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THE PROGRESSIVES' FIGHT FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY.

The most immediately important plank in the platform of the progressive Republican organizations all over the country, it is announced, is that which demands a preferential primary. The progressive Republicans say they are certain that the States which elect their delegates to the national Republican convention directly instructed to vote as their electors have requested them will be able to express themselves in favor of a progressive candidate. The action of the executive committee in rejecting Senator Borah's motion endorsing such a primary was a bitter disappointment to the progressives and the fight for the preferential primary is therefore now being waged single-handedly by the progressives, without assistance from the stand-pat element of the party.

In this connection, the headquarters of the progressive Republican campaign committee call the attention of the public to the Wisconsin laws relating to the direct election of delegates—laws which were written on the statute books as a result of the efforts of the progressives of the Badger State under the leadership of Mr. LaFollette.

"There shall be chosen at an election held in each precinct of the State on the first Tuesday of April in each year in which electors for president and vice president of the United States are to be elected delegates to the national convention of each party to nominate candidates for president and vice president.

"The names of the candidates for president and vice president shall be placed first, in each party column underneath the party designation, and immediately above the names of said candidates, respectively shall appear the words, 'for president,' 'for vice president.'

"Arrangement of party tickets.—Said official ballot shall be made up of several party tickets, arranged alphabetically according to party name, all of which shall be securely fastened together at the top and folded, provided that there shall be many separate tickets as there are parties entitled to participate in said election.

"Names, rotated.—The names of all candidates shall be arranged according to surname under the appropriate title and under the proper party designation upon the party ticket, and rotated in accordance with the provisions of section 33 of the statutes as amended by this act.

"Not voted; separate ballot box.—After preparing his ballot, the elector shall detach the same from the remaining tickets and fold it so that its face will be concealed and the printed endorsements and signatures or initials thereon seen. The remaining tickets attached together shall be folded in like manner by the elector who shall thereupon, with out leaving the polling place, vote the marked ballot forthwith and deposit the remaining tickets in a separate ballot box to be marked and designated as the blank ballot box.

"Tickets, destroyed.—Immediately after the canvass the inspectors shall, without examination, destroy the tickets deposited in the blank ballot box.

"Defective votes.—Whenever an elector shall vote for more than four delegates-at-large his vote shall not be counted for any of such delegates. Whenever any elector shall vote for more than two district delegates his vote shall not be counted, for any of such delegates.

"Names of candidates for president and vice president may be placed on ballot.—For the purpose of enabling every voter to express his choice for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president of the United States, whenever there shall be filed with the secretary of state a petition as provided by section 30 of the statutes, the names of such candidates shall be certified to the county clerk and shall be printed upon the official party ticket used at said election. No signature, statement, or consent shall be required to be filed by any such candidate.

"Delegates, how nominated.—Nominations for candidates for delegates shall be made by nomination papers, in the manner provided by law for nomination of candidates to be voted for at a general election.

"Official ballot.—An official ballot shall be printed and provided for use at each voting precinct in the form provided herein and annexed hereto. The names of all candidates for delegates for whom nomination papers prescribed shall have been duly filed, shall be printed thereon."

MORMONISM TODAY.

The campaign which New York women belonging to the Interdenominational Council of Women for National and Patriotic Service are planning to induce federal action against Mormonism directs renewed attention to what has been described as a great national menace. The public generally regards with skepticism, and quite correctly, Mormon assertions that polygamy is no longer practiced in the church of Latter Day Saints, but the grasp with which the organization has fastened upon a fertile and increasingly large portion of the west is not generally appreciated. The statement of Hans P. Freese, who as agent for the New York society, investigated Mormon proselyting in Europe, that the membership of the Mormon church in America has risen from one in 125,000 of population to one in about 220 during the 80 years of its existence will come as a shock to most.

Mr. Freese's observations of Mormon activities in Europe also are interesting. He finds that in 1893 there were 3000 converts baptized across the water, a majority being women, and that most of them emigrated. These women are assured, he says, that polygamous marriage no longer exists; their fares are paid to Utah by the church and when they arrive they are usually by necessity compelled to make the best of conditions there as they find them. Regarding the status of women under present Mormon practice, he says:

"The present conditions of polygamous marriage in Utah are shameful. In order to avoid any conflict with the law no marriage licenses are taken out; there are no witnesses of the marriage; no record is put on the books. The man and woman and priest simply go into a room and the priest marries them according to the rites of the church. The woman does not change her name and the children born of this union take the mother's name. The pity of it is that the young Mormon girls are taught that if they submit to such injustice God will reward them for it in the next world. It is an admitted fact that Joseph Smith, the head of the church, is living with five wives, and the man next in succession is also a polygamist."

So closely are the religious, social and material phases of Mormon life interwoven that a powerful inducement is offered for proselyting; and so vast has the political and financial power of the church become that the probability is nothing short of a national upheaval is likely seriously to affect it. In its remote fastness, one of the world's garden spots, this organization, utterly foreign to American institutions, has attained proportions not commonly suspected, despite sporadic denunciation, but which make it a force to be dreaded and respected by the national government.

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man who has a cause to serve or an object to attain through the medium of the newspaper but is, at the same time, unwilling to send his views to the newspaper in a letter to the editor with his name signed to it," says the State. "This astute gentleman writes out his opinions, beginning, 'Col. Richard Roe, when called upon yesterday by a reporter of the Clarion and asked about the recent discovery of snow on the planet Mars, consented to give out the following.' Thus Col. Roe succeeds in advertising himself as an authority whose opinions are eagerly sought or, more likely appears as a person who speaks with extreme reluctance, subjecting his modesty to painful wranglings for the public good. 'Self-inflicted' describes him with mathematical accuracy and the phrase will be found a handy labor-saving device wherever newspapers are made."

Col. Richard Roe is, however, a much more estimable man than the Hon. John Doe, who writes a communication beginning with the formula "my attention has been called to an article in your paper of the steenth instant," whereas as a matter of fact he was hanging on his gate post waiting for the arrival of the issue of the paper on the steenth.

"Honest Englishwoman," in New York World: "Indeed, I have found that Americans are only too pleased to pick up from me English phrases and the English accent, which proves that they are not antagonistic to English people." One does find Americans of that sort, here and there.

There are 87,000 more registered women voters than men voters in California. The fact that they are registered seems to indicate they mean business.

Somebody may have to arbitrate between those arbitration treaties, on the one hand, and the Germans, the Irish and Col. Roosevelt, on the other.

In 1911 the South has built 1815 miles of railroad, and 3500 miles are planned for 1912—including, we trust, the Transcontinental.

It is the irony of fate that such a large man was picked to be ground between the upper and nether millstones.

The Russian bear seems to be on a general rampage, to the great mortification of his friend and ally, J. Bull.

It is an excellent thing for some very excellent persons that Mr. Bryan never has patented his ideas.

The LaFollette wing of the Republican party seems to be in first rate flopping order.

They have Col. Roosevelt's name on the primary ticket in Nebraska, anyway.

Couldn't See It.
 Mrs. Housekeeper (to tramp)—Why don't you look around for work?
 Tramp—I'm troubled wid a stiff neck, mum.—Boston Transcript.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, who feared death as much as any man of whom there is any record, when told that his end was near, refused the opiates to which he had been accustomed.

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It is again that condition that Mr. Knox is crying out. The way to cure it, and the only and sole way to cure it, is to reverse the tariff laws, which, in effect, denounce trade with foreigners as criminal.

Knox is talking about German potash. Well, the President had opportunity to put the Knox plan in execution a long time ago. The administration on threatened to do it. Germany never turned a hair, and the situation was a reminder of what the poet Pope said about the poet Addison:

"Willin' to wound, but afraid to strike the blow."
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It was given out that we would strike; but we struck like the sucking dove, not as the roaring lion.

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What is the Knox proposal? It is that if nations do not buy of us when we refuse to buy of them, we will get revenge by augmenting the taxation of our own people. To punish Germany for not allowing us free trade in her markets we deny to American citizens the right to buy German products unless they pay double price for them. Is not that a hardship on American farm lands hungry and thirsty for German potash? "Germany must be punished," says the secretary of state. "How? By denying the American farmer the privilege of buying potash from Germany. Do that, and there will be no more complaint about our overproduction of cotton."

I do not apprehend that Chairman Underwood and his committee will give much heed to the arrant nonsense from the office of the secretary of state. Why did he not suggest it to Uncle Cannon and Seno E. Payne last congress? They believe in it.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and I could do nothing for me," writes Thomas E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

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Pre-Inventory Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Ready-to-Wear Apparel Begins Today

Real Winter is just putting in its appearance. The need of warm apparel will be felt for several months, This unusual Sale comes at an opportune time. Buy during the next three days and save a half and more.

We have enjoyed a wonderful season. By far the greatest in our history. In fact the majority of the garments we have to offer came during this month.

Read below, surely there is something in this extensive line you need, and certainly there is a great saving.

Tailored Suits Priced Less Than Half
 This showing is not a bunch of suits picked over. On the other hand, they are suits that arrived too late to sell easily. We must force them out at less than your price would be. You'd be ashamed to offer so low a price, yet they must go.

\$20 Tailored Suits, blues, blacks and colored mixtures are priced at \$9.45.

\$25 Tailored Suits, regular values, all colors and sizes (if you come early), for \$11.95.

Long Coats Sell for Half at this Sale
 This lot includes all Reversible Coats as well as other colored long Coats. The sizes are somewhat broken but if you can find one to suit you, it will be a value worth seeking.

You must admit that half price on coats is very reasonable at this time of the year.

\$12.50 Long Coats are priced at \$6.25.
 \$15 Long Colored Coats are priced at \$7.50.
 One-fourth off on all Long Black Broadcloth Coats.

Half Price Sale of Winter Dresses
 The special price concession relates to the Dancing Frocks as well as to the Winter Wool Dresses. There are quite a number to make your selection from.

They are gracefully trimmed not too much, but that happy medium most people call good taste.

\$12.50 Dresses are priced at \$6.25.
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 \$20 Dresses are priced at \$10.
 \$25 Dresses are priced at \$12.50.