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Ex-President Harrison's Views.

Some days ago ex-President Harrison

was pleased to differ with the present

administration with regard to its ideas

of the application of the constitution to

the government of the Philippines and

Porto Rico. The remarks he made in

his address, contending that the con-

stitution followed the flag under all

circumstances, do not tally with some

of his earlier pronouncements on the

subject, and it has led the Cincinnati

Times-Star to resurrect his recommen-

dations to the senate in 1853 accom-

panying the treaty between the United

States and the provisional government

of the Hawaiian islands. In his mes-

sage to the senate on that occasion he

asked for the ratification of the meas-

ure, and article III of that treaty reads

as follows:

"Congress shall, within one year

from the exchange of the ratifications

of this treaty, enact the necessary leg-

islation to extend to the Hawaiian is-

lands the laws of the United States re-

specting duties on imports, the internal

revenue, commerce and navigation; but

until Congress shall otherwise provide,

the existing commercial relations of the

Hawaiian islands with the United

States and foreign countries shall con-

tinue as regards the commerce of said

islands with the rest of the United

States and with foreign countries."

Of course Mr. Harrison has a right to

change his mind, but as the Times-Star

points out, "there is a distinct pro-

vision in a treaty accepted by Mr. Har-

risson and recommended by him for

ratification that a separate tariff shall

exist between the Hawaiian islands, after

they become a part of the United

States, and 'the rest of the United

States.' It is a practical indorsement

of the policy which has since been pur-

sued by a Republican administration. It

is true that the circumstances involved

are slightly different, but it is equally

true that the principle involved is not

in the least affected by this fact. It is

certainly far from pleasing to find Mr.

Harrison condemning in 1900 what he

recommended as necessary to the senate

but seven years ago."

Mr. Harrison has been gracious

enough to admit that many able law-

yers differ with him as to his views in

regard to the application of the consti-

tution to our newly acquired territory,

and we believe the supreme court will

have the same distinguished honor.

Vote To-day.

It is the privilege of the Republican

party of this city to-day to select mem-

bers for the city officers and members

of council to be voted for who will be

successful at the polls on the fourth

Thursday of next January. There is

plenty of good material from which to

choose a ticket that will be as emi-

nent in ability and morale as that se-

lected by the local Democracy a week

ago. While the endorsement of the

"Committee of One Hundred" is not

final in any instance, that organization

has made some very popular sugges-

tions to us who are best fitted to serve

the interests of the city. If there is a

full and free expression of the senti-

ments of the Republican voters to-day

it will do much towards strengthening

the nominees. Don't neglect that duty

to-day and complain afterwards.

Features of Immigration.

It is estimated that nearly half a

million people have come into this

country during the present year, seek-

ing a permanent abiding place. The

details of this peaceful invasion of for-

eigners during the ten months ending

with October, gathered by the immi-

gration bureau, and published by the

bureau of statistics, indicate that the

immigration for the calendar year will

reach about 400,000. Of this number

more than 100,000 comes from Austria-

Hungary, another 100,000 from Italy,

and nearly another 100,000 from Russia;

while the United Kingdom furnishes

more than 50,000, of which number 40,

000 are from Ireland. Of the 400,000

immigrants, fully 450,000 come from

Europe, while but about 4,000, or less

than 1 per cent, come from the tropics.

The disposition of men in his migra-

tions to select a colder country than

that to which he has been accustomed

is distinctly perceptible in the history

of our immigration. In all the years in

which detailed records of the country

of origin of the millions of immigrants

who have come into the United States

have been carefully kept, the tropics

have seldom sent an average of more

than 1 per cent. of the people seeking

permanent homes in the United States.

This fact is especially emphasized,

however, by the record of the year just

ended, since it offers the first oppor-

tunity to observe whether or not the

clinging of the islands now controlled

by the United States indicate a dispo-

sition to transfer their residence to

this country.

The fact that during that year the

immigration from Oceania, India,

Arabia, Africa, South America, Central

America and the West Indies com-

bined, the entire tropical territory of

the world amounts to less than 4,000

people, or less than 1 per cent. of the

total immigration, indicates the unwill-

ingness of the average citizen of tropi-

cal lands to transfer his residence to

even so mild a climate as that which

the southern part of the United States

offers. The further fact that during

the year 1900 the total number of im-

migrants coming from the Hawaiian

and Philippine islands into the United

States was less than 250 shows still fur-

ther the unpopularity of a climate such

as our own, even when joined with

the material prosperity, such as exists

in no other part of the world, with

native of the tropics.

Santa Claus.

"Twas the night before Christmas,

When all through the house

Not a creature was stirring,

Not even a mouse."

Go back to the time when you first

read that poem, when you first felt

the joys of the waking hours on Christmas

morning, and think well of the move-

ment of certain iconoclasts who would

destroy the myth of happy childhood—

Santa Claus. What in this world is to

be gained by it? It is a simple faith,

and all too soon the child that grows

to man's estate learns to doubt. Nothing

is more precious to old age than the

memory of the expectancy and realiza-

tion of Santa Claus' bounties on Christmas

morning. Old age can smile over

the harmless deception, but the recollections

of the days of youthful credulity and

confidence are the sweetest that can

ever be recalled.

The most touching defense of the

myth of our youth is found in the Phila-

delphia Press, which paper takes up

the subject in the following manner: "There is a Santa Claus.

What matter the name that is given

to the universal benevolence that se-

lects the season of Christ's birth for

making happy the young and old with gifts and proofs of tender affection? He comes once a year at least, and may be Santa Claus, and their delight in Christmas is heightened by the knowledge that good old Santa is thinking of and providing for them, and they arise early on Christmas morning in full confidence that he has not forgotten them.

"Later they discover that Santa Claus is only another name for parental love and tender affection, but the knowledge usually comes gradually, and in any case it gives no shock and causes no pain to learn that the good things of Christmas come from the same source that provides for the rest of the year. No child thinks less of its father and mother on learning that they are the real Santa Claus. Nor is their faith in their parents shaken by this proof of their thoughtfulness and loving kindness."

There is not exactly a moral to this, but there is a practical application. Let everyone who can afford it do his and her best to preserve this tender fable of childhood by a dispensation of gifts and loving remembrances. There are only a few days left. Improve the opportunity, remembering that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

The butchery of over 1,000 Christians by the fanatical Mohammedans in Macedonia suggests that some sort of a check should be placed on the blood-thirsty minions of the sultan of Turkey. That check should take the form of a rope to choke the perpetrators of this most dastardly outrage.

Hello! Here in the boasted civilization of the closing hours of the nineteenth century we are confronted with bandits in populous cities who demand \$25,000 for the return of our children.

Give, give within your means, however modest the gift may be; but above all other things you do in this happy season—give.

The Hay-Pauncefote treaty being ratified, it is now up to Great Britain to say what she is going to do about the matter.

The children of the poor have some advantages over the rich—they never will be stolen.

It is the duty of every Republican to come out to-day and give expression to his choice of the nominees.

Wheeling's reception of the new century will sort of startle young Mr. 1901.

Providence is surely smiling on the day days of the departing century.

If we do not have snow let us be thankful for the Christmas.

The primaries first, thoughts of Santa Claus afterwards.

Vote for the best man according to your own judgment.

Don't forget the primaries to-day.

Unsafe to Make This Claim. Indianapolis Journal: Hereafter no prudent man will ever claim that he can control the German vote.

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IMPORTANT LEGISLATION IS PROPOSED

At the Coming Session of the West Virginia Legislature, and Some of Its Effects

WHEELING AND OHIO COUNTY.

County Court, Carnegie Library, Jury, Wheeling Charter and Other Bills.

Although political matters, including the election of a United States senator and the re-districting of the state into five congressional districts, as well as rearrangement of the senatorial and judicial districts, are the subjects of the West Virginia legislature assemblies at Charleston early in January—still there is much other legislation on the tapis of equal or greater importance to occupy the attention of the legislators during their forty-five days' sojourn by the banks of the Kanawha.

Some of this proposed legislation affects Ohio county, for instance the bill Delegate S. G. Smith is said to have decided to introduce, doing away with the county board of commissioners and substituting for it the county court in three members such as is provided for in the other counties of the state, these members to be elected from the county at large without regard to districts. One of the main purposes of the bill is to pave the way for a reduction in the number of magisterial districts from ten to five and so reduce the number of justices of peace to five. Mr. Smith would agree to reduce the number of magisterial districts to five, he would provide in his bill for the retention of the board of commissioners with a membership of five. This would mean a considerable annual saving of expense to the county, without the least crippling of the public service, says Mr. Smith.

Other Important Legislation. Mr. Smith will introduce an amendment to the mechanics' lien law, extending the time in which a lien may be acquired by a mechanic as known by other members of the legislature will present bills of importance locally. Among these will be one providing for the service of certain classes of people on grand juries and trial juries, who are now exempted, including lawyers, preachers and physicians. It is claimed that fully one-half of the criminal litigation would be avoided were a lawyer on every grand jury.

Another important bill that is expected to be offered is one giving to the judges of the circuit court the right to annual liquor licenses when complaint is entered as to the character of the place.

A bill to give the necessary powers to the Wheeling board of education in order that it may acquire a site for the \$50,000 library building that Andrew Carnegie has expressed himself willing to donate, will be introduced.

It is probable that one of the Ohio county legislators will introduce a bill for an amended charter for the city of Wheeling, doing away with the present complicated system of placing each department in the hands of a board, and

Instead providing for a board of control or a board of affairs, which would direct the operation of all the city's departments, including public works, water, gas and electric light.

A Constitutional Convention.

There is some talk, too, of putting through the legislature necessary for bringing into being a constitutional convention. It is argued that the constitution is out of date, that it was adopted over thirty years ago and was even antiquated when passed. In at least one respect, it is argued there should be a change; the salaries of the supreme court judges should be increased and there should be a fifth judge, so that a deadlock in the court would be impossible. It is also advocated that there should be a larger number of judicial districts; when the present districts were formed the state had not one-third of its present population, and there is even a greater disproportion in the amount of legislation done. It is proposed in connection with this increase in the number of judicial districts to do away with the criminal courts established in a few of the counties.

It is also whispered that there will be a campaign against the corporations to compel them to pay more of taxes into the state treasury than they are now paying—especially express, telegraph, telephone and railroad corporations. It is claimed that these corporations now escape their just proportion of the taxes by a technicality of the law.

Another bill that will be proposed by Mr. Smith is the re-enactment of the Smith bill passed in 1885, but repealed in 1887, empowering judges of the circuit court to remove from office justices of the peace who are shown to be unfit for the office. Mr. Smith's Justice bill was constitutional while the repeal re-enacted a measure declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

These are only a few of the proposed acts of legislation upon which the incoming legislature will be called to cast its stamp of approval or disapproval. "There are others"—many of them.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday in Clerk Robertson's office, the following were recorded:

Deed made December 12, 1900, by the Wheeling Park Association, to Ada Dieringer; consideration, \$600; transfers lots 21, 22 and 23, at Park Grove. Deed made December 12, 1900, by Ada Dieringer and husband to Andrew Dieringer; consideration, \$350; transfers lot 21 and part of lot 22, at Park Grove. Deed made December 15, 1900, by W. E. Stone, executor of the will of J. C.