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jectionable from the point of view of refinement as the public comb, and probably a greater source of danger. In the course of time perhaps both will disappear to be heard of no more.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS. The Journal has heretofore called attention to the legislation by which the first regular session of the Fifty-eighth Congress will be especially distinguished, namely, that relating to the acquisition of the Panama canal property. This legislation alone would make the session worth while had nothing else been achieved. No proceedings of such tremendous importance to the country have been before any recent Congress. Simple in themselves and causing not a ripple of excitement anywhere, they nevertheless cleared the way for an improvement that has been in contemplation for a hundred years, and that when completed will add enormously to the trade facilities and commercial prosperity of the country. Another transaction fulfilling government pledges and putting the country in right relations to a semi-dependent people was that securing reciprocity to Cuba. To have omitted this would have indeed cast discredit on the Nation.

APART FROM THESE TWO NOTABLE pieces of legislation the work of the session just ended is deserving of the country's approval. The programme mapped out has been executed with admirable thoroughness. A large part of it was of local interest to the different States, but no class of legislation is of more value and importance to the country—a public building here, a harbor improvement there, protection of public lands, provision for the proper exhibit of American products at St. Louis, the opening to settlers of new territory, and so on without end. It is a vast national household with many and diverse interests. Democratic critics do not charge that the legislation accomplished was not necessary and important. They content themselves with their stereotyped assertion that the appropriations were unnecessarily large, and with the complaint that there was no revision of the tariff, no legislation on the currency question and no arrangements for reciprocal trade relations with the Philippines. As to the first, it may be said that their comparison with the expenditures of the Democratic Congress of ten years ago is its own comment on the case. The country has grown in ten years; and the ordinary running expenses are vastly greater as an establishment; it has, in addition, taken upon itself obligations against which Democrats protest hypocritically because they do not really desire to remove them. No Democratic statesman, for instance, would consent to part with the Philippines if such a proceeding were seriously proposed. Nor would any leading Democrat willingly have his country's navy inadequate to demands. Doubtless Congress has omitted some legislation that it might have accomplished, but the Journal does not recall that any promises were made as to tariff revision, and it is not apparent that any emergency exists in regard to the currency.

ON THE WHOLE, THE WORK OF THE regular session of the Fifty-eighth Congress may be fairly commended as meeting the general requirements and as justifying the claim in its behalf that it dealt honestly and conscientiously with the public interests that came before it.

THE MIDDLE WEST. A New York paper, speaking of certain occurrences in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri, classes those States as the "middle West." The time is not so far long past when Ohio was regarded by people living east of it as a part of the West. Even now, many residents of New England are said to fix a closer limit than this and to regard a trip to Albany or Buffalo as rather an adventurous journey to the West. Those who have penetrated beyond this region have wider views. With them Indiana, Ohio and Illinois too are but the middle West, its time ago, and all beyond the Mississippi the West, the Pacific coast, of course, being the far West. Now, it appears, even this boundary has shifted, and the middle West has gone beyond the Mississippi. Whether or not Indiana and the other States this side of that river are to be graciously accepted by New England and New York authorities as a part of the East is uncertain. Probably not. To do so would involve giving up the attitude of superiority assumed by those down-Easters over everything and everybody beyond the Alleghenies, and this can hardly be expected. The air of condescension to "the provinces" has become so much of a second nature that it cannot be easily dropped. But this leaves the geographical location of the States in question ill-defined, so far as popular parlance goes. If they are not in the East, and no longer of the middle West, the question that naturally arises is, "where are they at?" Who shall decide? To California the States this side of the Mississippi are a part of the East. It is all in the point of view, but the matter becomes confusing when an effort is made by the inhabitants of the district to fix their geographical status. Perhaps it would be well to readjust the entire system of territorial limitations so far as these points of the compass are concerned. For instance, it is customary to designate China and the region where the Russians and Japanese are at war as the far East, whereas, considered literally, in its geographical relations to the United States, it is the far West. This was all well enough while we had no interests over there, but now that we are to continue to speak of them as in the East instead of the West? Whatever they may be to the far East, they form our western limit. So considering them, our East remains where it is, with a western extension yet to be decided on. Certainly, to be in rightful proportion, the limit must be at least at the Mississippi, and may well be the Rockies. This would make the middle West include the Pacific coast and possibly Hawaii, and a division more in accord with the geographical facts would thus be established. The suggestion is offered for what it is worth, and ought to be considered, for it is becoming really annoying to a region once specifically designated by division marks to find its boundaries removed without its leave and to have no definite place on the map.

THE HYPocrisy OF THE Democratic complaint that the recent Congress spent public money for the maintenance of the army and navy which ought to have been appropriated for such internal improvements as river and harbor works is evident to those who remember the character of past complaints. When the army and navy were receiving less attention, the burden of the

great national daily does not promise immediate practical results—Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THE BIBLE. At a gathering of several ministers last Monday one of them, who is opposed to the so-called "higher criticism," told the following story: "One day a member of a certain church, who had listened attentively for five years to the preaching of his pastor, took to the divine his Bible, which was truly a sight to behold, with whole books clipped out here or a passage gone there. Indeed, between the covers there was little else left but a few sheets of paper. The pastor was horrified, and rebuked his parishioner for using the Bible so shockingly. The parishioner meekly replied: "It is all the result of your preaching. When I went home from church each Sunday I cut out of the book that which you had criticized in your sermon of that day. That verse on the trinity was an interpolation; so out went the strong verse. Then the canoncity of this book and that. John did not write the Gospel of John; so out went what was called the Gospel of John. This bit of history was not false, only alluring; so I went to the Bible and have been faithful in my shears, and this is all the Bible I have left—the two covers and a few letters."—Baltimore Sun.

PHILADELPHIA will hold a horse show, if she can succeed in getting up enough interest in it. It would be a shame if someone should make his appearance on the streets in an automobile right at this juncture and turn the Philadelphians' attention to this new form of locomotion.

A St. Louis paper says that the automobile scorchers of that city have strings attached to their numbers so that they may be turned over to the police as soon as they are in pursuit. This is not necessary in Indianapolis; the police are never in pursuit.

Instead of sending a thief to jail, a Missouri judge recited some poetry to him the other day and then let him go. And this in the face of the constitutional prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment.

From Chicago comes the news of the formation of a Married Men's Association and Home Preservation Society. Let the good work go on—the worm has turned at last.

The street-cleaning contract in Kalamazoo, Mich., has been awarded to the Women's Club. It takes skirts to sweep the sidewalks clean as they should be.

Russia is experiencing some difficulty in floating her new war loans. There have also been other things she has found it hard to float in the last few weeks.

Admiral Skrydloff has proved his foresight and wisdom. He took no chances, but collected all the oysters he could in advance. Then he started East.

A minstrel company was asphyxiated during a performance at Victoria, B. C. A lot of poetic justice in retaliation for some of those jokes (H. C.).

The King of Cambodia is dead. And the solidity of our finances is shown by the fact that the announcement caused scarcely a flutter on the stock.

The burning of the New Jersey phonograph factory cost the insurance companies \$500,000. Talk is not so cheap, after all.

Professor Cox, of Chicago, asserts that baseball is a part of the religious life of a boy. Only a part of it!

THE REPUBLICANS will have no apologies to offer for their state ticket.—Crawfordsville Journal.

The personnel of the entire ticket nominated by the Republican state convention will inspire confidence and enthusiasm.—Goshen News-Times.

It is a strong ticket, standing on an admirable platform, and with it the Republicans ought to be able to pile up the largest majority ever given in Indiana.—Plymouth Tribune.

The Republican state ticket could not have been bettered. From J. Frank Hanly down every man is a winner. Republicans can go into the fight this year without fear of defeat. Victory is in the air.—Worthington Times.

Indiana Republicans are not only thoroughly harmonious, but they are equally in earnest, and with an ideal platform and a splendid ticket, they will march to another certain victory in this State in November.—Middletown News.

There appears to have been some mistake about Hon. J. Frank Hanly, for he was the most popular man after all. Judging by the way he has begun our friends, the Democratic generation, being the younger generation, where along the line—Terre Haute Tribune.

The practical planks of the Republican platform contain one that asks the supervision by the State over private banks and a wise request, that every person who is successful in the legislative branch it will be wisely arranged.—Elkhart Review.

The ticket is invincible. Headed by our own Tenth district Hanly, it is from top to bottom an ideal ticket. Every person on it is a people's man. He was the careful selection of discriminating delegates, who knew what they wanted and what they were doing. This is the ticket that will take for each candidate.—Lafayette Herald.

The state ticket as a whole is clean, strong, high-minded, supportable by every good citizen throughout. It will carry the State and will help to carry this district, because it is the work of the majority of the people of Indiana. As said before, whom the position will elect. The platform is the voice of the people of Indiana.—Fort Wayne News.

CHURCH AFFAIRS. The Ideal Parishioner. One result of a discussion concerning model churches which took place in New York the other day should afford considerable consolation to those modest persons who say they never "get called" to be leaders in any church movement. According to the authority who furnished this comfort it is not the ambitious woman, nor the conspicuous alto, nor yet the woman whose name is always suggested first to head an important committee, but the woman who is the ideal parishioner. Rather it is the woman who is content to remain in the background and do her little tasks as they are set for her, faithfully and uncomplainingly, who is deserving of such high commendation. Perhaps this statement, coming at a time when all are complaining that attendance at church is falling off, may help to save the situation.—Boston Transcript.

Christianity and Amusements. Under the administration of the gospel people are not expected to walk by chalk-lines, but by the law of a renewed mind. Problems in casuistry I do not farm to my neighbor, nor do I expect him to farm his out to me. Cast iron statues of a specific type are not features of Christianity as the gospel exhibits it, nor a feature of valid Christian teaching. The only ethics I am interested in is Christian ethics, and in answering specific questions of amusement the inquiry I have to put to myself is, What does the Christ-Spirit, by which I profess to be actuated, enjoin upon me to do, or enjoin upon me not to do in any matter of amusement pertinent to myself and requiring of me a decision for myself? Other Christians must be allowed the same prerogative. And as to those who are not interested in the truth, but who are interested in the fact that they had better become so, then estimate in this and all other questions by the Christian criterion and from the Christian point of view.—The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, in Everybody's Magazine.

A Christian Daily. The New England Southern Methodist Conference has been talking again about a "national Christian daily," whatever that may be. The trouble is that no one has as yet appeared who knows what a "Christian daily" is and can find enough other people to agree with his ideas to make the continued publication of such a newspaper possible. If a Christian daily consists of a paper that is not interested in the truth and nothing but the truth, and that gives a correct presentation of the world as it is, there isn't an "un-Christian daily" in the country that would touch it for sensationalism; but if, on the other hand, it is interested in the truth only one phase of the world's doings, it is a German senator, a brewer, from up Sheboygan way, named Schneider.

"I want to ask the senator a question," said Schneider. "I want to ask him if he knows the difference between sausage and whiskey?" "Yes, sir," retorted Price as quick as a flash.

"One makes Dutch Democratic senators and the other kills them." "Schneider did not dare to speak to Price the remainder of the session."—New York Times.

Right Kind of Typewriter. In a store window in Lower Broadway there is a certain typewriter which writes by itself—as it seems. People standing in front of the window cannot see the mechanism, but the keys bob up and down in rhythmic beat and you can read the result as it is spun out on yards of continuous paper.

Two women were standing before this window a few days ago looking at the self-acting typewriter. "Jenny," said the other woman, obviously the mother of the younger, "that's the kind of a typewriter your husband ought to have in his office, instead of that red-haired thing."—New York Sun.

The Nonconformist Bone. "At Hale's Ford in Virginia," said Booker T. Washington, "I once saw a colored man named Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam during the civil war took a great interest in the conflict, but he did not fight himself. A white man took him to task about this one day. "'Leave your Uncle Sam,' he said, 'here are the men of the North and the men of the South killing one another off like sixty on your account. Why don't you pitch in and join them?'" "Uncle Sam looked at his interlocutor with a pleasant smile. "'Mah fruh,' he said, 'has yo' evah seen two dogs a-fightin' a bone?'" "'Of course, I have,' said the white man. "'Did you evah see de bone fight?'" said Uncle Sam.—"Pittsburg Dispatch.

Do You Fear the Wind? Do you fear the force of the wind, the slash of the rain? Go face them and fight them. Be a victor, not a victim. Go hungry and cold like the wolf. Go wade like the crane; Go to work with your hands well thickened. The skin of your face will tan. You'll grow rascled and weary and swarthy. But you'll walk like a man.—Hamlin Garland.

Hearst and the Graters. Over in New Jersey Hearst had hired so many hungry politicians and graters that he really had to look after their food. The delegates from that State. When the convention met and the hour for a show-down came the graters could not deliver any goods. They had made a miserable failure of it; they had only a paltry handful of delegates to show for their money. The checkbook should therefore be forever closed to them, and what do you suppose they did? They sat down and concocted a telegram to Mr. Hearst, who was in Washington, telling him the big trusts were pouring money in to support the Hearst people by blank sum in hand, which they named, they could yet win out. Mr. Hearst swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker, and sent on more money. The graters, who meanwhile had organized a bolt from the convention as part of their game to work Hearst, laughed in their sleeves over their success. One of Hearst's journalists, a man of character and judgment, was at the Jersey convention, and he wired Mr. Hearst a long telegram telling him the situation just as it was. Informing his chief that the gang had about as much chance to control the delegation as they had of going to heaven in a Pullman car. Yet Hearst disregarded the advice of his man and responded to the touch of the insipid graters.—Walter Wellman's Letter.

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THE DRIFT OF POLITICS

On the face of the returns from Allen county it seems that William Randolph Hearst will have at least two votes in the Indiana delegation to the Democratic national convention. The Hearst forces won a comfortable victory Saturday in Allen county, when fifty-four delegates to the state convention were selected. A conservative report gives Hearst thirty of the delegates, while State Senator Lew V. Urey, of Fort Wayne, who has been looking after the Hearst's interests in the Twelfth district, reported to the bureau in this city that thirty-nine of the Allen county delegates were for Hearst. However, it makes comparatively little difference whether Hearst got thirty or thirty-nine of the delegates from Allen. With the delegates already captured in Steuben, Lagrange, Noble and De Kalb counties the Hearst people needed barely half the votes in Allen to give them control of the district, and the men in the Claypool Hotel headquarters were celebrating yesterday over what they termed the "cinch" that Hearst will have the two delegates from the Twelfth district to the national convention. Senator Urey will be one of these delegates.

The Parker people were not willing to admit last evening that they had been worsted in the Twelfth, but they conceded that it "looked bad" for them. They said that there was no reason for their defeat there, if they had been defeated, save that their people had been caught napping.

National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, who had predicted a great victory for the Hearst forces, would not discuss the Twelfth district situation last evening. When asked if he had any victory Allen county delegates to assure the district to Hearst, Mr. Taggart said that he had not had a final report on the county and would not discuss it today just how the land lies there. He did not make any claims of a Parker victory, but you'll walk like a man.—Hamlin Garland.

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vention, but Parker chairman was declared elected and appeal from decision of chair was denied. Kump convention then held full convention at the out-of-the-way town of Posey—Worst snafu of all. County committees at the out-of-the-way town of Poseyville instead of at Mt. Vernon, basis county seat, where the glare of the lime light would strike them. Committee proceeded to voting by electing a new committee, composed of the members of the old one and then re-elected the old county chairman. A resolution was adopted setting forth that inasmuch as the farmers were too busy looking after the spring work to attend to politics, the county chairman should select a full set of delegates. The chairman had evidently been expecting to receive a list of delegates, which he had whisked out of his inside pocket a list of delegates with a whirl and "meeting was out."

"Gibson-Hurry-up call for convention, but as he had a snap as some of the others. "Wayne-County convention held on only one day's notice published in a single issue of a Richmond daily paper which does not circulate among the country Democrats. "Wayne-County convention held last moment on a p. m. which delegates men, who are for Hearst, could not attend.

"Allen-County convention was held Saturday and the first motion was passed at Hearst headquarters Friday. "Complete and graphic details of all these snafus, verified by the county chairman, are being sent to William Randolph Hearst, who is preparing to use them to drive a resolution a solar plexus blow."

Municipal elections will be held to-day and to-morrow in the incorporated towns and cities throughout the State, the elections in the cities coming to-morrow. While the results of these contests will be closely scanned by the politicians for evidences of the trend of public sentiment, it is agreed by both Democrats and Republicans that the results will not be a basis for forecasts as to how Indiana will go at the coming State and national elections. Local issues are the order of the day every instance to such a degree that there will not be strict party alignments.

Before leaving Washington, Senator Beveridge invited a number of his colleagues in the Senate to come into Indiana during the coming campaign and deliver one or more speeches each. He secured the definite promises of nine of the prominent members of the Senate that they would come into the State, and conditional promises from several others. Those who said they might be counted on were Senators Allison and Doolittle, of Iowa; Lodge, of Massachusetts; Spooner, of Wisconsin; Platt, of Michigan; Platt, of Connecticut; Nelson, of Minnesota; Quarles, of Wisconsin, and Dewey, of New York. Among those who made conditional promises were Senator William, of Illinois; Foraker, of Ohio, and Dillingham, of Vermont.

The dates for these speakers will be arranged by the Republican state committee and the meeting will be held in the direction of the committee. It is understood that several of the senators will be heard in Indianapolis.

The work of taking the six months' poll will be begun to-day by the Republican precinct workers throughout the State. The poll must be completed by May 8, according to the arrangements made by the state committee, and it is expected that the returns will be received at state headquarters not later than the middle of the month.

Representative Jesse Overstreet has returned from Washington, but is now at Franklin, where his aged father lies seriously ill.

This week will witness activity in the Democratic camp incident to the final arrangements for the state convention, which will be held one week from Thursday in Tomlinson Hall. State Chairman O'Brien will spend most of his time at headquarters during the next ten days, and National Committeeman Taggart will banish Platt and French Lick from his mind and remain in Indianapolis.

One of the most important matters to be taken up in advance of the convention is the choice of four men to represent Indiana at St. Louis as delegates at large. Seven or eight men have been mentioned for this honor, but the slate will be fixed by O'Brien, Taggart and their close advisers. Major Barker, the former Attorney General, is one of the names mentioned. It is generally understood that Mr. O'Brien will be made one of the delegates at large, in recognition of his services at the head of the state organization. Benjamin F. Shively, of South Bend, will probably be another. Dan Tamm, of Ellettsville, Lafayette, would probably be another, but the Parker people are counting on making him one of the delegates at large. The other names mentioned in connection with the state organization, Benjamin F. Shively, of South Bend, will probably be another. 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