

ROOSEVELT'S speech last Thursday at Columbus, Ohio, has attracted much attention, although he disappointed many by not alluding at all to his much discussed candidacy for a third term as President.

His speech, however, is considered a declaration of the platform on which he would stand, if a candidate. He dwelt at length on the initiative, referendum and recall, and not only favored the recall of judges but even of their decisions.

P. S.—Since the above was put in type Roosevelt has formally announced his candidacy, or that he will accept the nomination if tendered him, which of course is the same thing.

MEXICO may yet involve our country in her internal trouble. The outlook is now about as bad and threatening as it was a year ago, when so large a part of our army was sent to the frontier in order to protect American citizens and property.

WHEN shall the senatorial primary be held? This question must be answered by the next Democratic State convention, and in the meantime the question should be carefully considered.

Opinion seems to be divided as to the best day for the primary. Some favor the day of election, others another day, and there are some good reasons advanced by both.

A RECENT bulletin issued by the United States Department of Commerce and Labor gives some interesting statistics as to the farms in this State as reported by the last census, taken in April, 1910.

But it is argued by those who prefer another day that, if the senatorial primary is held on election day, the Democrats may be so zealous for their respective senatorial favorites that they will fight each other (figuratively) and not help the regularly nominated candidates for their offices.

EVEN Gen. Grant with all his prestige and popularity could not secure the nomination of a third term as President, and he was the only President who ever attempted it, and yet Col. Roosevelt and his admirers seem to think that he not only can secure it but that it will be tendered him without any desire or effort on his part to have it.

This effort to nominate Roosevelt shows the desperate straits to which the Republican party is driven, and like a drowning man is grasping at a straw. Of course it is an admission that the present Republican administration is a failure and that President Taft has not measured up to the expectations and promises of the party.

Colonel Roosevelt's candidacy might seem very strange and startling in any other man (for nothing seems strange or startling for him to do) after he had more than once solemnly and emphatically announced that "under no circumstances" would he accept a nomination for a third term.

The truth is the Mexicans are incapable of self-government and it was only the dictatorial, almost despotic rule, of President Diaz that enabled Mexico to enjoy peace and prosperity for many years preceding last year's revolution.

We sincerely hope that our country may not have to intervene and take part in Mexico's present troubles. Such action, however necessary or justifiable it may be, would involve us in an expensive and unprofitable war, and the two warring factions in Mexico might unite in resisting our intervention, just as a man and wife will unite and fight each other to resist the intervention of some peace-making neighbor.

The total number of farm operators is 253,725, of whom 145,330 are classed as owners, 107,287 as tenants and 1,118 as managers. The average value of the

farm is put at \$2,119, of which sum \$1,800 represents the average value of the land and buildings, \$247 of live stock and \$73 the value of implements and machinery. All but 412 of the white farmers are native born, there being fewer farmers of foreign birth in this State than in any other.

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Ex-Gov. Aycock announces that he will open his campaign for the senatorial nomination about first of April with a speech at Raleigh, and that he will then visit every section of the State "preaching democracy."

Two colored children were burned to death last Saturday morning at Lenoir. They had been left in the house by their parents when the latter went to their work and the origin of the fire is unknown.

For a sprain you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition.

Demands for relief of the battleship Maine are so numerous the navy department has found it necessary to send for a shipload in addition to the collection brought to Washington by the collier Leonidas.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me."

Last Saturday afternoon our register of deeds, W. R. Gragg, completed the registration of the large deed for the Grandin Lumber Company. The documents combined contained 190,000 words, and Mr. Gragg, with his record machine, completed the work in 23 1/2 days.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The suggestion that the government buy and operate all telegraph lines as an adjunct on the postal system. Mr. Taft said that if it could be shown that the public would benefit by receiving service at a less price than is now paid, he might think differently of the plan.

New Orleans, Feb. 22.—A total of twenty persons were killed and at least three score injured, many of them seriously, in the cyclonic storm which swept through a strip of northern Louisiana and Mississippi Tuesday evening. The property damage, according to the incomplete reports received here, will perhaps total a half million dollars.

S. A. Sted, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me."

Robert Riggsbee, a young line-man in the employ of the Interstate Telephone Company, fell from a telephone pole on the main street of Durham last Wednesday and was instantly killed. He was climbing to the top of the pole on the cross arms, when when he lost his hold in some way and fell to the hard pavement below.

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Whether the government will construct a canal across the State of Florida is being considered by the rivers and harbors board at the war department. The report of the army engineers who made an investigation is said to be adverse to the project.

No more limping for Tom Moore, of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help (till) I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me."

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