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The big war across the water is said to cost over \$50,000,000 per day. Can you imagine the total, if the war continues many months, as experts claim it will? Who can compute the famine and pestilence that will follow? What of the sorrow, misery and heartache to the motherhood in the loss of perhaps millions of the flower of manhood in those countries? Who will bear the brunt of the battles, the cost incurred? Who will bear the curses of the people over it all? Will not the curse of Almighty God be upon the leaders, those who have brought all this upon the people? Is it not possible, and even probable, that the crowned heads of Europe will be thrown out of power and republics will arise from the crime and disaster and death brought upon these countries because of their lust, passion and desire for power? There is an old trite saying, "Everything is for the best," and perhaps following this greatest conflict the world has ever known royalty will be a thing of the past and the people will rule in a world-wide peace.

A meeting of democratic editors of the state was held in Omaha last Friday to look after official plums. Postmaster-Editor Beushausen of the Times of course was there. But why? Has he not ostensibly placed his paper in a stock company, with a figurehead editor, and supposed to have gone out of the editorial business while he is postmaster? If so, what business has he down at the democratic editors' pow-wow? Or is he de facto editor of the sheet, and the so-called company affair merely a fake which he can hide behind to be able to hold the postmastership under the ruling of the postoffice department, which ruling is to the effect that postmasters must get out of all other business and devote their time and attention wholly to their postoffice duties?

The Bee has started a campaign for a shorter ballot. If we understand the Bee's contention, it means the nomination of a governor and possibly two or three other state officers, they to select all the other state officers, the senate to confirm or reject. What an immense power the Bee would confer on the few. Talk of centralization of power; that would be sure going some. However, we hardly believe the people would be willing to confer that much on two or three elected men, or on any two or three men, for that matter. With such a primary election, Omaha, Lincoln and a few of the larger cities would virtually be the power centers and get the whole cheese.

It would seem that there are none to do the present primary law reverence. Our exchanges with scarce an exception condemn the primary law as shown by its workings in the past election. It seems to be the general opinion that the more it is tried out the weaker it is shown to be. Had it not been for the general cowardice of the majority of the delegates at the late state republican convention, when a few howlers stamped the crowd, the plank in the platform condemning the primary system in its present form would have carried by an immense majority. The howlers found two many "Fraid cats" and the plank was knocked out.

Postmaster-Editor Beushausen wants to know how it is that the editor of the Northwestern is aware of what the postmaster-editor says in his Times, as long as the Northwestern refuses to exchange with the said sheet. That's dead easy. Friends call our attention to his screeds. Now how does Postmaster-Editor Beushausen know what appears in the Northwestern? That's dead easy, also. As postmaster, he has a cinch.

War dispatches tell of the Kaiser and Czar at the front with the fighting men. But we'll wager they are so far away no bullets can touch them. It is the poor devil of a private that stops the bullets while the crowned heads are back in places of safety.

Roosevelt is to put in one day campaigning for the progressive party this fall; the date is not yet fixed.

Dale Makes Kick on Primary Ballot

Special Dispatch to World-Herald. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 28.—The attention of the attorney general has been called by Raymond E. Dale of Loup City to the fact that the name of Peter Wink, his opponent for the democratic nomination for state senator in the twenty-second district, was printed in larger type than the other names on the ballots. The ballots he says, were printed by the Times-Independent of Loup City for use in Sherman county.

Besides the name of Senator Wink appearing on the ballot in larger type than the names of the other candidates, the number of the senatorial district was omitted from the heading over the division on the ballot and the postoffice address of every candidate, except the address of Mr. Dale, was printed on the ballot. Mr. Dale says his name was certified by the secretary of state as Raymond E. Dale, but that it appeared on the ballot, "R. E. Dale."

Mr. Dale suspects that Mr. Wink's name was not printed in larger type than his own name by mere accident. He also suspects that the ballot might have been printed as it was so that in case he won the nomination the vote of Sherman county might possibly have been thrown out. Under the statute, the postoffice address of candidates should not have appeared on the ballots.

The primary law provides for the beginning of contests within five days after the vote in a senatorial district is canvassed. It is not likely that Mr. Dale now has a remedy.

Rules such as these undoubtedly will be adopted by other state legislatures. They will tend to expedite legislation and to eliminate many of the evils that are now so patent to all in the present system of complicated law-making.

C. H. Ryan, wife and little son returned last Thursday from Gresham, Nebraska, and camping out at Epworth League Park. They report a splendid vacation.

Great Cost for Useless Voting

If persons who write upon ballots the names of persons who are not candidates for offices for which they are thus voted could realize the vast amount of trouble they are causing by pursuing this course, little of this would be done. Many voters go into the election booths and not finding on the ballot the name of one for whom they care to vote for some certain office, write in a name and put a cross after. This does the party thus voted for no particular good and he will in all probability never hear of the compliment some one has attempted to pay him. The election canvassing board hears of it, however, and practically one-fourth of the time taken up by it in counting and recording the vote is occupied in writing those names on the return books and setting down the vote received by these non-candidates. But the most trouble is apparent in the office of the county clerk when the vote is counted. No names but those of regular candidates appear on the books and when another is voted for it must be recorded on a separate sheet kept for this purpose. After the completion of the regular canvass these scattering votes must be attended to the names written into the record book and the number of votes received by each man not a regular candidate recorded. To attend to this extra and useless work will take about one-third of the time of the canvassing board, which is now at work to determine officially the result of the late primary election. —State Journal.

The Reason Dailys and Big Cities Like Primary

You have noticed perhaps that the political bosses and the daily newspapers in the eastern part of the state are all defenders of the primary law, and there is a reason for it. They know that under its workings there is about as much chance for a western candidate to secure a nomination as there is a snowball to persevere its identity in hades. How long will the rank and files of the voters of both parties permit themselves to be unced? — Bridgeport News Blade.

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Needed Reform in Legislation

Fremont Tribune: One of the next reforms—and one badly needed will effect state legislatures. The start has been made by Maryland, which has adopted rules that already have claimed national attention.

There have been two great evils in connection with the work of state legislatures. The first has been partisanship and machine manipulation of measures designed for the benefit of the public. The other has been smothering of good measures in committee.

The new rules adopted by both houses in Maryland are so framed as to put everything on a basis of publicity and to show up chicanery wherever attempted and make the guilty persons responsible.

Although the Maryland legislature is republican, the rules put every measure, whether presented by an anti-organization democrat, a republican or an organization man on the same plane. The Maryland senate rule provides that all bills introduced in the first month of the session must be reported within 20 days and all bills introduced after the first month within 15 days. The only way a committee may hold a bill longer is to ask for more time and have its request granted by the majority vote of the senate.

The house rules are even more drastic. They provide for the reporting of measures within the same time limit without any means of extension by a majority vote. The demand of 15 members that bills be reported becomes the demand of the whole house unless the rules are suspended by a two-thirds vote.

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[SEAL] E. A. SMITH,
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