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GOOD FOR YOU, GOV. MANN

Governor Mann's attitude on the question of calling an extra session of the Legislature in order to pass a law legalizing the primary election, as set forth in his letter to Mr. Harry St. George Tucker, is sound and sensible.

He points out the fact that in 1908, the Supreme Court of the State, in the case of the Commonwealth versus George Tucker, established the constitutionality of the act to secure the regularity and purity of primary elections.

But Governor Mann had other and excellent reasons, for not calling the law makers together. If the legislature would meet now, he says it would probably elect a successor to Senator Daniel and thus take from the people the privilege of deciding who this shall be, defeating the declared policy of the State respecting the choice of United States Senators; but the chief objection is in the matter of expense, which would be incurred without the certainty of accomplishing any definite results.

It would cost the taxpayers at least \$25,000 for an extra session, and the cost might run \$50,000 more. As the legislature would be called together in the same which declined to pass any of the four bills submitted to it in the winter, providing for a change in the law, it is by no means sure that it would pass an extra session that which it rejected at the regular session. Should it be called together and then refuse to act—and the Governor has no power to compel it to do other than it desires—then this money would have been taken from the pockets of the taxpayers to absolutely no purpose.

There is another good reason why the legislature should not be called together in extraordinary session, although the Governor did not mention it. It is this: We already have entirely too much lawmaking, and would be far better off with half as much as we get in the regular session. The people would be profited if the General Assembly should meet but once in four years instead of every other year. We are cursed and burdened with laws on every conceivable subject—many of them openly disregarded, and never enforced, and the fewer opportunities we give to make more the better for us. The people expressed themselves vigorously on this very proposition last November when they refused to extend the legislative session from 90 to 99 days, and we believe that should their legislature submit a constitutional amendment providing for legislative sessions but once in four years it would carry by a decisive majority. Governor Mann has done the right and proper thing.

WILSON BREAKS WITH MACHINE

Of course that old Staunton boy, Woodrow Wilson had to mix things up with the politicians of New Jersey. He has just spiked the guns of Ex-Senator "Sugar" Smith, who wanted to return to the United States Senate, and who helped elect Dr. Wilson Governor.

Smith, it will be remembered, was one of that little band of renegade democrats, which included Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland and Brice of Ohio, who held up the Wilson tariff bill, changed it from a tariff for revenue measure into a protectionist bill, earning for themselves the designation of party traitors, and sending the defeat of the democratic party, and the loss of the presidency from the expiration of Cleveland's term until now. Smith's pet "infant industry" was the thieving sugar trust and although his given name is James, his activity in the trust's interest earned for him the nickname "Sugar."

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It took courage on the part of the president to name Mr. Justice White

to go back to the senate and if he does go back he will not go as their representative. His means of knowing whom they desire, he says in the record of their vote in the primaries in which they declared their preference for Martine. "For me," it should be for every member of the legislature. Absolute good faith in dealing with the people, an unhesitating fidelity to every principle avowed, is the highest law of political morality under a constitutional government."

Of course Smith is indignant. His first word is of ingratitude. "It is a gratuitous attack on one who has befriended him, and an unwarranted attempt to coerce the legislature." Smith had proposed to do a little overing on his own account. Smith also says that Wilson's methods are ungentlemanly. He also says it will be a shock to the people—that it is foul play. "Gratitude" was not to be expected of him, but fairness was, but his act denies it," howls this man, denounced by Cleveland as guilty of party perfidy and dishonor. "This act marks his initial step as Governor—next with worse than a blunder—with an assault that is neither fair nor honorable."

All the old stock phrases of the shifty politician whose hand is exposed. He prates of gratitude who betrays; his own party—he howls of fair play who was preparing by intrigue to thwart the expressed desire of the voters of his party in his own state.

The break between Wilson and the wing of his party represented by Smith has come as all who know the man knew it must come. Wilson will have the advantage of being Governor with all the power and prestige of that office. On the other hand say the politicians, he lacks experience in practical politics in which Smith is an expert and without a peer in the state.

Experience in "practical" politics! What does it mean, what does it count for as long as a man lives up to a creed like this: "Absolute good faith in dealing with the people, an unhesitating fidelity to every principle avowed, is the highest law of political morality under a constitutional government?"

He who stands squarely on a doctrine like that cannot lose.

MR. HITCHCOCK'S REFORMS

Postmaster General Hitchcock is anxious to make his department self sustaining, and to put it on a business basis. He has done a great deal along these lines and many of his ideas are good, but several of them are decidedly faulty, notably that proposing to charge one rate on reading matter in magazines, and another rate on advertising sections.

He recommends the establishment of a parcel post system on the rural delivery routes, which is good as far as it goes, but which does not go far enough. There is no reason why we should have a parcel post system extending over the entire country. When you figure out the amount of postage you pay on the Christmas presents you send by mail at the regular rate and then consider the amount which would be saved had we a parcel post service, with a 12 cent a pound rate, you will get an idea of what such a service would mean to the country. And it would end that ridiculous situation, by which it costs 16 cents to send a pound package from Staunton to Basic City or Harrisonburg, but which would cost only 12 cents if sent to New Zealand.

The arch politician of the administration, Mr. Hitchcock now wants to take the entire postal service out of politics. This is a real conversion to business principles, or is it just more politics. He says: "The recent order of the President classifying, all assistant postmasters was an important step in the right direction. As a still more important reform, presidential postmasters of all grades from the first class to the third should be placed in the classified service. This action, which is earnestly recommended, would unquestionably result in a still better standard of service."

Just so, just so. Knowing Mr. Hitchcock's record it is hard to believe that he does not see the handwriting on the wall, telling that there will be a democratic president in 1912, and that he would like to have the post office department manned by republicans and protected by law against removal. His recommendation will hardly be adopted just now although something similar may possibly be put in effect, say in 1913 or 1914.

COUNTY WOMAN.

Sunflower Philosophy. People have to learn to loaf, the same as they have to learn to work. Plenty of people can stand adversity, but only a few can stand prosperity. There is not much falling in love lately, and those that are in are falling out. Every man can prove that other people are wiser than him more than he imposes on others. When you see a woman on the streets she is going to one of two places: to a dry goods store or to the dentist. A man was to be executed at Coldridge, and he said to the hangman: "I am not fit to be hanged; keep me until I become converted." In view of the fact that nearly every farm is occupied there seems to be too much worry because the boys won't stay on the farm. Enough of them do. It is our idea that wives worry too much; very few husbands are stolen, and those that are seem hardly worth worrying about. The elderly women, instead of trying to cover young women to wear long false hair, seem to be adopting the puff hat themselves. There isn't anything more encouraging.

Winchester, Dec. 12.—John H. Daniels, of Jefferson county, West Virginia, and Miss Lela Mae McKee, member of an old Frederick county family, were married here Saturday at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Albert Pine, by Rev. J. W. Daffey.

A reception was held at Shenandoah Junction tonight. They will live at Norfolk, where the groom is stationed as naval electrical engineer.

MOVE TO ROANOKE

Mrs. A. S. Woodhouse and Miss Frances Woodhouse have gone to Roanoke to reside, Mr. Woodhouse having gone some weeks ago to accept a position there.

EDITORIAL JOTTINGS

The constant officers of New York are striking telling blows for the encouragement of honest dealing on the part of those who think it improper to steal from another man, but quite proper to defraud and cheat the government.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

The general opinion in the best revolutionary circles is that little E. R. Mansel, who is showing symptoms of activity, doesn't know when he is well off.—Baltimore News.

Prof. Thompson, of the Colorado University, says that kissing is much less dangerous than handshaking. For this reassurance, many thanks. Now we can go ahead.—Washington Herald.

After Lawyer Brandeis gets through operating the railroads at a million a year less than now, suppose he shows 'em how to satisfy a terrapin appetite on a fried egg income.—Washington Post.

Some of the boys are still trying to explain the election of last month. Forget it and let's have some fun watching congress wriggle.—Milwaukee News.

A PLEA FOR THE HOSPITAL

A County Woman Urges That It's Debt be Wiped Out

MESSENGER, EDITORS: May I speak a word to the people of old Augusta county through the columns of your good paper.

Do the people of the county know what a work of charity and humanity the King's Daughters Hospital is doing. From the president's report we find that there were only five more charity patients from the city than from the county (16 from the city, 11 from the county, since March. Then from treasurer's report, that the city people are doing very much more for the hospital financially than the county people are doing.

Since this hospital is for the benefit of the county as well as for the city it is not well for the King's Daughters and Sons of the county to join hands with those of the city and give substantial help to an institution that is proving such a God-send to so many sufferers.

We send money to equip hospitals in foreign lands. This is good. But shall we do this and forget our own sufferers, the poor of our county. The King's Daughters' Hospital work has grown and increased, until, if properly supported, financially, it cannot be excelled in efficiency by any hospital of its size.

What I should like to suggest to the county people is this: that we as a Christmas offering to our King, wipe out this debt of \$3,900. That means \$1 each from 3,900 people, or \$10 from \$90 or \$100 from \$9.

Perhaps there are some who would like to give but who cannot give a dollar. Shall we keep back our gift because it is small? I would like to say also that no one connected with the hospital suggested this to me.

It is only that I have heard of the fine work these noble women and men are doing and I believe that the people of our county will not only be willing but glad to help when they think in placing our hospital on an equal footing with any in the land, by freeing it of debt, for our physicians and nurses are certainly the equals of any.

Won't you think about this when you are doing your Christmas shopping and make one of your gifts to the hospital.

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WHALE TANGLED IN CABLE.

That Was Why Communication With Alaska Ceased. A big whale recently played havoc with the cable connecting the Territory of Alaska with Seattle, and it cost Uncle Sam many dollars to repair the damage.

Sent north to discover the cause of a sudden interruption of cable service between Valdez and Sitka, Captain Laffin, of the United States cable ship Burnside has just returned here with an interesting story. The cable ship picked up the cable near Cooks Inlet of Sitka and found enough work to keep the crew busy for several days. The cable was broken at the bottom of the ocean and swimming along with its mouth wide open in order that the meshes of whalebone might catch and hold food collected with the cable. The cable became entangled in the long bunches of whalebone hanging from the upper jaw of the whale and the great fish in its struggle to spit out the cable was forced to the bottom of the ocean and swimming along with its mouth wide open in order that the meshes of whalebone might catch and hold food collected with the cable. The cable became entangled in the long bunches of whalebone hanging from the upper jaw of the whale and the great fish in its struggle to spit out the cable was forced to the bottom of the ocean and swimming along with its mouth wide open in order that the meshes of whalebone might catch and hold food collected with the cable.

Unable to free itself the whale drowned, and the crew of the Burnside never had a worse job of lifting a cable than when they tried to haul on board the wire some miles off Cooks Inlet. When the twisted and knotted cable was finally brought on deck the partly decayed carcass of the whale was still attached to it.

The cable was severed and again connected and put into service while the ship's crew cleaned up the knotted section of cable. It is believed that more than 200 feet of cable was twisted into a knot. The cable did not part because of its tensile strength of 20,000 pounds.

Some years ago the cable was found twisted and knotted in a like manner and now Captain Laffin thinks he can explain the reason for it. The knotted cable then caused a great deal of discussion among sailors and gave rise to the theory that it had been twisted by jagged rocks turned over and over by a submarine earthquake.—New York Sun.

FOUR PNEUMATIC COWS.

The town of O'Brien has four pneumatic cows, thanks to Freddie Kupp, aged 17 years, who has seen fit to introduce this innovation to the barnyard world.

Some little time ago Freddie became displeased at Seth Morris an O'Brien ranchman, and decided that Seth should be made to feel the weight of Freddie's displeasure. Some boys might have heaved rocks through Seth's windows, or "swiped" his fruit and vegetables, or put some of his live stock out of commission. This was not Freddie's way, however. He hid his displeasure and waited for a chance to "get back at Mr. Morris."

A couple of days ago it came to Freddie that the twisted and knotted cable was finally brought on deck the partly decayed carcass of the whale was still attached to it.

Freddie went to the farmer owning the four pneumatic cows and arranged for their purchase at \$30 per cow. Then he secured an ancient bicycle pump.

"I'll make them look like milk cows, for \$40 apiece," Freddie confidentially informed Mr. Morris. "But I must deliver the cows and get my money at once. I need it."

The cows looked mighty good to Mr. Morris. They looked as if they could give gallons and gallons of milk. He bought the cows, paid for them. The first time he tried to milk them, however, the net result was several cubic feet of compressed air.

Expert testimony secured by Mr. Morris is to the effect that he cannot prosecute Freddie Kupp, although at the very first milking even the air supply had been exhausted from O'Brien's first pneumatic cows.—Seattle Times.

What Ails You?

Do you feel weak, tired, dependent, have frequent headaches, coated tongue, bitter or bad taste in morning, "heart-burn," belching of gas, acid rising in throat after eating, stomach gas or burn, loss of breath, dizzy spells, poor or variable appetite, nausea at times and kindred symptoms?

If you have any considerable number of the above symptoms you are suffering from biliousness, torpid liver with indigestion, or dyspepsia. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is made up of the most valuable medicinal principles known to medical science for the permanent cure of such abnormal conditions. It is a most efficient liver invigorator, stomach tonic, bowel regulator and nerve strengthener.

SPANISH SINCE 1808.

Politically Spain possesses four great ruling forces: "Conservadores," "Liberales," "Republicanos" and "Carlistas." Of these only the Republicans and the Carlists have a clear and definite programme, and it may even be said that only the latter have a real will. But the curious thing about these political aggregations is, that they do not have a clear and definite creed or political programme. The Conservatives and Liberals are the governmental parties of to-day, and they, thanks to a system of alternation, or turn about, succeed each other in power in accordance with the royal will.

In spite of all, however, in the general method of administration Spain is being regenerated. Opposition or agreement, for example, has brought about guarantees of stability to the public functionaries, thus doing away with the multitude of unemployed persons which each change of government used to bring. The type of "casas" (dismissed public officer) is becoming more rare every day, and it is to be hoped that this evolution, having thus commenced, will end by completely destroying the type.

The life of the provinces has gained a great impetus in the last few years: Barcelona, Bilbao, Valencia, Zaragoza, Valladolid, &c., are establishing new industries and opening markets within and without the kingdom. However, the character distinctive of each of these provinces and the necessity of defending special interests cause a certain spirit of discord or rivalry to exist between them. Barcelona, for example, an industrial province par excellence, needs to import the greater part of the raw material for its manufacturing, and so a high tariff system would be the ruin of the Catalan region. Valenciennes, on the other hand, whose greatest resource is agriculture, are comparatively indifferent to tariff questions, for their prosperity depends in great part on rates of exchange. Owing to the depreciation of Spanish currency they are able to sell their products in foreign markets at a premium which offsets the cost of production and handling.

This special nature of the various regions gives them also very marked political tendencies. In the centers of industry the body of laborers is Republican or Socialist (Barcelona and its neighborhood, Madrid, Valencia, Zaragoza, Bilbao, &c.). The country people on the contrary are for the most part reactionary, although private interests or the pressure of proprietor upon tenant may be determinative of the farmer's vote.

Feared by the great and powerful, frequently of little education but of cunning sagacity, an entangler of the clearest questions and an interpreter of the most difficult the "cacique" manages and upsets the government of a province. Mayors, Governors, Deputies, high and low officials, all owe to him their posts and are his instruments, going from Ministry to Ministry dancing attendance while at home in his little corner the "cacique" with a shrewd imagination prepares the strokes of local politics. The Province of Castellon, which elects seven Deputies, was managed by a kind of committee called the coal, directed by a person of the middle class.

The political education of the citizen is coming more and more into evidence, and with its advance the influence of the "cacique" (political "chief" or "boss") is growing less, so that at present the regions in which the will of the latter dominates are very few. A new political power has been constituted since the loss of the colonies and has been greatly augmented in the last elections: "La solidaridad," the principle of solidarity.

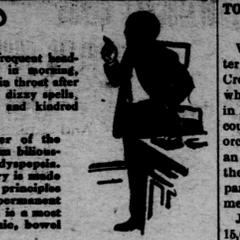
This is the concentration of diverse political tendencies of a section for the defence of its interests against a policy of centralization. Nowhere has the central power been so hated as in Spain, an effect without doubt of the heterogeneity of the nation's component parts. A Catalan does not desire to be classed with a Galician or an Andalusian; a Valencian or a Murcian is very different from a Navarrese or a Basque; and the diversity which exists in the legislative system in regard to privileges accorded to the various provinces has had the hardihood to show itself in the political system. It is an undeniable fact, however, that there has been a certain amount of centralization; but it is also evident that both the Basque and the Catalan sectional laws have been exaggerated demands. If these should be granted national life would become impossible; the State would turn from a centralized into a federal State.—Yale Review.

HEAVY STORM IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Winning, W. Va., Dec. 12.—A heavy snowstorm is sweeping over West Virginia, causing hardships in the mountain regions to be out off from the outside world. Trains are delayed and a number of navigable streams are closed, causing a loss of any thousands of dollars.

ENDS WINTER'S TROUBLES.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest Relief of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 25c at E. F. Hughes Staunton, Va.



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