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THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

There is now a noticeable feeling of hopefulness prevalent among the Republican senators and members of the House of Representatives since the Democratic victory of 1910. It is everywhere admitted that the platform to be adopted at the Chicago convention next month will be thoroughly progressive yet conservatively progressive, and will be such a one as will appeal to the business men of the country and that the Republican nominee on that platform will receive the full Republican vote, East, West, North and South.

It will be recalled that in 1872 the Republican party was also seriously divided and it was feared that the national ticket would be defeated, so serious was the split before the National convention, but the Republican party is fortunate in that while it often fights hard within itself before the convention, yet after the national ticket is nominated all hands as a rule get together and pull hard for the election as they did in 1872 and it is believed this will be the case in 1912.

Furthermore, the Republicans have much to feel encouraged over on account of the situation which confronts the Democratic camp. It has gradually leaked out why William K. Hearst, who is sometimes a Democrat and sometimes a bolter, is at the present time so vigorously supporting Speaker Clark for the Democratic nomination. The reason is that Clark is a Western man, and if nominated the Democrats of course will pick an "Eastern man" to run with him, and Mr. Hearst believes that "he will be that Eastern man," and if he is not, those who know him believe that he will bolt the ticket because he is not apt to support any ticket unless it offers something for "Willie Hearst."

In view of the great Hearst wealth of \$50,000,000 and his string of powerful newspapers, he is enabled to make an effective fight to secure the Democratic nomination for Mr. Clark.

The Republican leaders believe that it will be comparatively easy to defeat the Democrats this fall if Speaker Clark is nominated. In the first place he has been a most prolific talker and has said many indiscreet things. His break about "reciprocity with Canada leading to annexation," was the cause of the Canadian defeat of the reciprocity treaty. He has also said bitter things about Grover Cleveland and his followers. Several times in his speech making career he has threatened to "cut somebody's throat," and otherwise made a record that would defeat him. So it will be readily seen that the Republicans have a great deal to be hopeful for, and while they have their bitter fights yet the Democratic camp is also in a happy position.—Portsmouth (O.) Blade.

Common Mistakes of Farmers.

As another example, what great economic folly can one conceive of than the common practice of letting baled cotton lie on the damp ground all winter on the foolish assumption that the farmer may profit by a possible gain in weight?

As a matter of fact, the farmer will lose \$5 in damage to grade for every \$1 he will profit by increase in weight. Nobody but a fool would pay as much for dirty weather-damaged cotton as for dry, clean, well-kept, neatly handled lint, and the cotton buyer and cotton manufacturer are not fools; mark that.

Some people may wonder why cotton buyers don't object to this method of handling cotton, if what

we are saying is correct. But the explanation is very simple. The policy doesn't hurt the cotton buyer. On the contrary, it frequently helps him. This happens in this way: When a bale of damaged cotton is offered for sale, the buyer always figures on deducting enough to make good the loss of the damaged portion, and to protect himself he usually figures on about twice the damage that is really apparent. For instance if the buyer believes there is five pounds damage on a bale, he figures on reducing the price sufficiently to cover a loss of ten pounds if the damage is, say 20 pounds, he makes an estimate allowing 40 or 50 pounds. Mr. C. C. Moore told us recently of one buyer who said he had made \$20,000 in a single season by profiting on weather-damaged.

No, Sir, Mr. Cotton Manufacturer is no fool. He doesn't need to pay 10 cents a pound for moisture that the Almighty furnishes as free as the air—and he isn't going to do it. Mr. Manufacturer never pays you a cent for such water—and never will; and you are only fooling yourself and cheating yourself when you pretend that he does.

If you have money to throw away, money that neither you, your wife nor children have any use for, perhaps you may think it all right to let your cotton values rot on the ground. But other wise, the one big fact to keep always in mind is just this:

For every one dollar you gain in weight you will lose five dollars in grade.

Corn Dumpling vs. Corn Dodger.

Asheville Gazette News. It has come to our knowledge that at least two men in this town alleged Southerners, or near-Southerners, are engaged in promulgating the prehistoric dictum that a corn dumpling is a corn dodger.

This information, we are constrained to view with unmixed alarm. With such heresies stalking thus boldly forth, whether on account of ignorance or impelled by some sinister motive, we do not know what is to become of this country, and it is perhaps just as well that we do not.

A corn dumpling is the result of a gom of corn meal dough being suspended in potlicker during the formation of the potlicker from its constituents which should include sallet, a chunk of jowl and water. The corn dumpling occupies its own place of dignity and importance in the universal scheme and said scheme would be defective without it, but that it should be confounded with the corn dodger is intolerable.

The latter has nothing to do with sallet or potlicker. It is properly ovoid in form, with a substantial brownish crust and a dry consistent goodness within. The corn dodger was one of the most important facts of the old South, and on it the new South was built. It is the diet for Herculean labors. As a fuel for the machine to roll logs, dig ditches, raise houses, split rails and wield a scythe it is not surpassed if indeed equaled. Compared to it, the corn dumpling sinks to the comparative insignificance of a luxury. It is to compare an empire building food to a mere epicurean relish.

All right thinking people will deplore the effort to obscure and confound the corn dodger.

The Negro Is a Democrat.

Charlotte Observer, 12th. Bishop Alexander Walters, of New York City, who is attending the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Charlotte, is President of the National Colored Democratic League of New York, and is doing the best work of his life trying

to break the strangle hold which the Republican party has had upon his people since their emancipation. Several days ago he was interviewed by a reporter for The Evening Chronicle and spoke in a very hopeful way of the work his League is doing. At the last election he believed that sixty, probably seventy, per cent of the colored votes was cast for Democratic candidates, showing that the colored people are really not averse to political affiliation with the Democratic party.

Bishop Walters says that "the negro is naturally a Democrat," and he believes that if there should be an open political road for him and all unfavorable restrictions should be removed, "the South would soon see on which side the negro would vote."

Shenandoah's Curfew.

An interested reader requests some interesting points about the curfew law in your "Forum" of May 13th. In Shenandoah a whistle is blown at 8:45 p. m., three long blasts. This whistle can be heard in all of the theatres and other places of amusement. Any boy or girl under sixteen years of age must leave the place of amusement as soon as this whistle is blown unless accompanied by an adult or any one over twenty-one years of age. Again at nine o'clock this whistle is blown and any boy or girl found unaccompanied by a guardian is taken home by the police and the parents warned; and if this same boy or girl is found the second time on the street he or she is taken to the borough or lockup and held there over night unless the parents of the child pay a fine of \$5. Shenandoah's curfew is lived up to in every way.—A Shenandoah Reader in Philadelphia Press.

Human Flesh Found in Plug of Tobacco.

Statesville, May 17.—How would you like to find yourself chewing human flesh? Well that is the experience of Mr. J. A. Rogers, an employ in the factory of the Statesville Safe & Table Co., who has for good reasons "sworn off" on chewing tobacco. Mr. Rogers had just bit off a "chew" from a plug of a popular brand of chewing tobacco, when he noticed something in the tobacco resembling bone. And one may imagine his feelings and indignation when on closer examination he discovered the portion of a human finger in the plug of tobacco. Of course the finger was mashed and dried, but it was a finger all right, cut off between the second and third joints. It is now on exhibition at the factory and those who have seen it say they can now easily quit chewing the weed. It is assumed that an operator in the factory where the tobacco was manufactured had the misfortune to get his finger caught in the tobacco mould and didn't take time to stop the machine to get the finger out. At any rate the portion of a finger has shown up in a plug of the tobacco, and at least one man won't be chewing any more tobacco.

Lost and Found.

A young man took his sweetheart to a ball. She wore a party dress. As they began to dance he noticed what he thought was a raveling sticking out of her sleeve. He tugged at it. It came easily, and during the remainder of the dance, raveling started to wind up that raveling he kept at it. It wasn't until the end of the dance that he had finished winding.

Next morning the girl said to her mother:

"Mother, an awfully funny thing happened to me last night. You know I went to that dance. Well, when I got home and got ready for bed I found my union suit had disappeared."

A Minneapolis manufacturer recently forbade the wearing of high heels on their shoes by the young women in his establishment.

An Attempt to Sidetrack the Parcels Post.

Baltimore Sun. The attempt has been made in the House of Representatives to sidetrack the parcels post plan by a bill fixing express rates. The bill makes a great reduction in express rates on packages weighing less than eleven pounds, and provision is made for the exchange of business between the express companies and the rural mail service.

This substitute will not satisfy the demand for the parcels post service, which has now become insistent. In former years the express companies were strong enough to defeat all attempts at the creation of a parcels post service by their silent influence. Now it seems they find the situation such as to make it expedient to offer a substitute. This has been fortified by arraying the country merchants against this great public convenience. There are many large sections of the country which the express companies do not reach, and those are the very sections where transportation facilities are most essential.

The absence of proper transportation facilities for small packages is causing great distress in this country to the producer and the consumer. The express service is insufficient; the companies are inefficient, careless and arrogant. The railroad companies do not seem to care for the transportation of packages and the express rates are in many cases prohibitory. The Inter-State Commerce Commission received reports of 2,988 overcharges by a single company in a single day. Commissioner Lane, of the Commerce Commission, estimated that 10,000 protests against overcharges had been made. Collecting freight on prepaid packages has not been uncommon, and an effort to recover the overcharges has taken more time than the amount of money involved was worth.

If all these things have been done when the charges were excessive, what guaranty is there that the service will improve after the rates have been reduced? In every civilized country except the United States the transportation and delivery of small packages is undertaken by the Governments at very low rates, and it is found to be profitable. The tremendous political influence of the express companies has heretofore been powerful enough to deny to the people of this country the convenience which the people of other countries enjoy. How long will this continue?

The New Bern Sun very correctly says: "Any newspaper has a perfect right to support any man it desires to for any position, but it should not try to break down the opposition by lies and misrepresentation." And by the same token no candidate should try to break down an opposing newspaper by lies and misrepresentation.

A Good one Hard to Find.

"I'll get a good one yet, even if I have to marry as many more." This was the defiant declaration of Mrs. Jennie Schewere, twenty-eight years old when committed to prison for a year on a charge of bigamy at Allentown, Pa.

The young woman is alleged to have ten husbands living. It is also alleged that she has never resorted to the formality of divorce. When arraigned she pleaded not guilty, boldly declaring that she had never been married at all. Records were then produced to show she had been married at least three times in this country. Detectives stated that they had located eight men to whom the woman had been married.

Do Your Duty and a Little More.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, in a recent address before a graduating class in New York, gave some excellent advice to the young men on how to attain success in life. Among other things, he said:

"There are several classes of young men. There are those who do not do all their duty, there are those who profess to do their duty and there is a third class, far better than the other two, that do their duty and a little more.

"There are many great pianists, but Paderewski is at the head because he does a little more than the others. There are hundreds of race-horses, but it is those who go a few seconds faster than the others that acquire renown. So it is in the sailing of yachts. It is the little more that wins. So it is with the young and old men who do a little more than their duty.

"No one can't cheat a young man out of success in life. You young lads have begun well, keep on. Don't bother about the future. Do your duty and a little more, and the future will take care of itself.—Ex.

If a freak garment shocks a woman, she'll wear it sooner or later.

The sermon that don't hurt is the sermon that don't hit.

All is Vanity, Sayeth The Prophet.

Fool Killer. I picked up a mail order catalogue and looked in the toilet department, just to see what all kinds of truck it does take to supply the demands of the female wimmen.

There were soaps, powders, perfumes, puffs, hair growers and hair removers, hair curlers and hair straighteners, creams, lotions and salves, grease, gags and gold-dingets. And there was also truck to make lean people fat, and then some truck to make fat people lean.

And all that put me to thinking. Some of these things are useful and necessary, no doubt, but it was the hair business and the fat business that took my time.

Miss Primp has straight hair and wants it curly, while Miss Peggy has curly hair and wants it straight. Always crazy for something they ain't got, and just as soon as they get it they want to swap it for something else.

Miss Longshanks wants to be fat and cuffy, while Miss Bunty would give a war-pension to be tall, slim and graceful. And if they could both be transformed into what they want to be, they would immediately want to be changed back. Which proves that we are all a set of blamed idiots and don't know what we want.

A Foe to Disorder.

An old woman who owns a small farm near the southern line of Colorado was greatly disturbed one day when she found a party of mining prospectors on her property.

"I pray the Lord that you people won't find no gold on my land," she said, with tears in her eyes, to the leader of the party.

"Why, madam," the surveyor replied, "the discovery of gold on your place would instantly increase its value many times."

"Maybe so," she said sadly, "but I don't want 'our farm all torn up."

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