

Democratic interest in the nomination of Mr. Taft by the Republicans remains intense.

The Hartford Herald has tendered itself to the Republican party of Ohio county for the position of official organ. Wonder if it will hold out through the county contest next year?

The Hartford Herald says it does not care who the Republicans nominate for the Presidency, but in the same column it places President Roosevelt on the stand to prove that Taft is the man.

Last week the Indiana State Republican Convention named Vice-President Fairbanks for President, without a dissenting vote and with an enthusiasm unbounded. Senator Beveridge will make the nominating speech at Chicago.

Louisville has been the scene of more unpunished crimes in the past twenty years than all the rest of Kentucky, not leaving out the mountain fends. Strange those good people never thought of organizing a "Law and Order League" until now.

The Populists have gone back on Bryan. In their national Convention last week they refused to listen to the voice of the delegates from Nebraska, and nominated Tom Watson. The "Pops" seem to be wiser than the Democrats. They can at least learn from experience.

More than three months ago Surveyor of Port Dearing resigned and accepted a place with the L. & N. R. R., at \$6,000 per year. His successor has never been appointed and Judge Dearing is drawing a salary of \$900 per month, \$400 from Uncle Sam and \$500 from the railroad.

We publish in another column a splendid summary of the new school law passed by the recent legislature. A careful reading of it will give you a good idea of the system established. We will be glad to answer through these columns any question concerning the law and its workings.

If Kentucky Republicans turn down our neighbor, Indiana, in the selection of a Presidential candidate, what may we expect in return, should we ever present a candidate from our own State? The Republicans of Indiana have stood by us, like brothers, in our darkest hours.

Behind the Hartford Herald support of Taft for the Republican nomination is its ill concealed hate of Indiana, and hence the candidate from Indiana. In its late issue it strains to convince Ohio county Republicans that it never said anything but loving words about Taylor and Powers.

A few months ago our local contemporary, and many other Democratic papers, were claiming that Roosevelt had turned Democratic, stolen their thunder, etc. Then up rose Mr. Williams, their leader in Congress, and warned them against this sort of talk. Since then they have been as silent as the grave on this point.

"Never before has he (the colored voter) had a chance to assert his political independence to so good an advantage as now."—Hartford Herald. Is this an invitation to them to bolt Taft? If not what does it mean? We know you will do this after the nomination, should he be the Republican candidate, but are you not afraid of losing your influence as the specially appointed guardian(?) for Ohio county Republicans, by beginning too early?

Under the headline "Advice To The Ignorant" the Hartford Herald makes a strenuous attempt to mislead its readers by quoting one line from The Republican and following it by a spiced which is wholly unfounded and as foreign from anything we said as is possible to imagine. It is no doubt awakening to a realization of the fact that it missed the mark as a newspaper in criticizing us for giving information concerning matters of public importance and resorts to misrepresentation to cover up its shortness. It absolutely refuses to quote a sentence or paragraph from our columns, but instead takes a disjointed word or phrase and tries to make something out of it that was never intended. Nothing new about this however this has been its tactic for the past twenty-odd years.

THE NEW TOBACCO ORGANIZATION.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found the constitution and by-laws of the proposed new Green River Tobacco Growers' Association, as it will be

submitted to the Mass convention at Owensboro Saturday April 18. As we understand the proposed constitution and by-laws it establishes an organization independent of and in competition with the American Society of Equity. The following provision relative to membership qualification and county organization we think bear out this idea conclusively:

Any person is eligible to membership in this association who is a grower of tobacco or is in sympathy with the object of the association.

Each county in this association shall have an organization composed of delegates from each voting precinct, each precinct being allowed one delegate for each 20,000 pounds of tobacco controlled.

The proposition to ratify the proposed constitution and by-laws in mass convention at Owensboro which will complete the organization, is unfair to the outlying counties and gives undue advantage to Daviess county. The Ohio county Union refused to take any action in the matter but every member of the A. S. of E. who wants to maintain the Society should go to Owensboro April 18 and use his influence and vote to thwart the proposed plan to support the American Society of Equity with a new organization. McLean county has gone on record in opposition to the scheme and if we will turn out en masse we can deal a knockout blow.

MICHIGAN STATE UNION.

The writer had the pleasure of attending the State Union A. S. of E. of Michigan which met at Reed City, last week. He found plenty of enthusiasm in the Society and was given a splendid reception by the people of the State and by the citizens of Reed City in particular. This beautiful little city is located about 75 miles North of Grand Rapids on the G. R. & I. system. It has a population of about 3,000 and its people are wide awake and know how to make the stranger within their gates feel at home. The town is the home of quite a number of thriving manufacturing establishments and has two strong Banks. We have never been in a town of its size with so good hotel accommodations. The State Union was treated to a banquet by the Board of Trade which would have done credit to a City of 50,000 inhabitants. The State Union delegates were men of a high order of intelligence, and all its officers are the most popular men to be found in Michigan. Almost all the business men of Reed City belong to the Society and this fact made the meeting all the more enjoyable. This part of the State has been very heavily timbered but the "woodman's ax" has almost done its work, and now only miles of thick pine stumps may be seen along the railway. Potatoes and Beans constitute the principal agricultural crops, but quite a good deal of pepper mint oil is also produced. This crop was new to us and our lack of knowledge concerning it was as great as theirs in our tobacco crop. Sometime in the near future we may write an article on this most interesting farm product.

Willie Loyd Dead.

Died at his home near Hatfield, Ind., April 1, 1908, John William Loyd, oldest son of John P. and Jennie Loyd of Barretts Ferry, Ky. The deceased was about 23 years old and was a perfect specimen of manhood. He moved with his wife and baby to Indiana about the first of the year and had not been living there long until the family took measles which resulted in the death of the father and baby. The baby died first and was buried in Indiana. The father lingered for weeks and finally yielded to the disease. His father, mother and brother were constantly with him to the end and had his body prepared for burial and arrived with the remains Friday night. On Saturday evening he was buried by Olton lodge Woodmen of the World in the new cemetery at New Bayms Christian church. The funeral ceremony, which was the first the order had ever performed, was very impressive and was witnessed by about five hundred people. The family and especially the young wife, have the sympathy of the entire community.

In Memory

Of Mrs. Lucy Jane Reed, who departed this life March 28, age 79 years and 2 months. Her maiden name was James. She was twice married. Her first husband was Capt. Benjamin Duval. To this union was born two children, one died in infancy, the other a girl who became the wife of E. M. Royal who preceded her 19 months ago.

Her second husband was Mr. Reed, who departed this life several years ago. She had been in feeble health for several years. She had relatives at Select Ohio county. Since the death of her daughter she had resided with her grandson F. L. Royal.

She leaves a son-in-law and five grand-children and two great grand-children besides other relatives to mourn her loss. After services by Elder R. J. Brandon at Friendship church of Christ she was buried beside her granddaughter.

FEDERAL OFFICERS MUST LOOK OUT

Civil Service Commission Sends Out Letter

Stable Door Locked After Horse Has Been Out Some Time.

Treasury Department Circular No. 2 Office of the Secretary Division of appointments, Washington March, 31, 1908.

To Officers of the Treasury Department and others concerned.

By direction of the President, the appended extract from a communication of the Civil Service Commission to the President under date of March 25 1908, relative to political activity on the part of competitive classified employees, is published for your information and guidance. A strict compliance with the requirement of the Civil Service rule referred to therein will be enforced. George B. Cortelyou, Secretary United States Civil Service Commission Washington D. C., March 25, 1908.

The President:—The Commission in recommending punishments for violations of subdivision of Civil Service Rule has heretofore been guided by the fact that the rule was one only adopted in June, 1907; and that while the President's instructions prohibiting political activity on the part of competitive classified employees have been public ever since 1902, yet in actual practice the effective and thoroughgoing enforcement of the President's instructions in this connection has only dated from the adoption of the rule in June last, which gave the Civil Service Commission the right to investigate and report on charge of improper political activity on the part of those in the competitive classified service. For this reason the Commission has heretofore been lenient in recommending punishments. But a sufficient time has now elapsed for us to assume that the Civil Service rules are understood throughout the service, and we believe therefore that the time has also come for a somewhat greater degree of severity for the penalty inflicted at least in aggravated cases. We recommend therefore that the several Departments be requested to publish to their employees in the competitive classified service the fact that any man violating the provisions of the rule in question renders himself liable to punishment by removal. We desire that the subordinates in the several Departments acquainted with this recommendation so that in the event of any misconduct by them in the future the Commission may feel at liberty to recommend their removal.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN C. BLACK,
HENRY F. GREEN,
JOHN A. McIlhenny,
Commissioners.

Officeholders must not use their offices to control political movements, must not neglect their public duties, must not cause public scandal by their activity. (Letter of President, June 13, 1902. Twentieth Report, P. 125.)

The influence of Federal officeholder should not be felt in the manipulation of political primary meetings and nominating conventions. The use by these officials of their positions to compass their selection as delegates to political conventions is indecent and unfair; and proper regard for the proprieties and requirements of official place will also prevent their assuming the active conduct of political campaigns. (Extract from Executive instructions of July 14th, 1886. This instruction was written by Mr. Roosevelt in 1886 while he was a member of the Civil Service Commission and was promulgated by President Cleveland. It has never been revoked and is now in effect though grossly violated.

The Widow Pension Bill

The widow's pension bill, which is of great interest to a large number of Kentuckians is tied up in conference committee and there are no indications that the deadlock will be broken soon. The bone of contention is the date when marriage shall have taken place. As the bill passed the House it provided that the marriage must have occurred prior to 1890 in order to entitle the soldiers' widow to a pension. The Senate amended the bill so as to strike out this limitation and to pay all soldiers widows \$12 a month regardless of the date of marriage. The House conferees are standing out for the House provision and the Senate conferees are equally insistent upon the amendment of the Senate.

In support of the position taken by the House conference against the Senate amendment it is asserted that in good many instances especially in the vicinity of soldier's homes women of questionable character are marrying aged veterans with a view to making

themselves eligible for pensions for life when their veteran husbands die. This practice the House conference insist should be given a hard blow by congress. Those who are keeping a close watch on the controversy going on in the conference committee predict that there will be a compromise which will make the law apply only to soldiers' widows whose marriage took place before 1900.

Masonic and Knights of Pythias Barbecue.

Hartford Masonic Lodge and Rough River Lodge, No. 110, Knights of Pythias have chartered the Hartford Fair Grounds for Saturday June 20, 1908, at which time the two lodges will join in giving the biggest barbecue ever given in Ohio county. The proceeds of same will be applied to the completion of the new hall in Hartford. The Masons will have one of the best Masonic speakers in the State; and the K. of P. Lodge has made arrangements to have one of its big State speakers present. The Ohio County A. S. of E. Order has been especially invited and it is expected to have its State President, Hon. J. Campbell Cantrell, present. The lodges have employed the best brass band to be found to furnish music; and arrangements will no doubt be perfected for some good racing and fine show horses. A committee has already been appointed to furnish edibles for this occasion. All the secret societies in Ohio and adjoining counties will be invited.

FOR THE BUSY READER.

That the Kentucky statutes imposing a tax on distilled spirits in bonded warehouses does not violate the Federal Constitution was asserted by the Supreme Court of the United States in a decision handed down Monday by Justice McKenna in the case of J. B. Thompson vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Representatives of the Louisville and State Law and Order League Monday urged Gov. Willson to call out the militia and to call a special session of the State Legislature in order to put down lawlessness in the tobacco-raising districts. Gov. Willson reiterated his previously announced views but said he would announce his decision in a few days.

The Governments of both the United States and Mexico have been troubled by the growing distrust of this country on the part of the citizens of Mexico, who believe that the United States has sinister designs on the territory of Mexico. The relations between the two Governments were never more friendly and the feeling that exists in Mexico is ascribed to injudicious newspaper articles.

Bryan's Enemies Lining Up.

The nomination of Thomas E. Watson for the presidency by the Populists puts one seceder from Bryan's own camp into the field against him. Another of Bryan's enemies from his own household will be nominated when the Hearts Independence League or National party meets two or three weeks after Bryan's nomination by the Democrats. The "walkout" of the Minnesota and the Nebraska delegations does not alter in the slightest degree the fact that the bulk of all of Bryan's old Populist supporters are against him in 1908. They gave him hundreds of thousands of votes in 1896 and 1900, furnished him a chance to boast that his poll in 1896 was greater than Cleveland's was in 1892, and were the element which gave him the strength among the people which placed him higher on the roll than Parker.

This fire in the rear on Bryan is certain to tell powerfully against him in the campaign. The selection of Samuel W. Williams of Indiana for the second place on the Watson ticket is admirably calculated to weaken Bryan at a strategic spot in the Democratic line. The Democrats started out by announcing that Indiana was one of the states in which they intended to make an especially active canvass in 1908. Watson as candidate of the Populist party, received only 2500 votes in Indiana in 1904, but it is probable that his poll will be larger in the state in 1908. Bryan will get all the Southern States which Parker carried, except possibly Maryland and Kentucky. Maryland went against him in 1896 and 1900, and Kentucky turned him down in the first of those years. Kentucky gave him a short lead in 1900, but it went against the candidates for State officers in most of the elections since 1900, in which he made a personal canvass for the Democratic nominees.

While the Populist will see to it that Bryan will make no conquests in the West in 1908, Heart's party will fix things so that he can have no chance to carry any of the Eastern States. Hearst has a personal grudge against Bryan, and so has Higsen, the man whom Hearst favors for the presidential candidate of the Independence Leaguers for 1908. Higsen was the Hearst nominee for Governor of

FERTILIZERS The Horse Shoe Brand.

They say hang up a horse shoe for good luck. There must be something in the horse shoe good luck. We have sold for over twenty-two years this reputable brand of commercial fertilizers and hundreds of satisfied customers have no hesitancy in speaking publicly of their good luck in growing and producing good crops by its use. You can be just as lucky this season as any other farmer by using in your cornfields the Horse Shoe Brand of Fertilizer. We buy the goods in car loads and our warehouse is full now of the Horse Shoe Brand of Fertilizer for all crops, also the Homestead Tobacco Grower for tobacco.

E. P. BARNES & BROS BEAVER DAM, KY.

BARGAINS AT Barakat's Variety Store Main Street, Hartford, Ky.

I will be compelled to leave Hartford soon for a few weeks absence in my native land, and in order to reduce my stock and obtain sufficient funds to make the trip, I am offering the following remarkable bargains and reductions. Call and see my big stock, which consists of everything usually kept in a first-class variety store. Economical buyers find a rare chance here.

Table listing various household goods and their prices, including glassware, notions, and dry goods.

G. E. BARAKAT, - Proprietor.

Massachusetts in 1907, and he was the second man in the voting. Guid, the Republican, carried the State, but Higsen stood next to him in the total, and the Democratic nominee Whitney was third. Under the leadership of either Hearst or Higsen—and one or the other of these is reasonably sure to be the candidate—the Leaguers, or Nationalists, will make a strong canvass. A large majority of their votes will be drawn from Bryan's side. Bryan is well aware of this, and on this account he has tried hard to conciliate Hearst, but the effort has been vain. Hearst announced several weeks ago officially that his party would not support Bryan. The date and place of the Hearst party's convention have not yet been fixed upon, but these details are of no consequence. Some date between July 15 and 20 has been named provisionally as the time for the opening of the Hearst party's convention. The men at the head of the party will see to it that the convention meets early enough to prevent even the most sanguine Democrat from getting exuberant over the chances of his party. This year's campaign promises to be more exciting than any which the country has had in the past third of a century, except possibly that of 1896, and the 1896 result is likely to be repeated, though perhaps with a little more emphasis than in 1896.—Globe Democrat.