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"Canned Music" Wins.

Now that the Supreme Court has decided that music boxes and mechanical Paderewskis can repeat the tunes of Damrosch, Herbert, Sousa, and Bowers...

Yet we are sorry for the composers who as they walk and ride and eat, or try to sleep will be compelled to hear their music under the most unfavorable conditions...

Mr. Hearst in the Brush.

William R. Hearst has become the object of much solicitude among the politicians of both parties, since the move to launch a party of his own...

Mr. Hearst has a tremendous independent following in this country. He polled more votes for mayor of New York, as an independent...

The Republicans may make a sad mistake in assuming that Hearst will draw more strength to his new party from the Democrats than from the Republicans...

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The proposed new labor party figures out that it is entitled to about 4,500,000 votes to start with; its only trouble is that it will divide into about 4,500,000 groups, each claiming to be the party.

When Our Love Began. The year is young, but its lineage runs to the dawn of the far first day. When the sun burst forth and the earth was flung...

Let Us Redeem the Primaries. The people of the District of Columbia will shortly exercise their one right of self assertion—the election of delegates to the national conventions of the two great parties.

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judges of election stopped on their way to headquarters with the ballot boxes, and openly stuffed them in an alley just off F street, between Ninth and Tenth streets.

No question of abandoning a lone political right to colored men arises in connection with the Democratic primaries. But they are hardly less creditable to the city, nevertheless.

Almost as often, as with the Republicans have there been specific charges and countercharges over the Democratic primaries until, year after year, the mass of our white men have sickened of the whole business and remained away from the polls.

Is it not time to end all this? Are the white men of the Republican party who live in Washington content to look on, and see the right of selection which ought to rest in large part with them pass over, unobstructed, to the same control that has made Republican primaries in the South a by-word?

The way to stop all this is to stop it. To get out to the polls. To choose the best candidates. To show a fitness for a larger part in the Government by using to advantage that part we now have.

Is it worth while, White Republicans? Is it worth while, District Democrats? It appears that some more Annapolis cadets are going to be discharged for fighting. The idea of these young men fighting, who are enlisted and especially trained to fight, seems strangely alien to the authorities up there.

An Italian statesman pulled out at the head of his opponent's whiskers in the course of a debate. While this style of polemic is not so dignified as might be, yet it would be preferable to the assassination and black hand methods of enforcing opinion.

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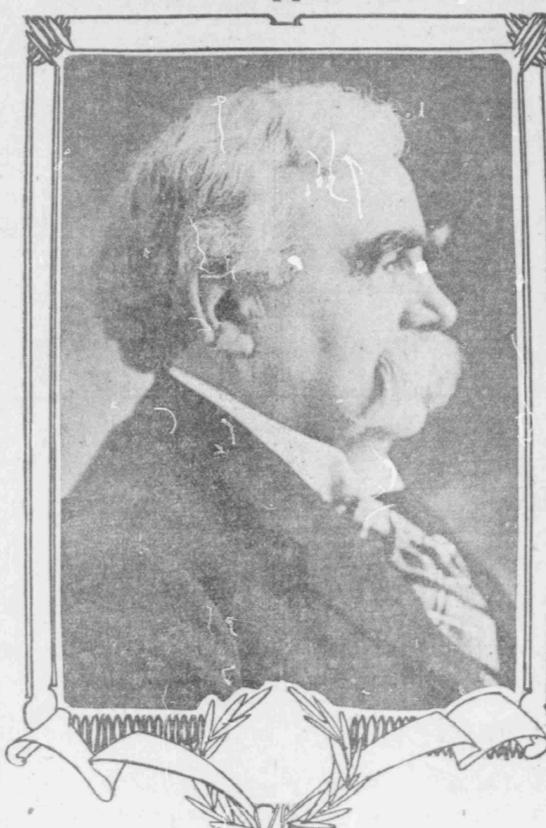
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Conrad of Montana Boosted As Runner-Up to Nebraskan, And He Appreciates Honor



W. C. CONRAD, Montana Millionaire, Who May Run for Vice President on Democratic Ticket.

Western Millionaire Big Man in Democratic Party. Friends Say He Will Be Real Thing at Denver Convention.

Uneasy lies the head of W. C. Conrad, Montana millionaire, politician, and captain of industry. Bryan is trying to dodge the boom, but it seems to have struck him square between his beetling brows, and he seems to be "it" in the national game of tag.

Hasn't Announced Candidacy. The Hon. W. G. Conrad has not announced his candidacy for Vice President Fairbanks' job, but the Vice Presidential hornet has been nuzzling a merry tune around his festive ears and dogged his footsteps from coast to coast.

Appreciates Honor. I appreciate the honor of the office of Vice President, and would live up to my oath if the position was given me. If the people want me let them nominate me and I shall do the rest, but I do not want to be put in the light of thrusting myself on the people.

He Means Business. The Hon. W. G. Conrad, of Montana, means business. He is in Washington for pleasure, but one can always enjoy himself more by mixing business with pleasure than the mortal of life.

Could Balance Taft. Mr. Conrad is a picturesque man. He is a big man in many senses, and could easily balance the Democratic pan of the scales if Secretary Taft were in the Republican side.

Boom Born in Montana. Mr. Conrad's boom for the Vice Presidency started in Montana. It was swept to the Pacific coast and returned strengthened five-fold. The winds veered and Mr. Conrad, who had regarded the boom as somewhat neutronic in the West, leaped upon arriving in Washington to find that he was a full-fledged candidate for the national convention.

January Circulation Figures. Net Daily Average: The Times.....41,501 The Star.....37,128

PARK WILL PASSE; GARDENS \$150,000

Little Opposition to Measure Extending East Boundary.

With little opposition, the Gallinger bill to extend the east boundary of Rock Creek Park has been passed by the Senate. Senator Bailey questioned the wisdom of adding more property to the park, but he was informed by Senator Carter that the original plan for the park had included the property under consideration, and he withdrew his objection.

A bill was introduced by Senator Burket authorizing the Capital Traction Company to extend its lines from Florida avenue and Seventh street northwest to Florida avenue and Eighth street northeast, and down Eighth street northeast to Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Senator Dooliver has introduced a bill authorizing the United States Commissioner of Education to investigate educational problems. An appropriation of \$40,000 is carried.

Senator Gore has introduced a bill to make William H. Creek a major on the retired list. He has served forty years in the service of the Government.

Recieve Worth \$15,000 Lived Alone With Parrot and Hen.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Evidently realizing that she could not live many days longer, Mrs. Johanna Stelter, more than eighty years old, who lived in apartments on the second floor at 182 Stagg street, Williamsburg, prepared for death Sunday by obtaining sufficient food to keep alive her pet parrot and white hen. Then she sat down in a chair and died—supposedly a natural death.

On the back of a chair in the kitchen the parrot looked on as the policeman searched through the rooms. The little white hen was found in the parrot's cage in a rear room, in various places throughout her rooms. Mrs. Stelter had lived alone for a month. On an old-fashioned piano in the parlor the police found more than a pound of crackers.

So reticent was the aged woman in regard to her life that during the four years she had lived as a recluse in the Stagg street house no one had been able to learn where she had come from. Her room showed evidence of former habitation, the furniture being of old French manufacture.

ERECT COOPER STATUE PLAN OF NEW SOCIETY

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The Cooper's Statue Association has just been formed here, with President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard University, as chairman; Prof. Thomas H. Lounsbury, Yale; Prof. Brandegee Matthews, Columbia; and Rudyard Kipling as the leading members.

Other noted writers, artists and men of affairs will be asked to join. The object of the association is to erect in vicinity of his old home in Cooperstown a statue to the novelist, and for this purpose a popular appeal for funds will be held at Riom some weeks hence.

FOUR POISON SUSPECTS ON TRIAL IN FRANCE

LIMOGES, France, Feb. 27.—Preliminary hearings began today of the cases against the two Thomas brothers, the Porter, Faure, and the antiquarian, du Fay, charged with complicity in the crimes of a band of poisoners and church robbers whose work throughout France netted the members hundreds of thousands of dollars.

PETER THE BETRAYER, RABBI BROWNE HOLDS HER NOSE WORTH \$2,500; OF THE GRECIAN KIND

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 27.—Rabbi Edward B. M. Browne, of New York, in a lecture last night created a sensation by the allegation that it was not Judas but the Apostle Peter who betrayed the Savior.

OH! BUY THE EXPOSITION, MAYNARD'S PLEA TOMORROW

Representative Harry Maynard, of Virginia, the Pierpont Morgan of the Jamestown Exposition, is about to perch himself upon the banks that are blessed with sweet bloom and fragrance by the gurgling streams of money.

Why Buy Exposition Grounds? In other words, Mr. Maynard has arranged to have a public hearing tomorrow morning before the House Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, when he will set forth why the Government, already more than \$1,000,000 loser by the "big fair," should pay \$2,500,000 for the buildings and grounds on which the Jamestown Exposition was held.

It will be a great day for the promoters of the fair. In the courts in the lower part of Virginia there is now pending a freight car full of litigation, which represents the frenzied efforts of creditors trying to get the money.

Plans Secret. What Mr. Maynard's argument will be is as yet a secret unfathomable as the reaches of eternal night. To what uses the Government will put the buildings and grounds only Maynard knows, and he will not tell. There is even some doubt as to whether he will tell the committee tomorrow.

One of his colleagues suggested today that he will say: "Give us money." Then he will say, "Give us money." After some deliberation, he will say with great emphasis, "Give us money." In a great final burst of eloquence he will exclaim with belligerent front, "Give us money!"

Whether such a speech will move the hearts of the committee it is hard to tell.

Coming to Theaters

The seat sale for the engagement of the week beginning next Monday at the Belasco of David Belasco's play of early California life, "The Rose of the Rancho," is now on, and indications are that the theater-goers of Washington will receive Belasco's newest leading woman, Miss Frances Starr, and his poetic drama with as much fervor as have New York, Boston, and Philadelphia.

Miss Netherale in Repertoire. The sale of seats for Olga Netherale's annual engagement at the National Theater in this city began this morning. The great English actress will present a repertoire of five plays, three of which have never been seen here.

"Taddles" at the Columbia. "Taddles," a French farce turned into English by Clyde Fitch and coming to this country by way of London, will be presented at the Columbia Theater, Monday night, by Charles Frohman.

"Happy Hooligan" at Majestic. "Happy Hooligan's Trip Around the World," with its burlesque of surprises, music, comedians and well-gowned girls, will be next week's attraction at the Majestic. The story unfolded in the play is said to be of the side-splitting variety, and the complicated situation introduced are claimed to keep the audience in an uproar.

Trans-Atlantic Burlesquers. The Gayety next week will present "Two Hot Knights" and "A Gay Modiste," under the auspices of the "Trans-Atlantic Burlesquers." In the olio there is Lizzie Freligh, Kalloway Brothers, European acrobats; Norman Bell and her Musical Pander; Fitzgerald and Quinn, two comedians; "A Trio," consisting of Val Raynor, James Whitley and Frank Kilgus, novelty singers; and Sisters DeGraft, the girls with the big voice.

Two Burlesquers at Lyceum. The attraction at the New Lyceum next week will be the "Hullo Rounders." Two spicy burlesques, "A Day at Niagara Falls" is the opening attraction, and "Day at Sheephead Bay" the closing burlesque. Half a dozen comedians, headed by Sam Howe, and a singing and dancing party of show girls present them.

Chase's next week will offer Valerie Bergere and company in "Billie's First Love"; the Steedes, Raymond and Cav-

erly, Katharine Hayes and Sabell Johnson, Herbert Cyril, the Jupiter Brothers, the Sandwicks, and the motion pictures of "The Sabarbaric's Ingenious Alarm."

"Texas" at Academy. Broadhurst and Curry will present at the New Academy next Monday night the four-act play of American frontier life, entitled "Texas," by J. Maudlin Feigl.

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GEORGIA PROHIBITIONISTS MAY AMEND CONSTITUTION

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 27.—Georgia prohibitionists have launched a movement for an amendment to the State constitution by the next Legislature, which will ban the manufacture or sale of spirituous or malt liquors in the State.

The prohibition law now in force is a statutory one. It is argued that once prohibition is made a part of the State constitution it will be necessary to secure a two-thirds vote of the people to wipe it out. Of course, it will take this same proportion to put the amendment in the constitution, but the Anti-Saloon League feels confident of being able to accomplish this.

COMMISSIONERS SENT BILLS FOR OPENING TWO STREETS

With a request for a favorable report C. A. Langley, of 319 Tenth street northwest, has forwarded to the Commissioners a draft of two bills for opening Chillum place from Riggs road to Sligo Mill road and First street from Nicholson street to Shepherd road. Inclosed was a copy of resolutions of the Woodburn Citizens' Association indorsing the measure.

In reply the writer will be informed that the Commissioners will give careful consideration to the communication before submitting their report on the bill to Congress.

Justice Brewer Asks Help for Poor

My Dear Mr. Rudolph: I note with great interest the effort of the Joint Finance Committee of the Associated Charities, Citizens' Relief Association, and Committee on Prevention of Consumption, of which you are chairman, to secure for these benevolent agencies the funds necessary to enable them to carry on their work.

As president of the Associated Charities, attending the meetings of the board of managers, and having from time to time visited the several division offices and examined their work, I do not think that I am intruding in pressing upon the attention of our citizens the urgency of present needs.

There is far more than ordinary stringency. Many in our midst are suffering, and no organizations are making more careful and painstaking efforts to see that the deserving—and only the deserving—are helped, and that they are helped in such a way as to prevent the growth of the pauper habit, and strengthen the desire of duty and self-help.

In addition, I may call attention to the various directions in which they have been working, including the collection of savings, the cure and prevention of tuberculosis, the establishment of playgrounds, the conducting of summer outings and "Camp Good Will," the obtaining of employment for the idle, the improvement of housing conditions, the prevention of begging, and the promotion of self-help.

Very truly yours, DAVID J. BREWER, Justice United States Supreme Court.

You are invited to share the burdens and privileges of this great work by sending your contribution, large or small, to THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE, 811 G street, Phone, Main 993.