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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1907.

Col. Myron T. Herrick, former Governor of Ohio, gave out an interview in Washington recently which is well worth careful consideration by all thoughtful people who are seeking light through the political chaos. He says, "Never since William McKinley was by universal consent made the candidate of our state in 1896 has there been such genuine and devoted advocacy among the rank and file of Ohio Republicans of any man for any office as that which has come to William H. Taft. It is a happy coincidence that most of the close friends who inaugurated the McKinley movement are back of Taft, and it is an unhappy coincidence that a few of those who opposed McKinley are now opposing Taft. These friends of McKinley in Ohio have watched with interest and pride the career of Judge Taft. They remember that it was McKinley who made Taft governor of the Philippines and started him on the presidency, and they recall that it was Senator Hanna who first suggested Taft as a prospective candidate for that high office. Secretary Taft is the natural successor of William McKinley, born into a greater and better day. The real secret of his strength is that he has shown himself splendidly equipped for strong, wise, and tactful executive work. Ohio Republicans would not be for him if they did not know that the interest of property, of labor, and of national development would be safe in his hands." Judging by the developments of the last few days in Washington the contest has already reached the stage where it is the field against Taft, just as it was the field against McKinley at a similar period of the contest in 1895-6.

Our navy has started from the mouth of the Chesapeake for the cruise to the Pacific and ere long the problem will be solved as to whether the navy is able to transfer itself expeditiously from one coast to another, and a very important problem it is in view of the fact that it is not large enough to be divided safely between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts. The question of coaling, of anchorages, of neutral limits in coast waters, and dozens of others, any one of which might be of supreme importance in time of war, will and can be answered only by such a cruise. Having a navy it is imperative that we should become familiar with the use of it and it is only through such use, such practice work, that we can know its needs, its limitations, and the many difficulties that are to be met and overcome in this most important branch of our military service.

The report is current that the closest friends of the Administration are convinced that vast sums of money are being expended to discredit President Roosevelt and especially the policies for which he stands and as an instance of the latest develop-

ment of this movement is cited the widely distributed advertisement which has appeared in the newspapers of the country from one end to the other, entitled "Theodore Roosevelt—Destroyer." An investigation has brought to light the fact that an expense of \$200,000 has already been entailed in the publication of this advertisement, presumably to promote the sale of a somewhat obscure magazine, and the natural assumption is that the expenditure is the outcome of a conspiracy, known to exist by the friends of the Administration, to prevent a continuance of the policies for which Mr. Roosevelt stands and to defeat the nomination of the one candidate for the presidency who is, in the judgment of the President, capable and willing to carry on the work he has begun. We believe that the President and the friends of the Administration have no cause for anxiety, as it is only necessary for the great body of the people to know the facts that vast sums of money are being lavishly used to defeat the policies for which Mr. Roosevelt stands.

The efforts that are being made to give political significance to the decision of the Republican National Committee in favor of Chicago for the convention are futile as Taft men voted for Chicago, anti-Taft men voted for Kansas City, and third term men were found among the advocates of both cities. Had not the political phase of the question been developed the decision would, doubtless, have been the same. The climatic advantages of Chicago during the summer months would have an advantage, once Chicago made an effort to capture the convention, and when it came to the question of entertaining a great many people at a time of unusual activity and excitement, Chicago easily held the lead. And as far as the candidates are concerned they should all feel comfortable, as Mr. Cannon will be very near home, Judge Taft, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Foraker are all near neighbors. Gov. Hughes is the only one who lives at a distance, but his little boom is such that were the convention held in Oshkosh, Kalamazoo or El Paso, Texas, it would be one and the same. Even Chicago, however, will in all probability find her large resources as an entertainer taxed to the utmost as the coming convention may prove to be the largest meeting of the kind ever held, on account of the great interest felt in the President's attitude toward the nomination and the interest felt in the various booms.

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At the Other Table.

By Virginia Blair.

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In the palm room of the big hotel there were just two couples, one at the little table near the fountain, the other in the corner under the musicians' balcony.

There was no music now, for it was between lunch time and dinner, and the couple at the table by the fountain were having tea.

The couple under the balcony had ordered a more substantial repast, lobster and a bird and salad, and they ate with an appetite that showed that they had missed their midday meal.

"I don't think I was ever so hungry in all my life," said the girl at the table under the balcony.

"I'd be ashamed to have such an appetite," the man opposite her teased. "Your grandmother would have been satisfied with the wing of a chicken, Marta."

"Well, I'm not my grandmother," and Marta made a little face at him. "Besides, my grandmother used to sit on a cushion and sew a fine seam, and I have been whizzing through miles of country. And I'm ravenous, Archie."

"That girl over there," said Archie, "is satisfied with a toasted mutton and tea. She's a pretty little thing."

Marta twisted around so that she could get a good view. "She's a beauty," she declared heartily. "That red gold hair is stunning. And that brown veil brings out the lights. Oh, you ought to paint her, Archie."

"I don't know her," Archie said, "and I don't know the man."

"Why, it's Billy Butler," Marta said as she took another look. "I couldn't mistake Billy's back. There's that



"THIS IS ONE OF MY OLDEST FRIENDS," blushed of his shoulders and that light shock of hair. But the idea of Billy drinking tea?"

"A man couldn't drink anything but tea with that girl," Archie told her. "She wouldn't stand for anything else."

"I never let you have anything but coffee," Marta said.

"Good old girl!" was Archie's affectionate commendation. "Marta, you're a wonder! And I'll bless you as my fairy godmother if you will get me an introduction to that girl."

"I'm afraid I can't," Marta said doubtfully. "Billy Butler and I quarreled dreadfully the last time he came to see me, and we don't speak."

"Marta," Archie fixed her with a reproachful eye, "I'll bet you refused him again."

"Well, if I did," Marta contended, "he needn't act so hypocritically, and he's evidently consoled."

"She's a pretty girl all right," Archie enthused.

"She won't make Billy half as good a wife as I would," Marta declared. "I was cut out for Billy."

"Why didn't you marry him then?" Archie asked.

"Because he's so jealous," Marta confided. "He didn't like my letting you paint my picture, Archie. He said we were together too much and that he didn't stand any chance because he was in business and all that tommyrot. So I told him he could go and not come back. But now he will marry the wrong girl. And I shall be an old maid."

"Not if I can help it," Archie stated valiantly. "We may be cousins, Marta, but if the worst comes to worst we can save each other from single blessedness."

"I don't want to be saved," Marta informed him succinctly. "I always said that if I didn't marry Billy I shouldn't marry any one. But of course I expected Billy to come back."

"Of course," sympathized Archie, "a man ought never to take a girl's 'no' in earnest."

"Well, Billy has," and Marta applied herself to the salad in anything but a hovelom manner, "and I feel it in my bones that I shall have to send telegrams to that red haired girl."

"Her hair isn't red. It's gold with red lights in it."

feet in an instant. "I am at the other table," Marta explained, "with Archie Vandervort. He wants you to describe an argument, and if you don't mind going over I will sit down here for a minute."

"Certainly, and I'm so glad to have you meet Miss Merriam. Ruth, this is one of my oldest friends, Marta Blaine."

"You won't mind his going over to the other table, will you?" Marta asked as she sat down.

"Oh, no," and Miss Merriam turned on her a brilliant glance, "not if you will stay with me. I have heard so much about you, Miss Blaine."

"Oh, dear," Marta questioned, "what has Billy been saying?"

"Such nice things," the other girl told her. "And now that I have seen you I don't believe they are any too nice."

Marta waited the flattery aside. "Dear child," she said, "Billy will say anything when he is out of my sight. I can keep him straight when I am with him."

"I just love Cousin Billy," said Miss Merriam. "He's the dearest thing!"

Marta stared. "Cousin," she said—"cousin! Are you Billy's cousin?"

"Yes."

"Well, I might have known," Marta murmured. "Dear old Billy!" Then she went on: "I am with my cousin too. He wants to paint you. He is an artist, you know. You won't mind?"

"I should love it," said Ruth.

"It's about your hair," Marta told her. "That I sent Billy over. Archie said it was good, and I said it was red. You mustn't mind my saying it, because really I was jealous of you. But now that I know you are Billy's cousin I think your hair is beautiful. I was afraid I should have to send you telegrams."

"Telegrams?" was Ruth's puzzled question.

"Yes, for a wedding present, you know."

Ruth blushed. "The idea!" she said. "Why, every one knows that Billy's dead in love with you. He has told me so a dozen times."

Marta gave a sigh of relief. "I was afraid he had stopped," she said. "And I should miss Billy's adoration dreadfully."

"I shall never stop," said Billy, who had come up behind her. Then he went on as if he had made the most commonplace declaration. "Archie says you are to come back and eat your parfait, Marta."

"I would rather eat it with you," said Marta unblushingly. "I'll tell you, Billy, you bring Archie over here and we will introduce him to Ruth. He wants to paint her picture, and he would rather talk to her than eat, and you can come over to the other table and have parfait with me and everything will be lovely."

"Yes, everything will be lovely," Billy agreed, but Ruth said in a startled way, "Oh!"

"Oh, you needn't mind," Marta said when Archie had been presented and was seated opposite the red gold beauty. "Billy and I will chaperon you from the other table. It will be perfectly proper, for we are engaged, you know."

And, with a sparkling glance at her lover, she swept past the fountain toward the balcony.

"Well, of all things," Billy ejaculated. Then he held out his hand to Archie. "Congratulations!" he said. "I don't know what made her change her mind, but I've been working for this for a year. And, with happiness fairly radiating from his handsome countenance, he made his way across the room to where the lady of his heart awaited him."

A Seat of Many Ills.
When the specialist to whom they had taken their sixteen-year-old daughter on account of what seemed to be a case of ineffectual melancholia diagnosed the case as one of eye strain and ordered prompt treatment from an oculist, the parents of a young New York girl were astonished. Eye strain seemed so remote from melancholia as would corns on the feet. Their astonishment was proportionately increased when after a few treatments and acquiring glasses the child showed noticeable improvement.

Later day medical science traces to eye strain many ills which seem so remote from the eyes that formerly physicians never thought of establishing a connection between them. Sick headache, nervousness, melancholia, insomnia, are but a few which have of late been laid to the door of weak eyes, the proper treatment having been neglected.

Nervous diseases of the nature of St. Vitus' dance are now thought to originate frequently in eye trouble. The weak eyes blink incessantly, and this leads to a general contortion of the facial muscles, which grows on the subject through constant repetition.—Exchange.

Explaining His Advice.
"Dr. Engle has advised Coppersmith to take up motoring."

"But I thought Wiggle disapproved of motoring?"

"Yes, he does. But in some way he had secured possession of a second-hand motor that he wanted to sell."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Chinese Army.
Soldiers used to be despised in China, and only the coolies were considered suitable material for fighting men, says Owen MacDonaid in the Technical World Magazine. Today all this is changed, and China has an army to which it is an honor to belong. Tomtoms have been superseded by wireless telegraphic apparatus and signal balloons. Masks have given place to field glasses, comic opera garb has been cast off for khaki uniforms, and the two handed sword has become the bayonet. China was first aroused to a sense of her weakness and her strength by the disaster of her war with Japan in 1894-95. Hitherto she had slumbered like a great lazy giant, smiling scornfully at the suggestion that smaller and weaker nations by adopting modern methods might injure her. She had sublime faith in the force of the vast hordes she could throw into the field.

Youth In Its Golden Prime.

A calf under a year old took the championship in the individual steer class at the last International live stock show. A few years ago only the steer of age and weight would have figured among the possibilities in such a contest. "Baby beef" has become a familiar phrase. The "light hog" has pushed its way to the front. "Hothouse lamb" is no longer a great rarity.

This rising feeling for the things of youth, the striking off into a new path in animal production, may at first appear just a turn of the wheel of change, but behind the seeming fancy of the producers is solid reason. With the breaking up of the ranges the small farmers are tackling the meat producing proposition with vigor in the east and south as well as the west, and in all lines it appears to be proved that the gains in weight are made at the least expense on the young animal.

Scottish fashions, too, are now popular in beef circles, and justly, for the Scotch farmers are notable feeders of animals for beef. From the standpoint of quality and flavor Scotch fed beef holds a leading position in the most critical meat markets of the world. Scotch breeders of beef cattle encourage young stock to develop early maturing qualities, particularly in Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorn districts. As these breeds are bred almost entirely for beef production the tendency to take on flesh rapidly and mature at an early age is regarded as the most important point to be considered.

Champion Young Angus.
The cut, original in the Breeder's Gazette, Chicago, shows the champion yearling steer Andy, an Aberdeen-Angus, exhibited by the Minnesota college at the last international live stock show. Concerning the display of the Aberdeen-Angus at that time the Ga-

zette remarked that, whether the long line of two-year-olds is considered or the yearlings or the rare lot of calves, there was a fleshiness apparent in all, a maximum of beef and a minimum of waste, that presented ready explanation of the favor in which the breed finds itself among the buyers for slaughter.

Best Breed For Baby Beef.
Why do we breed Aberdeen-Angus cattle? A firm of Delaware breeders have explained their reasons for so doing as follows in Rural New Yorker: We first began cattle breeding with registered Holsteins, but at the same time we put in the pasture one Angus bull and heifer and through the grass season gave no grain or feed of any kind. When we took them in for winter our Holsteins were thin and poor, while the two Angus were fat and in fine shape for beef. We did not desire to go in the dairy business, as the extra work would interfere with our other work, but we did desire to keep cattle, for we must have manure to improve the soil. We found we could keep about two Angus to one Holstein on the same acreage and have them in good beef shape almost any time in the year. We decided this was the breed we needed, disposed of our Holsteins and settled down on the Aberdeen-Angus, the best breed of baby beef cattle in the world, we believe. We are breeding them for stock to sell for breeding purposes to be used either in pure bred herds or for grading up to a high standard the common cattle. We also find many dairymen who sell their calves for veal consider it profitable to use an Angus bull, as it will add about \$5 profit on every veal calf at eight weeks old, no matter how small or common the cow. The small-est Jersey cow will bring a calf worth \$5 more if sired by an Angus bull.

A Live Stock Center.
It is rumored that an attempt will be made to make Worcester, Mass., a center for the sale of New England cattle. According to New England Homestead, C. W. Wood, a large cattle breeder, says there are today within a radius of fifty miles of Worcester fully 1,500 head of Holstein cattle, and he would favor Worcester as a central dealing point for breeders. J. B. Maroon, an extensive breeder, is quoted to the effect that Worcester is the best place to hold live stock sales in New England, where something of this character is sadly needed as an impetus in improving live stock. Many of the farmers are too poor to buy the best in competition with the wealthy farmers of central New York and the middle-west.

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