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BARTH'S BIG CLOTHIERS

all probability, Speaker Champ and Senator Stone will preside at the Democratic National Convention, St. Louis on next June the 14th.

MEMBER that the Rev. Sam will deliver an address at the Methodist Church Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited. The church should be well represented.

It is rumored that H. P. Warden, sent to New York a week or so ago, has not been able to get on the Ford Peace Commission. We have not been able to verify this rumor and understand Mr. Warden was only going to New York.

DR. WILLIAMSON'S ATTITUDE. It does seem as though when the President of the United States is admittedly doing everything in his power honorably to keep this country out of war, a man like Dr. Williamson—an American and a minister of the Gospel, should uphold his hands or at least hold his peace. As a matter of fact, this is not a question of politics and most of the Republicans, that we know anything about, cordially endorse Wilson's attitude regarding war and it is amazing to Dr. Williamson's Democratic friends

that he should, you might say, in at least an irritating way do all he can to embarrass him. Sopping we got into war, would Dr. Williamson be loyal to the President or would he then take the position that it was his fault that we were involved in war? Dr. Williamson has a host of friends in this part of Missouri, and we have yet to find a single one that is not amazed and to say the least chagrined at his attitude toward the President of the United States, especially at this time it is so important that all loyal Americans should co-operate together for peace with honor, and at least keep their temper and not indulge in spiteful attacks on those in power.

UNANIMOUS FOR WOOD.

ROW WILSON. REFERRING to the Democratic National Convention to be held in St. Louis on June 14, and predicting that Woodrow Wilson will be nominated unanimously, the New York World says:

"Thousands of Democrats are to go to St. Louis in June to perform a political ceremony that is everywhere regarded as an accomplished fact. By its unanimous endorsement of President Wilson for re-nomination, the Democratic National Committee has named the head of the ticket as certainly, if not with as much authority, as the convention can do, and nothing but the Vice Presidency and the platform will engage the attention of the party's representatives six months hence.

"National Conventions, however, are never superfluous. Even when their work is largely determined for them in advance, they are impressive illustrations of democracy in action. On this occasion the body will merely register, with beaming enthusiasm, no doubt, the will of a party that, so far as the Presidency is concerned, is agreed. Were it not for a love-feat from time to time, our great political organizations could not endure. It is equally true that friction and friction are necessary to their health and progress.

"In the case of the Democratic Party the forth-coming convention will probably be the first since 1892 not to open or close with a fight."

Fourteen Cases From Wellsville to Hospital.

W. A. Shulenberg, Mexico, Missouri.

Dear Friend—In view of the present Hospital campaign, I want to say that I am certainly interested in the Mexico Hospital, and think it reaches a long felt want. With so many operative cases, people are rushed to the City Hospitals before the family has time to consider, but with a Hospital in our midst it is much more convenient, less expensive and the work cannot be surpassed in our City Hospitals. After spending one month in the Mexico Hospital, having had a very serious operation, I have put forth some effort to have my friends choose Mexico in preference to St. Louis, and above fourteen cases have since gone from here to the Mexico Hospital, and all are loud in their praises of the Surgical and Medical work and of the kindly treatment received while there. Kindly, Mrs. Frank Everett.

R. M. White's "Good Advice."

(Columbia, Mo., Times.) "Whenever you are in doubt about printing an editorial, hang it on your private hook until next day, then maybe you won't print it," said R. M. White, editor of the Mexico Ledger and president of the State Historical Society, recently while talking to some newspaper men.

Mr. White's advice is excellent and well worth publishing even though it has been restated a thousand times since the world began. If a man were to hang up for twenty-four hours the litter things he writes he wouldn't print many of them. By following this policy Mr. White has made the Mexico Ledger a popular paper. No one must infer that Mr. White is not outspoken and courageous. He has reached that ripe age however when he knows that sober judgment seldom approves of the exaggerated ideas of the moment.

Acres of Corn to Bring Boy \$350. Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Felix Keats, champion of Christian County boy corn growers, will make about \$350 on his crop of one acre. He produced 101 bushels and 60 pounds. He will sell much of this at \$3 and the lot will average about \$2.

In addition he has won \$149 in prizes at the Pennsylvania Fair here and at the State Fair at Louisville. He won a week's trip to the State Fair, \$25; State Fair prize of \$4 on best 10 years; State Fair prize for best boy judge of corn, \$15; State Fair special prize of business college tuition certificate, \$20; three prizes at Pennsylvania Fair, \$25; raincoat, \$6; Pennsylvania prize for best 10 ears, \$15; special prize, suit and outfit, \$25, and for showing greatest profit, \$15.

Mexico Lodge Attention.

Mexico Lodge No. 544 A. F. & A. M. meets in called session Thursday evening. Two thirds will be conferred. Visiting brethren welcome.

H. M. Bartels, W. M. J. B. Graham, Sec'y.

E. O. Morris Buys In. E. O. Morris has purchased a half interest in the Palace of Sweets from Ralph Head and will be actively connected with the firm.

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MEXICO ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER RE-ELECT ALL OFFICERS

The entire panel of 1916 officers of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 27 were re-elected at the meeting Tuesday night at Masonic Hall. John J. Steele who has been secretary of the Chapter for twenty-five years was again elected. Altho Mr. Steele feels that he has served his time it is thought that he will act this year.

The re-elected officers are: John Abhay, High Priest; H. D. Liewellyn, King; J. T. Marshall, Scribe; T. H. Marshall, Treasurer; and John J. Steele, Secretary.

TWO DRUNKS A YEAR.

New York, Dec. 15.—If you want to partake of the "cup that cheers" you can as far as you like twice a year, but beware of the third time you carry too much aboard. You will then have to join the prohibition ranks and be riveted on the water wagon for life.

That is the law the National Defense association has framed. It will try to have the state legislature pass it next year. In a nutshell here's the plan:

"For \$1 you get a drinking license when you order your favorite beverage you must show the card to the bartender; then you can take aboard as much cargo as you can carry; the first time one is arrested for intoxication or treated by a physician, one gets a warning; the second time one loses his license for the year; the third time, one is out—that is, one loses one's license for ever and can never have another drink. And you can not borrow your friend's card, because if you do you will be liable to fine and imprisonment."

Circuit Court Notes.

In the case of Thos. Kunkle vs. Robert Lochridge and M. L. Jones the court found in favor of the plaintiff and against both defendants. Lochridge claimed that Jones had no authority to act for him in signing a note for \$1,68.80.

John Gillespie, of near Martinsburg was arraigned before the court on an indictment from the grand jury charging him with shooting craps. He pleaded not guilty and offered bond to appear Dec. 22.

Sentenced for Insult 16 Kaiser.

Berlin, via London, December 13.—A 29-year-old Englishman named George Marussen, who is interned at Ruhleben, was sentenced to three months in prison for insulting Emperor William.

Marussen, in a conversation with another prisoner, applied an epithet to the emperor, which was overheard by a sentry, who reported the fact to the authorities.

As Marussen had been in jail for five months preliminary to his trial, the sentence of three months was considered to have been served.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Miller depart for Denver Wednesday after an extended visit with Mr. Miller's parents in this city.

Don't fail to see and get prices on Buckner's Xmas goods.

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CHICAGO'S EXPERIENCE.

THE following from a recent issue of the Chicago Daily News tells what the cities are doing with their tramps and throws some light on the Ledger's contention of "work if you would eat."

"Since Monday morning, when the lodging house was opened for the winter, more than 200 men have applied for shelter and food. Mrs. Rowe adopted the wood pile scheme to drive away the "professional" tramps. Men are given shelter and food for two days and nights if they work three hours.

"Monday morning, because of the setting in of wintry weather, the lodging house was opened and Superintendent Neal, expected a large crowd the first night, had 196 cots waiting for the expected lodgers. In the day seventy-five men applied for lodging and food. All were told to go to work and only two returned.

"Of eleven who applied yesterday all but two of them said they preferred to go out on the streets and beg 5 or 10 cents and then go to a "flop." The big crowd which came at night could not work.

"Usually at this time of the year the municipal lodging house is filled to its capacity of 500. While the city's lodging house was almost empty, the Rufus Dawes hotel, 13 South Peoria street; Hogan's "flop," at North Desplaines and Meridian streets, and the West Madison street lodging houses were filled to overflowing.

"Everybody but the professional tramp is satisfied, especially the West Madison street lodging house keepers," said Superintendent Neal. "So far the rule is a big success. The application of Mrs. Rowe's scheme shows that a small percentage of the usual 'guests' of the city care for work, but are out of employment from pure laziness."

Mrs. Rowe said that she advises citizens not to give money to men with a hard luck story, but to send them to the lodging house in North Union avenue, where they will be fed and sheltered if they care to work."

80,000 Die From Cancer.

New York, Nov. 25.—Cancer was the third most important cause of death of men-holders of ordinary life insurance policies more than 44 years old, and first in the death list of insured women of those years in 1914. It killed 80,000 persons last year, 80,000 of them residents of the United States. While the general human death rate has been declining, the mortality rate on cancer is increasing steadily at the rate of 2.5 per cent annually.

These facts led the Prudential Insurance Company to authorize publication of the results of two years of investigation by the American Society for the Control of Cancer, organized May 22, 1913.

"The widest possible dissemination of the salient facts of the cancer problem and clear recognition by the public of the supreme importance of the earliest possible diagnosis and qualified treatment of the disease in its initial stage," is the aim of the society. Further data given in the preface shows that of every 1,000 deaths in 1914 from all causes of insured men, 64 were from cancer, and of women the number of cancer victims in every 1,000 was 120. Cancer mortality is shown to be exceptionally high in Switzerland, Bavaria and Holland and extremely rare among North American Indians and the primitive races of Asia and Africa. The disease is shown by statistics to increase with the distance from the Equator, decreasing as the fall increases. One conclusion is that all the available evidence has failed to establish a parasitical origin for cancer.

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GAVE EVANGELIST OVER \$4,500.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Evangelist Charles R. Scoville's seven weeks' revival ended last night. A thanks offering taken yesterday for the evangelist totaled between \$4,500 and \$5,000. All of the expenses of the meeting were borne by Jefferson City.

The results of the meeting are approximately 4,000 additions to the churches. Some of the Protestant churches will nearly treble their membership. Candy at Buckner's at any price.

PLUNKETT RETIRES AS CLERK OF WOODMEN AFTER 14 YEARS

J. W. Plunkett after refusing to act as clerk for the Modern Woodmen Camp in this city—a position he held for fourteen years and nine months, was elected to head the order for the ensuing year as Venerable Consul, at the Meeting Tuesday evening. Another "long term," E. F. Kunkle, was elected Eminent Brother for the eighteenth year. Mr. Kunkle has been active in the lodge every since he has been a member. For twenty-two years he has been an office holder. When a man is re-elected to an office over and over again; his efficiency, stability and popularity have stood the test.

The Modern Woodmen have a large camp here, two hundred and seventy-five members and the prospects for the New Year were never better. Other officers elected Tuesday night were: E. M. Beamer, Worthy Advisor; L. E. Warner, Clerk; B. E. Sims, Escort; A. Huntsaker, Watchman; Edgar Clark, Sentry; T. L. Marshall, manager with a term of three years; and Drs. Griffin and Harrison, physicians.

MEXICO HOSPITAL BEST COMPARISON PROVES

Col. R. M. White & Son, Editors Ledger.

Gentlemen:—Mexico, Mo., Dec. 12, 14, 15.—Permit me to have "been there" to say a few words regarding our Mexico Hospital. Having by force of circumstances been compelled to be a patient in our Hospital and also in one of the largest in St. Louis, I am perhaps a little better qualified to judge of the merits of our own than those who have been an inmate of only one or more.

The St. Louis Hospital was built for this purpose only and with plenty of capital at command, is better equipped in a sanitary point of view, and also contains the most modern appliances of an up to date hospital. But for efficiency of service our own little Hospital is far the superior. In St. Louis the nurses are, with the exception of superintendents and a few others, mostly girls from 16 to 20, serving an apprenticeship of three years without pay to obtain a diploma, while our own nurses are graduates of mature judgment and more experience, and as to promptness in service, amiability, pleasantness of manner and cheerfulness which we all know are large factors in the sick room, there is no comparison over our own being much better.

When the Alton wreck occurred about a year ago, one of the worst injured was a boy acquaintance of the writer. I visited him several times and he spoke highly of the service and this notwithstanding the Hospital was crowded to capacity.

Now that the effort is being made to finance this splendid institution for another year, I hope and trust the solicitors will meet with a hearty response from the generous hearted citizens of not only Mexico but Audrain County, even though it require some sacrifice. We certainly cannot afford to abandon this enterprise, and with the experience I have had to express it in the mildest terms it would be a "downright calamity" for us to do so. My only regret is that my financial condition will not permit me to give \$100.00 to its maintenance.

Yours very truly, J. R. Bell, Mexico, Mo.

BROOMS A LUXURY SOON.

The broom manufacturing industry in America is facing a complete shutdown in four to six months. There isn't any more corn. The ware houses are empty, the manufacturers have only the slenderest of stocks and for the second successive year the crop is for a complete failure. Everywhere it is the same. Corn that sold for \$35 a ton last January is quoted at \$200 now, and cannot be bought at any price.

Stocks on hand and what little new crop is available will last the factories not longer than May 1. From then until the 1916 crop is harvested the plants have no alternative but to close their doors.

Hair Dye Kills.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Anna Shriver, widow, who a week ago tried to change the color of her hair from black to Auburn by use of dye, died at the city hospital from acute lead poisoning. Physicians said death was caused by the dye.

Since her removal to the hospital, Mrs. Shriver, who was 40 years old, had lost the use of her legs. A gradual weakness preceded her death. The poison entered Mrs. Shriver's system through the scalp. She said the preparation she had applied to her hair was composed of leaves and chemicals.

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Our assortments are complete 10c, 25c, 39c, 48c, 98c. Cups and saucers, plates, salad dishes, sugar and cream sets, olive dishes, plaques, hair receivers, powder boxes, dresser trays, syrup pitchers, etc.

Gifts for Men

- Leather Coin Purses 25c. Playing Card Sets 25c. Military Brushes 15c. Traveling Cases 98c, \$2.48, \$3.48. Shaving mirrors 10c, 25c. Shaving Sets 98c, \$1.98. Handkerchiefs 5c, 10c. Sweaters 98c, \$1.69, \$1.95. men's neckwear 10c, 25c, 45c.

Gifts for Children

- Books for boys and girls 10c. Children's sweaters 48c, 98c, \$1.25. Children's jewel boxes 10c, 25c. Children's knife and fork sets 10c. Infants' booties 10c, 15c. Infants' booties 10c, 25c. Infants' knit jackets 48c, 98c. Infants' mittens 10c.

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DOPE SHOWS M. M. A.

BETTER THAN KANSAS Foot ball Dope, as arranged by a local fan, shows the Missouri Military Academy football team could defeat Kansas as well as several of the big Eastern eleven. The "dope" as attached to the pig-skin oval has been something no one has ever been able to conjure with to a certainty. However the figures are interesting and to those who follow the game will prove interesting reading. Here is the "dopesters" results, as they are on paper:

- Westminster 7, Mo. M. A. 7. Westminister 20, Central 13; Kemp over Central 7. Central 14, Missouri Wesleyan 0; M. M. A. over Missouri Wesleyan, 14. Missouri Wesleyan 13 Baker U. 7; Mo. M. A. over Baker, 20. Baker U. 10, Washburn 0; Mo. M. A. over Washburn 30. Washburn 7, K. S. N. 7; Mo. M. A. over K. S. N., 30. K. S. N. 13, K. S. Aggies 0; Mo. M. A. over K. S. Aggies 43. K. S. Aggies 9, M. U. 0; Mo. M. A. over M. U., 45. M. U. 0, Oklahoma 24; Mo. M. A. over Oklahoma, 19.

Oklahoma 14, Texas 13; Mo. M. A. over Texas 20.

- M. U. 7, Ames 13; Mo. M. A. over Ames, 37. M. U. 6, Kansas 8; Mo. M. A. over Kansas, 41. Ames 0, Nebraska 21; Mo. M. A. over Nebraska, 20. Nebraska 20, Notre Dame 19; Mo. M. A. over Notre Dame, 21. Notre Dame 35, Haskell 0; Mo. M. A. over Haskell, 68. Haskell 0, Chicago 34; Mo. M. A. over Chicago, 26. Chicago 0, Illinois 10; Mo. M. A. over Illinois, 14. Chicago 14, Wisconsin 13; Mo. M. A. over Wisconsin, 25. Illinois 6, Minnesota 6; Mo. M. A. over Minnesota, 14. Notre Dame 7, Army 0; Mo. M. A. over Army, 30. Army 17 Springfield 7; Mo. M. A. over Springfield, 40. Army 14, Navy 0; Mo. M. A. over Navy, 54. Mo. M. A. had the best "Prep" school team in the state and regardless of any other dope, was the strongest in its class.

MACEDONIA CLEAR OF ALLIES.

Last Three Towns Were Occupied by Bulgarian Troops December 12.

Sofia, Dec. 15.—December 12 will remain for the Bulgarian army and nation a day of great historical importance, says an official communication issued from general headquarters. On that day the army occupied the last three Macedonian towns still in the hands of the enemy—Doiran, Givgylit and Struga.

Chappell-Brumhead Wedding.

Chas. F. Chappell, of this city and Mrs. Jane Brumhead, of Jerseyville, Ill., were married by Probate Judge W. W. Botts Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Chappell is the father of Mrs. Fred Griffin of this city. The Ledger joins the many friends of Mr. Chappell here in extending congratulations. They will make their home in this city.

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