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A Dangerous Game in Colonel Roosevelt's Name.

Grievous injustice is done to Colonel Roosevelt by those of his admirers who are putting into circulation alleged expressions of his indicating a willingness under certain circumstances to run for President.

One of the most abominable instances of this persistent misrepresentation was supplied last week by the Indianapolis Star.

The bogus interview in question began with "the actual, literal words" of Theodore Roosevelt declaring that "I am not and shall not be a candidate."

Mr. Bryan is other sincere or he is not sincere. If sincere, what feeling except pain can be felt for a man who was talking like this about the Supreme Court last October.

Making China a Republic.

The signing of an edict by the Dowager Empress of China directing YUAN SHIH KAI to cooperate with the republicans of the south in the establishment of a republic seems a hopeful sign for the settlement of the Chinese difficulties.

There is no declaration of abdication by the Manchus, but this action would be presupposed. This move on the part of the Manchus is practically the same as was announced a few weeks ago.

The Return of King George.

The safe return of King George to his own capital marks the successful termination of a journey which has been attended by changes of permanent influence in the history of British India and by the wonderful pageant of the Delhi durbar, which has revealed to the western world once more the magnificence, the wealth and the fascination of the Far East.

custom was enforced in 1880 in the case of General GRANT. The Indianapolis fabrication was evidently based on vagrant rumors about Colonel Roosevelt's utterances at the Aldine Club dinner not long ago and pieced out with the flimsy arguments by which the interested promoters of a tentative boom for him are endeavoring to nullify his own positive and patriotic repudiation of third term intentions.

It was so obviously false and absurd that it failed to affect the elections the next day. The district conventions in Indiana chose a new State committee wholly friendly to President TAFT, and this, as the Indianapolis News informs us, without effort on the part of the Administration.

His Touch Is Death.

There is a slight mistake in the first paragraph of this letter, but the opinions expressed are those of a very great, and a continually growing, number of Democrats.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:— It is to be hoped that the statement in this morning's Sun that Mr. W. J. Bryan is to be summoned before a committee of the House of Representatives, to tell them what he does or does not think.

It is humiliating to self-respecting Democrats all over the country to contemplate this man's attempted invasion of himself into Congressional proceedings. His advice is not sound, his opinions are valueless, all he seeks is notoriety.

Whether our correspondent is right in his diagnosis of Mr. Bryan's character and psychology or not, there is no doubt that Mr. Bryan has become as a Democrat of genius, JOHN RANDOLPH, was described as becoming in his later years, "a nuisance and a curse" to his party.

The Fetter of Feet Goes on the Nominating Committee.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:— In today's Sun I noticed, as often before, the names of the great and good to be placed in Hall of Fame. The Holy Brothers of Oklahoma are in it, why not the Alerthly and the Fetter of Feet?

Geography of Medicine.

A medical diagnosis has been emanating our old friend "The Fetter of Feet." The fable is evidently a riddle for the pharmaceutical examination.

While a division of the country into North and South China has been considered by many as a possible outlet of the present difficulty, the leaders on both sides have declared themselves in favor of an undivided country and have expressed their willingness to make sacrifices to that end.

There is no doubt that the republicans are determined first to get rid of the Manchus. The edict issued by the Throne indicates that this concession will be made. The present plan thus seems to establish definitely the form of government as a republic, and the only questions remaining to be settled are the difficulties between the leaders themselves.

Colonel Goethals's Reward.

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THE THIRD TERM TRADITION.

Did Washington or Jefferson Really Establish the Principle? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:— There can be no doubt that the "third term" is viewed by a large number of Americans with the gravest suspicion.

Washington expressed no opposition to the third term in principle. At the close of his second term he was an old man, weary of the heavy responsibilities of his office and of the constant re-election.

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IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

Reply to Job Harriman's Attack on the Los Angeles Aqueduct Investment. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:— In the SUN of December 20 appeared a letter from Job Harriman, recently Socialist candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, who was so kind as to refer to me in December, 1911.

Harriman says that the people of Los Angeles voted to issue bonds to build the great aqueduct at a cost of \$23,000,000, as a result of an artificially created water scare, manipulated by land speculators.

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And Require a Bill of Health to Get a License. Would Dr. Annie Moore.

DEFECTIVES OUR FAULT

Because We Do Not Segregate Them—They Are Mostly Victims of Hereditary Taint.

A law which will require a clean bill of health and evidence of a normal mind before a marriage license is issued is one of the recommendations made by Dr. Annie Moore in a report on the feeble-minded New York which was prepared for the Public Education Association of New York.

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Continuation of the 'WOULD CHECK MARRIAGE AMONG FEEBLE MINDED' article, including text from Dr. Moore's report and committee recommendations.