

GREAT THIRD-TERM FIGHT

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

Although the country generally thinks it knows pretty well what the Republican national convention, which meets in Chicago to-day, will do, there are politicians who will not breathe easily until the thing is all over.

Only twice before has there been serious talk of a third term for the President. The first time a third-term boom started over the country it was nipped in the bud by the personal opposition of its intended beneficiary, George Washington.

But Gen. Grant did not share in the partial downfall of his party, and despite the bitter campaign against him waged by personal enemies, he remained the people's hero.

Then the third-term boom was started. Gen. Grant listened to the buzzing of the bee with vanishing reluctance, and finally consented to the nomination.

When the convention met it was Grant against the field. The "allies" were led by James G. Blaine, and their hosts included as candidates Sherman, of Ohio; Edmunds, of Vermont; Washburne, of Illinois, and Windom, of Minnesota.

Blaine was the great hope of the anti-third-termers. He had led the party in the national House of Representatives at a time when a great leader was sorely needed.

Four years before he had struggled for the nomination for President, to be defeated by Ohio dark horse, Rutherford B. Hayes. Indeed, Conkling was engineering the Grant boom as the only means of defeating Blaine, whom he hated with all the strength of his imperious soul.

Four years before Col. Robert G. Ingersoll had nominated Blaine in the famous "plumed knight" speech, which still stands at the head of the great convention speeches. This time another great speech was made, one that ranked second only to Ingersoll's. It was Conkling's speech nominating Grant.

The balloting began. On the first test Grant had 394 votes and Blaine 284, while 275 votes were required to nominate. After the two leaders, the strongest candidate in the field was John Sherman, of Ohio.

Sherman's name had been placed before the convention by James A. Garfield. Garfield knew from the first that Sherman could not win; he was convinced that none of the prominent candidates could defeat Grant.

When asked what State he hailed from, his only reply shall be: "It comes from the East, and its famous apple tree."

That was the beginning of a powerful appeal to the country that was grateful to Grant for his services in saving the Union. So much of the brief speech was devoted to Grant's personal and effective. But Conkling could not stop with an appeal for his own candidate. His hatred of Blaine was so great that it overbore his better judgment, and he concluded the speech with a few sentences that set the teeth of every Blaine man in the country. Conkling's sneers were more potent for injury to his cause than his eloquence of advocacy could overcome.

Each one of the 206 delegates who stayed by Grant all through the balloting was given a bronze medal, expressing the appreciation of the support of the great popular hero. But when Conkling failed to win in that great fight, wise men were heard to say: "The American people will never consider giving any President a third term. Washington declined it, and established a tradition. If that tradition is so strong that a popular war hero like Gen. Grant cannot break it down, it is strong enough to stand forever." Since that time wise men have referred to the defeat of Grant for a third term as the endorsement by the American public of the Washington principle, that two terms are enough.

But the third-term idea was not dead. Mr. Roosevelt had served over three years as President by succession, when he was elected to a full term of four years. On the night of the election he gave out a statement that he would not be a candidate for re-election. It wasn't taken seriously by many people, and three years later there was a third-term boom of considerable proportions.

Long silence from the White House caused men to believe that the President was not unwilling to consider a reconsideration of his election-night statement. Then came the discovery of the subterranean Cortelyou boom, the blowing up of an alleged "conspiracy," and the flat reiteration of the Roosevelt refusal to be a candidate. Even that did not stop the activity of some of the third-termers, although a general campaign had to be abandoned.

It is passing strange, reviewing the history of the third-term booms in this country, that the Republican leaders have approached this convention with the fear that it would renounce Mr. Roosevelt in spite of precedent, in spite of the third-term boom, in spite of himself. Everybody knows that he could have had it if he wished, which knowledge sets aside the deliriums handed down by the wise men when Grant was defeated in 1880.

Woodmen Give Excursion. Oak Camp, No. 4, Woodmen of the World, will give its annual excursion to Marshall Hall to-morrow.

To-morrow—Great National Saengerfest.

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FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

Schemes without number have occupied the attention of women, and many of them have not been worth the sacrifice that was necessary to make time for them.

Money matters do not bother reckless couples, but they have prevented the marriage of many a sensible couple. It is quite right to have a substantial basis for the new life, a bit of money to start a home or guard against misfortune.

Five hundred dollars is a tidy little sum for working people, but if saving was begun early and made a part of daily life, this sum might be in the possession of many men and women when they reach a marriageable age.

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WILL COMPLETE COMMISSION.

President Takes Steps for Organization of Conservation Work.

Steps have been taken by President Roosevelt in conjunction with Gifford Pinchot to complete the organization of the national conservation commission this week.

The first act takes place in a restaurant. Here the stage people gather, among them Miss Cameron, the successful actress, and the theatrical manager, Hallday, only to be assured, not for the first time, that his plays are too poor that people don't talk like that.

The second act is in the Boyds' home, and serves to show Kitty Cameron in her new environment, splendidly disguised, and finding her first opportunity to be of service.

The last act shows the office of Manager Hallday. The play has been produced and is a big success, and it shows the coming together of Kitty Cameron and the lover she has worked so hard for, though she does not let him know even then that it was she who was the Cinderella.

It cannot be said that the play is free from faults of construction. Indeed, there are many of them. In the first act, for instance, there is a lot of talk about Stephen Boyd being so poor that he has not sufficient food, and yet when we get to his home in the second and third acts he seems to live fairly comfortably, and at least his mother shows evidence of being extremely well fed.

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SWANN'S & G. THE BUSY CORNER

Another lot of \$7 and \$8 lingerie dresses to-day, \$3.98.

These are all made of fine sheer materials, and are in a variety of colors—pink, light blue, lavender, tan, and white. The last lot we advertised sold out in the morning, and we scarcely had enough to supply the demand.

Suit Dept.—Second Floor.

AT LOCAL PLAYHOUSES

The Columbia—"That Little Affair at the Boyds."

For the first time on any stage there was presented last night at the Columbia Theater a new play by Mr. William Gillette, a comedy in four acts: "That Little Affair at the Boyds."

Miss Ryan's opportunity came through the illness of Miss Cecelia Loftus, who had been especially engaged to create the part of Kitty Cameron in Mr. Gillette's play.

Outside of this episode, which once more emphasized the wonderful good nature of American audiences, the play itself comes in for consideration. It is a comedy of story between a leading actress and a struggling playwright, in which she, with her knowledge of the requirements and the possibilities of the stage, fights with the creative power and criticism of common sense.

In a way the play is reminiscent. It has something of Zangwill's "Morally Adrift" about it. You can't help thinking that, if you have seen both the plays, but the motif is different, and Mr. Gillette's play makes a much franker bid for the franchise of laughter than does the London affair of Laurence and Mary Ann.

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very well. Miss Jeffrey Lewis was, of course, good, as she always is, and another part very well taken was the Hallday of Mr. Brennan. The rest of the company afforded adequate support and helped to make a fine performance.

The result of the good acting, the clever play, and the fine stage direction of Mr. Winchell Smith was an entertainment that is sure to please a great many audiences as well as it pleased the large audience last night. There remains no room for doubt that "That Little Affair at the Boyds" has all the makings of a big success.

HECTOR FULLER.

The National—"Florodora."

The opera season at the National Theater was continued last night by the first performance of "Florodora," with William T. Carleton, the famous light opera star, as the main subsidiary attraction.

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REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR GIRL

BY HELEN BOWLAND.

All this talk about trial marriages seems so superfluous—considering that marriage has always been a trial.

A man in the act of putting his wife on the train for her summer vacation feels like the bad boy who has just heard the bell clang for recess. He doesn't know exactly what he is going to do, but he knows it will be something against the rules and hence very fascinating.

You would fancy a girl were a species of ostrich from the amount of flattery a man feeds her before marriage and the two-edged cynicism he expects her to swallow afterward.

Every woman is born an actress, and actresses are twice as attractive to men as other women, because they are twice as women.

When a man declares he knows his own mind, his wife may sometimes wonder why he seems so proud of the acquaintance.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders. Capt. JAMES B. DILLARD is relieved from duty at Watertown Arsenal, Mass., and will report to the Chief of Ordnance for duty in his office.

First Lieut. RICHARD C. BURELSON is relieved from duty at the Sandy Hook Proving Grounds and will proceed to Watertown.

Capt. GEORGE V. H. MOSELEY, Fifth Cavalry, will proceed to Chicago for duty to accompany the First Cavalry, Illinois National Guard, on a practice march.

The following named contract surgeons, United States Army, now in this city, are relieved from further duty at the Army Medical School, and will proceed to the camp of instruction at Pine Camp, N. Y., with assignment with Company G, Hospital Corps, Contract Surgeon, MAHLON ASHFORD, ARTHUR N. TARKER, and GARFIELD L. MCKINNEY.

The following named contract surgeons, United States Army, having completed the course of instruction at the Army Medical School in this city, will report at the General Hospital, Washington Barracks, for assignment to duty with

Company C, Hospital Corps, EDWARD G. HUBER, JOHN S. LAMBLE, Jr., and CALVIN D. COWLES, Jr.

Lieut. Commander W. S. TURPIN, detached duty Pennsylvania, to Kentucky.

AMUSEMENTS.

To-day's the Opening Day RAIN OR SHINE Everything Under Cover for Elks' Rural Jubilee and Barn Dance AT BENNING RACE COURSE 3 Days of Rare Amusement. Trotting Races and Show Horses To-day at 2. Auto Races, Tournament. Country Circus. Dancing in the "Barn." Straw Ride, from Peace Monument at 5:30 o'clock each day, 25c. Phone J. Wm. Lee for reservation. See "Althea" in High Dive, And Many Other Free Attractions. General Admission, 25c. Gates Open at 1. Races at 2 o'clock.

COLUMBIA MATINEES THURS AND SAT. TO-NIGHT—First Time on Any Stage. WINCHELL SMITH Presents CECILIA LOFTUS IN WILLIAM GILLETTE'S Latest Comedy, Entitled THAT LITTLE AFFAIR AT THE BOYDS. Produced under the personal direction of WINCHELL SMITH. NOTABLE CAST, including MISS WELLS and MISS LEE. Prices for This Special Engagement Lower floor, \$1 and 50c. Balcony, 50c and 75c. Gallery, 25c. Boxes, \$6 to \$15.

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TO-NIGHT AT 8:15 NEW NATIONAL 25c. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday at 2:15. ABEORN OPERA CO. IN THE FABIOUS MUSICAL COMEDY, FLORODORA. Next Week—"SAY TOY."

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The Georgetown University Hospital WILL HOLD A LAWN FETE ON JUNE 16, 17, 18, AND 19, from 6 to 10 o'clock, AT THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS, 31th and N Sts.

Company C, Hospital Corps, EDWARD G. HUBER, JOHN S. LAMBLE, Jr., and CALVIN D. COWLES, Jr.

Capt. GEORGE H. PENROSE, quartermaster, is detailed as chief quartermaster at the maneuver camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., with Maj. GEORGE G. BAILEY.

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A CHARMING STYLE FOR SUPPLE FABRICS.



The suppleness of the fashionable materials offers opportunities for some very pleasing effects in gown creation, and one which displays the ever-charming over-bow effect is sketched. Silk voile in the cool, lustrous green shade was used for making. Irish lace being chosen for the yoke, and ribbon and embroidery for trimming. The blouse is slightly full at the waist line, where it is gathered into a deep cuff. The skirt is composed of a circular upper part lengthened by a

straight flounce, and may be made in sweep or round length. It is gathered to the belt at the waist line, and falls thence in graceful effect, now so eagerly sought. Mirage silk, foulard, or any soft draping material will serve for making the dress, the medium size requiring 4 1/2 yards of 24-inch goods for the waist and 5 yards of the same width for the skirt. Two patterns—6137, six sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure; 6138, six sizes, 20 to 30 inches bust measure. The price of these patterns is 20 cents, but either will be sent on receipt of 30 cents by the Pattern Department, The Washington Herald, 734 Fifteenth Street Northwest, and giving number (6137, 6138) and size wanted.

LANSBURGH & BRO. 420-426 Seventh St. N. W. \$7.00 Silk Petticoats.....\$4.69 A splendid assortment of Silk Petticoats made of a high-grade heavy taffeta in plain and changeable shades; full cut and finished with deep circular flounce with rows of shirring; others with stitched band, and several other styles. Full foundation and dust ruffle. Special \$4.69