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A Very Quiet Campaign.
The Congressional election is less than a month distant. The welkin does not ring, however, with the music of brass bands or the reverberating tones of the political orator.

It is evident that the American people are too busy to devote much time to political matters. There are no burning issues. The nation is not in danger. The present Republican Congress, while it may have left undone some things which it ought to have done, nevertheless accomplished a remarkable quantity of work in the last session, and generally speaking, it was good legislation.

It would be well for the country if all our campaigns could be marked by the same absence of political hysteria. The flamboyant spellbinder, who allows his enthusiasm to run away with his judgment, and the calm, calculating politician, who attacks all who do not agree with him on every topic, are really not essential to our political peace and happiness.

It is a quiet campaign, therefore, because the ship of state is sailing along on an even keel, with fair winds, and the barometer steady. There is a cloud in the sky threatening corporate domination, but it is hardly large enough yet to cause serious anxiety.

What of the Future?
James J. Hill's prediction that fifty years hence we will have a population of 200,000,000 naturally leads to some speculation quite other than those which have arisen in the mind of the Western financier.

The problem of feeding the multitude, however, does not nowadays present the difficulties that were once thought to beset it. No civilized and industrially efficient people is ever confronted with starvation or want of the commoner needs of life.

The W. C. T. U. is going to use its influence to prevent strikes. And yet its natural function is the abolition of highballs.
Mr. Cleveland has been very busy this summer superintending the erection of several new buildings on his farm, as well as the removal of several old ones.

Senator Tillman is said to have made \$50,000 out of his lectures on the race question this season. And that doesn't count the value of the advertising either.

haps the majority, think these strong men should be brought under the subjection of a higher power, and we are prone to give a thought to legislation to end. But when we shall have regulated the multifarious activities of our future millions in the effort to promote justice and happiness among men, will the result, think you, be better than socialism, or worse?

Georgia Does the Square Thing.
Down in Georgia Hon. Richard B. Russell has just been nominated in the Democratic primaries, by an overwhelming vote over all of his competitors, for Judge of the recently created Court of Appeals.

Several years ago "Plain Dick" was a candidate for chief justice of the Supreme Court of the State. Although he ran a brilliant race and set the State all agog with his eloquence and his logic, the voters stubbornly failed to rally to his standard, and he went down to defeat.

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Now that football has been made so tame that no one can get hurt, it may be revived. It is generally agreed to keep under-grads from stagnating.

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INNOCENT BYSTANDER.
BY WILBUR D. NESBIT.
THE GRANDSIRE'S CORNER.
Every day he has his corner, with his wife-armed chair is placed.

And he sits, sometimes, and muses with his fingers. Muses, doubtless, of the drifting of the years that come and go. (And no one else caught their sunshine, and his hair has held their snow.)

So he nods there, in his corner, and it seems a noisier part. Seems a spot apart from stresses of the street and of the English language. To realize what an important requirement this is one has only to recall the serious situation in Hungary and Finland, for instance, where actual revolutions have accompanied efforts of their sovereign powers to force an alien language upon their peoples.

That Washington man who willed his reatives nothing but his "kind wishes" must have had a hard time giving them a pleasant look during his life time.

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GOSSIP ABOUT NOTABLE PEOPLE.
For political precedence Senator George C. Perkins, of California, is entitled to the palm. At least the Californian has some reward coming for his size-up of the situation in Maine months before the Republicans pulled through there in September by the skin of their teeth.

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HEARST'S THREE ADVISERS.
Brainy Men Who Have Contributed to Making His Reputation.
From the World's Work.

As a political factor William Randolph Hearst may or may not be ephemeral, but in either case he is a man for political leaders to reckon with. His prominence in once again the headlines is due to his enormous amount of advertising, a continuous, systematic campaign of publicity conducted by men who know how to make the most of every new development.

The general public knows only Mr. Hearst. His name is at the top of his newspapers in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and Los Angeles; all the promotional, public, and editorial articles are signed by William Randolph Hearst; the bills which he has introduced into Congress credit him as their official author.

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GOSSIP ABOUT NOTABLE PEOPLE.
Nixon's Early Days in Virginia.
Lewis Nixon, who is figuring so prominently in the politics of New York, having been chairman of the Democratic State convention at Buffalo, is even better known in Washington and immediate vicinities than he is in his own State.

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VIEWS OF VISITING MEN OF AFFAIRS.
At the Raleigh is Hon. D. P. Markey, of Port Huron, Mich., former speaker of the Michigan legislature and for many years prominent in the councils of Michigan Republicans. At present Mr. Markey is devoting his sole attention to the affairs of that well-known order, the Knights of the Maccabees of the World, of which he is supreme commander.

"There is a very interesting five-cornered fight for United States Senator in Michigan," said Mr. Markey to a Herald reporter. "At present the contest is pretty close race for the lead between Will Millan, son of the late Senator, and William Aiden Smith, with Smith having the best of it in the number of pledged votes. The other aspirants are Arthur Hill, a rich lumberman of Saginaw, and Cleggren McMoran and Townsend.

"It is a very hard race to make any predictions about, as is always the case when so many candidates figure. It would not be surprising if in the end McMoran should be chosen. He is one of the strongest men in the State. Starting life without a dollar, he has developed into a man of big affairs, being heavily engaged in many lines of business, including ownership in railroads and ships. He comes from the right quarter, from the east end of the State, which has always been conceded one of the Senators."

"The limit of electric railway construction will not be reached in this country for a long time," said Mr. F. W. Coen, secretary of the Lake Shore Electric Railway Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, at the New Willard.

"Our company has perhaps the largest straight-away line in the United States, reaching from Cleveland to Toledo, a distance of 125 miles, and is busy making a connection between Sandusky and Tremont that will add considerably to its mileage. The actual running time is thirty-three minutes an hour, and the same good service is had that customers of the steam railways enjoy.

"Inter-urban lines have been a tremendous success in every part of the United States and that they will eventually cut into the passenger traffic business of the steam roads is evident. I should say that the line now building between Washington and Baltimore would be certain of a heavy patronage."

"I was enrolled as a Democratic voter this year, and have always been of the Democratic faith, but shall cast my ballot for Hughes for governor of New York," said Mr. Sturges Dunham, a successful young patent lawyer of the metropolis, at the New Willard.

"The Democratic ticket at the New Willard in business tell me without exception that they are going to support Hughes. They do not regard the ticket named at Buffalo as a Democratic ticket, and feel no strain in their party loyalty by helping to defeat it. King County, which gives Hughes a big majority, and while Mr. Hearst will carry Manhattan it will not be by any sweeping vote."

The chief of police of Cincinnati, Paul M. Millikin, who is at the Raleigh, is a young man of fine appearance and very energetic personality.

"The people of the District of Columbia," said he, "have a fine police force, if I am any judge, and in the person of Maj. Sylvester one of the most able and energetic men to be found in the chief of police in the United States. The police department is under the civil service law, and I think that system ought to obtain in all cities. Such an important department ought to be entirely divorced from political influence."

"What are the most fruitful agencies, chief, that lead young men in American towns to join the ranks of law-breakers?"

"In my opinion the two leading factors in the way of causing the young to become vicious are the smoking of cigarettes and reading dime novels. The boy who indulges in both may grow up to be a credit to his parents, but the chances are all the other way."

"You people who stay in Washington all the time don't beat to realize what a beautiful city it is," said Mr. T. C. Crawford, in former years one of the best known newspaper men of this country, but for a long while past a resident of London, at the New Willard.

"I haven't seen Washington in ten years, and it does my heart good to be in the old town once more. To me it appears like an entrancing vision, a delightful picture, and I am satisfied that ere long it will be regarded as the world's most magnificent capital.

England, judged by its total savings bank deposits and its money-lending operations, is in prosperous condition, but the country has tremendous social problems to solve. One of the most troublesome questions of the day is how to reduce the unemployment in the unemployed in London alone 175,000 men are to-day tramping the streets, without a penny for food or shelter. The labor members of Parliament under the leadership of Mr. Balfour have proposed a scheme for bettering the condition of these unfortunates, and doubtless some plan will be hit upon to provide employment for them. London is full of the most humane and charitable people to be found in the city are supported by private subscriptions, and their operations are purely charitable.

"Speaking of the wretched class without homes, a policeman near my residence told me a few days ago that hundreds of them had as their beds the pavements of the streets. I think that this situation is largely brought about through the British policy of free trade. The English are slow to see it, but sooner or later they will wake up to the fact that unless they follow the fashion of the other nations in putting on a tariff, however moderate, the army of the unemployed will be constantly augmented."

"In Detroit, Mayor Codd, who, shortly, will be re-elected, has given a great deal of study to the local street car question," said Mr. R. J. White, of the Michigan metropolis, at the Arlington.

"In his programme is included the sale of ten tickets for 25 cents during certain hours of the day, when the cars are heavily patronized by young people. At present on some of the city lines, eight tickets are now given for a quarter, and we also have a system of universal transfers."

Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Gov. Swanson, chief executive of the Old Dominion, were seen at the New Willard last evening.

Mr. J. P. Alberger, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Eastern division, with headquarters at Philadelphia, is at the Raleigh, accompanied by a fair bride, one of the Quaker City's most attractive daughters. Mr. Alberger has presented the Western Union in every part of the country, and has reached his present important office on his merit.

His Rabbit Couldn't Add.
From Everybody's Magazine.
"One day Willie's mother found her young hopeful holding his pet rabbit by the ears. From time to time he would give Bunny a violent shake and demand sharply, 'Two plus two? Two plus two?' or 'Three plus three? Three plus three?'