

PRIMARY MENACE SHOWN BY PROBE HELPS CORRUPT POLITICS

Nomination of Candidates by Vote of People Permits More Crookedness Than Old Convention

Senate investigation of the Pennsylvania primary is disclosing the fact that considerable sums of money were expended by the candidates who sought the honor of representing the Keystone State in the United States senate. But this should not be surprising, says the National Republic. Considerable sums of money are spent in every statewide primary. Money must be spent if a thorough campaign is to be made, and this does not mean that there is necessarily corruption. It is only where there is an investigation of the kind recently inaugurated in the senate that the public gets any idea of the expensiveness of the average primary.

In the old days under the convention system, the people in the various communities selected delegates to go to a state convention to pick out their candidates. It was held that the time was too short and the territory to be covered too great for the candidates to become acquainted with all the voters, and it was therefore thought better that the people select men, in whose honesty and integrity they had confidence, to represent them in the convention and choose a good ticket for the party in the fall elections.

This is the theory of representative government, and under it the people got along pretty well until they became inoculated with what was supposed to be the reform habit and were led to believe by alleged advanced thinkers that this selecting of candidates ought to be done by the people direct. Under the primary system, it was declared, all would have an equal show, the poor man along with the rich.

But it hasn't worked exactly that way. Candidates have found that when all the voters must be reached, great sums of money must be expended, in securing acquaintance and contact with the voters and in building an organization to get out the votes on primary day. And instead of a poor man's blessing the primary has proved to be a rich man's game. The poor man has had a difficult time in keeping up with it. Furthermore, it has been demonstrated that it is easier for a well greased machine to function in a primary than in a convention.

Therefore we ought neither be surprised nor shocked at the evidence of great primary expenditures. These are the logical results of the system. To remedy these conditions there is but one effective way, and that is to change the system.

HAWAII'S FIFTIETH YEAR UNDER U. S.

GROWTH HAS BEEN LARGE Greatly Improved Social Conditions and Increased Commerce: In Every Way Benefit.

The year 1926 marks the fiftieth anniversary of close association in the way of official relations between the United States and Hawaii. These relations commenced in 1876 with the reciprocity treaty between Hawaii and Uncle Sam in which the former came under the benefits of the American protective policy, according to Governor Farrington, who writes entertainingly of the islands in the National Republic under the title "America's Outpost in the Pacific."

Speaking of Hawaii's trade, Governor Farrington says:

"Today, the total amount of trade between Hawaii and the other parts of the United States amounts to \$172,000,000 annually. The total value of products of Hawaii shipped to the mainland of the United States in the twelve months ending December 31, 1925, amounted to \$99,748,046. The merchandise shipped from the mainland to Hawaii in the same period totaled in value \$72,952,949.

"Sugar and pineapples constitute the main source of Hawaii's prosperity. There are forty-two cane sugar plantations in the territory, carrying 48,473 people on their payrolls. The raw sugar sold in mainland markets for the calendar year 1925 was valued at \$63,300,491. The laborers on the sugar plantations are largely Filipinos, totaling in round numbers 24,000; Japanese number 12,000; the remaining employes being equally divided among American citizens coming from the mainland, Chinese, Portuguese, Porto Ricans and Hawaiians.

"The pineapple growing and canning industry runs sugar a close second with a total value of canned pineapples shipped to the mainland of \$33,561,665. The purchases of Hawaii in the mainland markets furnish an interesting study. The largest single item is iron and steel products, amounting in the calendar year 1925 to more than eleven millions of dollars; machinery and vehicles, nine millions of dollars in round numbers; chemicals and allied products, four millions; wood and paper products, seven millions; textile products, six millions; vegetable food products, oil, seeds and expressed oils, eleven millions. The purchases of manufacturer-

ers of leather amount to approximately one million per year. Hawaii's yearly automobile bill for new passenger cars purchased during 1925 was \$3,627,208; motor trucks and buses, \$667,996; automobile tires, casings and inner tubes, \$1,300,000; automobile parts and accessories, \$705,335. Wood and paper purchases totaled more than \$700,000; meat products, \$1,500,000; eggs, \$500,000; dairy products, including condensed milk, \$1,300,000. From this it will be seen that prosperity of industries of the island is expressed in the active and steadily increasing business for the manufacturers of the mainland."

STATISTICS ABOUT SHOPPERS' TRAVEL

Fresh facts for determining the importance of parking space are offered by four department stores in the "loop" districts of Chicago. Checkers stationed at entrances to the stores asked shoppers the means of transportation used in getting to the stores. Of 15,229 persons questioned, 13,549 said they used public transportation system, 964 arrived by chauffeur-driven automobiles, and 716 came in automobiles which they drove themselves. On streets near the stores 452 cars were parked.

Those facts may suggest that the availability of parking space is not decisive in determining store patronage, or they may seem positive confirmation of belief that with a motor, as with a murder, the only difficult problem is where to put the body.

PAGEANT TO MARK OLD TRAIL HISTORY

GREAT INDIAN HIGHWAY Celebration at Richton Park Is on 95th Anniversary of the Arrival of Pioneers on Old Sauk Trail

Those who live today in Cook county have little real idea of the early history of the section. We know in theory that there was a fort called Fort Dearborn, that there was a Fort Dearborn Massacre, that there was a Chicago fire, and those of middle age remember that there was an exposition held here in 1893. That there are other memorable events in the history of the county we seem to ignore.

For instance, there stretches across the southeastern part of the county one of the great Indian trails of the United States. Perhaps as long ago as the days when the Mound Builders began to take form, Buffalo followed it in their search for pasture. The Indians on foot and on horseback passed single file year after year, generation after generation, century after century, till they wore this trail so deep that even today, after sixty years of cultivation, the traces still remain.

Sacred Spot East of the Mississippi the trail starts at what is now Rock Island, which was for the Indians a sacred spot where their young warriors came for tests of strength and courage to prove that they were worthy of the honor of full-grown braves. It winds northeast through Illinois, passing across the eastern end of Cook county, into Indiana, north through Michigan by Ypsilanti, Niles and St. Joseph, to Detroit, the fort of the English. By this trail passed the Sacs and the Foxes during the American revolution to the help of their "British Father"; by this trail came the Kinzie family from Detroit, sleeping at night by their campfire, till they turned off the trail at Richton and entered the Calumet road for their new home on the Chicago river; by this trail came the settlers of Richton, and paused there to make homes.

Plan Pageant Now, ninety-five years after the first settlers came to the Old Sauk Trail, there is to be held a historical pageant at Richton Park, twenty-eight miles south of the city on the Illinois Central, where the trail crosses the railroad—a pageant to celebrate the Old Trail and the Diamond Jubilee of the Illinois Central, and the completion of electrification as far as Richton Park.

The pageant will be free, and will give scenes from the early history of the trail. There will be fifty Indians under Chief Go-go-weosh of the Chipewya tribe who will take part, and who will stage, among other things, the last buffalo hunt on the Old Sauk Trail. For there are to be buffalo, a dozen of them, from the great buffalo farm at Wainwright, Canada, and there will be a barbecue each evening, with real buffalo meat. And there will be a tent with amusements, and a collection of relics left from the early days—a stage coach and a covered wagon, open household utensils, specimens of hand work, and all sorts of interesting things.

It will be a rare chance for a pleasant outing for the whole family, and an opportunity to make further acquaintance with the romantic days of the early settlers along the Old Sauk Trail.

A lot of men who have graduated from the school of experience are still paying their back tuition.—Binghamton Press.

If you ever tried to count them, you won't be surprised to learn that the Ford people made a net profit of \$26,411,951 in seven years.—Indianapolis News.

An actress has married the man who saved her life. What a way to express her gratitude.—Buffalo Express.

OLD TIN WASH BASIN IS STILL ON THE JOB

Only One Farm in Ten Has Plumbing, According to Report to Government

Remember, way back, the dusty morning wash-up in a tin basin on the back steps? Remember the swimming hole in July, the delight you took in it, and how you blistered your back drying it on the sun? Remember Saturday night, when mother brought the wooden wash tub and placed it near the kitchen stove? How the tub leaked water over the floor? How your front toaster while your back was cold? Remember how thoughts of inconvenience and discomfort caused you to delay or neglect personal duties?

Answers in the affirmative and in the negative to these intimate questions of the Department of Agriculture probably could be collected in considerable mass, says the Nation's Business, but the department is sure that with millions these things are still realities. The 1920 census reports 643,899 of the 6,448,343 farms in the United States as having water piped into the house. This is only one farm out of 10, and means that 5,804,444 farms, or 9 out of 10, had little or no plumbing.

If the statistics are "discouraging," as the department concludes, there is some consolation in knowing that "American farmers have more plumbing and better plumbing than any other agricultural people in the world," and that the American farmer "will have more plumbing as he better realizes what it means in convenience, usefulness, comfort and health; as he learns that plumbing may be simple and yet sanitary; that it may be sanitary and yet not unduly expensive; that it may be inexpensive and yet durable—lifetime plumbing—provided it has good care." Held up to view in the light of the department's glowing appraisal, the plumber's touch is a wonder-working as Aladdin's miraculous lamp.

A socialist ascribes the decline in the propagation of the cult to automobiles and radio sets. People who have do not favor dividing—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Premier Mussolini has appointed ninety new generals, but he is still far behind the records of Kentucky colonels.—Indianapolis Star.

It may have been Abd-el-Krim's wives who induced him to surrender. They wanted to quit the desert and go to town.—Dallas News.

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