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THE SHORT BALLOT. VI.—CAN-NOT BE MANIPULATED.

With the Australian method of voting, with the short ballot and primary nominations, we should have a combination that would, it appears certain, baffle the skill of professional politicians.

The Australian method is an excellent thing as far as it goes. The failure to adopt this method anywhere is evidence of something wrong, on the face of it.

With a long ballot—"jungle" ballot, it has been termed—no party symbol, all the names printed in impartial alphabetical order, it has proved that the voters out of ten will mark the first name under each office, and the candidates highest in alphabetical order will be elected.

Of course these extreme instances of the jungle ballot are remote from us in North Carolina. We have no such ballot as that used in last fall's election in Philadelphia, for instance.

WHEN BRYAN FORCED THE ISSUE.

When the Democratic Old Guard had the novel experience of dragging William J. Bryan in the dust at the national committee meeting, they got a good deal of pleasure out of the incident but Col. Bryan doubtless is not greatly perturbed over the outcome.

Mr. Bryan must have known he was riding for a fall. Friends warned him of his fate and importuned him not to press the fight, in which his enemies had so clear an advantage.

EPISODE AND INTERLUDE

A Tale of Deer Down in Georgia.

UNCLE DOCK was in the law office of Haynes & Judger listening to the young men were telling. He had been sitting silently, but those who knew him could tell by the way he was increasing the speed in cutting his tobacco that he was preparing to say something and when one of the stories came to a close, he had only to squirt a mouthful of tobacco juice at the spittoon that stood about eight feet away to put him in the proper frame of mind.

"When I was down in Georgia," he began—all of Uncle Dock's scenes are laid in "Georgia," after the war he hauled four into that benighted state.

SULZER'S HANDICAP.

Once more is our too-wandering attention drawn to the Hon. William Sulzer of New York, radiant jewel of diplomacy basely set in a tactless house of representatives. Mr. Sulzer and his compeers, notably Mr. Sulzer, recently gained imperishable renown, by the resolution to abrogate the Russian treaty, which Mr. Taft so arbitrarily robbed of its effect.

Alas and alack! The bird of freedom, made to wing to dizzy heights in unmeshed, hopelessly, we fear. It saddens us to learn that Mr. Sulzer has fallen afoul of an act of Congress passed in the remote age of 1866 A. D. and B. S. 3 under which any American fired in freedom's cause to the extent of Mr. Sulzer's enthusiastic intent might render himself liable to the death penalty.

Mr. Taft, reared in a cold, legal environment and with an eye to parchment and precedent, looks with disfavor on the latest emanation of the gentleman from New York, in consequence of this disconcerting circumstance, and, we apprehend, with doubt upon its author. But it is our own devout prayer that, in a happier, more untrammelled time, Mr. Sulzer may adorn the portfolio of state.

THAT WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND

"It is said by The New York Sun that it has already cost something over \$22,000 to run the Woodrow Wilson Publicity Bureau, in that town. Does The Sun happen to know where the money came from and who put it up? Who was the 'My Dear Mr. Harriman' in this case? Thereby hangs a tale."

The Sun does know where the money came from and it did not happen upon the information. The Observer would know, too, if it read its exchanges to more general and less specific purpose. And the tale thereby appendant is a very simple one.

"If the other candidates do not shoot Wilson he is going to beat them to it" is the way the Greensboro Record sizes up the situation. Wilson against the field, looks now like the right bet.

The father who has been presented with a babe a day for the past three days probably thinks "life's just one darn thing after another."

When a man weighing in the neighborhood of 300 pounds exclaims "only death shall keep me from running" he is just about desperate.

Many phones were busted.—Headline in New York Sun, the day after the fire. It was an occasion of great stress.

The judge who sent a woman to jail for refusing to talk is guilty of conduct unbecoming a married man.

Chairman Stanley of the Steel corporation investigation committee makes a noise like a man in earnest.

The Stars and Stripes banner is older than Britain's present flag. This nation is getting on.

WATCH YOUR EYES

When our advice is asked and examination given, we give it honestly. Therefore when there are symptoms of sight breaking down, you had better consult us at once.

Our reputation assures you of best results attainable.

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THE MARKETS

New York, Jan. 11.—Irregular changes were recorded in the first transactions in stocks. The drift was downward among the more active issues. Several specialties made good gains.

The list was heavy most of the morning. Lack of staunch support for Union Pacific contributed toward the unsettlement of the general list. The market rallied feebly, became very dull and again dipped sharply, at midday. Many stocks ruled between 1 and 2 points below yesterday's final prices.

"I got back in and began to drive on and while I was a-wunderin' where they come from, my mules sorter raised up and I looked ahead and seen a deer jump across the road in a patch of woods that the road run through. He was a big buck too, and had horns just like got across the posts. Just as he got across I seen a nuther start, and this un was a doe. I grabbed my old squeri rifle, 'nakin' I'd take a shot, when what should I see but a nuther buck. It surprised me 's I ferget to shoot, and just behind it was a nuther buck. Well, sir, you see'n to believe me if you don't want to, but I set there and watched and purty soon they begun to come faster. I driv up closter and watched 'em and they'd jump over one fence, across the road, and over the other, like blank like a gang of sheep; only they was more than any flock of sheep I ever seen.

"I was so took aback that I didn't count fer 'bout five minits, but after that I did and I made it 278, count in' all big and little. Took 'em over a hour to pass. 'Nacherly, I was a little dumfounded and bymbye I met a man and I ast him about about it. Just to be shore I wasn't a-dreamin'.

"He didn't 'pear to think they was anything strange 'bout it, a tall. When I ast him about the horns on the fence posts, he said they was just belongin' to a man that had so much trouble with the deers trompin' down his corn that he had to hire han's to kill 'em. Said them horns only represented the big uns that they had killed, as anybody could see fer themselves.

"How many they had to kill to git enough horns to decerate them posts, I dunno. Ner I dunno how many they was on the posts. The man, he said he lams was a measured two miles. The fence, as I said afore, was on both sides; and I reckon the posts must-a-been six or seven feet apart. You might calculate that of you want to. I aint never done it fer fear I wouldn't believe it myself."

Uncle Dock again relapsed into silliness and began chewing his quid slowly. He did not seem to be listening for any more news. And he needn't have, for there were no more told that day.

Mr. Alley Has Not Said He Would Decline to Enter.

Editor of The Gazette-News: I notice in tonight's Gazette-News that it has been reported to you by a personal and political friend of Felix E. Alley of this place that he has stated that he will not enter the congressional race this year. Mr. Alley is my townsman and I have discussed the situation with him fully on more than one occasion, and I am prepared to state that he has not said that he will decline to enter the contest.

Neither has he said that he will enter it. I have known Mr. Alley intimately from his boyhood and he never has nor will he now, intrude himself upon the people, but if the democracy of Jackson county can induce him to enter the contest, his name will be before the next congressional convention.

Mr. Alley is a winner. Soon after arriving at his majority he was nominated for clerk of the Superior court of this county by acclamation. Coming to the bar upon the expiration of his term as clerk, he declined to make another race, but within two years, again by acclamation, he was nominated for representative and elected. Declining to stand for re-election, he practiced his profession for two years and was then nominated, also by acclamation, for solicitor of the sixteen judicial district and elected by a majority of upwards of 500 in a district which two years before gave a republican majority of upwards of 200 to the electoral and congressional tickets.

This letter is written without the knowledge or authority of Mr. Alley, but when the time for decision comes.

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Keep a watch on our daily ads for this sale.

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Advance Showing of Dainty White Lingerie Dresses

We have just unpacked our first shipment of White Lingerie Dresses. They are fresh and chic, and should be inspected at your first opportunity. Priced from \$14.50 to \$35. Another shipment expected very soon.

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Physicians say none of the veterans will die. An investigation of the poisoning will be started at once.

HELP WANTED.—Man and wife, on poultry farm. West Asheville. Experienced help preferred. Salary, home and food. Pitham's Drug Store, Raleigh, N. C.

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