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Why Political Reform Often Fails to Last

Last fall the city of New York adopted a new city charter. In the charter was a provision that city elections hereafter be held under the proportional representation system.

This system is about as complicated a method of electing public officials as could well be imagined, but its chief purpose is to hamstring machine politicians by giving every citizen the chance to vote for candidates in the order of preference.

Tammany Hall, which has fallen on lean years of late, vigorously opposed this feature of the new character. It went to court to get it thrown out; and the other day it met final defeat when the state court of appeals upheld proportional representation and okayed the disputed charter.

Now the surface conclusion to be drawn from all of that is that machine politics, as exemplified by Tammany, has met a crushing defeat and that political life in the metropolis will be cleaner, clearer and most wholesome hereafter.

But people who take this hopeful view of things might well remember what happened in Cleveland some 15 years ago.

Cleveland then adopted a new charter, with proportional representation. Citizens breathed deeply in relief; this new electoral setup would be too much for the old-line political gangs, the bosses would be checkmated, good men would be elected in place of subservient ward-healers, and everything would be very rosy.

But something happened. The "god men" figured that the city political life had been reformed forever and a day, and began thinking about other things. The politicians, who worked at politics day in and day out, knuckled down and mastered the intricacies of proportional representation. And the first thing anybody knew the same old gang was back in the saddle, the great reform had misfired—and, eventually, the citizens is disgust threw out the new charter and went back to the old way of doing things.

The point is that political reforms usually fail because the reformers, and the people who support them, are so short-winded. Some one big reform is put through, and everyone assumes that the battle has been won permanently. The bosses rally their forces, try a new method of attack—and presently are sitting in the driver's seat as they always did.

That happened in Cleveland; it will happen in New York, unless the people who are interested in decent government stay just as wideawake and determined as the politicians.

There is only one cure for misgovernment in America; unflagging, day in and day out vigilance on the part of all the people. Our tendency to pig on one big push and then relax is the greatest safeguard and machine politician could ask for.

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



HEROES ARE MADE—NOT BORN

Weekly Sunday School Lesson

Joseph's Kindness to His Kin

Text: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; 50:24-26

BY WM. E. GILROY, D. D. Editor of Advance

THE story of Joseph reaches a further stage, and a beginning of tragedy in years to come; that neither the old patriarch, Jacob, nor his successful and powerful son in Egypt, could foresee.

How closely success and tragedy are associated in history and in the lives of individuals and families! Here was Jacob, going down in his old age, carried by his sons with their little ones and their wives in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent, to a great welcome and preferment in Egypt, under the influence and power of the flourishing Joseph, a power in the land even greater than Pharaoh, his master.

There is a great pageant in the picture of Joseph making ready his chariot and going up to Goshen to meet his father; and nothing could surpass the simple words of the story that describe the meeting as Joseph, presenting himself to his father, "fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while."

Jacob himself was experiencing emotion too deep for utterance. All that he could say to Joseph was, "Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive."

YET it was not many years, as the eras of history go, until this colorful and emotional descent into Egypt had become the first step in tragedy, as a ruler alone who "knew not Joseph," and the children of Israel fell under the bondage of a hard and grievous taskmaster. Joseph, with the wisdom and vision that characterized all his

acts, seemed to foresee some such possibility, for he made his brothers swear that they would return to their own land.

If these other sons had had the deep love of their homeland that had continued in Joseph, despite all his years of hardship and of wealth and power in a foreign land, what years of deep suffering might have been spared the children of Israel, and how different the future history of that people would have been.

THE story of Joseph ends with this lesson, but it is necessary to see that story not in any one detail or incident, but as a whole. Few stories provide better teachings concerning the effects of evil, the rewards of righteousness, the value of vision and planning, and the strength and power of forgiveness and magnanimity.

It is rich in human values, and its teachings apply to our modern complex world as much as to an ancient time when the sufferings of people from famine and the power of kings and potentates were more marked in human history.

Joseph was an example of what wise leadership can do in successful social planning. He looked ahead to the needs of the people and stored up resources for emergencies.

In an age when crises can be foreseen more accurately than in the ancient world, and when resources and ways of harboring them are greatly multiplied, what might be accomplished by statesmen as honest, unselfish, magnanimous and foreseeing as Joseph!

branches was cited and Miss M. Rosamond Wright, manager of the department of branches and practitioners, reported further for the year.

In the report of the clerk, Ezra W. Palmer, attention was drawn to the international appeal of Christian Science as indicated by the fact that the instructions for filling out applications for membership in the Mother Church are now available in 11 languages.

580 Goats Dipped At Childress Ranch

The 580 goats dipped Saturday morning in a demonstration at the Dan L. Childress ranch nine miles northwest of Eastland will be redipped June 23.

The Childress demonstration was led by W. R. Nisbet, animal husbandman of the extension service, assisted by County Agent Elmo V. Cook. Nisbet also discussed goat raising in Eastland county. It required two hours for the Childress dipping.

Other demonstrations and discussions of goat raising are as follows:

June 16, 9 a. m.—Cecil Shultz ranch, one mile northwest Bran-

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Service, 11 a. m. Wednesday, testimonial service, 8 p. m.

Public cordially invited.

"God the Preserver of Man" is perfect, be of good comfort, be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon of one mind, live in peace; and which will be read in all Churches the God of love and peace shall of Christ, Scientist on Sunday, be with you" (II Corinthians 13: 11).

The Golden Text is: "In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God" (Psalms 62:7).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Be

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The Lesson-Sermon includes the following passage from Christian Science: "Science and Health with the Scriptures" by Mary Eddy: "The Christlike understanding of scientific being and healing includes a perfect principle and idea—perfect perfect man,—as the thought and demonstration" (259).

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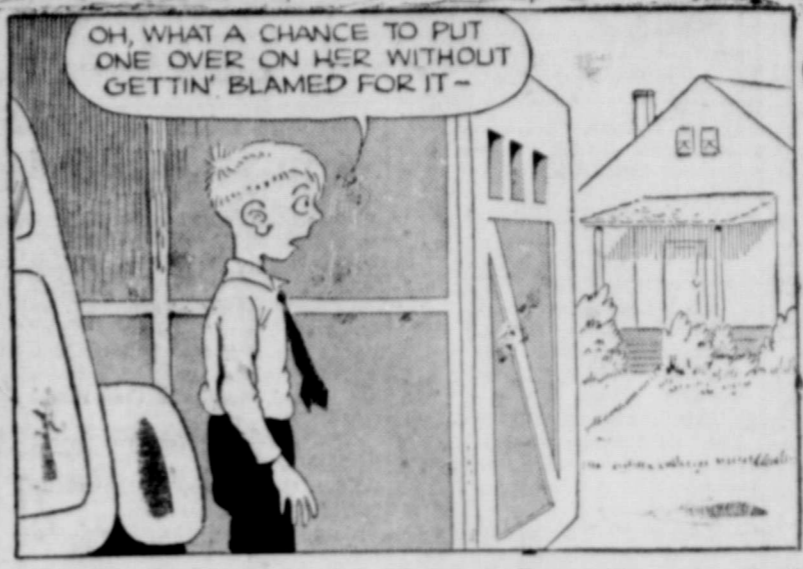
THIS CURIOUS WORLD (By William Ferguson) WHETHER OR NOT A SANDY BEACH IS SOLID, LIKE THAT AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, OR SOFT, LIKE MOST BATHING BEACHES, DEPENDS ON THE SHAPE OF THE SAND GRAINS! ROUND GRAINS ALLOW YOU TO SINK DOWN, BUT SAND WITH SHARP CORNERS FORMS A SOLID SURFACE. 1940 IS MORE NEARLY CORRECT FOR THE PRESENT YEAR THAN 1937! ...DUE TO AN ERROR IN THE RECKONING OF TIME 1000 YEARS AGO! THE MALE MIDWIFE TOAD CARRIES HIS MATE'S EGGS AROUND ON HIS BACK UNTIL THEY HATCH. CURIOUSLY, Christ actually was born several years B. C. "before the birth of Christ." This paradox is the result of an error made in connecting the birth of Christ with the disputed date of a victory of Emperor Augustus.

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