

# SUPREME COURT IS UNMASKED

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Because the non-partisan judicial primary law, enacted by the 1907 legislature, had been mutilated in committee so that only as many candidates were permitted to be nominated as there were judges to be elected, two supreme judges had been re-elected in 1908 against whom much criticism had been directed. Had that law provided for the nomination of two candidates for each place to be filled, it is probable that one or both of them would have been defeated. As it was, one of them, Judge Milo A. Root, resigned under fire almost immediately after his election.

This condition gave rise to a demand for such an amendment to the law as would provide for the nomination of two candidates for each place to be filled. A bill was introduced in the 1909 legislature making this change, and as to superior court judges the law was so changed. But while the bill was under consideration in the senate an amendment was inserted in committee excluding supreme judges from the operation of the bill, and an amendment was offered on the floor of the senate by Senator Graves providing for the nomination of supreme judges by convention only. This Graves amendment was drawn by G. Will Shafer, state law librarian, a position which he holds under appointment by the supreme court. Its passage was favored by most if not all of the members of the court, some of whom even went so far as to lobby for its passage.

While this bill was pending the writer made it a point to ascertain direct from members of the supreme court their attitude toward it, and while he did not ask all of them, all of those he did ask frankly announced that they favored it. This included both of the members nominated in the 1908 primary election. While the bill was pending, Speaker Meigs of the lower house, who was opposing it, was summoned to a conference with two members of the court, who prevailed upon him to change his position. I see that Mr. Meigs now declines to do so, but he himself is my authority for the statement. In this and other ways the vigorous opposition the measure at first encountered was overcome, and the bill passed with the Graves amendment.

The bill then went to Governor May for approval. Governor May was opposed to the convention feature and had a message written vetoing it. WHEN A COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT PREVAILED ON HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND. IN THIS MANNER WAS THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION LAW OF 1909 ENACTED.

First friends and champions of members of the court insist that the court should not be criticized for the actions of the legislature, or for the inequities of the convention system. But for the active participation of members of the court in procuring the passage of this convention bill, this argument might be a valid one. Under the circumstances, however, it is unworthy of consideration.

It is but natural that judges elevated to the bench as a result of nominations at the hand of party conventions should favor the re-

turn to the convention system. But it can be accepted as nothing short of an indication of preference for the methods of machine politics over those of popular government when judges favor a return to the convention system who received their nominations in popular primary contests.

It was under this judicial convention law of 1909 that both sets of candidates for the supreme bench now before the people were nominated, the republican ticket at Tacoma August 3, and the independent non-partisan judiciary ticket at Tacoma September 26. But there was this essential difference between the two conventions. The former was a party-ruled, boss-ruled convention, the latter was the voluntary expression of widespread popular protest against the boss-ruled convention system. This is strikingly illustrated by citing one significant action of each convention:

The boss-ruled republican convention approved the convention system by defeating a resolution pledging the restoration of the primary law. The non-partisan convention repudiated the convention system, and pledged its participants to use all honorable means to bring about the restoration of the primary law.

In another way the non-partisan convention eloquently expressed its confidence in the people. It adopted a resolution pledging its candidates, in case of their election and in case the legislature of 1911 restores the supreme court to the primary law, to tender their resignations in time for the people to select their successors in the primary election of 1912.

Thus, by the election of the non-partisan ticket the people will have restored to them, subject only to the restoration of the primary law by the next legislature, which now appears assured. But should they elect the republican candidates, the five present judges whose terms expire, they will thereby forfeit all possibility of again changing a majority of members of the court for four years and probably render impossible the change of a majority for six or eight years.

Tomorrow's story will tell of the abortive attempt of the legislature to investigate the court, and of the protective measures adopted by the state bar association.

## MORE STREET CARS BEEN ORDERED

Superintendent of Public Utilities A. L. Valentine says that traffic of all sorts has increased so tremendously that it is absolutely necessary the Seattle Electric Co. provide additional street cars at once. Manager E. E. Potter, for the traction company, has promised additional equipment for the Ravenna, Meridian and Phinney av. lines.

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# BULLION IN SHIPS

Those who happened along the waterfront and saw a gang of stevedores load down a rickety old wagon with eight boxes and several canvas bags from the steamer Victoria, which had just arrived from Nome, and shortly afterward saw the same old wagon take a smaller load from the steamer Jefferson, which arrived from Skagway, saw \$2,000,000 in gold bullion carted away.

This same wagon has carried nearly \$10,000,000 this season, but last night's load from the Victoria nearly put it out of commission when one of the rear springs gave way under the enormous weight of the treasure. The gold was kept at the Alaska-Pacific Co.'s express office for the night.

## OH, LOOK WHO'S UP FOR THE SUPREME COURT!



DANIEL THEW WRIGHT.

President Taft is considering, according to Washington dispatches, Daniel Thew Wright to complete the membership of the supreme court. Wright is the District of Columbia judge who sentenced Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, labor leaders, to jail for contempt of court in the Luck's stove case.

Graduate nurses and those in training will listen to an address by Miss Mabel McIsaac, of Benton Harbor, Mich., interstate secretary of the Nurses' National Alumni, who will arrive here Sunday.

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# DYNAMITE FOR BLACK RUINS

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 28.—Blackened walls, tottering-in-dangerous fashion, piles of smoking debris upon which water is being continuously played, streets littered with debris, and crowds of curious, who never seem to tire of looking at what was once the very heart of the business section, are the chief evidences of Wednesday night's conflagration, in which a million or more went up in smoke.

Besides the devastated appearance of the scene of the conflagration, residents of the city were also reminded today of the havoc of the night by the interruption in the tramway and telephone systems.

Today dynamite is being used freely in destroying the standing walls, and by nightfall it is expected the fire district will be nothing but a level block of bricks. Five streams of salt water are playing on the ruins today.

## FOUND KINSFOLK DEAD WHEN HE RETURNED HOME

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## START CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Who is responsible for ordering the blast, Wednesday, which connected Lake Washington and Lake Union? W. L. Bilger, who obtained a restraining order from Judge Mitchell, of Thurston county, Saturday, to prevent this, wants to know. He says he has the goods on Contractor C. J. Erickson, by pictures taken of him superintending the work.

Erickson says that a government officer gave the blasting order and that he is exonerated. Capt. H. G. Williams, of the U. S. engineer's office, doesn't give a hang about the threatened contempt charges because he says he was not served with legal process. But Attorney T. A. Meade, who is representing Bilger and others, has gone to Olympia to "start" something.

## GIVE G. A. R. BENEFIT.

A benefit performance of "Little Johnny Jones," the Cohan musical comedy, will be given at the Seattle theatre next Tuesday night under the auspices of McKinley Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R.

## The Old Market Was Your Best Friend.

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Here is a letter that should be read by every person who is interested in the rescuing of a friend or relative from the liquor habit curse:

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"Neal Institute, Seattle.  
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The young man referred to is the nephew of the woman who penned this letter. Her name is not published for obvious reasons.

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## Complaint Withdrawn at Request of Prosecutor, That Sounds Familiar, eh?

Drewry M. Peebles, former president of the Guaranty Abstract & Title Co., recently arrested in connection with Puget land frauds, will not have to face a charge of forgery.

The case against him was dismissed yesterday afternoon by Justice Gordon, on motion of Deputy Prosecutor Lundin, who said it was the request of the complaining witness, Attorney Fred Carver. Peebles still faces another charge of forgery filed in the superior court.

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and eight sisters and brothers had died since he left that city, and that he himself had been declared dead by the courts of his native county in Maryland. He found only one brother there, and he was born after John left home.

Marsh will return to Seattle shortly, dispose of his mining interests and go back to Baltimore to live the rest of his days.

## MAYBE MRS. GEER SAFE

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—Bishop McKim, of Toledo, O., today became the latest defender of the pacific intentions of Japan as a world power. "Japan has no more intention of fighting the United States," he said, "than she has of fighting the Martians. There is no name more revered in Japan than that of Commodore Perry. Japan intends to build up her material resources, and there is no nation under heaven to which it is more friendly than the United States."

Mrs. Vashli Geer, wife of Earl Geer, formerly of Seattle, who met death at the hands of hostile natives in the Philippines, is alive and well, according to a cablegram received by her mother, Mrs. Ida Large, of 524 Blawett st., yesterday. Geer's body has not yet been recovered from the bloodthirsty tribesmen, Mrs. Geer cabled, but she is safe under protection of United States troops at Zamboanga.

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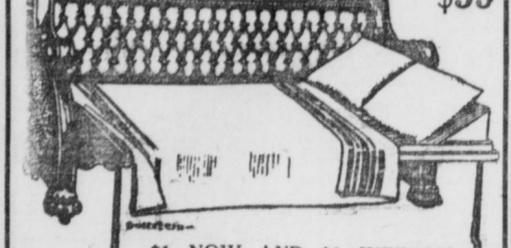
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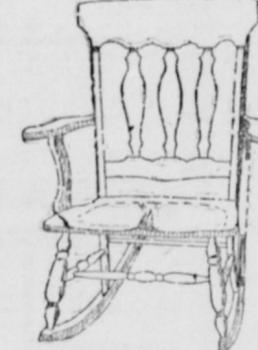
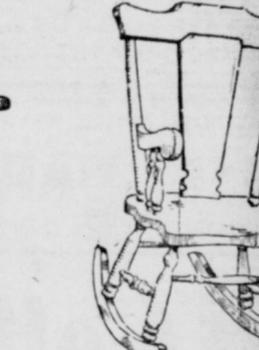
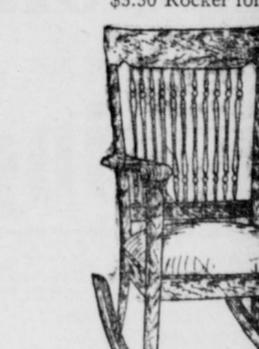
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