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THAT THREE-YEAR TERM

The facts in this proposed three-year term are these and they are indisputable: It was not the intention of the Constitutional convention that any officer should be elected for a term of three years and one clause of the constitution expressly names January 1, 1913, as the end of the terms of the first officers. Another clause is in direct conflict with this, leaving reconciliation impossible. The wisest judge that ever donned the ermine could not bring them together by any more certain process than the flipping of a coin. The most ignorant voter could do as well, if reconciliation were the thing aimed at.

But that isn't necessarily the thing sought. As we have said, circumstances leave no doubt as to the intention of the Constitutional convention. There was equally, no doubt that all the voters on December 12 understood that there was to be a general election on the second Tuesday of next November.

THE GROUND-HOG.

Perhaps one reason for the attention given to the traditional movements of the ground-hog on February 2 lies in the intimate relation that has always existed between him and the farmer's boy. As the large majority of our people are still country bred, the greater part of the American people have recollections of the part he played in early life on the farm.

There is a defiant self assertion in the ground-hog that stirs the lust of pursuit in the heart of every live country boy. Other animals of his size seek more retired homes in the shelter of the forest. The woodchuck burrows within reach of your garden. At unguarded moments and amid the shimmer of moonlight he sallies forth, and adds to his already superfluous fat by gorging himself on your beans and corn.

If cornered he will fight anything and anybody. But daring as he is, it is rare that Towser catches him unprepared. Usually his twinkling brown heels reach the hole several feet ahead of his pursuers. Then Br'er Ground-hog turns about, protrudes his head for a second with a laughing chuckle, then retreats to the recesses of his home, to enjoy the sleep of the just while boys and dogs make futile endeavors to drive or smoke him out.

The trap is about the only way to catch Br'er Ground-hog. But even if caught, with indomitable resolution he gnaws off his leg, and lives many a day from the fat of your garden.

With so resourceful and indomitable a foe in his back yard, it is not strange that irreconcilable antagonism exists between him and the farmer's boy. Digging out a woodchuck hole is the normal celebration of a country holiday, like attending the motion picture shows in the city.

Well do we recall the emotional excitement of an old village character of our youth on one such occasion. After hours of excavation he would keep putting down his ears to the hole, saying "I can almost hear him dig, I can almost hear him dig."

A creature so wise, so resourceful, and so bold must surely know the inner secrets of nature. We advise the weather bureau to drop their charts and reports on February 2, and watch the ground-hog.

IN FIGHTING HUMOR

Not often does President Taft become aroused to be genuinely combative, but during his trip into Ohio in the early part of last week he showed fight. No such ringing political declarations have come from him and if there had been any doubt as to his purpose to make a vigorous offensive campaign for renomination, it has disappeared.

Of course Ohio is properly his first battle ground. He wants the delegation from the Buckeye State. It is doubtful if any candidate for the presidency was ever nominated without the backing of his home people. The La Follette demonstration fell flat in Ohio, but that there is plenty of Roosevelt sentiment there has been made plain by the news from northern Ohio, and without challenging that directly or specifically, Mr. Taft defends his administration manfully, and declared to the Ohio folks that it had merited four years more of confidence.

In an administrative way, the enforcement of the anti-trust law has doubtless been the feature of the Taft regime, and it is just as certain that this has alienated some part of the business world, and brought not a little criticism upon the President. It was by way of reply to this specific criticism of the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act, that he was specifically vigorous. Said he at Columbus:

These people make me impatient. Both party platforms in 1908 called for a rapid enforcement of the anti-trust law. After I was elected I got some lawyers about me who knew that the enforcement of the law means enforcement in the courts and not in the newspapers. Now we are told we have forfeited all right to the support of business because we enforced the laws. The Republican party is not under any obligation to destroy business. We will protect all business that squares itself with the law. But I am not here to apologize for the enforcement of the law and not here to shake my gory hands at you and say what more I am going to do.

That sounds the defiant note. Evidently the President's fighting blood is up, and he is ready to meet the critics of the administration on their own ground. The Sherman law really never meant anything until the Taft administration transmitted it into performance. Not all the combinations have been dissolved but they have all got a scare, and it is hardly to be expected that what Big Business had accomplished in twenty years could all be undone in less than three years.

A homely woman must be smart in order to prevent the world from discovering her lack of beauty.—Chicago News.

NO APOLOGIES NEEDED

Republicans as they come together for counsel preliminary to the active duties of the campaign find no occasion whatever for a tone of apology. After an exceptionally long period of full control of all departments of the government the party points to its record of things accomplished as the essential exhibit in the case. In 1894 the Republicans were recalled to resume authority in the House, and from 1897 to 1910 had both executive and congressional responsibility. They were trusted to restore prosperity, and did it. New emergencies and important new measures were dealt with in this long term of years. Success in all directions was the result. If the party could offer now nothing better than the excuses that accuse, it would feel that it had been placed on the defensive. But it submits as its right to continued confidence the proofs of competent government, and a story of national advancement exceeding any in the past, suggests the Globe Democrat.

The party that says it can better this situation has failed in the past and deals in vague promises now. Apologies are in its line. Some of its leading speakers insist that the hard times of the last Democratic period of control between 1892 and 1896 were an inheritance from a preceding Republican administration. Why was not the depression overcome by the Democrats who held the presidency and both branches of Congress? The answer simply is that the party lacked the ability and efficiency needed to do the work. On every issue that will figure prominently in the campaign of this year the Republicans can hold their lines and move forward. They have been tried and not found wanting, wherein they differ from the opposition that is viewed with public distrust based on experience.

TAFT AND STEEL TARIFF

In discussing the questions whether Taft will veto the steel revision bill as passed the House, the Boston Financial News has advanced this opinion on the subject, that Taft will sign the bill. It is assumed that the measure revising the tariff schedule on steel will be passed by the Senate as the insurgent Republican members of that body will not neglect any opportunity to put the President in a hole. The play of politics, which will continue until the conventions are held in June, is the first consideration in the minds of a majority of our lawmakers and the candidates for the Republican nomination seem to feel that the first thing to accomplish is to bury the President in a hole so as to get rid of him; hence the chances for the passage of the steel revision measure and any other Democratic bill calculated to place the President in a position that can be construed as opposed to the tariff reform demanded by the people, stands an excellent chance of going through the upper House as well as the lower branch of Congress.

The President has taken the position that tariff revision should follow an investigation by the tariff board, in other words, there should be a thorough, impartial investigation before the tariff as it affects any particular industry should be changed. President Taft has shown that he is stubborn, when he believes himself to be right, and is not likely to change his attitude, but in the case of the steel schedule he may be in receipt of reports by the Bureau of Commerce and Labor which he will consider as sufficiently exhaustive and trustworthy to permit him to pass judgment on the merits of the case. The general opinion is that the steel industry does not need protection and, as we stated recently, the fact that export prices on some products during 1911 were higher than domestic prices, seems to prove this to be the case. Hence there is a fair chance that the President will sign the steel revision measure and, if so, it will be a question as to who receives political benefit from its passage.

POWER PUMP IS REQUIRED IN CITY WELL

(From Wednesday's Daily)
Members of the Prescott Water Users' association and Hanson and Cravy, contractors, were in consultation Monday evening, in view of the large flow of water that has been developed from what is believed to be the subterranean channel. The extra flow was struck a few days ago in the well being dug under contract. It was decided to authorize the placing of a steam pump to expedite sinking and the apparatus is now installed. The well has reached a depth of fifty-two feet, and before the required 150 feet is completed, it is believed that the flow of water will exceed all expectations. The formation continues hard and powder is being used to break the ground.

PRESCOTT MINISTER EULOGIZES TEDDY

Refers to Other "Preacher Statesmen" But Places Roosevelt As First in the List.

Rev. Marshall of the Baptist church spoke for fifteen minutes as a prelude to his evening sermon, Sunday night on "What's the Matter With 'Teddy?'" special reference being made to his characteristics worthy of emulation and recognition. He said in part:

"I admire Roosevelt for his sterling manhood as shown in his everyday life, pure practical honesty of the kind that is needed as much today as any one thing. He always delighted as President in telling the story of ranch days when he caught a cowboy placing Teddy's brand on a steer that was not his—how he told the man: 'Go and get your time; for a man who would steal for me would steal from me.'

"I admire him for his courage in his convictions. On a certain occasion the Pope at Rome through his secretary tried to limit him to certain things and you all know his answer.

"Another feature of value I see in Roosevelt is his world-wide influence which is of international value, as evidenced when Japan and Russia were at war. Even the British Lion stood back, not daring to act when Roosevelt said 'stop,' and stop they did. Surely American men and women have not and will not forget these things of this good and grand man at

though newspapers and muckraking magazines may find it to their interest to forget them.

"I admire him for his fearlessness in taking the initiative on important questions. Yes, he made mistakes but I would prefer a man who does things even if he does make mistakes to the fellow who is afraid to try to do anything new.

"A remarkable trait of his is his interest in the conservation of American resources and interests. You remember when he stood on the brink of the Grand Canyon and gazing into its depths he said, 'This should be kept for our people for all time.' I wonder sometimes if he thought we Arizonans intended filling it up. No, not that, but the spirit of conservation so thoroughly possessed him he spoke his heart to those around him.

"And last I admire him for his recognition of God as the ruler of rulers which is certainly of first importance for any man whether he be least or the greatest in affairs. In my study is a pamphlet of importance to me, it is entitled 'Three Preacher Statesmen,' and first of mention is Theodore Roosevelt and with his picture is a sermon or speech by him on the subject of moral and spiritual education, the other men are William Jennings Bryan and Abraham Kupper, ex-premier of Holland.

HURON MERCHANT ENTHUSED BY PROSPECTS

(From Tuesday's Daily)
C. P. Wingfield, the Huron merchant, while in the city yesterday, stated that the outlook in mining for that immediate vicinity was never so encouraging. Reports are in circulation that the development on the Gladstone is being attended with better results than is generally known, Frank Imo and others operating under a lease and taking out shipping ore. The Hill Mining company continues development on the new strike, within a few hundred feet of the railroad station, and a good grade of gold and copper ore is being produced. As depth is being reached there is every indication of a big property being opened up, in fact the vein on the group at that point is attracting much attention.

At the Lone Pine, which was taken over a short time ago by George Ropheter, who was the foreman when it was a grass-root proposition, and operated at intervals by various companies. The fact of Mr. Ropheter being again in charge and operating with his own resources is regarded by mining men as significant.

Several individual miners are diligently employed on their prospects in that vicinity, and from surface showings and limited development, the outlook is decidedly encouraging, and with the resuming of smelting operations at Humboldt, the district is admirably situated for marketing its ore on a minimum basis of transportation charges, a factor of much importance in mining.

COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 3.—The second Wisconsin country life conference under the auspices of the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin began its sessions today and will continue over tomorrow. A number of prominent speakers appear on the program.

FOUR STRIKERS KILLED

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 3.—Four persons, two men, and two women were killed in the foreign section of the city last night.

BUYS CITY REALTY

John Morris, of the Verde Valley, has purchased from Eva Lee for the sum of \$1,550, lot 16 in block 27 in this city, the deed being filed for record. The property is situated on South Cortez street.

ARTESIAN WATER FEVER STRIKES GARBARINO

(From Tuesday's Daily)
At the ranch of Joe Garbarino on Willow Creek, about three and one-half miles from this city, a very interesting well drilling project is being carried out in an effort to solve the artesian water problem. The five-inch drill at a depth of twenty-five feet exposed a large flow of water, and to date is down 114 feet, with no decrease in the volume. The intention is to continue to great depth and the object is to demonstrate whether an artesian belt is in existence. At present the bore is entering a hard formation, and it is believed that after this is passed the problem will be successfully solved. The Garbarino well is the first to be sunk in this section in search of an artesian flow.

SERIOUS CHARGE MADE AGAINST IRA BROWN

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Ira Brown, who shot Francisco Algora at Nelson last Friday, the latter dying while on the road to this city the same day, was brought to Prescott yesterday from Ash Fork, as a witness as the coroner's inquest, when his former bondsmen on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon were discharged, and a new bond demanded for his appearance at the preliminary examination next Thursday. A. A. Johns and J. L. Munds qualified on the new bond of \$2500 on a charge of murder, which was ordered by Judge Shiveley of Ash Fork.

RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

(From Tuesday's daily)
After a serious illness of several days, Jake Whitney, formerly a business man of Humboldt, was discharged yesterday from Mercy Hospital, and will leave during the week for Cedar Glade where he has interests. He was suffering with heart trouble.

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SON SEVEN YEARS LOST SOUGHT BY MOTHER

Paul Burks Has Hope Of Bringing The Two Together

(From Tuesday's Daily)
A Mrs. Clark, of Los Angeles, addressed a letter to the Council last night, asking that some effort be made to locate her son Will of W. A. Clark, who left home seven years ago from Los Angeles for Death Valley, but whom she has lately heard was in Groom Creek.

She has not heard from her son, whom she describes vaguely, since he left home, and for years the members of the family have mourned him dead until they got a report that he was working in this county.

Attorney Paul Burks who was present at the meeting stated that he thought possibly he knew of the young man, and signified his intention of endeavoring to ascertain if he was the missing son, and if so bring the young man and his mother together after years of separation.

COPPER FIND IN BASIN DRAWS ATTENTION

(From Tuesday's Daily)
Al Finch, who is in the city from his mining camp in Copper Basin, states that the excitement over the recent rich discovery at the Commercial holdings, continues, and that field is being visited by many outside mining operators, many of whom come from as far as Montana.

An inspection of the dump where the rich ores are piled up attracts much attention, and experienced copper miners state that, considering the shallow depth from which the ores come the discovery may be regarded as one of the greatest that has ever been known and is a revelation. Mr. Finch returns to his camp today to continue development, being associated with Bob Griffith in a group of ten mines lying close to and north of the Commercial interests. Many prospectors are swarming to the district in an effort to secure locations and those identified with the field are carefully looking after their properties.

ENGINEER WELL PLEASED WITH BONANZA

(From Tuesday's Daily)
W. J. Martin, who with H. Wm. Stevens and other residents of this city, recently took over the famous Bonanza gold mines at Harqua Hala, returned from the camp Sunday and left again yesterday to continue exploitation. He states that as the old workings are being exposed, there is no question but that the property is to be regarded as one of great merit, and from the large tonnage that is in evidence when development is resumed a heavy producer will be established.

Mr. Martin expects to be employed in making more definite determinations for the next two weeks, and expressed himself yesterday in a pronounced manner over the splendid showing on that property. Associated with him is Prof. J. S. Templin, the coast mining engineer, who remained at the camp. Mr. Martin has been making cursory examinations of the group at intervals for the past three months, forming from surface indications and from limited development a favorable impression until now practical observations to the greatest depth possible has been decided upon. From the attractive showing the recent sale was the outcome.

RAIL TOSSEDS TO TRAIN
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A special train bearing 45 Chicago Americans will leave March 1 for Waco, Texas, for their spring training.