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WITH 3,000 negroes in Chicago's Third Ward and 6,000 more reported ready to move in, it is said that Jack Johnson may be elected an alderman to shine in the class with "Hinky Dink" and "Bath House John."—St. Louis Republic.

A BOY at Penn Yan, N. Y., on July 4th, wounded himself with a toy pistol. Lock jaw set in and death followed. But a beginning for the suppression of toy pistols has been made, and, let us hope, human life is hereafter to become more secure; and let us hope that the right of children to destroy themselves is soon to go out of date.

RECENT zephyrs from Sagamore hill wait the tidings that the colonel is neither "for" the insurgents nor "ag'in" the regulars; he likes 'em both, forsooth. Also that, as regards the governorship of New York, he is "for the best man." All of which is exceedingly illuminating, but strangely unsatisfying to several million hero worshipers who have been impatiently for the colonel to pounce upon a certain fat gentleman and eat him alive.

LET the tariff protectionists cherish the soothing fancy that consumers are becoming reconciled to the steadily increasing cost of living. The perpetual load of providing means for meeting family expenses is breaking the backs of consumers. But let the protectionists continue to deceive themselves. They are deceiving only themselves. Let the fact go forth that the rubber trust since the first of June has advanced the price of men's overshoes from 90 cents to \$1—women's overshoes from 65 to 75 cents—men's rubber boots from \$4.50 to \$4.75. Eight years ago men's boots sold for \$3.50. Another important fact is that the quality of the best rubber goods is constantly deteriorating. Old rotten material is melted and mixed with fresh gum, and the compound sold for the first-class goods. What are you going to do about it?

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As a substitute for the home for incorrigible for negro girls, which Keytesville failed to get, the county seat of Chariton now wants the moving picture man to show the fight pictures.—Hale Hustler Leader.

"THE men who framed the Payne-Aldrich-Smoot bill knew perfectly well our manufacturers sell their products to us at their own prices and then sell the like products at much lower prices in foreign countries. This is true of nearly every article manufactured in America and is one reason why our good citizens are expatriating themselves and settling in British North America at the rate of about 100,000 per annum. As it is estimated that each one of them carries \$1,000, the total sum of our money loss by that emigration is \$100,000,000 a year. And who can estimate the money value of a good citizen himself? The Republican party has attained 'the bad eminence' of driving our citizens to foreign ports. Instead of being a party of patriotism, it is a party of expatriation. That economy in government is necessary is admitted even by Republicans. That great Republican boss, Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, recently declared that a good business man could run the Government as well as it is run for \$300,000,000 per annum less than it now costs. President Taft has fixed the amount of possible reductions in the appropriations bill at \$100,000,000 a year. Senator Carter of Montana, asserted not long ago on the floor of the senate that if up-to-date methods were used in governmental affairs at least \$125,000,000 a year could be saved in the postoffice department alone. Senator Hale of Maine, chairman of the House Appropriations committee, has several times discoursed along the same lines. So have other more or less eminent Republicans. That's what they say; but what do they do? They go on year in and year out increasing the totals of appropriation bills. What do the statements and figures I have quoted prove? They prove beyond a peradventure the utter incompetency of Republicans to conduct the business of the Government. These statements and figures constitute a terrible indictment against the Republicans. Since March 4, 1897, they had had absolute possession of every branch and department of the Government; during all these years they could do as they please, and yet, while constantly prating about economy, they have gone on increasing appropriations and indulging in extravagance more and more, multiplying offices at an amazing rate, nearly 100,000 new offices having been created in the last nine years."

ADVOCATE POPULAR ELECTION OF SENATORS.

6. Submit a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote.
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9. Enact measures providing for a real and comprehensive conservation of our natural resources so that trust magnates and thieves shall not grab and appropriate to themselves the heritage of our children and our children's children.
10. Provide for the improvement of our vast system of waterways on an adequate and comprehensive system so as to make it a real and most valuable factor in our commercial growth and prosperity. It is a shame to the Republican party that this has not been done long ago. We have the finest system of waterways ever vouchsafed by our Heavenly Father to any nation on earth and have neglected them to an amazing degree.
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BY CHAMP CLARK
DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
From Metropolitan Magazine.

If the Democrats are placed in control of the government, they will:

1. Reduce the tariff to a revenue basis.
2. Increase our trade by reciprocity treaties with foreign nations, particularly with Central and South America and with Canada. If we had acted with good sense during the last half century we now would have the bulk of all the trade of the western hemisphere, instead of a small fraction thereof.
3. Abolish superfluous offices.
4. Cut appropriations to the needs of the government economically administered, thereby reducing the burdens of the taxpayers.
5. Restore our merchant marine to its ancient commanding position on the high seas, which Democrats once gave to it and

which has been lost through Republican mal-administration—before it not through ship subsidy, but by the methods by which Democrats originally created it.

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widespread conspiracy to establish a central bank may be so denominated. Speaking for myself, I am dead against it, and every patriotic man in the country should be against it. If the banks of the land, outside of the small coterie who would own, manage and control such a bank, aid in establishing it, they will never regret it but once and that will be so long as they live.

"Is it safe and wise in the long run to keep up wages and maintain what is called the American standard of living by a high protective tariff?"

TARIFF DOES NOT RAISE WAGES.

Your question is based on a fallacy. The high protective tariff does not put up wages. That is demonstrated clearly by the fact that wages are higher in England, which has no protective tariff, than in any European country which has a protective tariff. Considered in the light of their productiveness the American laborer is no better paid than the English laborer, for on the basis of productiveness the American laborer leads the world. There are several reasons why American laborers receive a larger daily wage. One is their greater productiveness; but the principal reason is the labor union. If high tariff makes high wages, how does it happen that the laborer at South Bethlehem, Pa., struck for higher wages recently because the pittance they were receiving did not enable them to live and support their families? The tariff barons levy a tribute upon the American people in the name of labor and then complacently pocket the proceeds themselves. In the tariff hearing before the committee on ways and means, some of them confessed on cross-examination that they paid their laborers only what they were compelled to pay them. I asked one of them this question: "If the tariff is levied, as you claim, for the benefit of labor, then ought not labor to receive all the tariff?" Not one tariff baron would say "Yes." I submit that I was right.

"What about the Democratic insurgents?"

There are none. The Democrats in the house are solid as a stone wall. We have set Democrats outside the House a good example in that regard. Democrats are getting together everywhere while the Republican party presents to the astonished gaze of man the appearance of a dissolving view.

The fountain of youth is within your body, and its your own fault if you let it run dry.

THIRD TERM FETISH.

The third term fetish, with the "colonel" in the foreground, need cause little discussion. It's a far hark back to the days of Washington, but there is little likelihood of the precedent being set in declining a third term being broken. Grant, though pressed to accept a third re-nomination in 1874, was compelled by the force of public sentiment to publicly decline it. The press of the country was almost a unit against the proposition. The Pennsylvania Republican convention in 1875, when the excitement over the call for Grant was at its highest, passed a resolution of unalterable "opposition to the election to the presidency of any person for a third term." The house at Washington, following Grant's public declaration that he would not stand for a third term unless circumstances made it an imperative duty on his part, which was deemed equivocal, adopted the following resolution:

"That in the opinion of this house, the precedent established by Washington and other presidents of the United States after their second term, has become, by universal concurrence, a part of our republican system of government, and that any departure from this time-honored custom would be unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with peril to our free institutions."

Public sentiment on the subject has not changed since then. Mr. Roosevelt enjoys a wonderful popularity. He is idolized and lionized. He has done many good things as president and in other offices entrusted to him by the people. Likewise, he has committed many indiscretions. His popularity and power is mostly superficial. It is the gift of the ebullience of a sentiment of an enthusiastic public, admiring more the "wild west" spirit of unconventionality in speech and action than the cooler and deeper attributes of true statesmanship. Mr. Roosevelt, in many respects, is an admirable type of Americanism. He will fill an interesting page in the history of the country. But he will never occupy the presidential chair for a third term. The sober second thought that has not been displayed in the verbal pyrotechnics over the spectacular American will not have it so. Mr. Roosevelt's star has reached its zenith. From henceforth it will be on the decline.

Many a man makes believe he is down and out just to distract his enemies' attention while he is getting his second wind.

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