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EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1908.

THIS YEAR'S BETTING ODDS.

As every one knows, there is always more or less fake betting in presidential campaigns for the purpose of influencing the result. Sometimes bluffs go a long way and at all events it may seem worth while to risk money against known probabilities as a campaign expenditure.

It was stated in our Raleigh correspondence yesterday that Democratic State Chairman Eller has found that the Republicans are issuing a circular setting out that the price of cotton under Democratic rule was 4 to 5 cents and under Republican rule 10 to 15 cents.

The matter of party unity cannot be regarded as an open question now that David B. Hill, a stalwart of stalwarts, has received William J. Bryan at Albany, dined with him and introduced him to a great audience.

From headquarters in Washington there has been sent out an official call for the fifth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, to meet in Washington December 9th-11th.

The streets of Jerusalem were kept clean by every man sweeping before his own door, which is a favorite way of saying that government is a matter of individual responsibility.

The political forecasters are now pretty well agreed that not only will Illinois as a virtually conceded ally along, go for Taft but that Deeney, the Republican candidate for Governor, will win also.

We are expecting any day to hear that at least one of the two Americans who fell thousands of feet with a balloon near Berlin some time ago and escaped unhurt has broken his neck by falling downstairs.

A week from this time the newspapers of the country will be engaged in editorial discussion of "Why is Crime on the Increase?" and similar sprightly topics.

To Republicans who claim an assured victory, there's many a slip between the enemy's five-yard line and his goal—and Mr. Taft is nowhere near Mr. Bryan's five-yard line.

A CAMPAIGN FOR VENGEANCE.

The national committee of the Independence party for Missouri has it right when he says, in handing in his resignation, that this party is organized for the sole purpose of defeating Bryan, for whom, by the way, this ex-committeeman announces his intention to vote on account of the Bryan persecution by Hearst.

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Tales of the Town and the Times

BY RED BUCK

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To-day we place on sale a snappy sample lot Children's Coats, bought from a manufacturer at 1-4 off. We made two lots of them.

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