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REFORMED REACTIONARIES.

The conference of New York Republicans Saturday was notable for the rout of the reactionaries of that organization. At least it was a rout of reactionary ideas and professions; and most notable of all the procession toward progressive ideals was led by Senator Elihu Root.

This program would indicate that the G. O. P. has taken a leaf from the book of the Progressives. The lesson of 1912 has been well learned and now it only remains to be seen whether the evident attempt to present something like a solid front to the Democratic party by luring back Progressives will meet with success.

In concluding his advocacy of these reforms Senator Root thus expressed the hopes of the reformed old guard for the continuance of their party's There are many of us here who through all our lives have deemed the Republican party the greatest agency for good government, progress and the welfare of our beloved country that has ever existed.

The skeptical will note, however, that a threatened anti-Barnes uprising was promptly squelched. There is yet time to talk of a change in leadership, Mr. Root advised. And it will also be noted that Mr. Barnes dominates the caucus of Republican assemblymen-elect.

OMINOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

The powers are manifesting further and fresh anxiety over the situation in Mexico as is evidenced by the reports from Washington that they are making renewed inquiries of President Wilson as to what he proposes to do to bring about the pacification of that country. Coincident with these occurrences, Huerta snags his fingers at the castigation administration in President Wilson's recent message and expresses the belief that regardless of the alleged financial embargo he will be able to maintain his government indefinitely.

These developments of a week are ominous. There can be little doubt that everywhere but in Washington, and perhaps there, the realization has come that the efforts of the United States for restoration of peace in Mexico—and incidentally the establishment of untailed constitutional government—promise no result within an appreciable time. Huerta and the constitutionalists, it is to be feared, will be at their rancorous work longer than Mr. Wilson anticipated.

A WILSON TRUST POLICY.

The attitude of the President and Attorney General McReynolds toward the distressed New Haven, as outlined by the attorney general in an interview Saturday is in line with Mr. Wilson's assurances that his administration purposes to befriended "honest

business." Further it would indicate a purpose to conserve business that is trying to become honest.

Mr. McReynolds insists that the New Haven has created a monopoly in New England which shall not continue, but he reiterates his intention of permitting the New Haven directors, co-operating with his office, to bring about competitive conditions, if possible, without recourse to the courts.

At the same time the head of the department of justice indicated that the policy would be followed in other cases where feasible. Obviously the success of these private adjustments of illegal conditions will depend on the ability of the government's law officers and the good faith of both parties to the transactions. It is a policy which might be of great benefit or susceptible to criticism. In the case of the New Haven it appears a wise co-operation with a property which has confessed its sins, ousted the chief offender against the public, the government and the stockholders and appears to be really trying to be good.

Now the argument is advanced that the federal income tax is another reason for votes for women. A suffragist leader explains: "To take part of the money they (the women) earn and give nothing for it is going altogether beyond." This is very reasonable. They naturally want to be in on the spreading of the income tax; but think of the poignant distress of the 423,000 actual contributors to the fund and be comforted. They have little to do with the levy or the spending.

The late if opportune conviction of Democratic members of congress that a "let up" in legislation affecting business would be wise after the passage of the currency bill indicates an appreciation of the possibilities to the party of further unsettling business in a year of drastic tariff and currency changes, tight money and short crops. Much can often be saved by letting well enough alone.



THE STATION AGENT.

Have you ever sat and waited for a railway train belated, have you hung around the depot half a day? Then you've marked the angry pagan marching around the station agent, and have ceased to wonder greatly that he's gray. All the rules line up before him and denounce him and implore him, and ask the same old thing a million times; and the agent, still politely, gives the information rightly, in an effort to deserve his meager dimes. Forty million times he answers all the snorters, and the prancers, and he never groans or whimpers o'er his task; there are fat and fussy strangers, there are sour bewhiskered strangers, and they all have silly questions they would ask. There are women with their babies, and they gather round the agent in a ring; there are jays of all descriptions throwing fits they call convulsions, and they all have fool conundrums they would spring. And the agent answers plainly, answers patiently and sanely—I admire the station agent for his pluck! In his place I'd rise in judgment, seize the nearest wet mud puddle, and among the question springers run amok.

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Prof. Honline's Lecture.

Editor of The Gazette-News: There are, I figure, about 5000 actual church members among the different Christian denominations in the city of Asheville, and an equally large number who, while not yet members of churches, are nevertheless deeply interested in the Scriptures. To one and all of these good people, who did not attend any of the addresses given by Prof. M. A. Honline, in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. on Haywood street last week, I want to say that you, perhaps unconsciously, submitted yourself to one of the greatest deprivations through this abstention.

It has been a matter of regret that, owing to pressing engagements, I have only been able to attend one address by Mr. Honline, but I would not miss another. He is a man of wonderful knowledge of the Scriptures, and has a splendid method of imparting this knowledge. There is nothing dramatic in his teaching, and his talk appeals to those even who are not deeply interested in matters of religion. He is entertaining; but to those who are hungry for deeper insight into the wonders of the Bible, he is as a well of crystal water on a hot and thirsty day.

Had the Christian people of this town comprehended the intellectual and spiritual blessing freely offered night after night during the past week, I believe the auditorium would not have held one-tenth of those who would have been anxious to be present.

CITIZEN. Asheville, Dec. 5.

Driven to Poetry.

Editor of The Gazette-News: The highly sensational, not to say, nerve-racking—to some at least—performances in the "moral uplift" (I believe that is the latest and most popular phrase now commonly employed by the ever present uplifter), in Asheville recently, inclines one to seek relief, as did Mr. Boffin, by

"dropping into poetry"—and as quite appropriate to present conditions, I venture to contribute the following effusion which comes from a friend in Kentucky. If it does not calm the distressed, some of the thirder-stricken in our midst it may afford adequate expression to their outward feelings:

THE SOUTH HAS GONE DRY. Lay the jest about the julep in the campfire balls at last, For the miracle has happened and the olden days are past; That which made Milwaukee famous does not foam in Tennessee, And the lid on old Missouri is as tight as can be;

For the eggnog now is nogless and the rye has gone awry, And the punch bowls hold carnations and the south, "By Gawd, Sir's dry."

By th still on the hillsides in Kentucky all is still, For the old damp refreshments must be dipped up from the rill, N'th C'rina's stately ruler gives his "Cola" glass a shove

And discusses local option with the South C'rina Gov. For the mint bed make a pasture and the corkscrew hangeth high, And the cocktail glass is duty and the South, "By Gawd, Sir's dry."

All the nightcaps now have tassels and are worn upon the head; Not the night caps that were taken when nobody went to bed; When the Colonel and the Major and the Gen'l and the Jedge Meet to have a little tip to give their appetites an edge.

Now each can walk a chalkline when the stars are in the sky, For the fix glass row is fizzy and the South, "By Gawd, Sir's dry."

Though she still has pretty women and her horses still are fast, "Ole Kentucky's" crowning glory is a memory of the past; Now the partisans of 'straight goods' and the 'Ractin'" speaks well, For what's the use of scarping when the business's gone to hell—

In those lovely tasseled cornfields all the crows are living nigh, Each distillery's a graveyard for the South, "By Gawd, Sir's dry."

Parents—Give your boy a Y. M. C. A. membership for Xmas. 2t.

THE REBELLION IN CHINA. Being an Extract from a Private Letter to the Editor of "Harper's Weekly" from a Chinese Friend.

I can assure you that living as I do among the people it has been astonishing to see how rapidly the empty pretensions of the so-called "people's party." Kuo ming tang have been rated at their true worth.

Two years ago, at the revolution against the Manchu government, they were welcomed from the south and followed so obsequiously, and deferred to so much as being liberal and enlightened. Now to a man, with the exception of their own paid party and a few enthusiasts, everyone who has anything to lose, whether business, land, or money, declares that the country, collectively and individually, has had enough of them, and desires now to settle down to straightening out financial and business matters and state organization; but alas, alack, and welladay, we have some neighbors whose last desire is that we shall be consolidated. They keep up and fan the flame of party strife, both openly and secretly, till the president is often driven to take a very different stand from what he would wish and it is really now a fight with Japan using the disaffected elements of the country as her weapon, the same old game that she played in Korea, which the southerners are forwarding for personal reasons without regard to the good of the country at large.

This man, Chang, is a man of the old type of troops under the dynasty of the Ming who were loyal to Yuan and in all the fighting his troops have stood the brunt of the fight, so that he is out of the ten thousand that started, it is said there are but seven left. And people say they ought to be killed too!

To keep hold of the doings of Feng Kuo chang, who is on the new order with the new troops was sent down too. This is a fine man, straightforward and business-like and since he is just as kindly, and a good administrator, his troops have been welcomed in the districts that they have gone into. Some differences have arisen between them after he has disposed of the more refractory ones. You will say what a loss of life; in one sense, yes, yet in another, no. The Americans have found in their dealing with the Moros for example, there is nothing else to do. It is not possible to tame some people any more than one can teach a panther to plough.

Filling the Stockings (Kate Upon Clark, in Leslie's) Bright or soft-colored balls of twine, take up much room, and worthily. Fancy candy images of cases are naturally not unwholesome, and are not resented as bags of ordinary candy are likely to be. Sometimes cleanliness is promoted in a careless child by a gift of especially interesting soap. A fancy tape-measure may be found for from ten to fifteen cents, and an older girl or even boy may value it. Little fancy trays, to hold collar-buttons or other trifles, are often coveted, especially if "mother" or an older sister or brother has one on her or his bureau. A gold or silver dollar, or a coin of large denomination, done up carefully in a box or in leaves of tissue paper tied with bright ribbon, would give pleasure!

Cubes or other shapes of fancy "pinballs," small boxes of preserved ginger or pineapple; figs, dates or prunes; pretty emerys; paper-knives; penwipes, folding-cases; bulbs of Chinese lilies; hyacinths or other flowers; paper-weights; pencils; a compass; a small weatherhouse (with the lady

Washington, Dec. 8.—The belief of many people that bouillon cubes are concentrated meat essence and of high nutritive value, has been shattered by a recently issued bulletin of the Department of Agriculture which says, that while they are valuable stimulants or flavoring agents they have little or no real food value and are relatively expensive in comparison with home-made broths and soups. This bulletin (No. 27) compares the contents and food value of bouillon cubes with most extracts and home-made preparations of meat.

The ordinary commercial bouillon cubes, according to this bulletin, consist of from 1/2 to 3/4 table salt, as they range in price from 10 to 20 cents an ounce, purchasers of these cubes are buying salt at a high price. The cubes do contain a small amount of protein (muscle-building material) in addition to their stimulating properties, and the makers of most of the cubes make no advertisement claim that they are concentrated beef broth or essence. However, many housewives believe that they are and that they possess high nutritive value, especially for invalids. This is not the case. The fact that the cubes sell for from 1 to 2 cents each, and each cube makes a cup of broth, misleads the housewife into believing that she is securing meat extract cheaply when really she is buying it in an expensive form.

According to analysis of these cubes, besides the common salt which constitutes from 48 to 72 per cent. of the total weight, the amount of meat extract varies from 8 per cent. in the poorest brands to but 23 per cent. in the very best. The third important ingredient is plant or vegetable extract which constitutes from 3 to 30 per cent. This plant extract is useful because of its flavoring properties but has slight, if any, nutritive value.

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RINGING CHIMES OF MUNICIPAL GROUP Springfield, Mass., Dec. 5.—The ringing of chimes in the high tower of the new "Municipal Group" announced the beginning today of a two day celebration marking the dedication of a notable civic center. The formal dedicatory exercises will be held this evening with former President William H. Taft as the principal speaker.

The group, consisting of an administration building, an auditorium and a central tower 300 feet high was erected at a cost of \$2,500,000. Construction was begun in May, 1910.

The two large buildings are of classical architecture and the tower is of Renaissance style. The exterior is of Indiana limestone. Greek marble has been used extensively in the interiors. The auditorium will accommodate 4000 people.

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For more money, the assortment spreads indefinitely. Folding scissors and knives with or without attachments, melt the heart of the ordinary boy, and are not unacceptable to his sister. A spoon, cup, or knife and fork of his very own appeal to nearly every child. Handkerchiefs, gloves, and ice—and roller skates are still popular. The latter pretty nearly fill the stockings without further help. Little articles of jewelry, simple and not showy, are allowable, even if they are not "real."

ITALIAN POLITICIANS FIGHT IN LONG RAPID DUEL Rome, Dec. 8.—Deputy Gambartola, a liberal, was disabled today by a wound in the forehead inflicted by Deputy Giuseppe de Felice-Giuffrida, a socialist, after the two had fought 23 bouts in a rapid duel. The quarrel arose out of an incident in the chamber of deputies.

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