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REGULARITY NOT SURRENDER.

The Times-Republican has not enjoyed a confidential discussion with any of the Iowa congressmen since their get-together conference at Des Moines, so none of them can feel any responsibility for the sentiment here expressed, but this newspaper would like to venture the opinion that a decision among republican candidates to get together and support the republican ticket in the fall elections in no wise implies a cessation of the fundamental differences that exist among republicans as to what should constitute the party's policies. It does not imply an agreement on the part of progressive congressmen to support Walter I. Smith for speaker. It is merely a decision between republicans that when the voice of the primaries has spoken we are all good republicans and will support the ticket. Party regularity is necessary to party success and without success at the polls, what is the use in running for office?

Congressman Smith won his nomination in the Ninth congressional district securing a majority of the republican votes. He is entitled to the support of his party at the election. Had Web Byers won the nomination he would have been entitled to the full party vote. In the Seventh district Judge Prouty won under the same rules and he is entitled to the full party vote. This constitutes playing a square game.

But to imply that progressive or insurgent congressmen should support Walter I. Smith for speaker of the house, even though he should be the candidate of the reactionaries, would amount to an agreement to support him for a renomination were a progressive running against him. It would be inconsistent, insincere and a surrender of honest conviction as to public policy to put out any promises at this time to support a reactionary republican for speaker when there is every likelihood that the progressives in congress will put up a candidate of their own.

JUST HOW MUCH BETTER. How much more fortunate would it have been for President Taft had he possessed the political acumen to discuss the tariff law at Winona in the language used by Roosevelt at Sioux Falls. Roosevelt had the horrible Taft example before him, to be sure, but then his is altogether the natural and national statement to make.

"I think the present tariff better than the last, and considerably better than the one before the last," said the ex-president. "But it has certainly failed to give general satisfaction."

Had the president referred to the tariff in his Winona speech as the ex-president does much of his subsequent political tribulation would have been avoided. He would have been honest with himself and consistent with his campaign record when he stood squarely for revision downward.

When he stood up at Winona and declared that the present tariff was the best that had ever been made he was technically correct but by the infection of his voice and failure to qualify, his statement was read as an assertion that the new tariff was near enough to perfection to constitute satisfactory revision and his subsequent remarks were virtually an attempt to read out of the party republicans fully as wise as himself who had violently protested against the law as not being an adequate revision.

Roosevelt standing squarely with these republicans whom Taft denounced states the proposition in language which, while being true, is surgently broad to afford a common meeting place for both Taft republicans and insurgents. The difference is just that distance between a leader and one who is merely conscious of the responsibility of leadership.

Topics of the Times

The Vinton Eagle fears a national primary because "a primary law is too open to the manipulators of tricky and reckless politicians." Just what Mr. Murphy has his fears on is not evident. He and his political cronies haven't been able as yet to put one over on the Iowa primary.

It appears from the Fort Dodge poisoning case that good flour may be turned into deadly poison by careless and ignorant baking and the staff of life into a broken reed. In this case it is pretty well proved that the flour was all right and bread made from it poisonous because of the process of making. "Ropy" bread all are informed goes on "raising" and raises hob with the human insides.

It is an open secret that the federal census report will contain no pleasant surprise for Burlington. If Burlington is shown to have 25,000 people, we are fortunate.—Burlington Gazette.

Blaming George Cossen and the Cossen laws again? ... What would the nation do if it had two ex-presidents?—Des Moines Capital.

Is the Capital looking forward to 1913?—Rockwell City Advocate.

Scarcely. From present appearances the number of ex-presidents will not be increased if a certain and salutary and popular exchange should come about.

The farm automobile is not a sign of reckless expenditure but of 60-horse power prosperity. An early frost would wilt the automobile sales almost as quickly as the corn leaves. The Iowa farmer, generally speaking, knows where he is at.

As horrible examples of abject poverty the big railway systems stand at the head. They talk to the commission like a miser to the township assessor.

Mr. Roosevelt speaks with calm contempt of the "merely multimillionaire." Stop and think about it. When a man is "merely a millionaire" what is he beyond a financial scavenger? The new spirit of the age demands service. Men must buy real respect while living and remembrance after death by personal service to all men. It's the only way.

There will be scholars attending the school, over whom their parents have no control whatever, and if it becomes necessary for the teacher to correct the misdoings of the children in her arms and caress them and perhaps say: "Darling it is too bad and we will give the teachers a piece of our mind the very first time we see them."

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The Girl and the Bill. By BANNISTER MERWIN. ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS. (Copyright, 1910, by Dodd, Mead & Company.)

When at last the launch ran up under the end of a little breakwater near the Davis street pier, she arose quickly and sprang out of the boat without help. Then she turned, as Orme stepped up beside her, and spoke to Porter. "If you and Mr. Orme had not come after me," she said, "there's no telling whether I should ever have got back. I should like to shake hands with you," she added; and bending down, she held out her firm white hand.

Then Orme laid his hand on the life saver's shoulder. "You've done a piece of good work tonight," he said. Porter laughed embarrassedly. "I only ran the boat for you," he began. "You took me at my word," said Orme, "and that's a good deal in such a case. Goodby. I will look you up before I go back east."

At the side of the girl, Orme now walked slowly through the deserted streets. It was some time before she spoke. "After you left me at the home of my friends—" she began at last. "Don't try to tell about it," he interrupted quickly. "You are tired. Wait for another time."

They were passing under a street lamp at the moment, and she glanced up at him with a grateful smile, pleased apparently by his thought of her. "That is good of you," she exclaimed, "but my story is easily told. Let me go on with it. I explained myself to my friends as best I could and went to my room. Then it suddenly occurred to me that Maku and his friend might have come to Evanston by boat."

"Just as, later, it occurred to me," she said. "I thought that the other man might be waiting for Maku. The motor car that we heard—there was no good reason for thinking that our man was in it."

"I know," he said. "I thought of those things, too." "It flashed on me," she went on, "that if I could find the man, I might be able to buy him off. I didn't believe that he would dare to injure me. There are reasons why he should not. My car had been taken in, but I had them bring it out, and I told them—well, that part doesn't matter. Enough that I made an excuse, and went out with the car."

"You should have taken some one with you." "There was a likelihood that the Japanese would run if I had a companion. As long as I was alone he might be willing to parley, I thought. At least, he would not be afraid of me alone. So I went north on Sheridan road to the upper end of the lower campus. There is a cross-road there, you remember, cutting through to the lake, and I turned in. I left the car near a house that is there, and walked on to the edge of the bluff."

"Moored to a breakwater below was a boat, and a man was standing near her. I called out to him, asking what time it was. He answered, 'Don't know,' and I knew him at once to be foreign and, probably, Japanese. So I went down toward him."

"When he saw that I was coming, he got into the boat. He seemed to be frightened and hurried, and I inferred that he was about to cast off, and I called out that I was alone. At that he waited, but he did not get out of the boat, and I was standing at the edge of the breakwater, just above him, before he actually seemed to recognize me."

Second Place on the Ticket. (Connecticut Current.) We all hope that William H. Taft has many useful, happy years before him. It is not hard to say that he is one of our best men. Of his twenty-five predecessors in the chief magistracy five died in office—three of them by violence. The men promoted to the chief magistracy by these deaths—suddenly—were respectively: John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester Alan Arthur, and Theodore Roosevelt. And we begin to see that the man who is to succeed him is a man of a different type. He is a man of a different type. He is a man of a different type.

SONS AND FATHERS. (Manchester Press.) Our superlative senatorial jump-jack statesmen have been in Wisconsin this week doing a lousy clincher and monkey work. They would have honored him with the chief executive office but for his failure to comply with the terms of Judge Hubbard, the then railroad boss of Iowa. After a meeting between the two Leslie M. Shaw was chosen and Matt Parrott shelved. If Matt Parrott were such an article he would not appear in the Waterloo Reporter. The spectacle of his sons hand and glove with the interests which defeated his ambition because they could not control him is one to cause sadness. They are enlisted with the faction which made Leslie M. Shaw governor and against the men

THE LODGES. MASONIC NOTICES. Hall over 105-107 West Main. Visitors always welcome. MARSHALL LODGE, 108, A. F. & M. Work on third degree Friday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p. m. H. S. Lawrence, Secretary. SIGNET CHAPTER No. 38, R. A. M. Stated convocation Monday evening, Sept. 19. George H. Bogle, E. H. F. I. S. Millard, Secretary. STATED ASSEMBLY KING SOLOMON COUNCIL, No. 20, R. & S. M., Monday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p. m. I. T. Forbes, Recorder.

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"Did you know him?" asked Orme. "I never saw him before to my knowledge; but he made an exclamation which indicated that he knew me."

"What did he do then?" "I told him that I wished to talk to him about the papers. His answer was that, if I would step down into the boat, he would talk. He said that he would not leave the boat, and added that he was unwilling to discuss the matter aloud. And I was foolish enough to believe his excuses. It is wished to whisper, I said to myself, why, I would whisper. I never felt so like a conspirator."

She paused to look up at the street sign at the corner which they had reached, and turned to the right on a shady avenue. "Well, I got into the boat," she continued. "I told him that I—my father was prepared to pay him a large sum of money for the papers, but he only shook his head and said, 'No, no.' I named a sum; then a larger one; but money did not seem to tempt him, though I made the second offer as large as I dared."

"How much will you take then?" I asked at last. Instead of answering, he bent down and started the motor, and then I noticed for the first time that while I was talking we had been drifting away from the dock. I made ready to jump overboard. We were near the shore and the water was not deep; anyway, I am a fair swimmer. But he turned and seized my wrist and forced me down into the bottom of the boat. I struggled, but it was no use, and when I opened my mouth to scream, he choked me with one hand and with the other pulled from his pocket a handkerchief and tried to put it in my mouth."

"She gave a weary little laugh. "It was such a crumpled, unclean handkerchief, I couldn't have stood it. So I managed to gasp that if he would only let me alone I would keep quiet."

"The brute!" muttered Orme. "Oh, I don't think he intended to hurt me. What he feared, as nearly as I can make out, is that I might have him intercepted if he let me go free. That must have been why he tried to take me with him. Probably he planned to beach the boat at some unfrequented point on the North side and leave me to shift for myself."

"When your boat came, of course I didn't know who was in it. I never dreamed it would be you. And I had promised to keep still."

"Hardly a binding promise." "Well, before he stopped threatening me with that awful handkerchief, he had made me swear over and over that I would not call for help, that I would sit quietly on the seat. When you recognized me, I felt that all need of observing the promise was over."

"Naturally," muttered Orme. She sighed. "It does seem as though Fate had been against us," she said. "Fate is fickle," Orme returned. "You never know whether she will be your friend or your enemy. But I believe that she is now going to be our friend—for a change. Tomorrow I shall get those papers."

(To Be Continued.)

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