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## ROOSEVELT WILL TAKE ATTITUDE PLAIN WITHIN TWO WEEKS

It is Predicted that the Ex-President will not Mince Matters When he Finally Expresses Himself. Peace Dinner Presented a Reason for Discussion

Oyster Bay, Jan. 3.—Theodore Roosevelt will probably be heard from in no uncertain terms within the next two weeks as to his political attitude.

Friends say his first consideration will be the welfare of the Republican party. While scores of statements have been made public by prominent Republicans saying they believe the re-nomination of Taft will mean the complete rout of the Republican party the former President has received similar reports by the tens of thousands.

Upon a close investigation into these reports an examination that will not only deal with rumors and personal opinion, but with plain facts and practical politics, will rest Mr. Roosevelt's decision, according to some of his closest advisers.

Upon his return here tonight he was asked in regard to a rumor that President Taft had told friends that he will offer to resign from the Presidential contest if Roosevelt will announce that he is a candidate.

"I don't believe a word of it," he replied. "Even if the report should be confirmed I should not have a word to say about it. The rumor is an ignominious lie, however."

Questioned as to a report that Secretary Hilges and Otto Bannard had seen him and delivered a message from the President, he said:

"I haven't seen either of them and have no appointment. I have said I am willing to see any one."

The former President would not permit any question to be put to him in regard to the New York Assembly Speakership contest. His friends say that he has close acquaintances on both sides, but believes the members should be left to themselves in the matter of organization.

Although Gifford Pinchot has recently been supporting Senator La Follette's boom, friends of Roosevelt say there has not been the slightest break between the ex-President and the former forester.

In regard to a Washington despatch Roosevelt was asked:

"It is reported that on Friday evening you will make a speech at a dinner that will be of great interest."

"To electrify things—eh?"—he replied. "Well I can say I have no dinner engagements. I am not yet hungry."

The former President said he had done nothing one way or another in regard to his name being placed in nomination in the Nebraska primaries. When asked if any one of consequence or authority had arranged to place his name before the voters in the New Jersey primaries Roosevelt replied: "That would require a definition of authority or of consequence. I will not deny or affirm rumors of the sort. Of course the Peace Dinner, with its strong-arm men preserving peace, presented a reason for discussion, but now the Peace Dinner is over."

## TRYING THE CHRISTMAS TOOLS



## SCISSORGRAPHS SEVERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The famous sheet quarrel. For the commercial traveler is a poor lone critter; he has no wife with him to hear his complaints and join in the chorus of his anger; he must fight the landlord on his own account and cannot make his wife's comfort the excuse of his demands for extra and long bedclothes. At home, he may accuse his spouse of demanding the lion's share of comfort, he may even rehearse the familiar strains of that lovely Swinburnian lyric:

## 10,000 POUNDS-FISH UN- LOADED HERE YESTERDAY

Unusually Early Catch of Trout and Croakers Recorded Down the River—Attributed to High Winds at Sea.

The "Annie Lena White," and "Alma White" came into this port yesterday laden with 10,000 pounds of trout and croakers. This is an unusually early catch, and a record catch, as only a small percentage of the fish came to this market. This unusually early catch is attributed to the high seas off the coast driving them to sheltered waters. A gale had been blowing here last night, which is also unusual for this time in the season.

All the guests were presented with souvenir pin cushions. Following this, dainty refreshments were served, after which the guests departed, leaving Mrs. Dough a charming hostess. Mrs. R. B. Shaw of Washington and Mrs. T. H. Blount, of Weldon, were the guests of honor.

Tuesday evening there was given another one of our enjoyable oyster roasts. At the foot of the bridge a big fire was started and in the circle of light could be seen the following couples: Miss Clara Litchfield with J. Hooker, Miss Garnet Bonner with R. S. Thompson, Miss Helen Shaw of Washington with J. A. Bonner, Miss Mary Bonner with Grady Bonner, Miss Hannah Cuthrell with G. Dixon, Miss Minta Bonner with G. J. Bonner Jr., Miss Lola Thompson with W. T. Bryant Jr., Miss Rebecca Bonner and W. M. Hooker Jr.

## ANTI-HARMON LEAGUE ORGANIZED IN OHIO

Bryan Heralded as "Ablest to Represent Progressive Ideals in Any Party"

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—Although many of the congressmen who today organized the Progressive Democratic League of Ohio had avowed their intention to declare against the Presidential candidacy of Gov. Judson Harmon, his name was mentioned only incidentally. Ex-Congressman John J. Lentz of this city was elected president.

The name of W. J. Bryan, heralded as "ablest to represent the Progressive Ideals in any party," was received with applause.

The resolutions, relating wholly to delegates and not outlining any principles, in any party.

"That to protect the Progressive Democrats of Ohio against the possibility of any traitor among those 48 delegates, it is imperative that no advocate, associate, protector, ally, agent, counsel, attorney, receiver, champion or hireling of Wall Street or other predatory interest be chosen as delegate."

## MORE THAN NINE DOLLARS PER MEMBER AVERAGE

The Methodists Showed That This Average Had Been Raised Last Year—Churches Closed since Last Night

At the First M. E. church on last evening at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., presiding elder, opened the meeting with appropriate religious services. Mr. C. G. Harris was elected secretary. The pastor called the roll and twelve members responded. Reference to the past year showed \$4,053.10 raised for all purposes, an average of more than \$5 per member; also twenty-nine members were received. Since the last meeting eleven children have been baptized and six persons have been taken into membership.

All the business of the church is in hopeful condition. Messrs. E. N. Leggett, C. F. Bland, W. K. Jacobson and C. G. Harris were elected as delegates to the district conference to be held in Bethel, probably in March.

Prof. N. C. Newbold was elected church leader.

Several ladies zealously attended and added interest to the meeting. Their own work made a very satisfactory showing.

## MR. HODGES OF BEAUFORT WILL REFUSE TO FIGHT

Makes an Incendiary Speech in Winston-Salem—Socialism His Theme.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 2.—The Socialist party of North Carolina with representatives from twelve counties, numbering 100 delegates, in a convention here yesterday, was treated to the spectacle of R. E. Hodges, a delegate from Beaufort, shouting that "Socialists will refuse to fight in the next war in which the United States engages regardless of what nation may be the attacking party. We will let the Capitalists who caused the war do the fighting for Uncle Sam, if any fighting is done."

## AURORA IS WIDE AWAKE EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR

Our Regular Correspondent Contributes an Interesting News Letter.

Thursday evening, Dec. 25, the Small High school quart gave an entertainment in the Aurora graded school building. Although the quart are only amateurs, they did the work of professionals. They are now working to raise funds to build a M. E. church at Small, and quite a nice sum was realized.

On Friday evening the Le Lirio Club was entertained by Mr. D. M. Dough. Koats was the poet selected for discussion. Mrs. L. T. Thompson wrote a sketch of his life and Mrs. W. A. Thompson read a collection from Koats. After the literary program was finished the guests engaged in a lively contest in which Mrs. W. A. Thompson won the prize.

## VESSELS IN PORT

Following are the arrivals:

Schooner Carrie E., Capt. Stover; from Russ Marsh. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Maigle, Capt. W. H. Gaskill; from Wyatt. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Rose Pierce, Capt. Wm. Gaskill; from Wyatt. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Lucrea, Capt. Wm. Gaskill; from Lufkin. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Casey Jones, Capt. Rose Gaskill; from Goose Creek. Cargo, oysters.

Schooner Myrtle, Capt. W. R. Padgett; from Winsteadville. Cargo, general.

Schooner Sarah F. Midrett, Capt. J. H. Barry; from Swan Quarter. Cargo, seed cotton.

Following were the departures:

Schooner Goldslee, Capt. Simpson.

Schooner A. L. White, Capt. Peala For Hatters.

Schooner Alma White, Capt. A. P. Oates. For Hatters.

Schooner Minnie Gertrude, Capt. W. S. Rice. For Lenoirville.

Schooner Mary Gaskill, Capt. J. H. Thornton. For Norfolk.

## ALEXANDER POPE WAS RIGHT.

The proper study of mankind is man—Alexander Pope.

Mr. Pope, who was writing poetry about 300 years ago, was exactly right in his declaration quoted above. If you would study man you might study his deeds.

Where will you learn about them except in the newspapers?

These accurate histories of the world's affairs tell what man is doing everywhere whether it is lying through the air, stealing a million dollars, laboring for world peace, plotting to overthrow a government or to establish one, committing a murder or trying to escape punishment for one already done, making a political speech of watching the antics of a comet.

Nothing that is interesting or important escapes the grasp of the newspapers.

News that literally costs thousands of dollars to collect is printed and given in the reader for a cent or two. Can you, can any man, afford to miss such a mental treat and financial bargain?

—Take the Daily News.

## WOULD NOT LOOK NATURAL.

Mr. Roosevelt's militant characteristics have been featured so long he probably felt he would not look natural at that peace banquet.—Des Moines Capital.

## PROBABLY SO.

Let the girls at Wellesley be not dismayed. Several Presidents of the United States could not spell "believe" or "receive" or "separate".—Chicago Examiner.

## IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Among the important discoveries of the dyk year we count that of the Sherman law by a certain highly organized oprtion of the business community.—St. Louis Republic.

## DANGEROUS PLANK.

If it is true that Colonel Bryan will attempt to put a prohibition plank in national Democratic platform, it will be surprising if Hon. Roger Sullivan does not get an apoplectic stroke in the convention and Hon. Tom Taggart burst a blood vessel.—Dallas News.

## CONNECTION NOT WIRELESS.

Since Nick Longworth has declared father-in-law will not be a candidate for the presidency, there is every reason to believe Oyster Bay doesn't keep up constant wireless connection with Cincinnati.—Nashville Tennessean.

## BRIEF NOTES, GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Chamber of Commerce will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Home-seekers excursion will reach this city on the 13th.

Shelby's oyster ship went down this morning, carrying several tons of shells with it.

## THE DOVE OF PEACE HAS TROUBLE ON ITS WINGS

As the End of the Bonus Draws Near—Is Your Time Wasting or Is Today the Turning Point?

Do you recall that harmless but unhappy youth of an insane asylum who thought he was a fried egg done to a turn, and whose whole existence was embittered by the belief that he was going to waste because no one would eat him? It was an especially sad case because it was useless to reason with the poor wretch and impossible to humor him. Argument drove him to frenzy.

And when the whole staff of the institution joined in extolling his appetizing savor and telling him how good he looked, he only riled at them for fools and complained that he was getting cold while they talked.

Well, that, exactly the way a great many work, who are struggling along, wishing for an opportunity to accomplish great things. And especially in a voting contest.

They can look all around and see and know they could do so much, but instead of getting out and making a strike for the subscriptions, they wait and bemoan that people don't come to them and give them their votes without having been asked—and consequently some other worker comes in with a bunch and gets the daily Bonus. Contestants, the Contest has reached a turning point now and its going to take genuine work to keep the pace set by some, or else all the efforts you have exercised will go to waste.

The close of the 40,000 Bonus is just ahead—but a few hours work will cut down two or three of them. Get every cent in between now and Monday night. Every dollar remitted over the Bonus offer will be given at the ratio of \$20. But remember the offer closes Monday night.

## FIRST BONUS PERIOD IN THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS VOTING CONTEST

For every \$20.00 for Subscriptions, new or old, sent in by or for Contestants in the News Voting Contest, between the dates of Dec. 11th and Jan. 8th, 1912, a Bonus of 40,000 Free Votes will be given.

One, two, or three, or any number of years, count on this offer; any combination may be used to make \$20.00.

Persons having sent in three or six months subscriptions before, may extend their time and the Contestants securing the extension will receive the increase vote.

This is positively the largest Bonus offer that will be made. Don't forget The Daily Bonus that goes with it.

This offer opens a channel you cannot afford to miss. It's easier to get Free Votes now, than to get extra Subscriptions later. This offer is made to every Contestant regardless of district.

Send in your subscriptions every day or every few days, to enable those in charge to get the papers started at once. Subscriptions turned in any time between these dates will be counted in this offer. Do not hold them until the last day. Read Rules 4 and 13 and get busy.

## STANDING OF CONTESTANTS: District No. 1—Washington, N. C.

Miss Olivia Jordan	509,750
Miss Lillian Swanner	495,450
Miss Mary Shaw	488,750
Miss Madeline Ellsworth	420,000
Miss Lizzie Kelly	310,375
Miss Fannie Stewart	280,000
Miss Carrol Willis	226,250
District No. 2.	
Mrs. Marion T. Mayo, South Creek	375,075
Miss Rena Rowe, Aurora, N. C.	255,400
Miss Nina Redditt, Edward, N. C.	223,500
District No. 3.	
Miss Lucy G. Wollard, R. F. D. No. 1	318,050
Miss Alice Woolard	294,300
Miss Mary Marsh, Bath, N. C.	213,075
Miss Willie Lee Latham, Pantego	90,500
Miss Nancy Marsh, Bath, N. C.	17,800
Miss Ella Baynor, Leechville, N. C.	14,600
Miss Kate Eborn, Bath, N. C.	11,750
District No. 4.	
Miss Leta Cartwright, Swan Quarter, N. C.	85,525
Miss Lottie Silverthorn, Middleton, N. C.	50,750
Miss Ruth Chadwick, Rose Bay, N. C.	38,000
Miss Ruth Silverthorn, Englehard, N. C.	37,220

Rules Governing Contest.

Rule 1.—Only one nominating coupon entitling each contestant to 1,000 votes will be allowed.

Rule 2.—Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions prepaid, renewals, collecting past due subscriptions or by clipping free voting coupons from each issue.

Rule 3.—Contestants may secure as many free voting certificates as possible and vote them each week.

Rule 4.—Names collected by Contestants on subscriptions must be turned over to Contest Manager by 8 o'clock Saturday night of the week in which receipt is issued for same. Failure to make report of such collection within specified time will forfeit your right to votes on such amounts.

Rule 5.—Contest Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same are valid.

Rule 6.—No employe of The Daily News, or member of any family connected with the paper will be permitted to participate in the contest.

Rule 7.—Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for money paid Contestants.

Rule 8.—All money for subscription must be paid to Contest Manager, who will upon receipt of same, issue Voting Coupons to cover the amount paid in.

Rule 9.—Any question that may arise between contestants will be determined by the Contest Manager, and this decision will be final.

Rule 10.—Contestants are at liberty to secure subscriptions anywhere regardless of what district they live in.

Rule 11.—The right is reserved to reject any name for cause, also to alter these rules should occasion demand.

Rule 12.—Votes can not be transferred by one contestant to another after same have been placed to her credit.

Rule 13.—All out of town Contestants are allowed the privilege of mailing their coupons and money collected for subscriptions; such letters should be addressed to Contest Manager, Daily News. The postmark of your postoffice must show the hour and date said letter containing votes entered your office. Therefore letters or packages bearing the postmark of the last mail leaving your office nearest the hour named in any proposition made by us will be acceptable.

Therefore letters or packages bearing the postmark of the First Mail leaving your postoffice after the hour and date named in any proposition made by us will be accepted.

To all who enter this contest we guarantee fair and impartial treatment.

For any information call on or address the Contest Manager, and same will cheerfully be given.

Yours respectfully,  
MISS ETHEL HOUSTON,  
Contest Mgr.

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