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REPUBLICIANS SEEK HARMONY

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Special to Daily News.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Now that the Republican National Committee has held its session and decided about the convention, the country is breathing easier. Seemingly no one knew what dangerous and unexpected developments might occur when all the big men comprising the committee got together and exchanged confidences about the chances of the party for success in the next campaign. It proved to be a pretty tame meeting after all, and the most alarming thing about it was the specter of Bwana Tumbo which many of the committeemen thought they could discern in the background, behind a pillar or among the shadows in the corridors.

Seeking Harmony.
The Republican leaders are industriously seeking harmony, and that most eminent of all pacifiers, Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, is passing the soothing syrup around very industriously. He has not been able to administer much of it to the insurgents, but the latter would welcome some physician who could heal the rents in their own ranks. The Democratic insurgents are not entirely of one mind either, and they are anxious that someone should help them to make peace with honor with the various factions of their party, although they would scorn to admit that they are even looking askance at the olive branch. Perhaps, as the Gridiron wits had it, anyone who bears the olive branch nowadays is a goose and not a dove. It seems a little early in the season to look for harmony.

A Renunciation.
Senator Newlands, who has been mentioned a good deal as a possible candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, announced recently that he had no desire to become a candidate; that what he was really anxious for was that Congress should take up a legislative program and saw wood until it should succeed in putting through some real, useful legislation. Perhaps the nomination of Senator Newlands was somewhat unlikely, but the speaker, from Nevada, is a real man, and he has made a record in Congress which hardly needs any further embellishment. He could go into the convention and get a very flattering complimentary vote and perhaps win the nomination, in case of a deadlock, but he is averse to playing politics of that kind.

A Farmer at Heart.
Speaker Champ Clark is a farmer at heart, no matter what may be his vocation. How he ever escaped the lure of the farm is a mystery, for there is nothing which is so sure to arouse his interest as the mention of some agricultural topic. But a few days ago the Speaker was talking with two gentlemen from Southern California about the land of the orange, the lemon and eternal harvest time. The Californians, Dr. J. Allen Osmon and Frederick A. Hazard, happened to be growers of walnuts, the kind sold everywhere as English walnuts and which are grown hardly at all in England. The Speaker became attentive at once. "Do you think we could grow those in Missouri?" he asked. Dr. Osmon replied that from what he knew of the climate of Missouri he believed that the English walnut could be grown there, as it can be grown in most of the States south of the Ohio river. The Department of Agriculture has devoted a good deal of attention to nut growing, and reports successful efforts to grow different varieties of soft-shelled walnuts as far north as Maryland.

Must Create Demand.
Experts say that the California walnut is the finest in the world, and it is reasonable to expect that just as good nuts can be grown in Georgia, Florida, Texas, Louisiana and a dozen other States. That there is a demand for walnuts may be judged from the fact that the Government collects duties amounting to about \$1,000,000 a year on them. If the consuming public in this country knew that the home product is better than the foreign, possibly the amount of importations would increase, but even the dealers know little better. It is the jobber who knows, and his concern is solely to handle the goods which yield him the highest profit. Let Americans ask for California walnuts and they will teach their grocer to buy that kind. This year especially the consuls report that the foreign nuts are about 25 per cent. bad, on account of unfavorable weather during the ripening season. The California walnut, like the California orange, is the best this year that has been known for many seasons.

To Tell of Scientific Progress.
Of all the distinguished gatherings which from time to time meet in Washington, probably none will have a more important message to give the world than the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which will hold its sixty-third

meeting here, December 27-30. At the same time thirty other affiliated societies will also hold their sessions. Many thousands of persons hold membership in these societies and many editors have made arrangements this year to get abstracts of the proceedings. Any who still wish to do so as well as anyone who may wish to become a member of the association, should address the permanent secretary, Dr. L. O. Howard, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

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