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Col. Theodore Roosevelt will stump Illinois this fall against the three former "stand-pat" Republican Congressmen, Joseph G. Cannon, of Danville; William B. McKinley, of Champlain, and William A. Rodenberg, of East St. Louis, who have announced themselves candidates for re-election.

Persons under 40 years of age are to be shot if found smoking opium at Changtu, in the province of Sze-Chuen, China, after the expiration of a period of 21 days.

The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch prints a group picture representing four generations, three women and a girl baby. The great-grandmother is only 55 years old, the grandmother only 34, the mother 18 and the baby six months.

The impression exists in Washington that Secretary McAdoo will retire from the Cabinet in the next six months to become Ambassador to France or chairman of the reserve bank board.

Kansas will need 40,000 more men than are available now to harvest its splendid crops. The rainfall has come at just the right time and there is every prospect of a bumper production of wheat.

It is an interesting fact that Hon. Charles Henderson, Troy, Ala., who has just won out in the second primary over Hon. B. B. Comer for the governorship of Alabama, married a Raleigh girl, Miss Laura Montgomery daughter of Mrs. S. H. Montgomery.

Mrs. Martin Carden, a successful poultry raiser, living near Skidmore, Mo., is the owner of a duck that lays black eggs. The duck is of the common white variety and is exactly like its mates.

It is not necessary in order that a man shall be a loyal and patriotic American that he shall hope for war. The best citizenry of this Nation today is praying that war with Mexico shall not come.

There are 100,000 students enrolled in professional schools in the United States this year. Of these 85,102 are in endowed institutions and the remainder in institutions supported from public funds.

THE TEST OF MAN

A contemporary says that newspaper subscriptions are infallible tests of a man's honesty. They will sooner or later discover the man. If he is dishonest he will cheat the printer some way; says he has a receipt somewhere, or sent the money and it was lost in the mail; he has not been getting the paper regularly; or he will take the paper and not pay for it on the grounds that he did not subscribe for it, or only wanted it a certain length of time.

NO LONGER IN THE INFANTRY

The march of the Confederate veterans at their annual reunions is no longer an infantry parade. At Jacksonville it was a parade of cavalry and the automobile corps. The veterans' spirit is still unbroken. They are anxious to march as they did in the brave old days when they were young.

After awhile even the horses must be given up by most of the paraders and automobiles will be used almost entirely. Something of the feeling of the veterans who know that they cannot march a-foot in future parades can be imagined but only they themselves know all the poignancy of it.

They ask for no sympathy. They meet the enemy of passing years as bravely as they met their foes in the sixties. Their spirit is willing, but they do not wish to confess it, the flesh is weak. If the reunion parades are to cover a long stretch of streets the infantry, even the survivors of Jackson's famous "foot cavalry," will be drafted into the cavalry and motor arms.

SHORT WEIGHTS

The worm has turned. The only trouble about it is that it did not turn soon enough.

This from the Statesville Landmark is good reading: "One thing brings on another. Judge Long, of Statesville, presided at the term of Rowan Superior Court at which the Salisbury Ice & Fuel Co. was convicted of false pretence, having sold 1,750 pounds of coal for a ton. The conviction and the judgment of the lower court was last week affirmed by the Supreme Court. The institution of this suit stirred an investigation of weights and measures in Rowan county and other cases of shortage have been unearthed. The grand jury of Rowan Superior Court, says the Salisbury Post, last week returned five bills against the Landis Milling Co. and George H. Corriher for giving short weights. If similar investigations were made, short weights and measures would probably be found in every community. The losses suffered by buyers, and sometimes by sellers, on account of short weights and measures, would astonish the natives if unearthed."

The worst feature about this short weight business is that numbers of men have scales that are imperfect. If these imperfect machines were all in the interest of the merchant or the man using them, it would be plain "how come," but we know of some where the shoe is on the other foot. This goes to show that officials somewhere are not doing their duty. There is supposed to be one man in each county whose duty it is to test weighing machines and keep them right. While some merchants are perhaps getting hurt, nine-tenths of them are making by it. Take the man who is selling you butter, or the woman either. There is no denying the cheating that is systematically going on by the use of the moulds said to hold a pound. Test a hundred of them and perhaps not three will show a pound. The disgusting part of it is that they all know it.—Daily Record.

THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY

One side of Mexican intervention would be the loss it would cost the United States. The other side would be the damage it would do to Mexico.

Those who believe that it would be a boon to Mexico probably are either very ignorant or have caught the point of view of Mexico's exploiting classes.

John Reed, a magazine writer who has returned from several months with the rebel army in the interior of Mexico, makes this point pretty clear in a letter to a New York paper.

He says that the revolution "was and is nothing but a revolution of peasants," who are fighting for land.

Madero lost because he could not or would not carry out the land-distribution policy. Villa and Zapata have won their battles because they personified the hopes of the humblest peasants for a Mexico in which every man could till his own ground. Huerta is the creature and ally of the exploiters.

The effect of intervention would be disastrous to the hopes of these peasants. "If we can ever withdraw," says Reed, "we shall leave things worse than they were before—an exploiting class firmly entrenched in the places of power, the foreign interests stronger because we supported



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

UNCLE SAM: "KEEP RIGHT AHEAD. I'M BEHIND YOU"



—Berryman in Washington Star

them, the great estates securely re-established, and the peons taught that wage slavery and not individual freedom is the desirable thing in life."

If we can keep our hands off, the peons' struggle for liberty may yet be successful. If we interfere it will be doomed to failure. It would not be hard to see where the path of a liberty-loving democracy ought to lie in such a crisis. All the American dollars invested in Mexico are not worth the slightest gain in the welfare of the oppressed masses of that country.

WOMEN AND WAR

The National Federation of Women's clubs has adopted the peace propaganda, and now clubs of this kind have been formed throughout the United States.

One prominent woman says that since it is an undisputed fact that the children are the chief assets of the nation because the boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, it is important that ideas of peace shall be kept with them.

She believes that it is all right for the children to have their drums and their music and their marching, but she opposes any movement to teach rifle practice in schools, declaring that no nation should be taxed to teach its boys the art of killing.

It is therefore well to bear in mind that the civilized world is spending some eight million dollars every day to keep up its preparations for war, and that five million goes for interest to money lenders to finance the preparations of war.

Perhaps a million dollars a day is used to pay officers and men; the balance goes into the hands of the manufacturers of war supplies of all descriptions.

When the air is charged with the fear and likelihood of war, war naturally is the result.

It should also be remembered that the war debts of the different nations are so heavy that they put a tremendous burden upon the present generation and an immense one upon the generation to succeed it.

It is therefore a sensible thing to oppose the war spirit says an exchange.

CUPID AND SCIENCE

After several days of learned discussion the scientists who met at Battle Creek reached the conclusion that it is impossible with our present limited knowledge to breed a race of thorough breed men and women.

It was found that the scientist knows too little about the laws of heredity to "breed perfect men and women by selecting mates," as one of the doctors phrased it.

After all men and women are to go on selecting their mates just as they have in the past. The days of romance are not ended. Cold science will not take the place of human passion. The doctor will not displace Cupid.

It didn't require the Battle Creek conference with its tons of ponderous papers to convince mankind of these things. Common sense and wise laws may assist in developing a better race of men and women. The observation of the laws of nature and healthful out-of-door amusements will bring us nearer to the perfect physical man.

The reduction or possibly the elimination of war will put an end to the destruction of the "best we breed." The isolation of the feeble-minded will prevent the reproduction of the hopelessly unfit.

But so far as we can foresee, down thru the ages men and women will go on in the same homely old-fashioned way, thru courtship to non-eugenic

marriage and the uneugenic babies will gladden the hearts of fathers and mothers as they have for all the years that have passed.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA BLACK LANDS

Referring to the National Drainage Congress at Savannah to the fertility of the black lands of Eastern North Carolina, State Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham of Raleigh said:

"The timber on these tracts is felled broadcast at about \$7 per acre, generally in the fall and winter. In March fire is put in the timber and the fallen timber burned as far as the fire will do it. A man with a stick two inches in diameter and five or six feet long and a small bag or poke of corn goes over the land making holes three or four inches deep as corn rows would run, and dropping two or three grains in each hole and covering with his feet. No further cultivation is given, only to cut the bushes and weeds until the corn gets high enough to smother them. The land will yield 100 bushels or more of corn per acre, and a fine crop of soja beans. If anyone thinks this is 'stretching the blanket,' I invite him to visit these lands in August, as I have done, and see for himself."

GIRL IS WANTED

A sweet, nice-natured girl of sixty, for a better half, who isn't ashamed to go to church in a sun-bonnet and low heeled shoes; who has cut her wisdom teeth; who doesn't frizzle-frazzle her hair like a crow's nest; she needn't be good looking so she isn't so blamed ugly as to give a fellow sour stomach to look at; she mustn't be a hearty eater nor weigh over 250 lbs.; she mustn't have a snub nose nor stand-out ears; nor particular about size of feet; must have spirit but not temper; any sized mouth will do so it don't reach from ear to ear; she mustn't have a big firm-set jaw; don't want her to be too good; she may be knock-kneed but not bow-legged; she mustn't be overmeek, but flare up and stand behind her colors when she has good cause to get mad; above all she mustn't be a tango-turkey-trot-slinger, nor one of these freak concerns styled suffragettes. One answering to these qualifications needn't trouble to set her cap for an old codger who is willing to surrender and become her darling on sight.—Paul Pry, Reidsville, N. C.

The state Republican executive committee has been called to meet in Greensboro May 26 to select a place and date for the meeting of the state convention.

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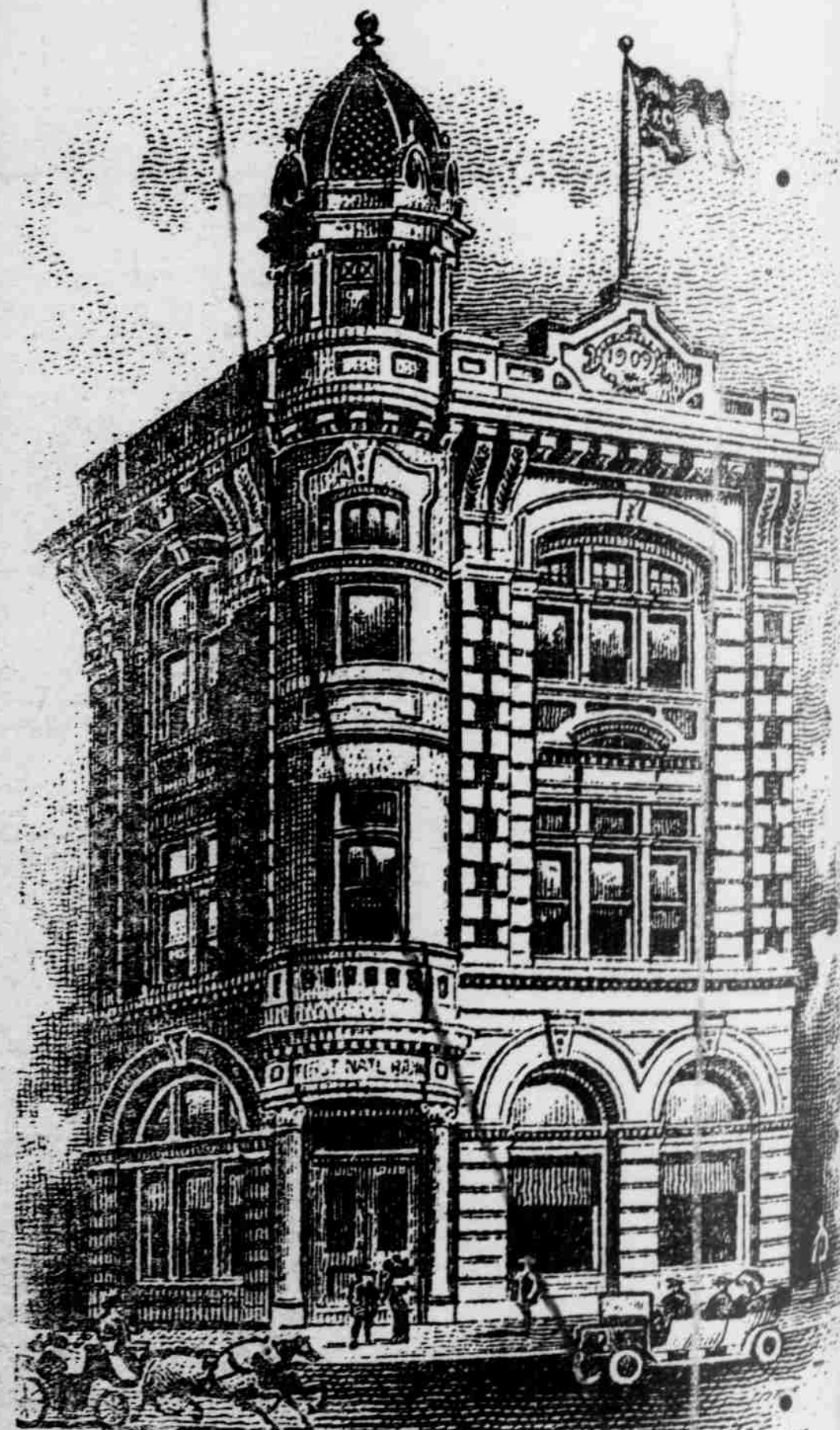
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