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Ungracious.

How long will the Atlanta newspapers continue to abuse our patience? Was the hope vain that the primary in Georgia the other day would end the pot and kettle tirades that blackened the pages of the Journal and Constitution till they were only fit to stain the hands of self respecting readers who picked them up?

On the day following the primaries Clark Howell came out in the Constitution with a signed editorial calmly giving the reasons why he was defeated according to his lights and ending with a manly acknowledgment of the situation and a pledge of his support to the nominee of the party, a truly democratic submission to the will of the majority of his party as expressed in the primaries, coupled with some very patriotic sentiments on the love he felt for his state.

Mr. Howell's editorial was generally commented upon by the press of the south in a most appreciative way, several papers known to be partisans of Mr. Smith even joining in praise of the fine spirit shown by Mr. Howell after his defeat in one of the most bitter campaigns perhaps ever waged in this country between candidates of the same party.

So when Hoke Smith's Journal of that evening reached the desk of The Evening Times and an editorial entitled "Ungracious in Defeat" smote the unexpected eye, we could only say "How long, O Lord!" and then in despair read how the Journal said Mr. Howell exhibited at the conclusion of the campaign either the same woeful ignorance or willful desire to misrepresent that characterized him during the campaign, and considerable more along the same line that we had to read, but with which we will not inflict our readers.

Even if Mr. Howell had taken his defeat hard, it would have become the victorious Journal to comment on it, but as a matter of fact the Journal is the first paper to distinguish a note of bitterness in Mr. Howell's editorial. The Journal seems to be both ungracious in the hour of triumph and obtuse in its understanding of the common idioms of the language.

Speaker Cannon's Error.

The Washington Times, which is an independent republican paper, has found a serious misstatement in Speaker Cannon's speech at Danville, Illinois. Mr. Cannon said that the weekly earnings of all employes had increased 53.4 per cent. from 1894 to 1904, and that the retail price of food had increased in the same time only 12 per cent.

The Washington Times has examined the bulletin of the department of labor and commerce, from which Mr. Cannon quoted, and finds that it shows that the total wages paid out in a certain list of 3,732 industrial establishments was 53.4 per cent. larger in 1904, and when the increased number of employes is taken into consideration the weekly earnings per employe in 1904 were 14.8 per cent. higher than in 1894.

It seems that notwithstanding Mr. Cannon's evident ability to read Mr. Roosevelt with telling understanding, he cannot read statistics and at the same time see what they mean. He thought and made his hearers think that wages had increased 41-2 per cent. more than the cost of food, whereas they actually increased only about 3 per cent. more.

Running on the Ten Commandments.

District Attorney Jerome declares that he is running on the ten commandments, that Hearst is, that Higgins is going to, and that Odell is the greatest exponent of them all. He adds by way of emphasis that there is no one in public life, on the platform or in the platform, who does not have regard for the ten commandments. That is an unusual state of affairs in New York politics. But Mr. Jerome spotted the fine irony of it when he said that Mr. Hearst could not claim to be the prophet who came

down from the mount like the ten commandments, that he had habitually been more like Moses, who on a certain occasion, when irritated, broke them all at once.

Is This the Reason?

In consequence of his adoption of the essay method of spelling in public documents this paper cannot help harboring a sneaking belief that Mr. Roosevelt must have had some such experience with orthographical difficulties as the man the humorist Marshall P. Wilder used to and doubtless still is telling of. That fellow wanted to go to Narragansett Pier for his vacation, and in order to make sure of a room at that popular northern resort he stepped into a telegraph office in town and jauntily asked the young woman at the desk to write him a message to the Pier engaging his room.

"How do you spell Narragansett Pier?" asked the sweet operator.

"O, just the usual way," he replied carelessly.

"But I don't know the usual way, and I don't have to write your telegram anyway," responded the girl saucily.

"Do I have to spell it before I go there?" asked the man. He was told that he had.

"Well, then, I'll just go to Newport," said he, and all was serene.

The Wilmington Messenger calls attention to the fact that Mr. Bailey Robeson, who has recently bought the Mooresville Enterprise, got the first dab of printer's ink on his fingers in the Messenger office as he has been in the railroad business of late, but as the Messenger remarks:

"He is like all the balance of the craft. It is a hard life, but there is a charm about the work which when once experienced it is hard to shake off."

The Atlanta News congratulated the people of Georgia the other day over the marriage of Lulu and Leander, who have been carrying on an extended peek-a-boo courtship in the colored supplements, but the congratulations are premature. The distinguished characters have started on their honeymoon and they start well toward the divorce courts. Georgia should have been satisfied with the end of its campaign.

The Greensboro Record permits itself to say in an unguarded moment: "South Carolina is distancing all competitors. She has lynched three men in the last ten days."

That a paper named Record should make a break like this is inconceivable. Three in ten days is slow time compared with North Carolina's record of three in one night.

A citizen of Cincinnati threatens to enter suit against his divorced wife because she had her name printed in the city directory as his widow, on the theory, perhaps, that he resents the implication of being a dead one.

"To the consideration of young Willie Hearst" The News Leader of Richmond "commends the example of young Mr. Howell of Atlanta, Ga."

If Mr. Howell should see this it will be a worse blow to him than his overwhelming defeat for the nomination to Georgia's governorship.

There is at least one young man in New York who is opposed to the education of the negro, and he is the chap whose father's fortune went to Booker Washington instead of the rightful heir.

The wicked will doubtless be interested in the statement that hereafter according to Mr. Carnegie's method they will spell it dam, which looks better in print than a dash.

Reformatory Needed.

People living in any of the populous towns of this state do not need to travel around to discover that the crying need of the country is for a reformatory for young criminals; it can be seen almost daily. There are a few who say such a thing will do no good; that these chaps who cannot be reformed had as well be sent on to the woods and be done with it. But this will not do; besides it is inhuman. It is demanded of society that it do all it can at reformation, especially of the young. Surely sending a young boy among experienced criminals is not the way to try to restore him. On the other hand it may be found that a reformatory is cheaper in the end; it should be made a place where these young chaps are made to work and pay for their keep, not a place for recreation. In any event decency and a true regard for the responsibility resting upon the Commonwealth demands that we make some effort; that we try to reform this class before sending them where they will get in the mire still deeper. If memory serves me correctly, Senator Scales some years ago came near getting such a bill through, but for some reason never explained, certain men of enough influence killed it. Of course when the question is raised in the legislature we hear all the stale talk about retrenchment and reform, the stock in trade of the demagogue and too often of the man who is not expected to join in with these men; they harp on this, fume and sweat, then turn around and vote for other measures that are anything but deserving. The truth is the average legislator is like the average congressman—he first looks at the result of a vote as effecting his standing; he may have no desire to return to the legislature, but he wants to stand in with the class of people who are supposed to control votes. When we get a law-governing body of men who will do things because the public good demands them we will get along far better, though such a time may be far removed. Demagogues die sometimes, but they seem to be born faster.—Greensboro Record.

The Tariff the Issue.

That tariff revision with its application to trusts and great corporations will be the chief issue of the next national campaign is generally understood. The democrats recognize that in their platform and the prospects of its success are growing brighter. President Roosevelt, despite the flourish he has made in the light of a "trust-buster," is undoubtedly a "standpatter." His recent letter to Congressman Watson gives very little encouragement to the revisionists in the republican party. The "standpatters" in congress are in hearty sympathy with what the president has said about no revision so long as prosperity continues. "Whenever a given schedule or rate becomes evidently disadvantageous to the nation," etc., says the president. And the republican party is to be the judge. There are many schedules and rates that are "evidently disadvantageous" to the great majority of the people of this country now and have been for years. But the republican party refuses to acknowledge it because the sacred tariff must not even be jostled. Rates and schedules would have to be so "disadvantageous to the nation" as to arouse a storm of indignation in the country over and threaten republican senators and congressmen with the loss of their jobs before the party would admit that revision is advisable.

What President Roosevelt says pleases the leading "standpatters." Senator Aldrich, Secretary Shaw, Secretary Taft, Senator Foraker and all the rest of them are in complete accord. Iowa has already fallen in line despite the former pose of Governor Cummins. Massachusetts will probably do the same thing, and Pennsylvania just smiles. The people of this country need expect to hear little more from the friends of protection about tariff revision, for it is absolute folly to expect friends of protection to concede anything in their position until they are forced to do it by the democrats. That is the only source of relief. And now the president comes forward and tells Mr. Cannon he will be the next president of the United States. Of course that is one man's opinion based upon rather flimsy signs so far. If, however, Mr. Cannon should become president there will be no hope whatever for tariff revision during his administration if he can prevent it. He is a notorious standpatter. He is for the tariff as it is now, and declares that revision is not even to be thought of until it will benefit the majority of the people.

Meantime the demand from the people, the consumers of trust-protected products, is growing steadily stronger in favor of tariff revision. They have seen that with all the bluster and blow by the administration about "going after" the trusts comparatively nothing has been done to abolish or even control them, and they are doing business at the old stand as usual. The fact is the people are fast realizing that to abolish or control the trusts with the present tariff system in operation is just as absurd and impossible as to make a hog lean by feeding him freely. The tariff is to the trusts what large quantities of food are to the hog.

A vigorous campaign by the democrats with the tariff and the trusts as the issue and with the evils of the present tariff system properly put before the people so they can understand the injustice of this legalized robbery would give the democratic party favorable prospects of electing the next president.—Birmingham News.

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