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VOTING AT THE PRIMARIES

As a usual thing the vote at the primaries held to nominate political candidates, falls far short of the vote at elections. Probably it will prove so in the series of primaries now being held in the 48 states, to nominate presidential convention delegates. The American people have a cheerful habit of letting George do it.

There are many reasons why everyone who could qualify to vote should take part in these primaries.

1. It is the duty we owe to our country. Our fathers handed on a noble plan of government to us, which on the whole gives more welfare than can be found anywhere else in the world. But it has many defects, and comes far short of the ideal. It seems rather mean and unappreciative not to do our share of making it what the founders of the government intended.

2. Only by the personal attention of the people or most of them, can the government be made efficient. If the owners of a business neglect it, they can not expect it will continue successful, and probably it will go into bankruptcy. The public business also needs close attention from its owners, the people, or it too will fall far short of success.

3. The primary elections are as important as the final election in November, and frequently more important. The party that gets its vote out to the primaries, and that brings the full conscience and intelligence of its members to bear on the question of making nominations, will probably select the best ticket, and that party should win the election.

If people want small groups of politicians and bosses and machines to run this country, the way to accomplish that end is to stay away from the primaries, here in Maryland and everywhere else.

BORROWING AMERICAN MONEY

James Speyer, noted banker, in a recent address given in New York, predicted that the present amounts which have been loaned to European interests by America, estimated to amount to $15,000,000,000, will be enormously increased. Some think that before many years two or three times as much money will be loaned to enterprises and governments in those countries.

The American people have been saving money pretty fast, until rates of interest are being forced down in our own country. Such interest is commonly one to two per cent lower than it was on the same class of investment before the war.

So the situation is that we have more capital in this country than we know what to do with. The natural thing would be to lend it in countries less well developed, to help them develop their own country. A multitude of investors are doing that.

These countries are still poor, but they are steadily recovering. The great majority of the loans being made in those lands are no doubt

AN OLD FASHIONED CAMPAIGN

Some folks have the idea that the political campaign of this fall is going to be run somewhat on old fashioned lines in the doubtful states, with torchlight processions and brass bands parading the streets, yelling for their candidate, and stirring up noise and enthusiasm which they think will give an appearance of victory and make votes for their cause.

Some politicians might say that that would be effective campaigning. Yet some difficulties can be seen. If they are going to have marching battallions, the marchers need some drilling to make a good appearance. The young men have too much on their minds nowadays to spend much time in drilling. A poorly drilled battalion would not make many votes by mere yelling.

Further it costs money to buy uniforms and torches and provide the bands and the feeds that are necessary to keep the enthusiasm of the marchers alive. Public sentiment does not favor large campaign expenditure now.

These are more complex times than the ones when the old torchlight processions used to be the favorite campaign method. The people are not so easily thrilled and amused. It is doubtful if they would stand around on the street corners all the evening now to see the procession go by.

Probably it will take a different kind of appeal now. The radio will be a favorite method, which will reach millions of people in fifteen minutes. And then there is always the newspaper advertisement, that carries its silent message into the homes where it is carefully read. These are methods that appeal to the busy life of 1928 here in Maryland.

KEEPING TRADE AT HOME

The success of a city as a business and trading center depends largely on whether its people can be persuaded and induced to do their buying at home. If a large part of the money of the community goes elsewhere to buy the things that the community needs, then there is a steady current of loss working against the business of that community.

If you attempt to water your garden with a lawn hose, and your hose has a big hole in it, the stream reaching your garden will be very feeble. It will take a long time to give your seeds a good soaking.

It is the same in applying the aid of energy and enterprise to town development. If a lot of the people are counteracting the effort of the community workers, by spending their money out of town, a leak is causing loss there that will cost the town heavily.

A neighborhood of people who make it their practice to go and send elsewhere to buy goods, may accomplish as much to pull down the business development of a community, as a Chamber of Commerce can do in a month to promote growth and development.

Towns have to keep their own resources in order to go ahead. One of their principal resources is the buying power of their own people. If that buying power is used to support stores located somewhere else, it subtracts from the resources of its home town, and business located elsewhere gets the benefit of this stimulation.

Let us show a good spirit of loyalty to Westminster, by

HUMANE SENTIMENT

The week April 15 to 21 has been appointed as "Be Kind to Animals Week," and is more or less observed over the whole country.

In spite of everything that has been done for humane education, there are still a good many horse owners who do not give these beasts kind or fair treatment. The sight of some skinny and half fed animals is a pathetic one.

The horse bears a large share of the burdens of humanity. If men and women had to drag through the streets and roads everything that is now carried by horses, the burden would be almost insupportable. These great strong horses, noble creatures that they are, carry these loads very cheerfully and willingly. There is something inspiring in the readiness with which a well cared for horse will obey his owner. Without questioning why he should thus be made to carry burdens in which he is not interested, he goes at his work patiently and faithfully.

He asks just one thing in return, and it is all the comfort he gets out of life. That thing is kind treatment, to be shown in giving him good food and plenty of it, in protecting him against heat in summer and cold in winter, and giving him a comfortable and well fitted harness. When he does so much for us and does it so patiently, how can any horse owner in Maryland have the heart to deny him this slender reward for his faithful efforts?

Then there are all the rest of the animals. We should have a thought for our dogs and cats, and see that when we go on our vacations, they have plenty of food and comfortable care. Owners of cattle owe an obligation to these submissive beasts. In this age of civilization, people should have hearts tender enough to see where suffering exists among these speechless creatures, and not make them suffer for their lack of a voice of protest.

WIDE AWAKE TOWNS

Perhaps the thing that makes a town grow more than anything else, is to have the impression spread around that it is a wide awake town. A city that gets that reputation is likely to attract more new folks than one that has much handsomer homes and public buildings, but which is slow about pushing new ideas.

People like the idea of advance and motion and progressiveness. They want to see "something doing." They dislike towns in which it is hard to start things, where the life seems stagnant.

They feel in the live town, that there are going to be good chances for business and employment. They think that the business concerns will grow, be able to provide more jobs at better pay. They think there will constantly be chances for people to get into business for themselves. So they flock into such towns, feeling they open doors of opportunity. We want Westminster to be that kind of a place.

THE COUNTRY'S HARDEST JOB

President Coolidge again has discouraged attempts to draft him for the presidential job again. While some say that he has not irrevocably withdrawn, yet it seems clear that he does not want to serve again.

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