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A POOR DEPENDENCE.

The president said again today that he did not feel that the present campaign in New York state would have a dominant effect upon the general election in 1912, the republican party having long ago adopted the principle of giving presidents two terms.—News Report.

If the president's main reliance on a second term for himself is to be upon the principle of two terms "long ago adopted," the sooner he shifts to more stable ground the better for his prospects. An awakened people have been and are likely to continue rearranging things. It may well be that the "long ago adopted principle" will be rearranged and readopted to the disadvantage of the incumbent who relies on the "principle" that an election to a first term is also a pledge to reelection.

As the temper of the country stands at present President Taft's second term is far from assured. There has been deep discontent and disappointment in his administration thus far to many who believed him the logical successor to Roosevelt. He seems to have lent his ear to misinformation and had advisers during the first months of his administration. Many of his strongest real friends have been alienated to a greater or lesser degree. The west has not found him pleasing. The powers of the east are not his true friends. The leaders he favored and the faction on which he smiled as he listened have been objects of better popular rebuke.

If the president is depending on precedent he is leaning on a broken reed. His only real opportunity of re-nomination and re-election remains to be made. There are still two years and an earnest man with a real desire to serve all the people could go far to re-establish himself in that time.

BLOW OUT THE LAMP.

The Cedar Rapids Republican serves notice on Major Lacey and Colonel Hepburn, two names prominent among those mentioned as likely to land an appointment to the senate. The Republican calls for the "strongest man in Iowa for the place." It wants "a man who is in the prime of life, who has a dozen years of eighteen years of good service left in his mind and body; a man of 40 or 50 years." Having thus established what it does want it proceeds to tell the major and the colonel that it does not want them.

"Older men have been suggested," says the Republican, "of whom I have heard, Governor Larrabee, but Governor Larrabee, it may be set down, would not accept such an arduous office at his time of life. We know that he could have had the office by appointment, following the death of Senator Allison, but his reply was that a younger man was needed. That younger man is still needed. Former Congressman Hepburn and former Congressman Lacey have been mentioned. We believe that both men are too old. Hepburn is an old man, up in the 70s, and it would be a travesty to send such a man to the senate to represent a state like Iowa. Mr. Lacey, also, is too far along in years to begin over in the senate."

The Republican is saying now the very things the Times-Republican has been saying for ten years. The Times-Republican wishes to convey to its esteemed contemporary its natural pleasure over the conversion of that esteemed contemporary and to reiterate renewed faith that "while the lamp hold out to burn, etc."

The Republican has written well and in apparent patriotism of the situation when it says:

"Iowa needs its strongest man to fill the vacancy left by Senator Dolliver's death. All other considerations may as well be dropped, except the consideration of fitness and ability and strength in national legislation. The time has come for Iowa to look to its laurels. In the lower house of congress we have slipped down, to make extent, altho we have some the young men growing up in that body, men who will be heard from in the future. In the senate, however, much we may have disagreed with some of their views, Iowa has maintained its strength. Senators Dolliver and Cummins were recognized forces in legislation and in national affairs. For ourselves, we are free to say that we would rather support a man of the strength of Cummins, than support a two by four man with whom we might be agreed. We want, above all else, men in the senate who can be seen across the nation."

"The time has come for frank speaking on subjects that affect so vitally the standing and the power of our state. Complimentary mention can not be tolerated in a matter of so much importance. We want a great man placed in the senate. We want the ablest men we have in public life, whether we agree with him or not. We do not want men to help this or that faction, but we want a man who will be as big as Iowa. Whether we have such a man or not is the question."

WOULD FILL UP THE WEST.

In this back-to-the-soil talk there recently has been something said for the difficulties in the way of turning farmer for a man without means, even for the son of the tolerably well fixed farmer.

The point receives intelligent consideration at the hands of a correspondent to the Kansas City Star. A Kansas City, Kan., man wanted to know how a tenant farmer can pay his rent, help and other expenses and, with long and short crops, make enough to enable him to get "back to the land" with land from \$50 to \$100 per acre, "on as easy terms as those did who got here first."

The Star's correspondent holds that that would be no less an injustice than it is an impossibility. "Our ancestors," he says, "who came to Missouri and got the land cheap did not sit down in Pennsylvania and North Carolina and bewail their fate because they could not buy the land there as cheaply as their ancestors had, but hiked out west and bought Missouri land, underwent a few inconveniences and made the land worth \$100 per acre by occupying it."

The obvious suggestion then is that those who find themselves unable to acquire land in Missouri and Iowa should "hike out west," etc. At first blush that seems rather a curious way to mend matters where the rural population already is in the decline, but we are invited to take this view of it:

"We need not be afraid that the population will decrease too much in Missouri. New blood will continue to flow in. Higher priced lands in Iowa and the east will drive the young farmers Missourians; and, while there is a temporary falling off in some of the counties now, it will not continue if we do not stop our grumbling and press on to help build up the west as our fathers drove their oxen to and pitched their tents in the chill-laden bottoms of far-away Missouri, then a vast wilderness beyond the Father of Waters."

Why isn't that sound doctrine? Things must inevitably take their course anyway. It seems only a question of whether the movement shall be accelerated and the sooner got thru with. The man who leaves us goes west, finds cheap land for himself and does his part to exhaust the capacity of the west to absorb our strength and population. It is looking some distance ahead, without doubt, but it may be as well to take that view.

William Allen White suggests a statue of Roosevelt of pure gold. How cocky Kansas is getting. Most of us can remember when old societies sent boxes of clothes into Kansas which the sufferers were extremely glad to get. Now the Jerry Simpsons wear silk socks and statures are to be of pure gold, eh?

"You swiped my pin feathers," said the magpie to the eagle.

The Cedar Rapids Republican would "keep the saloon question out of politics" knowing that it leaves the saloon keeper in politics and unopposed. It does not suggest that the liquor interests keep out. The saloon element is not amenable to such suggestion. Perhaps the Republican sees a hopeful vision of a time when none but bosses, officeholders, saloonists and corporations will be "in politics," and when postoffices and chairs of journalism be multiplied as the rewards of service.

It's much easier and more agreeable to stand under a washtub than to stand over the real article.

The Harlan Republican says that Secretary Wilson's appearance on the Iowa stump "augurs well." Tut, tut! Never mention an auger and a public speaker in the same sentence, son; and a wall auger at that!

The loss of his pin feathers to Roosevelt and his tail feathers to Jim Dahlgren puts Mr. Bryan into mighty bad winter condition.

The Chicago baseball team doesn't seem to feel any tenderness toward any "old association."

When a base hit brings an automobile no wonder the public bats its eyes.

The Dahlgren wave is said to be receding and his campaign losing pressure. Man the beer pumps.

In the good old Indian summer time.

An Illinois school ma'am refused to get married, quit the teaching game and has got rich raising geese. She couldn't get entirely away from the profession.

Michigan will spend a million this year on county trunk line roads. And she'll miss it more than Iowa would twice the money.

A St. Louis woman says she lied to keep her mother-in-law's respect. That wouldn't avail for a man, however.

IOWA OPINIONS AND NOTES.

"Permanent roads of the best design should take the place of makeshifts that were never properly planned and that are kept passable by a constant struggle," says the Hampton Chronicle. Many millions a year is spent on the common highways of this country, nine-tenths of which are dirt roads. As a rule the grades are bad and new mudholes appear as fast as the old ones are remedied for the moment. The wear and tear on horses and vehicles are incessant and at certain seasons

travel is practically suspended. Over such roads the cost of transportation in several times as that it would be on easy grades and firm surfaces.

"We have failed to date to observe that any insurgent republican is carrying his insurgency to the ballot box," says the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald. Senator Cummins is not doing it. Insurgent republicans are, generally speaking, insurgents on 364 days of the year, or on every day except election day. That's the principal reason why there are many republicans in office and few democrats."

"Prohibition," says the Paullina Times, "will never win until it has divorced itself completely, so far as practical work is concerned, from the church, and identified itself as a purely political movement. It will have to take politics as it finds them and fight according to the rules."

The Tipton Advertiser says "the prison congress which was in session last week made one recommendation which ought to be adopted in every penal institution. It was that all prisoners be kept at work and credited with regular wages in some amount, and such amounts when earned to be turned over to their families or those dependent upon them at the time they were incarcerated."

"Talk about running a woman for county superintendent of schools!" exclaims the Mapleton Press. "This paper would not support a woman for any county office, say nothing of a primary teacher for superintendent."

"The man with a good crop of corn and a nice bunch of shoats does not need to worry about the high price of coal and winter clothing," says the Logan Observer.

"If Iowa is to have as good roads as are common in New York state, we must make up our minds that they are to cost a big lot of money but it will pay," says the Washington County Press.

"They will be no free lunch affairs. It will cost us more to build macadam roads than it cost New York state, where the soil is a stiff clay."

"Taxes are high. Of course they are, but they are lower today than they were ten years ago, in proportion to the value of real estate in Iowa or labor either," asserts the Traer Star-Clipper. "The party in power is not blameworthy for the increase. It comes almost entirely from local demands and is voted by the people themselves, for schools, roads, etc. In ten years the entire tax in Iowa has increased \$11,000,000. In this ten years state taxes have increased but 750,000, leaving the great bulk of the increase to local management. No party is blameworthy for what school directors and township trustees expend."

Outside Point of View.

"If justice is done, the hearing of Deltz will begin with his little homestead cabin in the wilds of northern Wisconsin, with the first attempt of the Chippewa Falls Lumber Company to float its logs by means of a big flume of the statutes of the state, with the first charge of dynamite put under his dam, and then it will follow in natural consequence until the people of Wisconsin and of the whole country have been astounded by the way in which the defendant is a man of criminal instincts or merely a hardy frontiersman who knew his rights and knowing, dared main tain them."

The above, part of an editorial that recently appeared in the Register and Leader, is in line with other editorials on the same subject. It probably voices a majority sentiment of the readers of the daily press. But it's wrong in sentiment and place. Editors of daily papers in these "civilized" states should not write such stuff, much less publish it. The effect on their younger readers is bad and the whole tendency of such writing is anarchism. It virtually asserts that a time can come in any man's life, when he has an inherent right to defy law and order. These editors are in good company. Not so long ago ex-President Roosevelt publicly said, referring to a certain piece of legislation, that it was unconstitutional and if he remained in office he would have disregarded it.

Deltz' career is a terrible illustration of this doctrine of rights above law. Deltz in his armed conflict with the lumber company had right within the law, and he should have defended himself, family, and property, but when he kept off his property of the state to serve them an outlaw. Successful in these attempts to defy law officers and the state, he was a deputy ran for sheriff and then he to again use his gun and shoot a neighbor over a question of dollars and cents. Again asserting his rights he refused to be arrested for this shooting affair, and barricading himself defied the whole state of Wisconsin, including the governor, who sent a special messenger to him. Finally in the closing battle some one of the Deltz family from a hay loft, deliberately fired five rifle shots at a deputy sheriff party protector by a big dog, and then when the deputy ran for better shelter, some Deltz, young or old, man, woman or child of this family "standing for their rights," again shot and killed this deputy sheriff, while in the exercise of his duty as a peace officer. These are the cold, prosaic facts for sentimental editors and the more sentimental public to think about.

Out in California there was a daily paper that for years has fought labor organizations. Recently they had such an innocent human beings suddenly murdered. It is inconceivable that any American labor organization could countenance such work. But it is certain that one or more individuals had such a hatred for this newspaper, that they destroyed it willingly destroyed the lives of many innocent employees. The authors of this damnable outrage had in their own estimation, wrongs that the law could now reach. Reasoning exactly like Deltz they too defied the law. The assassin of Mayor Gaynor of New York told the police when they arrested him, that the system Gaynor had inaugurated resulted in his discharge from the city employ, and attempted to kill the man that established the system. The man with a real or fancied sense of wrong against a railroad corporation, that removes the iron rails, wrecks a train, kills many passengers, and causes a riot, Deltz did, and his prototype always will. Put it down as a fact that always any person gets into a mental condi-

tion that makes a defense of personal rights, the necessity of unlawful acts, then such person is a serious menace to the community. Now add to this, that any written article defending in the lightest degree such unlawful acts, is also a very bad thing for the community, and you have the writer's indictment, and the Register and Leader et al.

Birdseye's Iowa Newspapers

SCHOOL RALLY AND CONTEST.

Friday, Oct. 7, was the annual school rally of Grant township. On that day there was a grand and stirring contest between the rural schools of the township. Formerly it was held at the Center school house, but such intense interest has been shown by the patrons and children of the schools that the school board decided this year to hold the rally at the Amity church and this year it even crowded the church to the limit. The children showed immense interest in their exhibits. In every class there were a large number of exhibits. In the corn class alone there were fifty-two entries. This, we think, is a larger exhibition than has been shown by any of the county fairs this fall and also it will keep the farmers' institutes hustling this winter to have a larger and finer exhibit of corn. And the same as said of the corn, so of the other school exhibits, sewing, fancy work and especially baking of which there was a grand exhibit of quality. Outside vis-

itors are most heartily welcomed to be with us on that day. Especially would we like to have school officers and teachers of the school come and see the interest that the teachers, children and parents show in these rallies.

The awarding of prizes was as follows: Best four ears of yellow corn, first Verzel Albert, second Leon Albert, third, Ray Whannel; best four ears of white corn, first Leon Albert, second Verzel Albert, third Elmer Knupp; grand champion ear of the exhibit, Leon Albert on a yellow ear; best four ears of sweet corn, first Viola Albert, second John Weller, third John Jebens; best four ears of sweet corn, first Ralph Mitchell, second John Weller, third James Inness; best four potatoes, first Lowell Ballile, second Eddie Sackor, third John Jebens; best garden and agricultural exhibit, first Leon Albert, second James Ennis, third Burniss Dick; best collection of garden and farm seeds, first Leon Albert, second Burniss Dick, third Peter Mitchell; best sewing, first Jennie Kleimelr, second Agnes Soltau, third Alice Dillie; best fancy work, first Viola Dillie, second Frances Mason, third Ada Mason; best bread, first Sadie Weller, second Alice Ballile; best pies, first Hulda Miller, second Ralph Mitchell; best cakes, first Lillian Block, second Ada Mason, third Linda Volkins; best cake, first Donald Mitchell, second James Innis, third, Jennie Kleimelr, best school exhibit, first school No. 5, second No. 8, third No. 6.

The Sheep Business.

The sheep business has had many ups and downs and will have more. The only way to beat this game is to stay in it. In-and-out sheepmen generally manages to miss a large portion of the high spots in the market.

Iowa Newspapers On Dolliver.

[Des Moines Capital]. Had he chosen literature and taken up the work with energy, he might have made a world-wide reputation. He had a genius for politics. He heard it talked in his father's home. He breathed it in the mountains of West Virginia. He was a natural rebel and rebel cannon. One of his greatest popular lectures was titled "Our Country." This lecture was devoted to telling what had been accomplished in America for the good of humanity. He was one of the few men who were able to make an optimistic lecture acceptable in what is called an age of political pessimism. The senator in his youth was critical on one thing only, the history of the democratic party. His glowing periods generally represented the old war time spirit of republicanism. His soul seemed to live back and have in all the achievements and marshalled the armies of the republic in defense of the flag. His nature was deeply religious. He loved the Bible and rejoiced in its teachings. He frequently quoted from it. 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