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[Special Washington Letter.] ERTAIN Republican organ grinders are vociferating that Bryan is ambitious to be chairman of the Democratic national committee. In the language of Sir John Falstaff: "Lord, Lord! How

this world is given to lying!" The fact that Senator Fairbanks of Indiana—if it be a fact—is spending his money in starting newspapers in the south to promote his presidential boom demonstrates that he is a mere tyro in capturing southern Republican delegates. What they want is not newspapers, but cold cash. If the altitudinous Hoosier senator will invest a few dollars in John Sherman's book and read what John has to say about how General Russell A. Alger euchred him out of his southern delegates, hes will be a wiser, if a sadder, man.

Southern Republican delegates come high. Shortly after the Sherman-Alger-Harrison convention of 1888 a stranger was visiting in Texas. In front of a hotel he met a colored brother who was sporting an unusually handsome gold watch and who informed the stranger that he obtained his timepiece at the Chicago convention. "Were you a delegate?" asked the stranger. "No, sah." replied the colored patriot. "I was only an alternate. If I had been delegate, I would have owned this

De gustibus non est disputandum! Senator Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina is hissed vigorously wherever he lectures in the north. Yet he keeps on lecturing. He appears to be as great glutton for bisses as Jim Jeffries is for physical thumping.

The question, "The tiger or the lady?" bequeathed to the world by Frank R. Stockton, has bothered the minds of a great many people for a great many moons, but it pales into utter insignificance beside this one, "Statesman or mountebank?" as ap-He is certainly the enigma of the hour. The late lamented Phineas T. Barnum was not in it for one moment as an advertiser, and so far as leading a strenuous life is concerned President Roosevelt's is flat and stale when compared with the South American's.

"The early bird catches the worm" philosophy is certainly believed in by the Republican mayor of Indianapolis, Hon. C. A. Bookwalter. He is a candidate for re-election and ordered a nomination convention for Saturday, March 28, notwithstanding the fact that the election does not take place until Oct. 13. If Brother Bookwalter will consult the "Sage of Wolfert's Roost" as to the policy or impolicy, wisdom or unwisdom, of the early bird convention, he may learn something to his advantage.

Free From "Carpetbagger" Debt. The Democrats of Missouri recenfly had a grand blowout when the last "Republican state bond" was paid off. The carpetbaggers had possession of Missouri only eight years, but most emphatically they made hay while the sun was shining. Missouri was the richest state that ever fell into their clutches, and they plundered her at a most amazing rate. She escaped from their iron grasp in 1871, and since then the Democrats have so wisely and economically administered her affairs that at last they have paid off the huge debt bequeathed to them. Most of the county and township debts have also been paid off-debts created by corrupt Republican county courts. Missouri is now a fit subject for congrat-

"Festina lente" ("Go slow") would be a tiptop motto for those silly and evil minded persons who are incubating a plan to kidnap President Roosevelt. They are liable to find themselves in the harrowing condition of the adventurous idiot that caught a bear by the tail and then yelled lustily for somee body to help him let loose. When the president turns his strenuosity full blast upon them, they are liable to pray for the mountains to fall upon them-that is, if kidnapers ever pray. My advice to them is Puck's-"Don't!"

Wonder if Governor Richard Yates of Illinois ever pesters his head to find out why there is so much talk of Governor Cummins of Iowa for vice president and so little of Governor Yates? Illinois and Iowa lie alongside each other, and both are Republican states. Yates has been governor twice as long as Cummins and is governor of a state with twice the population of Iowa. The reason lies chiefly in the fact that Governor Cummins has ideas of his own, or, rather, an

idea, which he borrowed from the Democrats-"the Iowa idea," so called, of tariff reduction. Speak Low. Judge David A. De Armond of Missouri introduced a resolution into the house just before the adjournment of congress looking to the annexation of the North American British possessions. He probably did it because he favors annexation, and for no other reason. He never dreamed that he was injuring the political prospects of any living man; but, as a matter of fact, his resolution was the cause of the undoing of Colonel John L. Bittinger of St. Joseph, Mo., consul general to Montreal. He expressed himself vig-Good accomodation for the traveling orously and volubly in favor of De-Ar- dis

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Minority Rule In Rhode Island. Fruits From Our Colonies Ran-

the parrot that talked too been warned thereby. Admiral George Dewey also seem to have developed an unaccountable mania for talking. As an old woman whom I knew in my youth used to say, "His tongue appears to be loose at both ends and tied in the middle." He curtly and correctly disposed of Grover Cleveland's candidacy for the presidency by saying laconically, "He is too old!" and he knocked the fat into the fire by his comparison of the American and German navies. "Speech is silvern, but silence is golden."

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It may not be considered improper at this time to call the careful and prayerful attention of such eminent reformers as Judge Crumpacker of Indiana to the fact that the Wisconsin legislature, largely Republican in both branches, is incubating a bill prohibiting the intermarriage of Caucasians and persons of African descent. The judge thinks that the negroes are being maltreated down south, but Wisconsin is closer to him, and he can jump on that legislature which is discriminating against colored folks without jumping so far as he is compelled to jump in order to jump on South Carolina, Mississippi or Louisiana.

It might also be well for Hon. John C. Spooner to drop that Indianalo postoffice case long enough to address a few words of admonition to the legislature which recently re-elected him to the senate of the United States, but it's dollars to doughnuts that neither Senator Spooner nor Congressman Crumpacker will open his chops to protest against the Wisconsin law against miscegenation.

Surely the Missouri Republicans have not heard the news that the consulship at Guayaquil, with a salary and perquisites amounting to \$5,000, is vacant and that nobody is applying for it. Guayaquil is on the equator. Thomas Nast, consul, died there recently; yellow fever indigenous. Nobody wants Most assuredly Missouri Republicans have not heard of that, else one of them, indeed scores of them, would have offered to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country. What to a Missouri Republican is the equator, what the yellow fever, when a good, fat salary is in sight? Harmony In Iowa.

That delightful and much explosted Harmony, with a big, big H, now existing in the Republican party is curiously illustrated by an unseemly wrangle pow going on between Governor Cummins of Iowa and Congressman Hull of the Des Moines district as to bottle washer at the Roosevelt festivities soon to be pulled off in the capital city of the Hawkeye State. Those two statesmen hate each other more venomously than did the Montagues and Capulets. Each is the head of a faction, and it's a factional war to the death. Each aspires to be the whole show-to be "it." Consequently as soon as it was announced that Presi dent Roosevelt in "swinging around the circle" would stop at Des Moines each concluded to make political capthe scheming promptly began and continues. It is already attracting much attention. These two enemies live in the same state, county, city, ward and precinct. It is an open secret that Cummins has made up his mind to

ital out of that event for himself, and drive Hull out of public life, and no man loves public life more than Hull. No doubt President Roosevelt will be in a frame of mind to exclaim, "A plague on both your houses!"

The editor of the Washington Post ought to be arrested under the statute against cruelty to animals, for he makes this irreverent remark: The Hon, William F. Harrity is being

mentioned occasionally in the current po-litical gossip. It is about time for Don M. Dickinson to begin to stand around and make remarks. Does not the Post know that in making such a fling at Don M. Dickinson it is poking fun at the most gorgeous

mutton chop whiskers in America? How can the Post be so heartless? Undemocratic; Unrepublican. The Washington Post, independent contains this vigorous, scathing and truthful editorial, touching the deplor-

able condition of affairs in Rhode Is land and Connecticut? The constitution of Rhode Island is al-most as unrepublican and antidemocratic as that of Connecticut, and there is even less prospect of reform in the former than in the latter state. While each of the two commonwealths probably meets the requirement of the federal constitution, "a publican form of government," both are robably deficient in the spirit of repub-Connecticut monstrosity, but much less publicity has been given to Rhode Isvery equitable sixty years ago, and it

5,520 voters, elect twenty out of thirty-eight senators. Eight cities and towns, with a population of \$30,000, elect only eight senators. Providence has 20,000 votple can and do prevent any am of the constitution that would deprive them of plenary power. This minority rule is the chief source of the bribery and corruption with which Rhode Island is disgraced. As the Chicago Tribune puts

mond's resolution and was promptly bounced. Colonel Bittinger should have considered the unhappy end of it would take much money to carry an

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The following dispatch from Boston conveys a valuable lesson; some with its picturesque esting and its solemn meaning the starry bunner alone brightening the spot where the men stood contrasting with the dark blue of their uniforms and the white coat of the

"No one shall ever say a word age my presence. Repeat that

And it was done.

And then a hem of the ship's fing was handed the man. "Kiss it," was the order, and six times was the ceremony performed while all the officers and men watched. Then the oath of allegtand was The offense which the man had commit-ted was vile abuse of the government, winding up by calling the flag a dirty rag. Colored Men on Juries.

Where, oh, where was Judge Crum packer of Indiana when Mr. Justice Holmes of the supreme court of the United States, a rock ribbed Republican, was rendering the opinion referred to in the following editorial from the Boston Herald? The Herald says:

Justice Holmes of the United States was preme court handed Sywn a decision of Monday that has some bearing on the race question. A convicted murderer sought a new trial on the ground that the trial, which was in South Carolina, was invalidated because, of the community of the population of the community invalidated because, although four-fifthe the court was against a new trial. It was held that no proof was shown supporting the claim that the Jury was unfair. We do not see how it could be wise or safe to declare that a jury trying a negro mus have one or more negroes on it. Doubt-less there are sections where such a requirement would mean a certain die ment of the jury, no matter what ethe should have been put on the jury the accused requested it as a right. We do not understand that a comthe verdict was contrary to the evide

The Most Unkindest Cut of All. Ministers of grace, defend us! How are the mighty fallen! Is life worth which of them shall be chief cook and living? Here comes the Washington Post and makes the following astound ing remarks:

The frequent defaloation of Hawalian officials doesn't necessarily mean that popular government of the islands is a failure. It should be borne in mind that and the natives have not had a fair chance to show what they can do in that

gests several things: (1) It is a broad insinuation that New Englanders are more corrupt than the mongrel population of Hawaii, which is hard to lieve. If true, it is most deplorable. That paragraph could not have been intended for humor. If so, hereafter when the Post intends to be facetious it ought to label its output thus; "This is a joke." (2) What has become of all of the virtue and intelligence whichwe were assured in the summer of 1898 were possessed by the Hawailana? I have a distinct recollection that when was bottestly discharging my duty to my country and my kind by opposing the annexation of those islands in June, 1808, the Washington papers lambasted me to the queen's tasts and declared that the Hawalians whom I was trying to keep out were an extraordinarily fine lot of citizens. (3) Are they defaulting -a mild name for stealing-because the thievish propensity was natural or because our satraps have taught them the trick? Our leper colony does not appear to have been such a glorious acquisition after all. He's Coming.

Reference is not here made to Pres dent Roosevelt, but to that other eminent, if not illustrious, Republican statesman, the sultan of Sulu. That famous Republican potentate is comtion. He will undoubtedly prove a drawing card, especially if he is accominue of concubines! And Christian monogamy will be called upon to foot we are a world power, you know chase? Was it not that brilliant man Thomas Brackett Reed who enunciate head for the yellow bellies in the Philippines, as he irreverently den ous is our freatment of polygamists' three wives. Reed Smoot, a Republic an, is kept in the senate! The sultan wined and dined at the public expense!

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