes of the people as a whole. With our political machinery it is essential to have an efficient party, but the machinery ought to be suited to democratic and not oligarchic customs and habits.

The enactment of a measure embodying the principles of the direct primary in New York is merely postponed. Of course, postponement was all that the machine hoped for and to that extent it is a brief victory for that side.

The direct primary is designed to make government more representative and not less, as its opponents pretend. The convention system had in fact destroyed representative government and turned over the complete control of affairs to the professional politicians in the pay of interests seeking special favors of an administrative and legislative character.

Roosevelt's manifesto raises the direct issue on which the electorate of New York state must pass this fall and it puts the question in a shape that can not be ignored or avoided. The politicians imagined that this issue would die with the retirement of Governor Hughes from politics, but with Roosevelt at the bat they will find it is bigger than ever. It is the only plan by which representative government can be restored in the United States.

PATRICK CALHOUN declares that the news of his forthcoming return to his summer residence in Cleveland, O., has no significance in so far as his interests in the transportation system of this city are concerned. It might be better for those interests as well as for the general good and peace of San Francisco if the announcement did bear something of such significance. It will scarcely be contended that Mr. Calhoun's administration of urban transportation in San Francisco has been such as to make the United Railroads popular or the traveling public comfortable.

Indeed, the vote on the Geary street bonds was inspired to an important extent by a desire to rebuke the nonprogressive policy of Mr. Calhoun's corporation, which more than any other agency tends to hinder the improvement and growth of the city. If Mr. Calhoun would show the slightest desire to "get right" with the people, then the people would doubtless put away a more or less general desire to see him leave and would even rejoice to let bygones be bygones for the better promotion of civic peace. None of this is said in a spirit of hostility, but rather in the hope that these suggestions may commend themselves to Mr. Calhoun as the more reasonable way.

IT is The Call's belief that the sentiment of this community will approve Mayor McCarthy's refusal to permit living pictures or moving pictures of the fight at Reno to be shown in San Francisco. It is not that the affair at Reno was an especially brutal exhibition or that any grown man who witnessed it was likely to suffer moral deterioration thereby. Indeed, the fight, so called, might be classified in point of violence somewhere between a wrestling match, which it much resembled at times, and a football game, which it did not approach in the way of personal injuries to the contestants.

But these shows are bad for the young and the impressionable. They exalt brute force and violence. It is not a good lesson to teach children, who so largely make up the patrons of the picture shows.

There is, besides, another element in this matter that enforces the wisdom of the mayor's resolve and this is the danger of exasperating race feeling. There is no likelihood of any race rioting in San Francisco such as has disgraced many eastern cities as a consequence of this affair, but it is much wiser to avoid all possible causes of offense.

THE census returns are already beginning to prove disappointing to some ambitious communities. Only a few of the official totals have as yet been made public, but as far as they have gone they do not, for the most part, satisfy the people whom they most directly concern. A summary of partial results is given as follows:

Washington's present population is given as 331,069, an increase of only 19 per cent over that of 1900, as compared with a gain of 21 per cent in the decade ending with that year. Adams county, Illinois, of which Quincy is the county seat, has fallen off 2,470 in population since 1900. Some Texas counties which have had their totals furnished have made large gains, but the

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returns from all of the older communities which have been heard from thus far have been disappointing.

The returns thus far published serve to demonstrate the unreliability of the popular directory census, on which so many aspiring cities have builded perhaps unreasonable hopes. The national capital, trusting to that hope, had expected to rise above the 400,000 mark, and so the actual figures prove a great disappointment. The experience with the 1900 census was very much in the same line. At that time the Chicago directory census had moved up to the 2,000,000 mark, but the official enumerators could only find a population of 1,698,000.

It is quite certain that some of the complaints about imperfect and incomplete enumeration of the population of cities are well founded, and we may expect a considerable number of demands for a recount. It is a very difficult matter to get a complete count of the population of a large city because the floating element is so numerous and comprises so many people who prefer not to be counted in any sort of official way.

ADVOCATES of a sane fourth may well be elated over the story told by the 1910 statistics of fourth of July casualties. Thanks to insistence upon a sane fourth in numerous American communities the 1910 fire losses directly attributable to gunpowder observance of Independence day were barely more than a third of the total for July 4, 1909. The sacrifice of human life was reduced by almost half. In New York city a sane fourth resulted in a 60 per cent reduction in the death rate, only 25 per cent of the accidents incident to the last preceding noisy fourth and only a quarter as many fires.

San Francisco is happily committed to the sane fourth idea in so far as that idea puts the ban upon explosives dangerous to life, limb and property. San Francisco's sane observance of the fourth this year was a success, but the largest measure of that success lies in the fact that it served to point the way to a larger and more creditable success.

Considering the time and resources at the command of the mayor's committee it accomplished more than reasonably could be expected. The members of the committee and their volunteer aids are entitled to the gratitude of the administration and the people generally. Their success, achieved under serious handicaps, emphasizes the need for prompt and concerted action looking toward an epoch marking Independence day celebration in 1911 and annually thereafter.

The Call believes that San Francisco should celebrate the anniversary of our national freedom in a manner befitting the greatest city on the Pacific coast. This newspaper has advocated and will continue to advocate a home fourth that will attract many thousands of our neighbors from the interior. That involves no monumental task. San Francisco has natural advantages enjoyed by no other American city, not the least of which is its grateful July climate.

The people of the state want to come to San Francisco. They need but slight encouragement in the way of special entertainment. Instead of making an effort to attract guests San Francisco has adopted a lethargic policy that has resulted in an annual exodus of her own people in search of sane, healthful amusement. This can and should be changed. The civic and commercial organizations might well charge themselves at once with perfecting a means of co-operation for a fourth that would benefit all of northern and central California and San Francisco most of all.

CHARGES of jury fixing in the Chicago bribery trial have an unfortunately familiar sound in San Francisco. State's Attorney Wayman, after the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, a member of the legislature indicted for bribing a fellow member, declared that the jury was "packed from the start" and called the trial "the most flagrant case of jury fixing he had ever seen." Quoting Mr. Wayman further:

One juror was the kingpin of them all. It is strange that men who have been hanging about the courtroom day after day, almost minute after minute, should have been detected in buildings across the street from the jury room, and should walk off arm in arm with the jurors who stood for acquittal.

I won't have those fellows around the courtroom again "flagging" the jurors. If they attempt it in the next trial, or in any other trial, I shall have them arrested at once. One big fellow worked some of the younger fellows on the jury to his side. He was the kingpin of them all.

One of the jurors told Wayman that there was evidence enough to convict fifty men, but the result was a disagreement after the jury had been locked up for 115 hours.

Browne was leader of the democratic minority of the Illinois legislature and was charged with having paid Representative Charles A. White \$1,000 to cast his vote for William Lorimer for the United States senate. White testified to receiving the bribe and two other members deposed that they were similarly bribed in payment for Lorimer votes.

Browne will be tried again, of course, but the chief outside interest in the case arises from the doubt whether the United States senators passing on the case of Senator Lorimer will regard the mistrial of Browne as a "vindication" for their official colleague.

"POP" LYMAN TO PAY FOR DINNER

Railroad Row Asks if Jeff's Ardent Booster Will Come Back Again

SOME months ago "Pop" Lyman of the Chicago Great Western was being considered as a candidate for president of the Transportation club. He was backward about announcing his candidacy and because he held back too long his name did not get the consideration it should have received. However, Lyman insisted that he was as young as any of the boys and maintained that he could get into condition in a short time.

He said that Jeffries was a younger man than he and that Jeff was coming back into the game. When he made that statement C. Benjamin Condon of the Chicago and Alton argued that Jeff couldn't come back. The result of the argument was a bet of a dinner for about 10. Well, last Monday it was demonstrated that Jeff couldn't get back and yesterday was announced as the date of the "big feed" at "Pop's" expense.

Ten sat at the large table in the club's dining room and heard about how Lyman had backed Jeffries. "Pop" didn't show up and Condon is wondering if Lyman will come back.

H. C. Bush, traffic manager of the Colorado Midland, with office at Denver, was in the city yesterday.

George W. Kerwin, agent of the Kanawha Dispatch at Denver, is in the city on a visit.

Are railway operating signals becoming so numerous as to impair the safety of operation? A report on this question is to be submitted at the fall meeting of the American railway association by a committee composed of representatives of the American railway association, American railway engineering and maintenance of way association and the Railway signal association. If possible, the committee, which held a meeting in Chicago recently, is expected to inaugurate a movement toward uniformity in railway signaling in the belief that it will promote safety of operation. It is the opinion of the committee that one position of the semaphore of a block signal should mean the same thing on every railroad in the United States in order to prevent confusion when operating men go from one road to another.

Frank A. Splink, traffic manager of the Chicago and Western Indiana and of the Chicago Belt railway, is in the city for a few days.

John D. Isaacs, consulting engineer of the Harriman lines, with headquarters with Julius Kruttschnitt at Chicago, is in the city on a visit.

The Union Pacific has just issued two interesting folders, one on the triennial convalescence of the Knights Templar, to be held at Chicago in August, the other on the fourteenth annual celebration of Frontier days at Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 25, 26 and 27. Both folders contain descriptive articles on the country and cities reached on the trip and many handsome illustrations of the various middle west cities.

James B. Kent, traveling freight agent of the Wabash, returned yesterday from a vacation trip to Lake Tahoe.

A. H. Payson, president, and W. S. Palmer, general manager of the Northwestern Pacific, will return to this city today. They have been inspecting the work on the extension between Willits and Eureka.

Phil K. Gordon, western passenger agent of the Washington-Sunset route, is in the southern part of the state.

Nearly all the officials of the Western Pacific are out of the city with E. A. Delano, president of the Wabash, who is on an inspection trip of the Gould lines. This party is expected to reach this city Saturday morning.

C. A. Long and F. W. Smythe, managers of the Smythe auto service, which company conducts an automobile line between Sherwood, on the Northwestern Pacific, and Eureka, were in the city yesterday.



A VERY prominent attorney was recently approached for a small loan by a friend, who was at the moment financially embarrassed. The friend is a popular clubman, whose repartee and entertaining propensities make him a much sought after guest at all house and dinner parties given by a certain coterie, all of whom well know that he is not overburdened with wealth. The signature of the attorney carries as much weight as he does himself, and that is saying a great deal for his importance in financial circles.

He wrote out a check for the amount asked, and both men stepped into a Market street bank, where the attorney was not known. Presenting the check, he was asked if he could find some one to identify him. As he drew away from the window, rather amused at the unusual predicament in which he found himself, his friend asked if there were any trouble, and the delay was explained.

The attorney must have been surprised when, with a greeting of recognition, the impecunious clubman assured the paying teller it was all right. The check was promptly cashed.

There are a few society people who are going abroad this month, and among them are Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers Bourn, who will leave next Tuesday for an extended trip. The greater number of those who intend passing the summer in European travel departed several weeks ago, but among those who will leave this month there are none whose departure is of greater social interest than the Bourns. They will visit probably, later in the season, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rose Vincent, who was Miss Maud Bourn. The Vincents have been recent visitors in Paris and have had an enjoyable sojourn in that city.

The dinner given last evening by Lieutenant and Mrs. C. P. Huff was a delightful affair and was enjoyed by 10 or 12 of the officers of Verba Buena with their wives. The party was a compliment to Mrs. Charles Kleinsberg, mother of the hostess, who is a guest at the home of Lieutenant Huff. The decorations were roses, with an arrangement of ferns introducing the green note in the scheme of adornment. Among those in the company were: Rear Admiral and Mrs. John Milton Mafor and Mrs. Hall Lieutenant and Mrs. R. Morris Harrington Paymaster Grayson Skipworth Mr. S. A. Seltzer W. Diehl

Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Borel are again at their San Mateo home after an outing of several weeks at Tahoe. The Borels were a large family party, and those in the group that enjoyed the outing together were Miss Nita Borel, Miss Lupeta Borel, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bovet, Mr. and Mrs. Aylet Cotton and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lewis.

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ANSWERS TO QUERIES

MERRIMAC—O. H. H. Oakland. Was the Merrimac sunk by Lieutenant Hobson during the Spanish-American war? The vessel of the name which fought the sea duel with the Monitor of Hampton roads during the civil war? The vessel that was sunk by Hobson was a collier that was purchased by the government April 12, 1898. The vessel of that name that had the fight with the Monitor was run ashore on Ganey island, James river, by Captain Tainal, its commander, and destroyed by fire to prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy.

CHICAGO FIRE—Subscriber, Ctr. What was the loss by the great fire in Chicago in 1871? The loss of property was \$120,000,000, after allowing \$4,000,000 for salvage on foundations of buildings. This does not include the shrinkage of real estate values or the loss to mercantile interests by the interruption of trade consequent upon the destruction of stocks and business facilities. The grand aggregate was estimated at \$230,000,000.

SOLAR TIME—W. J. F. Moulter. What is the difference between true clock time and sun time at noon, and when are the two times the same? The sun's time is too fast by clock time on November 2 by 16 minutes and 20 seconds and slowest about February 12, when it is nearly 14 1/2 minutes too slow. Solar and clock time agree April 15, June 15, September 1 and December 24.

FIRST REGIMENT—S. Ctr. Can you give me the date of the election of Thomas P. O'Neil as colonel of the First infantry regiment of the national guard of California? October 30, 1900.

OLD HEIDELBERG—H. K. Williams, who wrote "Old Heidelberg" by W. Meyer-Forster.

MARION DE VRIES, judge of the customs court, returned from Washington yesterday to spend two months of the summer in this state. He has taken the George Sperry home at Lakewood and Lombard streets in San Joaquin county, will stay in this city with his family.

WILLIAM H. LANGDON, formerly district attorney of San Francisco, is at the Stewart with Mrs. Langdon.

FENTRESS HILL, who is interested in an irrigation project at Willows, is at the Palace for a few days.

JOHN GRAHAM, a fruit dealer of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Graham are at the Belmont.

M. F. JENIFER, a telephone man of Los Angeles, is staying at the St. Francis.

H. B. HOFFMAN, a banker of New York, and Mrs. Hoffman are at the Colonial.

BEN W. KRELLING, a mining man of Gold-Beld, is staying at the Argonaut.

W. F. CROOKER of Jerome, Ariz., is among the recent arrivals at the Maxwell.

H. S. TOHM of New York, traveler for a manufacturing house, is at the Turpin.

THOMAS TAGGART JR. of Indiana is at the St. Francis.

S. L. REHM, a merchant of Sonora, is at the Dale.

M. TALBOT, agent of the Pacific Coast steamship company at Seattle, is registered at the St. Francis.

S. L. WATTELS, a banker of Healdsburg, is at the St. Francis with his family.

JUDGE G. W. NICHOL of Sonora and Mrs. Nichol are at the Normandie.

THOMAS CEBIZ of the United States navy department is at the Colonial.

W. T. TELLOTON, a mining man of Redding, is a guest at the Palace.

W. M. GERR, a capitalist of Boston, and Mrs. Gerr are at the Turpin.

H. V. KEPPEL, a mining man of Oroville, is staying at the Stewart.

EDWARD JUSEN, a mining man of Blair, Nev., is at the St. Francis.

E. T. STIMSON of Los Angeles is at the Palace with Mrs. Stimson.

J. A. JAMIESON, a capitalist of New Jersey, is at the Fairmont.

J. H. COGOGHAN, an oilman of Bakerfield, is at the Stanford.

A. A. FLOYD, a commercial man of Chicago, is at the Belmont.

L. E. KILKENNY of Salinas is registered at the Argonaut.

Major and Mrs. Carroll Buck entertained at an informal dinner given last evening at the Fairmont for less than a dozen friends. They are going south later in the month for an extended visit.

The friends of Dr. Camillus Bush will attend the memorial services which will be held tomorrow at the Seventh Day Adventist church.

Since their departure for the summer outing Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Worden have been at Tahoe, where they will remain, according to their present intention, during most of the season. They are accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Worden's mother, Mrs. A. N. Towne.

There were half a hundred guests at the tea given yesterday afternoon at the Presidio in compliment to Miss Marie Lundeen, the fiancée of Lieutenant Edward Pritchett, U. S. A. The tea was given by Mrs. Clarence Linsinger and Mrs. Coleman Nockolds, and was one of the most elaborate affairs of the month at the post. The decorations were yellow, an effective background for the scores of pretty gowns.

Mrs. Emory Winship, accompanied by the children of the family, is at Santa Barbara, where she will be joined in a few days by her husband, who was detained in the east at the time of Mrs. Winship's departure. Mr. and Mrs. Winship will pass the summer in the south, and among the others in the congenial party will be Mrs. Maurice Casey of this city, who will remain in the south for an extended visit.

General John R. Brooke, U. S. A., retired, and Mrs. Brooke are traveling in Europe. They were in Berlin last month, where they were entertained at the American embassy. General and Mrs. Brooke went to Kiel to escape the hot weather in Berlin, and remained in the former city for regatta week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stimson of Los Angeles arrived yesterday from the southern city on a motor-trip and will be at the Palace for a few days. They are accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Waters and Miss M. E. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martyn Haenke have changed their plans for their wedding journey, and instead of going to Europe will leave next week for Honolulu. They have been traveling in the east since their wedding early in June. Mr. and Mrs. Haenke went to New York and later returned to Vancouver, where they enjoyed a brief visit before leaving for a tour of the Yellowstone park. They will sail next week for the islands.

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