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THOSE who would be wise will take with a grain of salt a good many of the things said to be occurring in politics just now.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT seems to have put the lid on over the ambition of Reformer Hughes to be the nominee of the Republican party for president.

WILL the great fight of 1880 be duplicated and the Roosevelt-Taft cohorts go down as the celebrated Grant legion of 306 were defeated when Garfield was nominated.

THAT Cleveland judge that called women "cats" and that Richmond professor that says women are far inferior to men must have run up against a queer lot of women.

THE fight in Ohio alarms the Republicans, who fear that party schism may lose the state. We beg to offer our services to keep the feud going, for when rogues fall out, etc.

IN 50 years France will own all the railroads in the country, which is an "ultimate" way of accomplishing government ownership that must tantalize Mr. Bryan by its slowness.

THE political upheaval in Japan is due to finance, reports a dispatch from Tokio. Yes, and a political upheaval is due here if the Republicans don't produce a new stock of prosperity.

THE Cubans are to take over the government on February, 1 next year, and it behooves them to attend strictly to business, for another revolution might compel Uncle Sam to return and never leave again.

IF the Democrats had been in power when this panic occurred, we all know, from our experience in 1903-6, what the Republicans would have said; and yet some Democrats are mealy-mouthed about retaliating.

SOME patriots have started a revolution in Haiti. Get out the big stick, Teddy, and give 'em a whack. Revolutions are obsolete, for if Washington lived in these days he would be called an Anarchist, or at least a very undesirable citizen.

UNCLE SAM will remit to China about half of the indemnity incurred for the expense of putting down the Boxer uprising. That is surely a most magnanimous action, although but a matter of justice and courtesy and is probably unique in the annals of diplomacy.

THE administration is at last compelled to admit, what every-

one suspected, that the Panama canal will cost nearly double the official estimate. The American people want the canal and are willing to pay what it honestly costs, so why try to fool them with "cooked figures?"

ANOTHER member of congress, a Republican, broke loose from his fetters and declared in committee of the whole: "You can not restore the confidence of the American people in the house of representatives by humbug legislation." This truth-teller was Gardner of Massachusetts.

THE Republican factions in New York City do not seem able to secure the dove of peace to hover over their deliberations, for after a long and stormy meeting the Roosevelt-Taft faction prevented the endorsement of Hughes and a fist fight in the rear of the hall enlivened the proceedings.

TARIFF reform is the prime issue says former Gov. Douglass of Massachusetts and he further declares that "high protection is the parent of trusts and is responsible for graft and corruption in public and private life." Yet we have a Republican congress refusing to even consider a reform of such iniquities.

THE New York Sun suggests that congressmen as a rule are quite ready to vote prohibition on the "unprotected territory" comprising the District of Columbia. "And why not?" asks the Sun, for "with the completion of the new office building for congress almost any law-maker can have a committee room and a locker."

AT the annual meeting of the Protective Tariff league just held it was declared that "the next nominee of the Republican party for the presidency must and will be a protectionist." This is intended as a stab at Teddy and Taft though both of them are silent abettors of the satnd-patters. But the League wants a re-actionary, like Knox, or Cannon.

CONGRESSMAN EDWARDS of Georgia, a new Democratic member, says congress is wasting its time and he introduced a resolution to fix 9 a. m. for convening instead of 12 o'clock noon. This unsophisticated gentleman evidently does not understand that the duty of a Republican congress is to standpat and prevent anything valuable from being done.

THE tobacco war in Kentucky has been complicated by the Society of Equity resolving that "the night riders are common criminals and the worst enemies of the association, and that the statement of Governor Wilson that the society is responsible for recent raids on tobacco growers is utterly without foundation." The "night riders" are said to have very generally supported the Republican ticket at the last election and it will be an uncomfortable political job for the new Republican governor to preserve order and enforce the law.

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THE tariff issue is still a live question in Massachusetts. Former Gov. Douglas declares tariff reform is the prime issue, for high protection is the parent of trusts and is responsible for graft and corruption in public and private life. That is the Democratic opinion. Then comes Gov. Guild, Republican, announcing that a concerted demand will be made, "after the next election" for a special session of congress for the revision of the tariff in the interest of common sense rather than of special interests. But those who believe in real tariff reform will find that only a Democratic congress will supply that boon.

WM. R. HEARST in his letter to his western manager of the Independence league says: "It seems to me that the new party movement should not be a movement for long. I mean by that that if it is properly directed it will soon supplant one of the old parties." Mr. Hearst is still president of the National Association of Democratic clubs and yet is using all his energies and supporting in his papers the building up of this new party, which he expects will soon supplant the Democratic party. His resignation as head of the Democratic clubs should at once be offered to the chairman of the Democratic national committee. To do otherwise is an act of great political impropriety, and if persisted in lays him open to the charge of perfidy. As the campaign for president is about to open we see the extraordinary spectacle of one of the chief organizations of the party in the hands of the man who is trying to supplant the Democratic party and who may be a candidate opposing the Democratic candidate.

RESPONSIBLE FOR PANIC.

Have you asked your Republican neighbors how they like this business depression and breakdown of the guaranteed Republican prosperity? If the protective tariff is such a sure cure for hard times, and Republican financial policies are necessary to prevent panics, how can they explain present conditions? It is nonsense to say that this was a Wall street panic, brought on for political purposes, for the financiers who run Wall street affairs are too smart to ruin themselves and they have suffered enormously. Panicky conditions have reached the most stable and distant fields. Judge Sinclair of Nebraska when in Washington a week ago declared that "the West is well fixed financially. None of the banks in his town was pressed for cash during the recent flurry" but added this Republican authority: They adopted limited payments, but did not need to do it." Now any bank that adopted "limited payments," which is another way of saying it stopped cash payments, was certainly helping the panic, and making it more distressing and was more to blame than the frenzied financiers of Wall street who were actually unable to meet the demands of their deposition. It is almost a certainty that those bank at Kearney, Nebraska, for that is the home of the Republican politician who favors the country with his extraordinary state-

ment above quoted—are run by Republicans. Were those Nebraska bankers in league with the New York banks to produce and prolong the panic? If they refused to pay their depositors when they were not "pressed for cash," they committed, if not a crime against the banking laws of the United States, a most despicable outrage against their depositors and the people generally. As the banks generally refused to pay cash to their depositors were they also in collusion with the New York banks to help indicate to the people that certain policies of the Roosevelt administration were panic breeders? In any event there is no escape for the Republican party, whatever produced the panic. The coming Republican national convention will endorse Roosevelt it will endorse Republican policies and point with pride to the prosperity of the trusts and corporations as one of the most conspicuous merits of Republican ascendancy. But still the glaring fact will have to be explained by our Republican friends, why the panic occurred under Republican policies, with all departments of the government under their full control for the past 10 years. What assurance can the Republican party offer that further panic will not follow, if it is again entrusted with power? And with what face can they again declare that Republican policies are "panic proof?"

Lively Times at Pittsfield, Ill.

There was a lively time in town Friday. A concern from Hannibal carrying a line of "cheap clothing," most of it old stock, opened up on the east side and announced a big sale. A number of local merchants dealing in clothing ransacked their warerooms and brought to light a lot of stuff that they had long ago retired from their shelves and proceeded to meet the enemy with its own fire. Hate, with the only fault that they were out of style, sold at a cent each. Linen collars sold for a cent each, suits were as low as 39 cents, and so on down the line. Everybody did a rushing business, had lots of fun, and incidentally disposed of a lot of old junk.—Pittsfield (Ill.) Times.

Missouri's Grand Old Men.

Walter Williams in the Columbia Herald has this to say, of Missouri and her old citizens. From a large list we clip the following:

Missouri is a state of old men as well as young men. No one traveling over the state can fail to be impressed with the unusually large number of veterans yet active in various lines of activity.

At Columbia yet active as writer and preacher and educator is Rev. Dr. W. T. Moore, 76 years old.

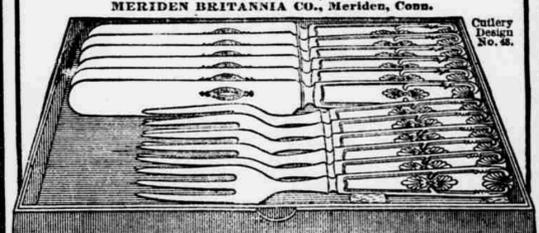
At Keytesville is Col. J. C. Crawley, 83 years old, still in active practice of law. He is one of the few Missourians who remembers to have heard Senator Benton's great speech at Booneville, more than ago.

Judge Burgess on Monday filed an opinion in the supreme court in banc, declaring unconstitutional the Missouri statute requiring railroad companies to issue free transportation to shippers of live stock in car-load lots. Chief Justice Gant and Judges Graves, Fox and Valliant concur in the opinion, while Judge Woodson dissents. The court holds the statute in conflict with the fourteenth constitutional amendment to the constitution. The case on which the decision is based was tried in Linn county where the court overruled a demurer which the company offered to the petition. The court entered judgment against the Burlington railroad, upholding the validity of the statute and the company then appealed to the supreme court.

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Charles Petry, Jr., of Marshall was seriously shot by Miss Frances Cox at the girl's home in the north part of Marshall. The couple were examining a pistol and the shooting was purely accidental.

The Missouri river is at the lowest stage known in many years. The water is not over two to three feet deep at any place between the Howard and Cooper county shores.

Thomas Coleman Lee, aged 41 years and 2 months, died at the home of his parents in Glasgow Monday morning after a lingering illness of typhoid fever. His wife had preceded him to the grave only two months before, and six children, mostly of tender age are left in the world.

If it is lying to tell the children about Santa Claus we are going to be a liar just as long as there are children who will listen and believe.

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Human energy is the most valuable asset the world possesses. Destroy all visible property, and human energy will rebuild it. The reason why legal reserve life insurance has assumed such tremendous proportions is because it stands to protect the earning power of this energy.

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A cart load of groceries was stolen Tuesday night from the L. A. Hagan grocery store, near the C. & A. depot in Marshall. After some investigation City Marshal Maddox and Deputy Sheriff Roland Smith concluded to search the house of Romeo Simpson, a bad negro. Maddox looked in the front door and discovered the missing groceries. Simpson broke out the back way and ran. Smith followed several blocks and demanded of the negro to surrender. The darkey turned and drew a big army pistol and aimed at the deputy sheriff. Two cartridges in his pistol refused to explode, although they showed plainly that the hammer had made a deep dent. Smith fired in rapid succession five shots. One struck the negro in the wrist, another hit his chin, fracturing the lower jaw and lodging in the back of the neck. The physicians who probed failed to find the ball but Simpson seems to be getting along all right.

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