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Whig party was just as unwilling to face a question of principle, to take a stand, to speak honestly and straightforwardly, as was the Democratic.

If the Republican party is now to place all principle at one side, if it is now to attempt to compromise, to collect all elements and factions by a facing-all-ways course, it is just conceivable that it may win another election, but it is morally certain that it will not endure.

The Bourbon. It is impossible to read the reports of the Republican gathering in Washington without a feeling that approximates contempt.

But Mr. Wilson's German policy has proven a failure, and his Lusitania course has awakened widespread criticism.

New ideas, new men, a new spirit and new vision are coming out of the great struggles and the great sacrifices of the present war.

Such a state of mind will not endure and cannot endure. This country will return to its work and undertake its part in the general reconstruction of the world.

In this situation could there be anything more contemptible, more provocative of indignation and wrath than a little group of selfish politicians, already discredited by past defeat and public castigation, sitting down together solemnly in the national capital and planning to get back to power by avoiding every semblance of courage or principle.

The people of this country are to-day mighty little interested in any political party. They have little faith, confidence, liking for politicians, and no sentimental attachment to the machines.

A Divorce from the Payroll. Having discovered that the state has about 18,000 employees and a total payroll of approximately \$20,000,000, the Senate Civil Service Committee intends to endeavor to separate one thousand jobholders from the payroll.

committee of legislators, after study of the situation, is convinced that there are so many on the public payroll who perform no useful function, and that committee has convinced a Governor with ambitions for further political preferment that there is really no use in these jobholders, they must be flagrantly worthless.

The recommendations of this committee, therefore, and the subsequent action of the Legislature on them, will be awaited with keen interest.

Taxing Tooth Paste.

Is tooth paste a luxury? Are those countless individuals in this fair land who scrub their molars faithfully morning, noon and night mere victims of sybaritic habits, or are they, as the advertisements and the dentists aver, consistent advocates of preparedness, guarding their systems from invasion by enemies at one of the chief danger points?

This greatly distresses the manufacturers and purveyors of the various brands of this article. It is, regardless of the brand, a necessity, they maintain. Without it cleanliness and health may flee the land, the youth of the nation be endangered and the old men bowed in shame.

Unprepared for Snow.

These snowstorms have a singularly vicious way of sneaking up behind Street Cleaning Commissioner Fetherston when he isn't prepared.

This year the Commissioner seems to have made an attempt at preparation, for on several occasions before this storm came he declared he could not enlist emergency shovellers from the army of the unemployed.

Whose is the fault? Why is it that year after year, regardless of the weather or the period of winter in which the snow comes, there is something or other which prevents the Department of Street Cleaning from being ready to flush it off the main streets as it falls—the simplest, cheapest and best method of disposing of it in almost all sections of the city where it is necessary to remove it?

Even in the matter of street sweeping this department, notoriously the most backward and least satisfactory of all the city's agencies of government, is making interesting experiments which eventually may lead to clean streets, swept by decent, scientific, sanitary methods.

An Insult to Republicans.

Sir: As a subscriber to your paper I desire to say, in my estimation, your editorial in last Saturday's Tribune trying to boom Mr. Roosevelt for President is nothing short of an insult to all self-respecting Republicans.

The Feelings of Millions.

Sir: Your editorial of this morning, "Do They Want Roosevelt?" echoes my sentiments and undoubtedly voices the feelings of millions of Americans who long for a man of action to replace a man of words.

"DO THEY WANT ROOSEVELT?"

Let the Republican Leaders Know Americanism Is the Issue.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Yours of the 11th, "Do They Want Roosevelt?" is one of the best of your very able editorials since the beginning of the European war.

Oh, if we could only have a leader like Roosevelt at this time, how much more proud we would all feel of our country! How all true Americans would again hold up their heads in the thought that we are not the towards the whole world now believes us—we would again feel that we are proud of our old traditions and that we will live up to them in the present crisis, in having a leader that typifies the true "Americanism" spirit.

The Only Man in Sight.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Reading your editorial "Do They Want Roosevelt?" I am wondering if the doctrine of reincarnation is really true, and if Horace Greeley is now the editor of the Tribune.

We Need the Master's Hand.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: The editorial on Theodore Roosevelt was vibrant with suppressed flame. Either in his praise or dispraise none speaks of Roosevelt without waxing warm—without, as with Brand, growing as he speaks.

Drinks and the Law.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: Your editorial article "Drinks by the Card" exposes the folly of the new brand of self-constituted reformers who desire to meddle with other people's affairs by regulating their drinking habits.

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"BRITISH FAILURE"

Little Reason to Believe That the Allies Are Resentful.

To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: I have been reading your editorial on war subjects with a great deal of interest and profit for several months past, and I am to be permitted to say that so far as I have observed nothing approaching them in value is appearing in any other American publication.

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