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CONVENTION VS. PRIMARY.

We believe the action of the democratic state committee is turning down the proposition to make nominations for state officers by conventions instead of by present primary system will meet the hearty approval of the people. The convention plan is a fine thing for the politicians who in bygone days dominated all parties, but the people seldom had much voice in naming their candidates. Just as a small group of delegates behind closed doors agreed on the nomination of Harding for the presidency, so it used to work in other conventions. Instead of getting his nomination from the people the candidate got it by favor of the bosses. Referring to the national conventions, how many members of either of the big parties have in the past century had a voice in naming the candidates? Just a handful attended the precinct conventions which named delegates to the country conventions, a small bunch and the delegates elected to the national conventions usually went their own sweet way, regardless of instructions, and the majority simply follow the dictates of a group of manipulators. Consequently the men who actually name the candidates are very few.

Some years ago we made the round from the precinct to the national convention. About a dozen of us composed the precinct convention named ourselves as delegates to the country convention. When we arrived we found everything cut and dried and a fight useless. At the state convention a delegate simply came around and told us what the program was, who was to be elected officers of the convention and everything went through as per orders. At the national convention the rank and file of the delegates were permitted to parade and yell for their favorites, but the leaders were behind closed doors mapping out a program. When the time came the others were told what to do and they did it.

The primary system has its disadvantages and the people often make deplorable blunders in mistaking rank demagogues for patriots, but at all events the bosses have a harder time in controlling the situation and that means something, for the bosses are always strictly for themselves, and their nominees are men they know they can control. In one case the nominees are responsible to the people and in the other to the bosses.—Ada Evening News.

"HIJACKING" A NEW WORD.

The term "hijacker" originated in the oil fields of the southwest. It is a word that will find its way into the dictionaries for the reason that it has a specific meaning. Its use is not now restricted to its original meaning and it may finally take the place of "highwayman" or "robber."

"Hijacking" in its first introduction meant to take by force a thing of value from a man who was unlawfully possessed of it and could not in law make complaint that he had been forcibly disposed of his property. For instance if a man were crossing from Texas into Oklahoma with a load of liquor for the oil fields and some one on the Oklahoma side held him up and took from him the whiskey the act of this kind of robbery was called hijacking. The man who was forced to part with his liquor could not make complaint, to do so would have been pleading guilty to the introduction of whiskey. Another instance of its use is found in gaming. Where a number of men are gambling and they are held up and their money taken they are said to be hijacked because they are engaged in an unlawful game.

But in instances where a laborer is held up in the fields and his money taken or a cashier of a company is held up and relieved of the company's money, this act in the original meaning of the word cannot be called "hijacking" although that term is being used to apply to all kinds of robberies.—Ardmoreite.

HOW NOT TO STOP WAR.

Jane Addams of Chicago, remarkably wrong in the majority of her contentions, has added another counterfeit for stopping war to the already amazing list of methods. Miss Addams, at the closing session of the International Women's congress at Vienna, Austria, was elected president of the organization. This congress is out to stop future wars by having the women of the world line up for non-participation in any activity which would make war possible. A beautiful thought indeed, but it won't work, for the simple reason that the majority of women of the world have love of home and fireside, quick beating hearts, and strong emotions. Let the fireside be threatened, and women will do anything to achieve their end, even though it entail sacrifice or aid in the making of implements for bloodshed.

To show just how Miss Addams would have the women work, if a war like the last one were to be precipitated again. Miss Addams would prevent women from joining the Red Cross, she would have no women in the army nurse corps, no women to save sugar, no women to write letters to sons, husbands or brothers engaged in defense of homeland. The question of "who won the war?" never has been settled, but it is safe to say that women had no small part in the winning of this last conflict.

Miss Addams would have all this done away. But the world need not and will not take serious heed to Miss Addams and her pet theories in Vienna before these international women of the world. War is wrong, of course. But when it is proposed to stop war by having women give up all that should be near and dear to them—the existence of their homes; it is to threaten the life of the nation.—Lawton News.

If George White wants to run for governor of Ohio the mere fact that he is chairman of the democratic national committee should not stand in his way. Young Mr. Hays had no compunction at all about taking a cabinet place while he was chairman of the republican party. But that's different, it seems.

The fellow who has any task before him had best get it done this month for the infinite number of conventions during the month of September is going to take considerable of every man's time.

Current Business Conditions

By GEORGE E. ROBERTS

(From the Monthly Letter Issued by The National City Bank of New York for August)

OBSERVERS of business are almost unanimous in their assurances that there is a "better feeling" about business. Just exactly what this recurring phrase means is difficult to state. It might be descriptive of any of a dozen psychological changes that could enter into the situation. It means that people generally have begun to realize the causes that have thrown industry out of balance, and to appreciate the things that must be corrected before conditions come into equilibrium again, then we should say that the reported "better feeling" constituted an important advance toward normalcy. If, however, the "better feeling" means simply that people are merely smiling and waiting more patiently, rather than setting themselves seriously to the task of wage and price reductions and other readjustments that are necessary, then we fear that it signifies but little.

There is fresh evidence constantly that the adjustments are taking place. They are slow, but it takes time for a knowledge of conditions to reach all classes and divisions of the population, and for them to make up their minds to give the cooperation that is necessary to bring industry back into balance. Meanwhile, it will aid in the cultivation of patience to realize that conditions are by no means so bad as they might be, and that considering all the circumstances the volume of business is really surprisingly large.

The fundamental difficulty upon which a revival of business waits is still the inequality of values as between the various classes of goods and services. The normal basis of trade between people in different industries has been disturbed, and it is only by the pressure of painful experience that the old relations are restored.

The producers of cotton, corn and oats, wool, hides, sugar and foodstuffs generally are getting no more for their labor than before the war. Among the principal items of expense to them is clothing. They produce the raw material for it, but under the modern system of industry sell it and buy it back in the form of garments, paying the transportation charges, mill-workers, garment-workers and all middle men; by supplying food and raw materials to everybody.

All of the people who have a part in the conversion of wool, cotton and hides for the farmers' use are still getting 100 per cent or better above pre-war wages, but naturally they are not all at work for the

The following table, compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shows a calculation in percentage figures of the production in this country of eleven important commodities during the first half of this year.

	(Normal Production—100)				
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Anthracite coal mined	101.3	110.8	93.4	95.2	88.9
Bituminous " "	73.6	64.0	57.4	64.0	67.3
Pig Iron production	70.0	59.1	44.4	33.2	33.7
Steel Ingot production	58.3	48.8	40.0	30.9	31.9
Tin deliveries	30.1	30.7	32.6	30.8	23.7
Cement production	77.8	70.3	82.7	82.8	83.6
Wool consumption	54.8	66.7	66.1	63.6	67.1
Wool consumption	55.4	67.1	67.8	68.4	105.2
Sugar meltings	53.6	77.9	120.0	93.9	80.3
Wheat flour milled	79.6	80.0	107.9	113.7	104.6
Meat slaughtered	88.2	92.2	91.9	101.1	96.9

industries and in transportation before this situation is reached. It has been contended, and with much force, that living costs should lead rather than follow, wage reductions, and they have led at the expense of the earnings of farmers and at the expense of profits and dividends, but they have reached a point where further price reductions are dependent upon wage reductions. These reductions, however, will not mean a loss of purchasing power to wage-earners, for the very reason that wages are now the principle factor in prices, and the cost of living, generally speaking, will decline accordingly.

On the other hand if further reductions are not made in the industries indicated, living costs are likely to rise. Already the farmers are organizing for the purpose of curtailing the production of agricultural products. The cotton crop this year will be 25 per cent below the average amount required under normal conditions to meet the demand. Plans are being developed to curtail the production of foodstuffs. These policies are justified by the combinations of wage-earners and others to maintain wages and the prices of town-made products at an unfair level above farm products.

The whole system of restriction is wrong and in the end defeats the purpose in view of bettering living conditions for those who practice it. When everybody practices it the result is poorer living conditions for all. The best results will be obtained for every group of workers by a fair attitude toward others, and by a common policy to promote the general good.

It is greatly to the credit of the wage-earners as a class that the process of readjustment has proceeded with as little friction as has been the case thus far. Generally there has been willingness to make concessions. It is not advisable that the movement should be unduly pressed. It is better to take more time, although delay means that the losses are greater, for the wage-earners are entitled to know why lower wages are necessary. They are interested in having the necessary readjustments made in order that industry may be on a basis that will afford steady and full employment.

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EXPRESS PACKETTES

Best be those feasts with simple plenty crown'd.

"Her" all the ruddy family

Laugh at the jests or pranks that never fail.

Or sigh with pity at some mournful tale.

—oldsmith.

One thing is certain, the question, "What am I going to do with my summer vacation?" is going to answer itself in the next few weeks.

Si Simp says he notices that he never gets out of debt as long as he puts off paying his bills.

While the Chicks have played some wonderful ball since leaving on their present road trip, it doesn't take an oracle to determine that their opponents have played a shade better.

But wait until the W.A. world series starts. The Haysems will then demonstrate who's the class of the league.

California is running true to form. Another murder mystery developed there yesterday.

While the price of watermelons is away down, it might be a pretty good time for some of the local politicians to be paying the way for future campaigns by staging a series of melon cuttings.

The thermometer records of the past two or three days indicates that Old Sol, after a day or two of rest, has determined to make one last, vigorous campaign before Autumn.

Prepare yourselves for some thrilling stories. Roy Jones is due back from the Kiamichi mountains and cards received from him indicate that he is laying the foundation for some sensational fish yarns.

With Wendell Foster out of town, Roy should have easy sailing in putting over the biggest tale of the season.

The populace is threatened with a ball game between the Norman and Chickasha Rotary clubs here on August 17. There seems no way of stopping the thing.

While the fans may suffer as a re-

sult, the chances are that their strength will not be half so keen as that of the players.

The local Rotarians are to appear in the roles of martyrs for the benefit of the children's playground fund.

It seems if the Rotarians can brave the heat and suffering on the diamond, the least the public can do is to buy the tickets.

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"Yes," said the teacher.

"Can He make a stone so large that He can't lift it Himself?"

"Grandma," inquired her little grandson the day of her arrival, "did you sleep on your face last night?"

"Of course not, dear; why do you ask that?"

"Cause it's all wrinkled."

"Tomorrow," announced five-year-old Frank proudly to his Sunday school teacher, "is my birthday."

"Why" returned she, "it is mine, too."

The boy's face clouded with perplexity, and after a brief silence he said:

"How did you get so much bigger me?"

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the day time, you need Herbine to stimulate your liver, tone up your stomach and purify your bowels. Price, 60c. Sold by Wren Drug Co.

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THE COW, THE PIG AND THE HEN

—are all paying good dividends to farmers this year and always will do the same, when all feed is raised on the farm.

—CORN is a bumper crop this year and while the price will probably be low corn fed to hogs will greatly increase the return.

—COTTON promises a good crop and the market should be fair.

—GRADY COUNTY has its share and more of real wealth.

—We are always glad to discuss with you your problems.

Citizens National Bank

"Montezuma", Monster and Magnificent Fireworks Spectacle at State Fair

"Montezuma" or "The Last Days of the Aztecs," the greatest and most elaborate fireworks spectacle ever produced, has been engaged as an evening grandstand attraction at the Oklahoma State Fair. For six nights beginning Monday, September 26, the state fair opens at Oklahoma City on September 24. "Montezuma" is a realistic reproduction of one of the world's most historic and terrific conflicts, the battle in which Hernando Cortez and his band of dauntless Spaniards conquered Montezuma and Mexico City—the sacred city of the Mexican Aztecs. It is rich in educational features, recalling a story with which all school children are familiar, and resplendent in pageantry. How Cortez, relying upon the efficacy of gunpowder, which the Aztecs had never seen, conquered the Imperial Empire is a story told in two hours of huge bombs, rockets, colored lights, 100 pieces of mechanical equipment, including settings for pictorial reproductions, wiring and battery apparatus for firing heavy explosive charges and mines, a stage more than 500 feet long and 30,000 square feet of scenery. The costuming is elaborate, and all details of the spectacle are historically correct. The spectacle closes with the battle in the streets of Mexico City, the volcanic eruption of Mt. Popocatepetl and the blasting of the sacred temples. After that spectacle there will be a special display of fancy pyrotechnics of ground and aerial type.

The First National Bank

Chickasha, Oklahoma

A Friendly Bank

—A bank account builds confidence and respect and is the stepping stone to good business and success.

—Let us help you along the road to success by opening an account with us.

—Our officers are glad to consult with you at any time. We lend you our influence and take a personal interest in your achievements. We appreciate our customers and friends.

Phil C. Kidd Neil R. Johnson
Vice-Pres. V-P & Cashier

DIRECTORS

These men who outline and dictate the policy by which an institution carries on its business.

This policy in a bank must be such as to render successfully the maximum amount of true service.

May we call your attention to our strong representative Board of Directors.

It is one of our attractive assets.

For your benefit — For your protection.

R. K. Wooten, chairman of the board; president Chickasha Cotton Oil Co.
W. H. Gilkey, vice-president Gilkey Hardware Co.
A. Schuler, Treasurer Dawson Produce Co.
W. S. Corbin, Osteopathic Physician.
G. W. Barefoot, Postmaster.
C. Schlotterbeck, Manager, Good & Co., Real Estate.
Oatley Anderson, Claycomb & Anderson, Furniture.
J. C. Ambrister, Physician and Surgeon.
F. T. Chandler, Active Vice-President.

The Oklahoma National Bank

The Bank That Service Built

No. 8203
Statement of

The Chickasha National Bank

Chickasha, Oklahoma
At the Close of Business June 30, 1921

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$543,484.75
Overdrafts	1,442.10
United States Bonds	50,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures	19,899.24
Real Estate	916.13
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,600.00
Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes	\$ 43,000.00
Treasury Certificates	1,000.00
Other Warrants and Securities	42,751.15
Cash and Sight Exchange	168,624.75
Total	\$874,718.12

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided Profits	13,924.31
Circulation	49,100.00
DEPOSITS	691,693.81
Total	\$874,718.12

The above statement is correct—ROY C. SMITH, Cashier.

DIRECTORS
T. H. Dwyer Roy C. Smith Wm. E. Dwyer D. S. Downey
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