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A Move in the Right Direction.

Spurred on by the growth of public interest in the conditions at the United States jail, things are beginning to move in the right direction.

Every one of the three commissioners appointed by President Roosevelt to make a systematic study of jails and like institutions throughout the country, has expressed his determination to present the matter to the President with a set of carefully-worked-out recommendations.

An Ever-Present Issue.

The following quotation from the editorial page of the New York Tribune is in no wise sensational or unexpected.

That is exactly the position of the whole Republican party today. Always slow to make concession that tariff revision is necessary, too often recognizing the fact altogether too late, the Republican party is now committed to revision, just about in the degree suggested by the Tribune editorial quotation.

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York situation closely. It is not too much to say that the turning down of Hughes would have cost Taft 5,000 votes in Nebraska and 10,000 in Iowa; it would have been the last straw with great numbers of doubting persons all through the middle West, where Bryan is stronger than ever.

So Hughes goes up again, and New York will be recognized from this time forth as really a doubtful State. There will be a desperate battle for the State ticket, and if it doesn't involve the electoral, it will at least give a thorough scare to the national managers.

Secretary Taft in the Campaign.

Friends of Secretary Taft, especially those who have the privilege of personal acquaintance and of knowing the charms of his personality, will hope that the friends who are advising him to make a stumping tour will prevail.

American politics has produced, in the last generation, few men better equipped to talk effectively from the stump than Secretary Taft. He has the presence, the voice, and the brain. He never fails to have something to say—something timely and apposite.

But beyond all this, there are reasons relating to the exigencies of practical politics why Mr. Taft should appear before the public. It will not do to assume that this campaign is already won by the Republicans. On the contrary, the frank declaration by Theodore P. Shonts that it looks like an even thing in New York, is an omen of what has been in the minds of many other people.

The local situations, taking the country over, are all to the advantage of the Democrats. On form, they would stand to win. They are united, harmonious, and earnest.

Socialism and Marriage.

The attitude of extreme socialists toward marriage and its obligations has brought upon the socialists probably more of bitter criticism than anything else in their code.

Mr. Jaures suggests that if the socialists have not very accurately formulated their views on this subject they should not be blamed; nobody else has come near a decision about the rights and wrongs, the economics and the practical aspects, of the divorce question.

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Writer Declares "Uncle Joe" Menace to the Republicans

Harris M. Crist Thinks That Speaker Cannon's "Blight" Is Playing Havoc With Party—Holds Him Responsible for Adverse Sentiment.

BROOKLYN, Aug. 22.—The Eagle to-morrow will publish the following from its Washington correspondent, Harris M. Crist: The Cannon blight is playing havoc with a large part of the crop of Republican candidates for re-election to the Sixty-first Congress.

The President took the pains to let newspaper correspondents, magazine writers and other publicity agents know just what influence he thought Cannon was exerting to stifle progressive legislation. There was no doubt at the White House about where Cannon stood on the President's various radical bills.

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BRYAN WILL "STUMP," RADICAL WING WINS

Nebraskan Begins Swing About Circle September 8, To Include New York.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The Democratic national organization passed back into the control of the old line Bryan organization today, after a brief but lively fight.

The radicals who believe that it is necessary for the Nebraskan to really "take the stump" in order to win had their way, and the Democratic candidate will start from this city on September 8 for a trip that will include Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, then swinging back to Iowa, Kansas, and his home State of Nebraska.

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TEACHER WAS IGNORANT.

"How do you like your teacher, dear?" little Mary was asked, after her first day at school. "I like her real well," said Mary, "but I don't think she knows much, for she just keeps asking questions all the time."—Exchange.