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ROOSEVELT THE NEXT PRESIDENT

That Theodore Roosevelt will be nominated for President at the republican convention in Chicago next June, is practically an assured fact. In addition to the endorsements given to President Roosevelt by the republican state conventions last summer, various party leaders from all sections of the country, have, during the past few weeks, given further assurances that the sentiment of the people in the country is still strongly in favor of the present incumbent. During the recent meeting of the republican national committee in Washington many were the renewals of allegiance to the cause of President Roosevelt. Senator Allison was among the prominent republicans at the national capital favoring the nomination of President Roosevelt. Senator Dolliver also gave President Roosevelt a strong endorsement, and concerning the sentiment in Iowa and the west, said:

"Iowa has spoken for itself. I believe that I can speak for the entire Middle West. It is absolutely solid for Roosevelt. No, there is no question as to who will be the republican candidate for President, and there is no question regarding the republican victory. Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated by acclamation, and elected by a tremendous majority."

Among other endorsements was that of Senator Miller, of Nebraska, who spoke of the matter in the following way:

"So far as the Presidency is concerned, in the state of Nebraska we are practically unanimous for President Roosevelt. I cannot see anything that could possibly arise that would change the sentiment in that state so far as Mr. Roosevelt is concerned. In general his administration has been approved by many democrats who now intimate that they will vote for Roosevelt. He is as strong a republican as it is possible to get for the Presidency."

These statements put the situation as it really exists. The middle west is solid for President Roosevelt. Not only will the delegates from the states in this section of the country go to Chicago in June to support Roosevelt and assist in his nomination by acclamation, but the voters will, on election day next November, return an overwhelming majority in his favor.

THE HOSPITAL LOCATION.

One of the most forceful addresses made at the hospital banquet last Friday evening was that of Rev. Father James Foley, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic church. Father Foley emphasized the arguments of the previous speakers concerning the importance of a commodious and modernly equipped hospital in Ottumwa. He spoke of the good work that can only be properly performed in such institutions.

Interesting as this part of his address was, Father Foley touched upon a most important point in the hospital question—that of location. While

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Eight young ladies to be sent to the World's Fair at St. Louis for one week and all their expenses paid by the Courier.

Good for one vote for

No

Street

Town

The Courier will send eight young ladies to the World's Fair at St. Louis and pay all their expenses for one week. This prize trip will be awarded to four young ladies residing within the city of Ottumwa who receive the largest number of votes and to four young ladies residing outside the city of Ottumwa who receive the largest number of votes in accordance with the published rules of the contest.

he did not advocate any particular site for the new building, he showed the necessity of great care in the final decision of this matter. Father Foley pointed out that one of the prime considerations in the matter of location of a hospital was that of proximity to the parts of the city where speedy access was most needed. It is therefore apparent that the site selected should be as convenient of access from the manufacturing and railroad districts as possible. But he also showed that a hospital should be so located so as to secure pleasant surroundings and with reference to light, ventilation and quiet. All of these are important considerations and all should receive due attention before a final decision is reached.

Father Foley also suggested that in the matter of location the question of convenience for the physicians of the city should be also considered. It is these men who have occasion most frequently to visit such an institution and often the minutes between the physician's call and his arrival at the hospital are of the greatest importance in the recovery of a patient. While the securing of the requisite amount of money for the construction of a hospital building is of chief importance at this time, the question of a location for the new building will sooner or later have to be met and it is well for the people of the city and especially those connected with the hospital association to keep before them this topic.

HOLIDAY TRADING GOOD.

One of the most substantial signs of prosperity is the activity shown in holiday trading in all parts of the country. Trade reports for the week ending December 12, state that interest in business developments centers at this time in the progress toward the final distribution of seasonal merchandise. Information gathered from all parts of the country indicates that retailing and retail lines, the aggregate volume of business making a favorable comparison with the corresponding period of last year, that year showing the greatest holiday trade of any year previous to that time.

In commenting on the condition of trade in Chicago, and especially with reference to the holiday buying, Dun's review of the past week says: Hesitancy in the buying of costly wares is less noticeable, and the jewelry, music and art departments have assumed increased activity. Retail orders are good in the aggregate, branches of wholesale dry goods, footwear and heavy clothing, are pushed to the limit of their shipping facilities. Such reports coming in this early in the season augur well for a lively holiday season in all parts of the country, with the corresponding good cheer to be found at this season of the year.

IOWA NATIONAL BANKS.

The abstract from Iowa made up from the reports of the national banks under the last call of Comptroller Rideley, November 17, makes a good showing for the state of Iowa. It is seen by this report that since the corresponding call of November 25, 1902 the capital stock of the national banks of Iowa has increased from \$14,785,000 to \$15,045,000. In contrast to this loans and discounts have decreased from \$66,700,142 to \$62,282,201 and the total resources from \$105,955,223 to \$99,033,235. The individual deposits also show a decrease from \$61,236,447 to \$57,978,584. However, the percentage of legal reserve to the deposits has increased from 15.59 per cent to 16.86.

Concerning the appointments of Speaker Cannon to the house labor committee President John Mitchell says:

"I regard the appointments on the committee on labor in the house of congress as good selections. The men who compose that committee are, I believe, fair minded and I think that the two bills in which organized labor is most interested—the eight hour bill and the anti-injunction bill—will receive fair treatment in that committee. The committee is composed of able men, who are acquainted with the interests of this country, and who may be relied upon to do justice to all these varied interests."

Political gossip from Des Moines has it that Hon. A. W. Buchanan, Wapello county's representative, is to be given the chairmanship of the house committee on appropriations. This is one of the most important committees in the house and Mr. Buchanan as one of the reliable members of the house, is well qualified to take charge of the work that will fall to this committee. His appointment will be a deserved recognition of his efficient services rendered in the two preceding sessions of the state legislature. It is also rumored that Mr. Buchanan is to be honored with the appointment of speaker pro tem of the house.

It is believed that Ottumwa will be all right as soon as it is able to squeeze out the water—Sioux City Journal.

It is not "will be", but "is", that applies to Ottumwa's case. Ottumwa needed water and took the most practical way of getting it.

Theodore Roosevelt will be nominated for president at the national republican convention in Chicago next June. That is the program since the national committee has decided to hold the convention in the Windy City next summer. General Wood has arranged and put in operation a law prohibiting slavery among the Moro tribes. While his enemies in this country are trumping up charges against him he continues to do business at the same old stand and along the same old lines. In his annual report the librarian of the library in the contents of that institution. He also notes the fact that the use of the library is becoming more general. It seems to be an Iowa idea that a congressman, a governor, a cabinet

member or a vice-presidential possibility is a pretty common-place individual as compared with a champion corn-husker—Omaha Bee. No one will deny that the latter is an indispensable factor in this country.

Whenever either corporation, labor union or individual disregards the law or acts in a spirit of arbitrary and tyrannical interference with the rights of others, whether corporations or individuals, then where the federal government has jurisdiction it will see to it that the misconduct is stopped.—President Roosevelt.

Senator Gorman has made himself believe that the postal investigation is not all in, and he is now trying to bring the senate to his way of thinking. It seems that he is up against a difficult task.

While Congressman Wade has been getting along very well in single harness, he shows signs of balking if the democratic leaders persist in their determination to hitch him up double with W. R. Hearst as a running mate.

No man is above the law and no man is below it; nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it.—President Roosevelt.

But then democrats never were wholly satisfied with everything that appeared in a republican president's message.

When Charlie Walsh came out in support of Mr. Hearst for president, he certainly failed to take into consideration the feelings of Ottumwa and Wapello county democrats.

Probably the members of the congressional committee on appropriations can get a few tips from "Uncle Joe" Cannon, should they get into a tight place during the winter.

See the advertising columns of the Courier today for valuable suggestions in connection with Christmas shopping.

Business activity creates wealth, but wealth does not necessarily stimulate business activity.

"Good Turk" and "good Indian" might well be considered synonymous terms.

Perhaps those Turks liked to look at American warships and are desirous of seeing another American fleet.

Bowen is still at the old stand in Venezuela, doing business in the same old way.

It is not the buying that is so troublesome as the making up one's mind what to buy.

Kansas has her own again. Carrie Nation has returned to that state.

That was a real respectable show. Thank you, for the first one.

Zion City and Galveston, the two walled cities of the United States.

The senate does not yet like Speaker Cannon's little game of hold-up.

Probably Mr. Bryan has some one in this country who is keeping him posted on current events.

Come to think of it, where was "Billy" Mason last seen?

That department of commerce and labor is indeed a lusty infant.

In all your buying, buy practical presents.

Get your Christmas buying out of the way early.

Yes, there really was a recess.

IOWA PRESS COMMENT.

The Eldora Herald characterizes as "far fetched and not true" the report that Congressman Birdsall was a candidate for the Shivas succession. The people of the Third congressional district, it says, "sent B. P. Birdsall to Washington to make a name for himself and perpetuate the grand record of Dave Henderson during his twenty year's service. He will hardly get back on his district so early in his career."

"The old prophets had no money," says the Washington Press. "They were as poor as Job's turkey. They did not run banks, build cities, have lace factories, deal in stocks and bonds. They did not mix religion and business, and they were not farmers whose capital was furnished in tithes."

The Des Moines Register and Leader contends that the farmers of Iowa are better able to bear the expense of good roads than are the farmers of any eastern state. "There may be some sufficient reason why Iowa should not begin to build permanent highways," it says, "but it is not because good roads are out of our reach. They will never be more within reach than they are now, and they will never be needed more than they are now. The argument against them must be directed at some more vulnerable point than at their cost."

The Iowa City Republican observes that there are dissatisfied and imaginative people who are always trying to do something to bring in the millennium. The Republican confesses Food eaten without appetite remains undigested, causing Heartburn, Flatulency, Indigestion and Dyspepsia. To cure these ailments the Bitters is strongly recommended by physicians. Try it, also get our Almanac for 1904 from your druggist, it is free.



that this sort of unrest develops growth, but it suggests that "it takes a lot of cautious work on the part of level headed people to keep the reformers from doing more harm than good."

The Washington Press says that although men like me to praise poverty, they don't mean what they say. "They have poverty, and would rather let it than be forced back into it," in the opinion of the Press.

The Cedar Rapids Gazette believes the Iowa judge who declined to recognize the validity of a South Dakota divorce did the proper thing. "When the plaintiff in a divorce action," says the Gazette, "seeks residence in a state where divorce is granted on insufficient grounds, there is clear proof that sufficient grounds for the granting of the divorce did not exist."

The Muscatine Journal, speaking of the Wood case, wishes that some system might be devised, some effective discipline introduced or a competent measure enacted which would prevent or least mitigate the existing small jealousies in the army. "It is a petty vice unworthy of the men who are the brain of that excellent fighting machine, the regulars," says the Journal.

The Cedar Rapids Republican asserts that the tax ferret law "belongs to the category of fool legislation."

A Villisca editor condemns swearing in a lengthy article, and the Washington Democrat wonders where he was raised and how long he has been on the floor. "Did not know that anybody defended swearing," says the Democrat, "but did he ever get out of bed in the morning, by the candle light, and sweep the table with oil cloth? Did he ever hunt for a match to strike a light and tumble over every last chair in the room, and then run his fingers into a pot of 'hot' oil? Did anybody ever step on a real, 'ripe, juicy corn of his?'"

WILL MISS "UNCLE JOE"

Washington Press.—"No one questions the ability of Mr. Cannon to preside over the house, but all acknowledge that he has left a large gap on the floor. This will become more apparent when the big appropriation bills are being considered, for it was in the handling of these measures that he was always at his best. It is not detracting in the least from those who will take his place to say that they have not the experience nor the skill which Uncle Joe possessed while in the house. The only experience against all comers none is his equal. The masterful leadership and power of Cannon as chairman of the appropriation committee had a tendency to be lost in the house. Its members did not get the training nor acquire that self reliance which characterizes a number of committees, notably the ways and means and judiciary. For years the republican members of the appropriations committee have been acknowledged "Uncle Joe's colts."

Nearly all of them went on the committee after serving but a short time in the house, and but few are veterans of ten years. When any of them were in charge of a bill Uncle Joe was always with them, and generally close to the acting chairman. When things got very warm he took a hand and if one of his "colts" was in danger of being stamped he drew hard working and honest men they are, but they will miss the old war horse when the hard fights occur.

YOUNG MEN WITH FANCY SALARIES.

Cedar Rapids Republican.—The new president of the steel trust found the big corporation a very profitable one in drawing fancy salaries for doing, in most cases, what amounts to nothing. They were the relics of the old independent companies. When these corporations were absorbed by the trust it was stipulated that these men should be continued on the pay rolls, often for many times the salary they were drawing originally. The number of men drawing from \$10,000 a year upward was large indeed. In the palmy days of its organization—and its boasted million dollar president, who has turned out all sorts of disappointments, it was actually believed that the trust would earn enough to keep all these fancy things going besides paying interest on bonds and dividends on all quantities of their own stock.

But the new president has informed these men that after the first of January their services will not be needed. He proposes to place the corporation on a business basis, paying such salaries as are warranted in a business way and employing only such men as are actually needed for the conduct of the business. In this he will have the approval of all sensible men. The steel trust, though organized by men of great repute in the financial and industrial world, has been a failure in the eyes of the public. And yet some of the organizers have been provoked with everything in this country, from the President down to the people, because they have not been able to make the fraudulent and false corporation pay out according to its extravagant investments.

WAGES AND COST OF LIVING.

Ringold Record.—There has been a good deal of complaint by some classes in some quarters, to the effect that although the times were prosperous that the increased cost of living completely offset any increase of wages. It may be the case in very exceptional cases and in some things. It is simply impossible to have a rule without exceptions. We must decide matters in dispute not by the exceptions, but by the rule. Hearing the howl of the despairing, we know the truth in the case, the United States bureau of labor set on foot an investigation to see how much truth there was in the one repeated complaint, and the result shows that the increase of wages has been greater in the past five years than the increase in the cost of living. The whole matter has to be proven as clearly as a mathematical demonstration, and yet will not silence the howlers. Their object is to make trouble and their appeal is to the ignorant and the credulous and doubtless they will just keep on making the same false statement. The government has made an investigation and given an answer, and that should settle the whole matter.

COSTLINESS OF STRIKES

Denver Republican.—We wonder if the men who go on protracted strikes ever stop to count the cost to them as individuals, especially when the strike is for an increase in wages. Let us suppose, for sake of argument, that they are receiving \$2 per day and that they strike for an increase of 10 per cent in their wages. If they are out one hundred days, losing their wages

during that time, the cost to each man is \$200. Suppose that then they secure the advance of 10 per cent, which amounts to 20 cents a day. To make up the loss of \$200, the wages they would have earned, they must work one thousand days at the increased rate. In other words, they must give more than three years of labor, not counting Sundays, in order to get even. At the end of three years they will be where they would have been at the expiration of the 100 days if they had continued to work instead of going on strike.

A DEMOCRATIC POPE.

Letter from Rome in Paris Matin.—The pope is allowed to enter Poor people in peasant costume, town artisans, humble priests and old women like those who fill the churches may be met upon the marble staircases and in its magnificent courtyards. All these simple folk seem to feel quite at home, and when Pius X leaves his apartment he is neither incensed nor surrounded by an impetuous escort. He is not ashamed of his humble origin, nor does he pride himself upon it. He has brought his three sisters to Rome, not to convert them into countesses, but to seek repose from the fatigues of his sacred office in the privacy of his family, and also to serve as a constant reminder that he is a simple man. He invites his friends to his table, to the great scandal of the ceremonial officials, who cannot imagine that a pope could be served otherwise than alone and by priests on their knees. The ceremony of kissing the pope's slipper and kneeling until invited to rise has been abolished.

WAGES AND PRICES OF COMMODITIES.

Des Moines Register and Leader.—In the first place commodities must be sold in order that any wages be paid at all, and there is no way of compelling purchasers to buy. It is all very well to say that the labor cost of the market shall not be reduced, but supposing the result is that the article is too high priced for the market? Supposing other causes such as shortage of raw material lead to the same result, or supposing that overstocking the market in a flush season leads to a complete cessation of buying? It requires but a moment's consideration to see that by producing commodities at a price at which they will sell, in order to get any compensation whatever, and that when any cause interferes with the natural order of the market place labor will suffer, no matter what rule may be adopted as to wages.

MR. MCFARLAND'S NEW JOB.

Des Moines Register and Leader.—W. M. McFarland, former secretary of state, has assumed the duties of general manager of the Iowa Homestead and its allied newspapers. Mr. McFarland succeeds Allen Dawson. Mr. McFarland was one of the most successful of publishers and editors of this state, but after he entered politics disposed of his newspaper at Estherville. Since being secretary of state he has been engaged in insurance, and his return to the first love, the editorial chair, is what has been expected of him.

Mr. McFarland's family has been residing at Indianola during recent years while young ladies of the family have been attending college at Simpson. It is probable that they will now return to Des Moines to live.

SUBMARINES IN THE STORM.

New York World.—The designers and makers of our submarine torpedo boats are to be congratulated upon the showing made by the Moccasin and Adder in the wild weather of Currituck. These vessels were in tow when the storm broke, and one of them was swept ashore, but was hoisted by a crane and crumpled up in good condition.

It was not so very long ago that a British torpedo boat, not submarine, was caught by the end upon the crests of two waves and tested by being hoisted in slings, first by the ends with the middle left unsupported, then by the middle with the ends free. No doubt the Moccasin and Adder have been similarly treated.

A submarine boat fully manned and in commission which has been endangered by a lee shore and rough weather could in theory escape the storm by diving. Storms never stir the depths. Practically, however, the submarine could not dive deep enough to do her much good. She is a delicate bit of mechanism never meant to be far from her bigger envoys.

WOULD MR. BRYAN DO IT.

Chicago Record-Herald.—Certain statesmen are making the assertion that Mr. Bryan is formulating cunning plans to overthrow David B. Hill. This can hardly be true. Surely Mr. Bryan isn't one of those who would kick a man when he is down.

A STOCKING FULL.

Register and Leader.—Iowa was very much in evidence when Speaker Cannon played the Santa Claus role with the committees.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE.

Pittsburg Gazette.—The difference between the times when there is talk of cutting wages and some other times that we know of is that in those other times there were no wages to cut.

GIVING IT UP.

I sometimes gets to wonderin' 'bout why some things is so. When summer days is broilin' you is harnin' 'bout snow. An' when de winter's chilly you is plinin' 'bout de sun. An' you's always discontented wid de way de world is run. De rich man is complainin' 'cause he ate too much today. An' de po' man is declarin' dat he'd like to feel dat way. Dis life is like aiddle an' I might as well know de answer, an' I isn't gwine to guess. As long as I mus' work by day, I wants to sleep at night. It ain't no use foh me to fret if things ain't goin' right. If you got a little money you is foiced to let it go. And when you hasn't got it de collection will be slow. De white man runs de government an' tries to make it pay. An' I speck he's bound to do it in his own peculiar way. Dar ain't no good of fingerin' an' losin' of my res'. I doesn't know de answer 'n' I isn't gwine to guess. Washington Star.



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A Few Testimonials

Mr. Nevil Glue, Ottumwa, says: I was cured of rupture 10 years ago and delighted to say the cure was perfect. Mr. Grant Ramsel, Slogurney, Ia., says: I was cured of piles and rupture last March and advise others to go and be cured. John Klemart, Ottumwa, says: I was cured of rupture six years ago and well today. J. T. Kritzender, Ottumwa, says: I took your little girl to Dr. Bonham and he cured her in five weeks. B. H. McEwen, Fremont, Ia., says: I was cured of a very bad case of rupture three years ago. Frank Johnston, Bidwell, Ia., says: I was cured of a double rupture over a year ago. Doctors said I could not be cured only by the knife. Harry Rose, Blakesburg, Ia., says: Dr. Bonham cured me of double rupture. Eight years ago I am well today.

In can give over 100 testimonials under these three specialties. There is no use to go to Chicago, Kansas City or any place but Ottumwa to be cured.

If you are a sufferer and do not obtain a cure it will be because you go to the wrong doctor or you do not want to spend the money to be cured. YOU MEN who have VARICOCELE send for a list of testimonials from men whom I have cured. They are private and are only sent to men so affected. This is the time of year to be cured, when work is not so rough and weather is favorable.

I have been located in Ottumwa twelve years and am permanent. I have made a specialty of curing CHRONIC DISEASES. I treat catarrh of head, nose and throat, bronchitis, nervous and private diseases, blood poison, rheumatism and other stubborn cases.

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DR. J. C. BONHAM

Elks Block. Ottumwa, Ia.

Holiday Rates on the Burlington

This year the Burlington will follow its usual custom of giving its friends and patrons a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" by making very low rates for holiday trips. Tickets will be sold from Ottumwa on December 24, 25, and 31, 1903, and January 1, 1904, to any station on the Burlington Route within 200 miles. Tickets are good returning until January 4, 1904. The agent will be glad to tell you the cost of tickets and give you any information desired.

W. S. PARKER, AGENT, UNION DEPOT

Go There for the Winter

In New Mexico and Arizona are scores of places where invalids can pass the winter comfortably. Among them are Alamogordo, El Paso, Tucson, Phoenix and Yuma. They are high and dry; warm and sunny; free from wind and extremes of temperature—ideal spots for sufferers from all sorts of lung troubles. They are most quickly and comfortably reached by the trains of the Rock Island System. Full information at this office.

S. F. BOYD, D. P. A., Davenport, Iowa.

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