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A CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN.

"We take it that General William Franklin Draper, of Massachusetts, a good soldier, an extraordinary successful manufacturer, for some years a Representative in Congress and ambassador to Italy in Mr. McKinley's time, will not wear out his right arm with signing checks to the Hon. George Rumsey Sheldon or any other farmer of the Republican revenue."

MAINE'S VOTE TO-DAY.

The Maine election occurs to-day and it will be in a large sense a non-political affair. National politics have not been discussed in the campaign, or if so to a very limited extent. The issue is the re-submission of the prohibition question to the people, the Democrats favoring re-submission and the repeal of the farcical State-wide prohibition law and the substitution for it of a local option system; the Republicans standing by the present law and opposing re-submission. The Democrats have the better of the argument and have an additional advantage in the unpopularity of what is known as the "Sturgis law," which authorizes the Governor to send State officers into any county where the local authorities are not enforcing prohibition, which law the Democrats propose to repeal.

FALSE HOPES, WITH VAIN REGRETS TO FOLLOW.

The New York Sun is not one of those fool Republican papers which listen with credulity to every whisper which is borne on the wings of the wind telling that this or that State of the South is going Republican in November. It notes "with interest the various speculations and imaginings of different great Republican manipulators with reference to a possible dislocation of the solid South," but is not deceived thereby.

THE INFLUENCE OF EXAMPLE.

The importance of letting your light shine before men is beautifully illustrated by the fact that Joe Bailey, a bull calf of Navarro, Texas, is being raffled for the benefit of the Cause, and by the other fact that at Texas City "R. B. Smith, breeder of thoroughbred poultry, donates a fine White Plymouth Rock cocker to be sold to the highest bidder, the proceeds of same to go to the Bryan campaign fund."

MR. CANNON'S POSSESSIONS.

The New York Evening Post thus analyzes Speaker Cannon's reply to Mr. Bryan's questions: "Speaker Cannon now sees that in raising the question of Mr. Bryan's wealth he has been seriously hurt. He finds it hard to answer Mr. Bryan's questions: What has he been selling? To whom has he sold it? How much did he get for it? Mr. Cannon, who prides himself on being blunt and outspoken, is driven to a weak and evasive reply: 'My statement regarding Mr. Bryan's possible wealth was intended as humor.'"

MITCHELL ON THE STAND.

Former President of Mine Workers Testifies Before Examiner Harper in His Own Behalf—Gompers Also Gives Evidence. Washington, Sept. 13.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, with President Gompers and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, is charged with contempt of court in the injunction case against the officials for boycotting the Bucks Stove and Range Company, testified in his own defense to-day before Albert Harper, examiner. Mr. Gompers also was on the stand several hours.

FELL DEAD AT HIS FIANCEE'S FEET.

New York Special, 11th, to Richmond Times-Dispatch. Winfield Tucker, the New York millionaire who died at Lake Tota, Va., on Saturday in the presence of the bride and groom at the wedding of Manning Lowe, the Southern beauty, was buried to-day.

ELECTION TO-DAY IN ARKANSAS, WITH LIQUOR QUESTION TO THE FRONT.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 13.—At the general election to be held in this State to-morrow, State, congressional and township officers will be selected and the question determined as to whether liquor license shall continue to be issued in the several counties of the State. While but little interest is manifested in the contest for the different offices because of the fact that the Democrats largely outnumber the voters of the other parties, great interest is felt as to the vote as to prohibition. At present 65 counties are "dry" and both the prohibition and anti-prohibition forces claim they will be victorious to-morrow. The campaign has been the most spirited in the history of the State, the final demonstration of the prohibition forces being interrupted last night, when three prominent ministers and others participating in a parade were egged. The fight is centered in this city.

FOREST FIRES CEASE TO BE A MENACE.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 13.—Clouds and an absence of wind gave the Mesaba range a day of quiet to-day and the forest fires ceased to be a menace. No rain has fallen and the situation will be threatening until moisture puts an end to the smouldering fires and makes the forest less like tinder. Grand Marais on the north shore of Lake Superior is thought to be safe from further invasion by the flames owing to backfires around the town.

LABOR'S PART IN BAY STATE POLITICS OUTLINED.

Boston, Sept. 13.—The part organized labor in Massachusetts is to take in the political campaign was outlined to-day at a meeting of the executive board of the officers of the State branch, American Federation of Labor, its legislative committee and the members of a special committee. The representative adopted resolutions supporting the attitude of President Samuel Gompers and the executive committee of the federation on national politics.

Tales of the Town and the Times

BY RED DUCK

"Lizzie's looking for me now," said my little girl on the way to Morganston some time ago. "She's running down stairs to meet me." Naturally I became interested in Lizzie, or Lizzie, as she was called. "Lizzie? She's my nurse—Lizzie." I didn't know that she had a nurse but I soon learned about Lizzie. Mrs. P. L. Murphy has two interesting dardies at her home—Lizzie and her mother, Phoebe—the one waits on the table and the other cooks. At odd times, when Phoebe has nothing else to do, Lizzie plays with Miss Betty Bryant, who is six years her junior. Among the presents that the little girl had purchased in Charlotte and carried to Morganston was a queer-looking, highly colored doll, which reminded me of the gaily bedecked turks at the world's fair.

THE LORD AND PRAYER.

"If you ain't gwine to pray wid de sperit it ain't no use to pray," declared Aunt Phoebe. "De Lawd don't hear de pray," half-way prayer. "If you don't pray you can't look fur de Lawd to help you when you git in a tight place." Aunt Phoebe is one of those rare creatures that Southern people like to call "old-time dardies." She's simple, faithful and religious. I learned to like her on account of her clear-ringing, far-reaching, untamed voice, which can be heard throughout the house when she lets it out. Besides being a very likable person Phoebe is an accomplished cook, and, therefore, valuable as well as interesting.

AND TENNESSEE CLAIMS POLK.

Another State, Like South Carolina, Tries to Rob North Carolina of a Great Man and President of the United States—A Most Unfilial Daughter. To the Editor of The Observer: You have been a faithful sentinel in watching those heartless South Carolinians who are trying to rob the late lamented Andrew Jackson of the great honor of having been born in the old colonial County of Mecklenburg. It is true that Andrew himself once humored the joke about his being from the Palmetto State, for he failed to denounce that benighted region "fellow-citizens of my native State" when he was trying to make them quit their nullification foolishness. Yet what would have been the horror and chagrin of the old man if he had known that his good-natured flattery would ever be taken seriously?

ENGLISHMAN TELLS WORKMEN TO GO INTO POLITICS.

New York, Sept. 13.—Keir Hardie, one of the leading representatives of labor in the British Parliament, was applauded during his address before the Central Federated Union this afternoon, when he urged American workmen to go into politics. "In England," he said, "we found we were equally neglected after the election, whether we helped Conservative or Liberal with our votes and then we sent direct representatives into Parliament with many good results." A reference to the presidential candidacy of Eugene V. Debs on the Socialist ticket also brought applause, and Mr. Hardie told his hearers that they should find a way as had been done in England, to unite labor and Socialism.

THE CORRECT GENEALOGY OF FRED PAULDING.

To the Editor of The Observer: I notice in to-day's issue a statement in regard to Fred Paulding which is somewhat erroneous. If you think the correction worth making, here it is. Fred Paulding's father, Col. Richard Irving Dodge, was the son of Mr. Richard Dodge, a Northern man and nephew of Washington Irving—hence the name. His mother, however, was a Southern woman, Miss Susan Williams, of Surry county, N. C. Governor Glenn's mother was before her marriage Miss Annie Dodge and is Fred Paulding's aunt. This is probably one of several corrections that will reach you, but knowing The Observer's love of accuracy I send this even at the risk of being monotonous. BETTIE F. GIBSON. Concord, Sept. 13, 1908.

CHARLOTTE AHEAD WITH A REAL LIVE GREENVILLE REFLECTOR.

Greensboro may have 42,000 folks within as many miles, but Charlotte is ahead with a real live ground hog. I told 'em about it! I knowed dere'd be snakes in dere. Dey's crawlin' everywhere. Yes, he's right in dere—on de wood. I heered him rattlin'—it's a rattler. De I hadn't said my prayers last night I'd been dead by now. Lawd, how weak I is! I got a stick and stepped in the woodhouse door. I got a stick and stepped in the woodhouse door. "Look out, child, dat thing 'll hurt you! It's right on de wood. Thank Gawd, thank Gawd, dat I ain't dead!" "Keep quiet now, Auntie, and tell me where to find de critter," I said.

STUCK BY MOTORCYCLE.

Mecklenburg Lad Visiting in Winston Suffers Injury by Being Run Over.

The following from The Winston-Salem Journal is connecting a little fellow from this county who is visiting in the Twin City. "Master Robert King, a little boy from Mecklenburg county, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Leak, was struck by a motorcycle ridden by Mr. E. W. Dort yesterday about noon and knocked to the ground. The accident occurred in front of Mr. Henry Leak's home on Fourth street. "The lad was rather badly bruised, receiving a large lump on his head and being otherwise scarred. He was reported last night as resting easily. "It is reported that the little boy was attempting to cross Fourth street at the rear of a wagon, when Mr. Dort on his motorcycle sped by, striking him and knocking him violently to the ground. Neither the lad nor Mr. Dort saw the other.

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THE THIRD CROP OF PEACHES THIS YEAR.

There is a peach tree in J. B. Long's yard that is a curiosity. Some men might well pattern after the peculiarity of this tree, inasmuch as it keeps busy and attends strictly to business. This tree is now bearing its third crop of fruit this season. The fruit of the first and second crops were very large and perfect, the fruit of this is small, but of very fine flavor, while the seed resembles that of the plum.

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