

A DEMOCRATIC YEAR

IS WHAT OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT PREDICTS.

This is a Democratic year. It is a peculiar fact that nearly every Republican that you meet in this, the political nerve center of the United States, and who has some reputation either as a statesman or a man of affairs, will tell you that the Republicans, so far as this year is concerned, are absolutely and hopelessly defeated. It sounds very good to me as an old fashioned Democrat to hear that sort of talk coming from Republicans, who have been in authority so long and who have been leaders of their party in all the political campaigns for the last thirty years. From the outlook, I agree absolutely with their sentiments, that unless the Democrats play the infernal fool at their convention in Baltimore, they certainly will win the Presidency and the next United States Senate. If they do, they will win something that has not occurred since Cleveland's last election in 1892, and then can demonstrate to the entire country the fact that the Democrats of this country who are elected as representatives of the people, can be constructive legislators in the interest of the people instead of obstructive and destructive members of Congress. It is with a profound feeling of personal misgiving, that I attempt to prognosticate anything appertaining to this campaign, but when you add two and two together and recognize the fact that Roosevelt is ripping the Republican party up the back every time he opens his mouth and that LaFollette is tearing great holes in the Republican armor every time he makes a speech, it is plain to be seen that the Republican party is in a bad way and that it is gradually getting worse. A Republican said to me to day that Roosevelt was out to destroy the Republican party and it looked very much to him as though he were going to be a very successful destroyer. It also looks that way to every man in the Capital of this country who keeps his fingers on the pulse of politics and his ear to the ground listening to the echoes that come from the war-room. Writing this correspondence as I do and receiving the exchanges of the newspapers in the country who print it, I can come pretty near making a decent guess as to what is going on in the minds of the people. It has taken a long time for the people to arouse themselves and do something for themselves and at last they have come to the conclusion to get busy.

The militant Democratic majority in the House of Representatives has put up to a Republican Senate its ultimatum on tariff revision on a number of schedules that seriously affect the pocket-books of people and are now waiting for that Republican Senate to get busy and either pass these laws up to a Republican President or turn them down, just as they see fit. If they are turned down, the Democrats win. If they are passed and a Republican President vetoes them, they still win. In other words, the Democratic party is to-day on the shady side of Easy Street and like a man who owes a debt, they are letting the other fellow walk the floor. In all my political experience and especially as that of a newspaper correspondent at Washington, I have never seen the sentiment so thoroughly in harmony from both the Republican and a Democratic standpoint that this is a Democratic year, that the Democrats are going to sweep the country. During the last ten years I have written letters to the Democratic press retelling the rottenness of the Republican party and its sins against the common people of this country and often have I wound up by saying: "How long, oh, Lord will the people be fooled?" My honest opinion is now, if it is worth anything to people who read this correspondence, that the people of this country have come to the conclusion at last that they will be fooled no longer and that from now on their battle cry will be, "To your tents oh Israel," and we will now see that dishonesty wins not more than honesty. CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

Second Spray For Fruit Trees.

Now that the season is passed for dormant spraying, fruit growers should prepare for the treatments that improve the fruit. Apple trees should be sprayed just as the blossoms fall with concentrated lime-sulphur mixture, diluted one gallon to forty of water, to which should be added 2 pounds of arsenate of lead to 50 gallons of spray, to prevent injury from Codling Moth and various diseases.

Peach and plum trees should be sprayed just as the calyxes or shucks are falling, with a solution made by using 2 pounds of arsenate of lead and 2 pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water.

Tomato plants should be sprayed in the bed when they have their third leaf, with Bordeaux mixture, 4-5-50 formula, and 2 pounds lead, to prevent leaf blight and lessen attack from flea beetles, etc.

All persons interested in these treatments should write at once to the Maryland Experiment Station, College Park, Md., for bulletin No. 164, now ready for distribution. THOMAS B. SYMONS, State Entomologist.

Mother Eve.

Eve was the first mother. She did not have a trained nurse who "started the baby right" for her by advising her to let it squall its lungs out for a few nights. She did not have ten or fifteen friends to tell her she was beginning entirely wrong with the child. She did not have four or five neighbors to pass the word around that she neglected the infant in order to go shopping or attend her whist club. She did not have a family doctor who wanted to whittle the baby's tonsils, adenoids, appendix and other sections of its body and had to be politely but firmly requested to leave his knives and saws at home. She did not have a mother to tell her that in her day women did not use soap on a baby's skin. She did not have magazines with mother's departments to puzzle her by their flood of instructions. She did not have acquaintances to convince her that every rash was scarlet fever and every cough pneumonia. She had absolutely no modern advantages. She must have been a happy mother. —Carson's Free Press.

Winter Injury of Shrubs and Fruit Trees.

The very serious winter weather in January and February has caused quite extensive injuries to many shrubs and trees in Maryland, and no doubt during the coming season, and probably in years following, many obscure troubles will be noticed which can be referred back to the weather this past year. Of course, the buds of peach and some other fruit trees have been practically all killed in many parts of the State. As a rule, the fruit buds of other species have not been hurt much, and as the ground was fortunately covered by snow, the roots of all plants did not suffer, and the small herbaceous trees being entirely covered will come out in unusually good condition. The most serious injury has been to the wood of many trees and shrubs. Many shrubs, usually hardy have been killed to the snow line, although in many cases the bark and buds appear alright, the wood and cambium, however, being entirely dead. This applies especially to California privet hedge and most roses, also to some spruces and other ornamental shrubs. If these shrubs are cut back now to the uninjured wood, they will in most cases recover, also buds at the base of the plants. The wood of peach trees in some parts of the State, where the temperature went to 20 below zero or more in several places and in such cases if the trees are cut back to the wood a half inch in diameter, they will usually make a better recovery than if cut very severely. Some varieties of apple show wood which is blackened even worse than the peach wood, but growers should not be alarmed as trees so affected will recover much better than peach and usually need very little treatment except to give them best conditions for active growth.

Why He Asked.

They were on their wedding tour, and imagined that every civility given them related to their new condition of servitude. Having stopped off at a way station, the bridegroom was approached by the station agent, who asked: "Are you going to take the next train?" "It's none of your business," retorted the bridegroom, indignantly, as he rode. Writing this correspondence as I do and receiving the exchanges of the newspapers in the country who print it, I can come pretty near making a decent guess as to what is going on in the minds of the people. It has taken a long time for the people to arouse themselves and do something for themselves and at last they have come to the conclusion to get busy.

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