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THE SHERMAN CHARGES.

The statement made by Senator Gore yesterday involving the name of the vice president of the United States as "the man higher up" in the conspiracy to divert legislation by means of bribery, is the most sensational of the many astounding charges which within recent months have been brought against men high in office. Senator Gore's character and known integrity make this more than the sensation of a day. There will be few to doubt that Hammond made the offer and the statement to the senator but a statement by Hammond made in an effort to corrupt a senator is not to be considered credible unless supported by known facts. Hammond, engineering a crooked deal, would not scruple to use falsehood as well as money to put it through.

Nevertheless it is a most serious development, both for the vice president and the party. The worst of an open charge of crookedness against a public man is that it is accepted by many without proof and sticks in many minds. There is an old fashioned sentiment alive which desires if it does not demand, that high public officials should be above suspicion. Some such there are. A charge like this, if made against Mr. Roosevelt would be met with absolute unbelief and indignation by all men without respect to party affiliation. Mr. Sherman, however, does not enjoy the full measure of complete confidence gladly accorded Roosevelt. He has kept different company and men are judged, righteously or unrighteously, by the company they keep. To be hand and glove with the interests is not a call upon public confidence and support in time of trouble.

The best thing for the party and the personage would be to turn the whole matter inside out. If the vice president is innocent as we are bound to believe lacking convincing corroboration of Hammond's statement, he and the party have all to gain and nothing to lose by open, sincere and effective investigation. If, perchance, he is guilty, the republican party owes itself and the nation his impeachment. But a recrudescence of the Ballinger style of investigation would be even worse than complete inactivity. Meanwhile the vice president for the good of the party and as a precaution against personal embarrassment, should, it would seem, cancel his announced program of a series of standpat speeches in the west. The party has plenty to carry as it is.

A FATAL ISSUE.

The democrats have raised the issue for the present state campaign. The saloon is the center of dispute. The democracy proposes to rehabilitate it in Iowa by repeal of the mulct law and substitution of one more adapted to the necessities and prosperity of the saloon. The saloon is to be made a legal business and the attitude of the state toward the liquor traffic as an evil to be borne only so far as it can not be suppressed is to be changed. If the democrats are to succeed in the saloon is to become an institution, legally on a par with respectable merchandising.

Of course that would mean repeal of the law preventing breweries operating a chain of saloons under cheap managerial labor; it would mean the repeal of the prohibitory statute which the mulct suspends in instances where a majority demands it. In a word it means going back to former conditions. The slogan might be "a saloon on every corner and a gallon house at the crossroads."

Today the saloon is an outlaw in Iowa. It lives on sufferance. Under the mulct it does not pay license but fines. Communities may close it in a day if the majority sees fit to do so. It makes the saloon "business" a precarious one. It is unsatisfactory to the brewers and distillers of Minneapolis, St. Louis, Louisville and elsewhere. This is to be amended. The saloon crushed to earth in Iowa is to rise again. So saith the democratic party of Iowa in convention assembled.

The register of the democratic party of this state holds many names beloved and trusted of men. It is a pity that the saloon interests, attorneys, and hangers-on should be able to control its conventions and write its expressions. Mr. Foster, personally, is an unfriend of the saloon; Mr. Boylan is its outspoken opponent, personally and politically, but the saloon men write its platforms and direct its conventions. It is a pity because a susceptible opposition is a healthy stimulus to the

dominant party and a pledge to better government.

If by reason of dissension in republican ranks the democrats ever had a ghost of opportunity the Ottumwa convention destroyed it. No party can go bold faced before the people of Iowa demanding a certificate of character for the saloon.

EMBEZZLING BANKERS.

It can not be passed by as a matter of the consequences and significance of which are to be measured in dollars and cents or by the fate of the individuals directly involved that during the last five years embezzlements by bank presidents, cashiers, tellers, bookkeepers, clerks and messengers from the banks they served aggregated the enormous sum of \$28,323,924. These thefts are the symptoms of a moral disease that runs much further back and much deeper than is good for the social order.

The large items are: The misapplication of \$7,000,000 by John R. Walsh, no win prison; the embezzlement of \$7,000,000 by Hippie, president of the Real Estate Trust Co. of Philadelphia, who committed suicide; the embezzlement of \$1,500,000 by Paul O. Stensland of Chicago; \$1,700,000 by officials of the Dime Savings Bank of Denver; \$12,000,000 by Clark, cashier of an Enterprise, Pa., bank; \$1,300,000 by Douglas, bookkeeper of the Trust company of America; \$115,000 by Rieber, a paying teller of a Pittsburg bank, and \$1,140,000 by Ropke of Louisville, Ky. This is but if it were the whole of the story, but as indicated above, is likely that it is not the whole of the story. We have fallen on a time when the passion to get rich quick is so strong and so general as to constitute a real menace to the moral stamina of the people. No, the country is not going plumb to the dogs in this respect. The country can stand a good deal. But it is a matter for genuine concern that there is an underlying cause for these instances of embezzlement among bankers. Our bankers are neither better nor worse than the people at large. An over-supply of dishonest bankers means an over-supply of dishonest people in general. That is the way we look at it and it is in that view that the matter takes on a really serious aspect.

Topics of the Times

Both sides of the Spanish controversy seem to be "after my dear Alphonso."

An aeroplane inventor says the Rockefeller are backing him. The machine, then, will be used to send kerosene prices skyward?

Senator Gore's blindness prevented him seeing Hammond and his integrity kept Hammond from "seeing" him.

One good way to improve the primary would be to shorten the ballot. How much is a matter to be determined but shorten it.

There is always a place for those to sit who desire to cease from standpat troubling and be at rest in the real republican party of Iowa.

Somewhat the suspicion forces itself that the ancestry of the Fort Dodge Healeys never failed to show up early at Doneybrook on fair days.

Maine must give over the distinction of going republican "hell bent." See Kansas.

Will the Sioux City Journal now cease to call it Cumminism and give it its proper name of republicanism?

Instead of showing him where the dynamite went off it will now be in order in Kansas to take the unwary stranger around to show him where the Cannon exploded.

The poor fellow who died at the age of 47 with the distinction of being the first inmate of the institution at Glenwood is not to be blamed for having been a standpatter from his infancy. He was born so.

Now that it is all over, the roasting ears will taste better.

Uncle Joe seems to have had just about as much chance as Crispin. His record reached Kansas ahead of him.

Neither has Uncle Joe made any confession but it is not of record that he has called for a bible.

Ambassador Crane is keeping a tight upper lip. And keeping the lower lip tight against the upper.

IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES.

The Sioux City Tribune points out that "the president can see for himself that the republican state conventions are treating him with respect, but they are warning him that it is for the progressive and not for the reactionary work done. Nothing would do the president's cause so much good as for the people to hear and to know that he has knowledge himself of them and that he is in sympathy with what they want rather than with interests that are still represented in his cabinet and thru his personal advisers."

The Jefferson Bee says "the democrats of the state committed a serious political blunder at their state convention held last week in Ottumwa, and have thus insured the election of the republican state ticket by old-time factional disagreements. They have gone backwards forty years and declared for a liberal saloon policy on a local option basis. The people of Iowa will not stand for the open saloon, and will not give their approval to any party which favors a backward step on the matter of temperance. This might have worked in the days of Mon-

roe Boies, but it will not work now. There is too much enlightenment and too high a standard of morality in Iowa to make it possible for such a proposal to win at the hands of the voters.

It is amazing to the Des Moines Tribune that Mr. Bryan should have finally lost his hold in states like Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska because the democrats consider county option for saloons too radical a temperance measure. It warns the friends of decent saloon regulation in Iowa what to look for if the democratic party ever gets local control of these states.

The Clinton Herald predicts that with the migration of northern people to the southern states, if carried on to the extent now apprehended, the old "solid south" in a short time will become only a memory. Any considerable movement to the south promises, among other things, to change the political complexion of the states below the Mason and Dixon line.

"Talk about good roads, what could be arranged for a summer dirt road this summer?" asks the Cedar Rapids Republican. The Iowa dirt road is the best kind of a road ten months in the year, provided it is crowned and drained and dragged.

Iowa Newspapers

COLLECTING DAMAGE TAXES.

The hardship involved by the present system of collection of the drainage taxes, becomes more and more apparent, especially in these days when money is close and interest is high. The law demands that the whole tax be paid or arranged for as soon as the bank or borrower of the money to levy the tax; then the money often lies in the county treasury a year or even two years, before any considerable portion of it is drawn out in favor of the con-

After the Convention

In the primary election which elected 815 delegates progressive to 168 standpat and sent to the convention 58 county delegates to a standpat, with only three divided, Governor Garst, the progressive candidate for governor, was defeated by Governor Carroll by 4,900 votes. The convention lineup reiterated the observation of this newspaper after the primary that became less than one-half the normal vote as believed by the state north of the C. & N. W. Railway was cast at the primary, a progressive candidate was defeated in an overwhelming progressive state. The counties which were very strongly progressive retained the relative strength of their full vote in the convention but gave less than half of it at the primary.

For the display of factionalism which was made in Wednesday's convention the Iowa Taft Club, Frank D. Jackson, et al. are directly responsible. Had this club not been organized to destroy and repudiate the senators there would have been no campaign against Governor Carroll's renomination in the primaries and little but harmony manifest in the convention. The fight in Iowa which has been of great value to the cause of a wholesale movement in the nation would not have published to the world so decisive a message had not war been declared by the Iowa Taft Club.

But the nominations have been made at the primary, the convention has come and gone, there is nothing left but to elect the ticket and yet the Iowa Taft Club announces that it is to be continued. "What for?" Volume one of a standpat campaign herald of sporadic appearance was in evidence at the convention. On the first page was a large sized picture of ex-Governor Frank D. Jackson, the kind of a has-been in republican politics whom the party managers have dared to nominate for a second term because of some private irregularities which were difficult to defend in a campaign. Upon the text for the necessity of the publication it is stated that "its chief purpose is to make the public acquainted with the fallacies with which some enterprising politicians have dared to monopolize the Iowa republican voter."

It is asserted that President Taft has discovered that "the loss of the wise counsel and broad judgment of Senator Allison was a real loss and that it was supplied by two gentlemen who approached closer to the border line of anarchy and socialism than even the plan of the Iowa Taft Club. This is "The Stalwart Republican" published by Frank Jackson who it is stated in the paper "enjoys the full confidence of the president."

For ten years or more thousands upon thousands of republican voters have been told by the Cummins men or progressives are near-democrats on the tariff. This year's republican party platform was written in full consultation with Senator Cummins and carries his complete personal endorsement as well as expressing the progressive tariff doctrine as believed by progressive republicans. Every republican who has ever questioned Cumminism in Iowa should read this platform and he will then know who has been deceiving him. He can then turn back to the party platforms of 1908 adopted at Waterloo and of 1906 and he will find intellectual consistency. He will find intellectual republicanism as distinguished from machinery idolatry.

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The only desire among any of the delegates to elect members of the state central committee in the convention irrespective of district caucus nominations was in the First and Ninth districts where the progressives asserted that the standpat committeemen Cowles and Wright had been extremely partisan and unfair in their management of party affairs. Even the program was abandoned the criticism should carry its lesson to those who can correct the trouble.

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The editor of the Bee thinks that one of the earliest acts of the next general assembly should be to arrange for the payment of these assessments as needed; if he shall be so accustomed to a member of that body of lawmakers, he proposes to make this his principal business until something is done about it; a quarter of the amount could be put up when work begins; another quarter when the engineer reports the work half done; the balance when the job is completed and accepted. Such a change is so reasonable and so fair that there should be no difficulty in bringing it to pass if the matter is properly presented to the legislators, and it would afford a lot of relief to people who are assuming a very heavy burden of special taxation.

SECURING DEPOSITORS.

The Oklahoma plan for making all banks jointly liable for the losses to which the depositors of any one bank may be subjected has several dangerous and objectionable features and the real test of the system will come when the next financial crisis occurs in the country. In truth, the failure of the Columbia Bank and Trust Company last fall had a beneficial influence on the state as a whole, since it made the state officials more careful in their supervision of banks and had a sobering effect on the bankers who, like the men in control of the Columbia bank, were engaged in a reckless scramble for business.

"CAPITAL" AND ALASKA.

They have said that over a banker's land and cognate matters, a great deal of strong feeling, that however justified on one side or the other, has, in most cases, resulted in a sharpness of statement and sometimes of action that have done no good to the government or to Alaska. There may be a variety of cases for this, but it is not our purpose to point them out; what we venture to point out, however, is that capital may possibly be quarantined as respects Alaska for the reason that capital is under suspicion. We cannot

quite convince ourselves that for capital to assume the air of patronage toward the government or of semi-protection about territory controlled by government, is altogether a good thing for government or for capital. Mr. Morgan and the Messrs. Guggenheim are very industrious, serious-minded citizens of great ability, yet it may be that their knowledge of constitutional law is not as nice as their acquaintance with finance. The presence of such a change is so reasonable and so fair that there should be no difficulty in bringing it to pass if the matter is properly presented to the legislators, and it would afford a lot of relief to people who are assuming a very heavy burden of special taxation.

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Eggs With Three Yolks.

Eggs with two yolks occur not uncommonly, but eggs with three yolks are exceptionally rare. Such an egg was recently laid by a barred Plymouth rock pullet at the Maine experiment station, and is described in some detail in a bulletin recently issued. The egg was somewhat above the average size, but no other abnormal feature was noticeable.

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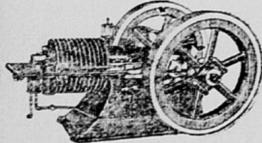
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You are hereby notified, that on or before the 15th day of August, A. D. 1910, there will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, within and for the county of Marshall, the petition of William Wesley Wagerman, asking the court for a judicial interpretation and construction of the last will and testament of John Wagerman, deceased, executed April 23, 1906, and particularly as to Paragraphs (c) (d) and (e) of item two of said will.

Now, unless you appear and make defense thereto, at or before noon of the second day of the next August term of said court, to be begun and held at Marshalltown, Iowa, on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1910, your default will be construed and a decree rendered there on as prayed for in said petition.

Dated this 1st day of July, A. D. 1910.

WILLIAM WESLEY WAGERMAN, Plaintiff.

F. L. MEEKER, Attorney.

THE LODGES.

MASONIC NOTICES. Hall over 105-107 West Main. Visitors always welcome. MARSHALL LODGE, 108, A. F. & A. M. Stated communication, Friday, Aug. 19, at 8 p. m. R. W. Chamberlain, W. M. H. S. Lawrence, Secretary. SIGNET CHAPTER No. 24, R. A. M. Stated convocation Monday evening, Aug. 22. George H. Boggie, E. H. F. I. S. Millard, Secretary. KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 30, R. & S. M.—Stated assembly Monday, Aug. 22, 8 p. m. I. T. Forbes, A. D. Mosker, T. J. St. ALDEMAR COMMANDERY, No. 20 K. T., stated convocation Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, 1909, at 8 o'clock sharp. Fred Wallace, Recorder. Fred M. Wilbur, E. C. CENTRAL CHAPTER, No. 67, O. E. S.—Regular meeting Wednesday evening, Aug. 17, 8 p. m. Mrs. George Downing, W. M. Edna C. Fullerton, Secretary.

A Children's Charter.

This is the Children's Charter as printed in the Bulletin of the Social Settlement of Rochester:

- 1. No child shall be compelled to live in an institution; every child has a right to a home.
2. No child shall be compelled to play on the streets; every child has a right to a garden of his own.
3. No child could be compelled to be a breadwinner; every child has a right to at least eighteen years of childhood.
4. No child should be compelled to play and be amused all the time; every child has a right to share in the chores.
5. No child should be compelled to live in a house built for its parents; every child has a right to a house adapted to its needs.
6. No child should be compelled to live in tenements in congested districts; every child has a right to light, space and fresh air.
7. No child should be compelled to be ill-nourished; every child, however poor its parents, has a right to proper food.
8. No child should be compelled to have children's diseases; every child has a right to be always healthy and strong.
9. No child should be compelled to be an angel; every child has a right to be a real boy or a real girl.
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