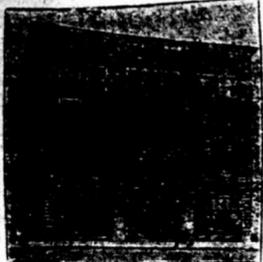


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AGAIN UP TO THE CONVENTION.

In an editorial the New York Tribune suggests from the east the same thought and comes to the same conclusion that is the thought and conclusion of the middle west.

Do those whom a certain fondness for the obsolete phrase still moves us to call the leaders of the republican party desire to re-elect Woodrow Wilson?

The thing can be done. In fact it can be done with ease and with merely incidental campaign activities.

If the democratic party can not save Mr. Wilson, but the republican party can save him as easily as it assumed the responsibility for electing him four years ago.

If the men who are running republican affairs at the present moment believe that the people of the United States dislike or distrust Mr. Wilson as much as they despise these republican leaders, the Tribune thinks that they are in error, in grievous error.

The last election proclaimed that the voters are a more serious consideration than the persons who furnish the campaign fund.

The last election was not a democratic victory but it resulted in the election of a democrat; it should be classified as a republican defeat by republicans, a positive refusal of the rank and file to follow those whom the Tribune refers to as obsolete, the "party leaders" of that fatal convention.

The task before the coming convention is to nominate for the rank and file and not for those whose first desire is to control party machinery.

Mr. Roosevelt is reported to be very favorable to Mr. Cummins—after Mr. Roosevelt. The Roosevelt strength in the east and the Cummins strength in the west would make the Iowa candidate an invincible nominee.

A CHEAP ANTI ARGUMENT DISPROVED. One of the arguments of anti-suffragists has been that if women are to vote the cost of elections will be largely increased.

This represents the total expense of the general election of 1914 with only men voting. If the women were voting the only additional expense would be the cost of the extra ballots and the cost of the one or two days necessary for extra registration in places where registration is required.

Governors and secretaries of state in those states where women vote, have made some very interesting statements as regards the increased cost of elections. A few representative answers to this query follow:

Wyoming—"Woman suffrage has not increased taxes in this state nor cost of elections." California—"Increased cost of election expense because of woman voters is very little."

Kansas—"Increased cost of election insignificant." Idaho—"Added election expense infinitesimal." Arizona—"Increased cost of elections thru women voting not worth considering."

The cost of elections in Chicago last year with women voting was only 1 cent per capita greater than in 1904, when men alone voted, according to figures in the annual report of the Chicago election commissioners.

With the exception of one year, the vote cast in 1915 was the largest in Chicago's history; yet the cost per vote cast was 22 cents less than in 1914, and 46 cents less than in 1912.

ASHTON AND THE OTHER FELLOWS.

A good many years ago a section boss was caring for track on the Northwestern road near Boone. He didn't draw a salary or hold a position. He had a job at a section foreman's wages. It is reasonably safe to say that \$40 a month was the limit upwards for section hands and section foremen didn't grow rich on their wages then any more than they do now.

Up at Eagle Grove and over at Boone people remember a division superintendent of whom the bigger brass colors sat up and took notice. He was the same section foreman. But he'd quit the section by request and had a better job. It paid a salary now but it was a job yet.

The other day the great Northwest-ern one elected a president. He is the same section foreman, the same superintendent of division and his new place is still a job and not a position. It may be proper to mention that he didn't "accept" any of these "positions" from the foremanship on up. He was there working for the rise all the time and ready for it when the time came.

That's the little story of Ashton, the section foreman, "Dick" Ashton, the division superintendent and of Richard H. Ashton president of the C. & N. W. R. R.

It isn't as common a story as another that might be told with variations; of the young fellow who wanted at home to accept a shiny shod foot handed position meantime hanging about the pool hall days and scouting around till midnight of nights, standing before the picture show—if they had been in existence then—to make remarks and goggle his eyes at girls lustily enough to glance sidewise at him, and attending an occasional keg party.

There were several of these youths about Boone when Ashton started to work for the C. & N. W. as an ax man the best part of forty years ago. They rather sneered at Ashton then if they knew he was alive. Such fellows incline to sneer at overalls and blisters on the hands. And most of them are mentioning that some people have all the luck as they read the headlines announcing the election of the section hand to the railroad presidency.

They are the same old stories that have been told ever since society became sufficiently organized to pay rewards to hard work and merit and withhold them from idleness and arrested development. There isn't as much difference in men at the beginning as folks think. There isn't as much in environment. And if opportunity stands beckoning to a section foreman she certainly isn't hiding her face from those with the better chances. They are the same stories that Noah told his boys on the boat, that Methuselah talked over with the family when the sun was going down and that are being told under the electric lights tonight—these stories of Ashton and the other fellows. They'll

TOPICS OF THE TIMES

There is a golden mean somewhere between the muteness of Hughes and the volubility of Roosevelt. Keep an eye on Iowa. It begins to look as though we'd have to send the same after Villa that went after the reward for Jessie James.

A curious situation is presented in that neither of the two leading candidates, Roosevelt and Hughes, will have any real primary strength in the convention. They will figure only after the avowed candidates, who have delegates pledged to them, are eliminated. Even at this point there might be a deadlock between Hughes and Roosevelt, in which case some "dark horse" candidate might suddenly be pushed over the line. It is still an open fight.

Which is precisely what Iowa has been saying from the beginning in a little different way. The Iowa candidate has an excellent chance. Iowa should go to the convention prepared to make the most of a determined effort.

Speaking of military training young man, if you had to follow Funston across a river like that one in the Philippines could you swim it? What can't swim? Tention company, Guide fight to the swimmin' hole, march.

Why is it that women who can run a church like clockwork would be utterly out of place with a voice in public affairs? A St. Louis man is asking a divorce because his wife called him a "Dutch boob." These St. Louis men must be awful sensitive.

Every man knows that whoever is governor there will be violations of the liquor laws, says the Sioux City Journal. Akreed. The difference is not over that but over the prospect that Cosson would see that violations were punished instead of winked at them. The Scott county agreement with Candidate Wilson is a case in point.

Surely, a preparedness parade is pretty but it isn't war. If it were the parade would be cut short to a small procession. The only way to beat anti-Americanism is to beat anti-Americanism. The only way to beat pacifism is to beat pacifism—Chicago Evening Post.

Likewise the only way to beat Roosevelt is to beat Roosevelt—Sioux City Journal. And as to Harding? The world's ski jumping record is held by an American, who covered a distance of just under 192 feet.

RANN-DOM REELS

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YELLOWSTONE PARK. There are a great many wild animals in the park, which are maintained at the expense of the subsidized taxpayer, who is not allowed to shoot off any firearms, however, but his mouth. These animals become quite tame, and



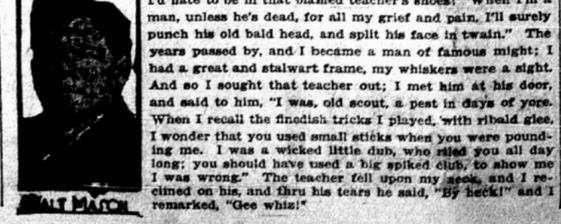
The female tourist who rides horse-back in blue bloomers. In the park, which are maintained at the expense of the subsidized taxpayer, who is not allowed to shoot off any firearms, however, but his mouth. These animals become quite tame, and

can be fed with the bare hand by any tourist who is tired of life. As a rule tourists travel in bands, both to reduce expense and prevent being hugged by some grizzly bear which is of an ardent and emotional nature. People who desire to see nature in its raw state should visit the Yellowstone Park and mingle with the free baths provided by a generous government. If more people would do this we would all be happier, and there would not be so much trouble in drawing the color line.

Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason CHANGE OF HEART My teacher, when I went to school, would lam me with a pole, when I defied his tyrant rule, which jarred and chafed my soul. I'd mutter, when he left on me full many a wale and bruise, "When I'm grown up I'd hate to be in that blamed teacher's shoes!"

When I'm a man, unless he's dead, for all my grief and pain, I'll surely punch his old bald head, and split his face in twain." The years passed by, and I became a man of famous might; I had a great and stalwart frame, my whiskers were a sight. And so I sought that teacher out; I met him at his door, and said to him, "I was, old scout, a pest in days of yore. When I recall the finical tricks I played, with ribald glee, I wonder that you used small sticks when you were pounding me. I was a wicked little dub, who riled you all day long; you should have used a big spiked club, to show me I the teacher fell upon my neck, and I reclined on his, and thru his tears he said, "By heck!" and I remarked, "Gee whizz!"



IOWA OPINION AND NOTES.

"If Robert Healy expected the Roosevelt mantle to be transferred from Judge Stevens to himself he took a very peculiar way of going about it," remarks the Boone News-Republican.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette urges that "Robert Healy, of Fort Dodge, should have been too much of a gentleman to have tried to wrest fame from the Cherry Slaters in their home town," and chides "naughty, naughty man!"

"There was a day when the office sought the man. But modern practice, including the primary law, has made it necessary for the man to seek the office if he wants it," observes the Ottumwa Courier. "The man who waits for the office to come to him, will have a long and lonely vigil."

"Some Iowa newspapers carry the erroneous impression that the special law enforcement agents are appointed by the attorney general," remarks the Sioux City Tribune and explains: "These special officers are named by the governor. If Iowa should elect a 'liberal' governor he probably would have 'liberal' special agents. Mr. Harding at the state convention said the saloon has gone from Iowa to stay. How about the bootlegger?" inquires the Tribune.

"It is too bad to see a man like Mr. Irish grow old in mind. He has been on the old side ever since the Cleveland administration," says the Des Moines Register. "He can not adjust to this new period of 'progressive' ideas. The times are out of joint with him."

The Centerville Journal assures its party that "unless the next state convention 'plays the game' and bids four on prohibition for the trump card, we'll be skinned before we start. Let's play the game fair this time, without dealing from the bottom."

Mail Order Houses and the Farmer. As the city resident should patronize the merchants who make their living by doing business in his community, so the farmer should likewise feel an obligation toward those merchants who build up the villages and cities in the immediate surrounding territory. In many communities "anti mail order leagues" are formed, enrolling in their membership all the farmers of a township who agree to keep away from the great trade organizations of money barons and to support the men who help to support them.

The mail order house does not buy the farmer's produce, does not buy his stocks and hops, does not help to educate his children, does not help to pay taxes in the community, does not help to support schools, churches or charitable organizations and wala! wala! wala! the farmer's boy in small cities to engage in business, does not help to

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