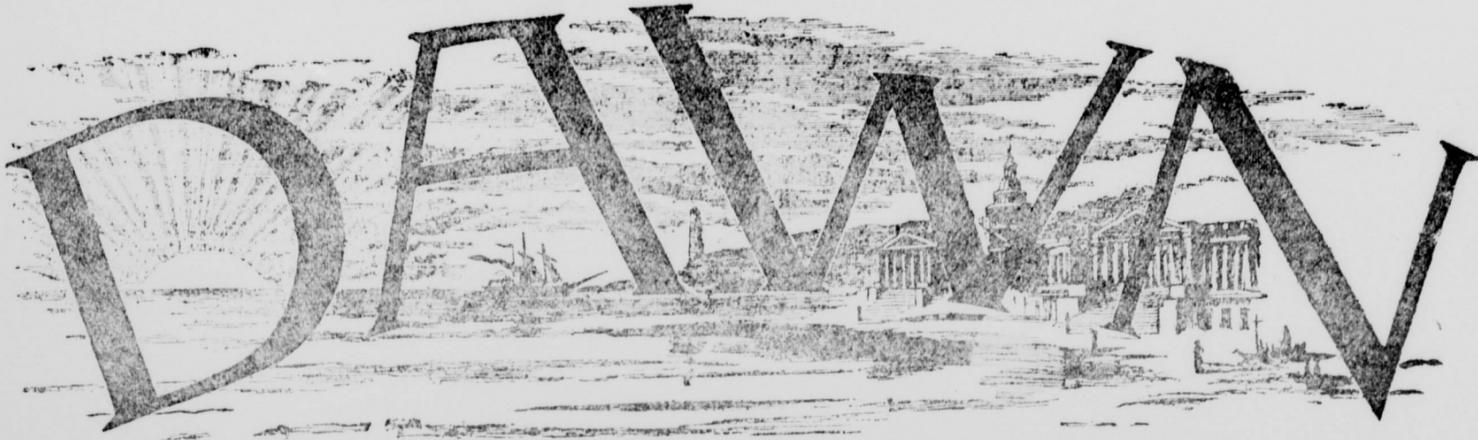


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ASSESSOR COONSE COMPILES

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Assessor Coonse's statement shows that out of a total mileage of 573 miles of first-class railroad, belonging to the Northern Pacific railway the counties represented by the assessors favorable to an assessment of \$7.20 a mile have 305 miles, while the counties represented unfavorable to such increased assessment have only 267 miles. It also shows that out of a total of 282 miles of first class railroad in the state owned by the Great Northern the counties represented by assessors favorable to the assessment of \$7.20 a mile have 203 miles, while the counties represented unfavorable to such increased assessment have only 179 miles.

Assessor Coonse's statement in detail is as follows: Showing the mileage of first-class railroads in the various counties signing the agreement for assessment at \$7.20 a mile: Adams, Northern Pacific, 57; Chelan, Great Northern, 60; Coconino, Northern Pacific, 20; Douglas, Great Northern, 73; Franklin, Northern Pacific, 42; Kittitas, Northern Pacific, 74; Lewis, Northern Pacific, 18; Great Northern, 64; Thurston, Pacific, 23; Yakima, Northern Pacific, 49; total mileage Northern Pacific 508, Great Northern 293. Statement showing the mileage of first-class railroads in the various counties represented by assessors not in favor of an assessment of \$7.20 a mile: King, Northern Pacific, 98; Grant, Northern Pacific, 40; Ferry, Northern Pacific, 50; Shoshone, Great Northern, 64; Spokane, Northern Pacific, 17; Stevens, Great Northern, 14; total mileage Northern Pacific 205, Great Northern 179.

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ONE OR TWO CONVENTIONS

The Question to be Decided at The Committee Meeting Next Saturday

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But the Political Dictators Will Get There With Both Feet and the Whip Snappers Will Vote's Straight.

The following argument emanating from the Olympian, in favor of the one convention plan, is too good and too true to be passed. As will be readily seen it refers to a class of journalistic bloodsuckers and grafters who make it a business of preying upon aspirants for office. In the time we take the liberty of leaving out some personal applications:

"It would be too outrageously bad if the managing committees should call the state conventions to call off the 'almsman' milking that some papers, with no other mission on earth, visit their candidates for nomination, some 24 sheets have on the long anti-convention's campaign. When the voter is nominated they have to get into line or get out of the pumpy. With the class of 'journalists' (G. O. P. the mark) a nine month convention campaign is a full harvest. Reverse the operation, by holding but one convention, and that just as early as possible, and there will be a very serious failure of crops for such journalistic bloodsuckers. No stronger arguments for a single convention can be framed than that such a course will cut out the remains of the class of sheets that thrive on the two-convention plan."

The more we think about the matter the more we are convinced that one state convention, instead of two, would cause a great saving to the people as well as to the politicians and aspirants for office. Practically all of the eastern states hold but one state convention, and no complaints come from that direction. Besides, there is no doubt in our minds, that numerous county and state conventions seriously interfere with business and tend to keep our politicians and idlers busy. However, the above item is copied simply for the benefit of newspaper grafters and bloodsuckers who really have no political principles, and whose friendly interest promptly ceases when aspiring candidates cease to put up money.

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—Dill's photos at Flummerfelt's.

Baby Costs Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize it he romps with the child what years of wifely suffering must be endured to bring the baby's laughter.

Childhood is a high price to pay for the potential joy of maternity, yet it is at such a cost that many a woman becomes a mother. Such a price is too much because it is more than nature asks.

By the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription maternity is made practically painless, and a quick convalescence is assured in almost every case.

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writes Mrs. Wesley Coy, of Kenosha, Wis., Feb. 5. "For eight years after my little boy was born I suffered with neuralgic, or a soreness in ovaries, especially on my right side, and pain in back. Was miserable sometimes and but little what I could do. Tried several doctors but derived no benefit, until I began using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Had almost lost my mind, also some of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I recommend Dr. Pierce's medicine to all my friends. If anyone wishes to write me I will gladly answer."

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