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Monday, Sept. 25, 1905.

Call for Democratic Congressional Convention, Fourteenth District of Illinois.

At a meeting of the democratic congressional committee of the Fourteenth district of Illinois, held at Monmouth, Ill., Aug. 16, 1905, it was ordered that a delegate convention be held at the court house in the city of Monmouth, on Thursday, Sept. 28, 1905, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. B. F. Marsh.

The county central committee of each county, in conjunction with the congressional committee of the various counties in the district, are requested to arrange for the selection of delegates to said convention, either by holding county conventions to select such delegates, or to appoint same, at their option.

The ratio of delegates from each county will be on the basis of one delegate for every 200 votes cast for Alton B. Parker in 1904.

By order committee.
J. P. SEXTON, Chairman.
J. W. Lusk, secretary.
(Rock Island county is entitled to 11 delegates).

The czar is to lead the new peace congress—and the czar knows what war means.

If Mary McLane breathed the true sentiment of her heart into the story of her life published a few years ago, the fate of Butte will not arouse much sympathy from her.

The most healthful and the most satisfied man is the man who enjoys honest toil. The most wretched is the man who lives in idleness, whether it be luxurious idleness or otherwise.

The writers who are busying themselves with Roosevelt's future need not disturb themselves. When he gets through with the White House he will still be able to take care of himself, and no pension or resolutions of sympathy will be necessary.

Owing to the fact that her husband has just been appointed by the kaiser as head of the colonial department of Berlin, the Countess Adolf Von Goetzen, an American woman, will become a leading figure in German court circles. Her husband, during the Spanish-American war, accompanied President Roosevelt and the rough riders throughout the Cuban campaign.

Travelers returning from Japan are generally of opinion that the mikado's subjects have become quite inflated over the result of their war with Russia. As one American put it, "They are scratching their heads where the hat brim ought to be. A white man is a poor critter in their eyes. They seem to think that they can lick a German, an American or a Frenchman with the same ease which the white brethren of the Russians in other countries so glee-folly dilated upon in the beginning of the war."

Parker Was Right.

Says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, which has always its weather eye both upon the political situation and the truth of history:

"It seems to be a fair question whether President Roosevelt does not owe Judge Alton B. Parker a public apology. The president's quick sense of 'squareness' must certainly be much troubled by the disclosure that at the very moment last November when he was hotly resenting Judge Parker's charges regarding the squeezing of corporations for republican campaign money, the committee charged with forwarding his canvass was accepting money abstracted from a fund for the assistance of widows and orphans and using it to promote his election. Probably Judge Parker at the time never supposed the case was quite as flagrant as it is now known to have been."

Judge Parker not only knew all about it, and the extent of it, but he had the proof promised him when he made the charges. The men who gave the promise had neither the integrity nor the courage to redeem it. They went back upon Judge Parker and their word. But time is a great detective. The worst part of the whole business is the matter-of-course way the public takes it. There are others, like the president, who need to apologize to Judge Parker.

The Attitude of Komura.

Komura's mission has ended disastrously for him. His people denounce him. A mob wrecked his official residence in Tokyo. "They will kill him when he gets to Japan," a Japanese has said. He now lies ill in a hotel in New York City.

Yet this great statesman, however his countrymen now and the world in

the future may regard his work, has taught to America, to New York, to every business man, to every office boy, one much-needed lesson of loyalty in business.

Exultant Japan sent Komura here to make peace. He knew his people wanted a vast money indemnity from Russia. Earnestly Komura strove for this. One day there came a message from the mikado, "Waive all indemnity." Komura foresaw all that it meant. He understood the disaster that henceforth would be his in Japan. It was a cruel blow to his ambitions.

The peace of Portsmouth is made. Vanquished Russia is content. Victorious Japan is turbulent with protest. But whatever the outcome, one bright light shines forth—the loyalty of Komura to his chief.

From this fact the new world draws an object lesson to the effect that in these times when officers of great corporations are betraying public trust, when men in high places are putting their own interests before those of their employers, Komura has brought to America a message. He has shown us the nobility of loyalty in business, even when it involves personal self-sacrifice.

Stand by the Guns.

The democratic papers down the district are all pronounced against any idea of endorsement on the part of the congressional convention which meets at Monmouth next Thursday of independent candidacy for congress. The Warren County Democrat voices the sentiment of the press down that way when it says:

"It has been proposed that the democrats of this district endorse some independent candidate for congress, instead of making a regular nomination. This would certainly be disastrous, for two reasons—that it would be an admission that the party had lost its hope, power and influence, and, further, it would be abandoning the legal status of the party and make it difficult to place a ticket in the field next year, or secure representation upon the election boards.

"The democracy should not swerve to the right nor to the left, but place a thorough democrat upon the ticket and urge a vigorous campaign."

IN THE SUBURBS.

MILAN.

Milan, Sept. 23.—Miss Katherine Shellman arrived Saturday from Joliet for a two weeks' visit with her parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Adams, at Iowa City.

Miss Winnie Tenges left last week for a visit at Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Francis Cullen spent Saturday in Viola and Alexis.

Ray McMichael left Monday September 19 for a visit to his Uncle Thomas McMichael at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Rollo Smith and son Con, left Saturday for a few days' visit with relatives in Cambridge.

Warren Bradley has accepted a position as clerk in J. H. Gilmore's store. Mrs. Dan Daxon is visiting friends in Chicago.

Rev. A. E. Ioder, pastor of the Methodist church left Tuesday to attend the annual conference at Peoria, Ill.

Ed Williams left Monday for Oregon, where his parents live. He has been spending a year with his uncle William Cannum.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston is contemplating leaving Milan and going to Kansas to live with her daughter Mrs. Gest. Perry Simmons and daughter were Milan callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson, of Rock Island, was calling on old friends in Milan Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Caldwell and two children left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A jolly crowd composed of employees of the Woodmen office of Rock Island, pleasantly surprised Frank Harris at his home Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing games after which a dainty lunch was served.

J. S. Bauch, of Arkansas City, Kan., enroute to Cambridge, spent a part of Sunday with his friend and comrade J. D. Lafferty. Mr. Bauch attended the reunion of his company the 112th at Geneseo, Friday.

George Synder departed Monday morning to attend the Bethel Military Academy at Warrentown, Virginia. George's many friends wish him success in his school work.

Jacob Depew has moved his family into Mrs. Evelyn Adams' house on Water street.

David Crawford and William Crop returned much pleased with their trip to Canada.

Mrs. William Nichols is sick this week.

George W. Smith, of Raymond, Kan., is visiting friends and relatives in Milan. He expects to stay about two weeks.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

A RAILWAY ADVENTURE.

[Original.]

Little Gretchen Hecker was but eighteen years old when her father lost his estates, after a prolonged lawsuit, and it was determined that she should go to Berlin to study to be a musician, with a view to earning her own living. She went all alone on the train and was alone in the compartment until at one of the stops a man got in. The train had no sooner started on than he said to Gretchen:

"Franklin, I'll trouble you for your clothes."

Gretchen looked at the man, not understanding what he meant.

"Your clothes, and be in a hurry. Take them off. I'm going to put them on and you shall put on mine."

Before Gretchen could be made to understand that he was in earnest he was obliged to threaten her, and even then the taking off of her outer clothing before a man was so obnoxious to her that she did it very slowly.

The man was twice her age, but not much taller, being small and wiry. He put on Gretchen's dress, but he could not get on her shoes—and minor articles, compelling her to put on his own clothes. Then he took out of a satchel a number of cosmetics and began to make himself up for a woman. He also took out a mustache and, giving it to Gretchen, ordered her to stick it on to her upper lip.

Gretchen, who had never before been out in the world without a maid, was of course terror-stricken. She obeyed the man mechanically, expecting every moment that he might find it to his interest to murder her. After they had changed apparel he said to her:

"Little girl, if you do what I want you to do, I'll not hurt you. The next station will be B, and I expect to leave the train there. If I decide not to and any one gets into this compartment, you must pretend that you are a young man. If you don't, I'll kill you!"

When the train stopped at B. the man was about to get out when he caught sight of a policeman standing right where he must be passed. The man hesitated and decided not to risk it. He covered back in the car and remained there while the train was at a standstill. Just before it moved off a young man in a student's cap got into the compartment. Then the guard locked the door and the train moved off.

The student was evidently in an amiable mood—most students are—and as soon as he was seated took out a cigarette and, turning to the criminal whom he supposed was a woman, asked if she objected to smoking. The man replied in so coarse a voice that the student smiled, and, permission being granted, he offered Gretchen a cigarette. She was about to decline when a glance from the criminal warned her to accept, and, taking the cigarette, the student held a match while she lit it. The student insisted on opening a conversation with her. At the first sound of her voice he looked at her surprised and smiled again.

"You two had better change your clothes," he said. "The woman has the voice of a man, while the man has the voice of a woman."

Poor Gretchen now began to show signs of sickness, and the student asked what was the matter. Gretchen admitted that it must be the cigarette, since he could not think of anything else to cause the trouble.

"Poor little boy," said the student. "You should be at home with your mother."

Taking her head in his arms, he playfully pulled it down on to his breast. The criminal, not relishing this close proximity and fearing the girl might communicate with the student, said:

"Let the boy alone."

"What business is it of yours?" asked the student haughtily. One would suppose the boy to be a girl. I'll hug him if I like."

With that he seized Gretchen and pulled her face down onto his chest so vigorously that when he released her her mustache had fallen off.

"Well, well," said the astonished student. "What's this? Are you trying to escape from justice in disguise?"

"That's it," cried the criminal. "He must be a thief."

The student looked at the blushing, innocent face of the girl, and, noticing that her hair had partly slipped from under her hat where the criminal had placed it, took hold of a coil and pulled it down over Gretchen's shoulder.

"You're a girl," he said, "that's certain. Now, how about you?" he added, looking at the other.

"A man!" And, whipping out a revolver, he attempted to cover the student, but the latter, who was a renowned member of the dueling corps at his university, quick as lightning knocked up his weapon, and in the scuffle that followed the criminal, being encumbered with skirts, was overpowered and lost his revolver.

For the rest of the journey the student kept the criminal covered and got from Gretchen a brief story of how she had been forced into man's attire. On reaching the next station the criminal was turned over to the police, and Gretchen's identity was confirmed by telegraph.

The student proved to be the son of a wealthy baron who knew Gretchen's father. This and the singular adventure was quite enough to induce an acquaintance, which ripened into love, and Gretchen is now a baroness.

MARY P. WINSLOW.



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No Sunday Excursions.—The "lid" will be kept on by the Burlington company as far as the operating of Sunday excursion trains are concerned. This order was sent out by General Traffic Manager Eustis, of the railroad company, a few days ago, in answer to many communications which have been received since the company operated a Sunday train for the followers of the Marcellites baseball team.

Startling Mortality.—Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for constipation and biliousness." 25c at Hartz & Ulmeyer, druggists.

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