

GRAY STREAKS

Why let all your neighbors and friends think you must be twenty years older than you are? Yet it's impossible to look young with the color of 70 years in the hair. It's sad to see young persons look prematurely old in this way. Sad because it's all unnecessary; for gray hair may always be restored to its natural color by using—

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Exposure Was Not Looked For.

For this story of the relation of politics and medicine the Medical Journal vouches: A physician was summoned in haste to attend the child of a family that lived in two rooms in the heart of a large American city not New York. The child had been seized suddenly and seriously and just at election time; the mother was in despair and when the doubtful prognosis was given she broke into wailing and violent self-condemnation for some horrible sin of the family, to which she said the child's illness was due—a direct punishment for their crime. She would go and curse the magistrate for it all, her husband should resign from "the force" and such evil ways should be renounced forever. Curious to know how the magistrate could be held responsible for the child's illness, the doctor finally secured the confession that the crime of the poor, conscience-stricken woman consisted in allowing the name of many fraudulent voters to be registered as resident in her house, in swearing to the lie, etc. The magistrate also had demanded this of all the neighbors in return for indescribable political favors. The child recovered and the magistrate paid the physician \$100.—Philadelphia Journal.

Willing to Show 'Em.

An honest young man, who had escaped a great peril by an act of heroism, was much complimented for his bravery.

One lady said: "I wish I could have seen your feat."

Whereupon he blushed and stammered, and finally pointing to his pedal extremities, said: "Well, here they be, mum."

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A GREAT CAMPAIGN.

CONDUCT OF ONE IS A BIG PROPOSITION.

Thousands of Workers Are Kept on the Jump for Months and an Organization Elaborate and Complicated Is Required.

Washington correspondence: VERY soon a vast work, one which will interest the whole country for a period of four months at least and which will keep thousands of workers on a hustle from start to finish, will be begun by the national committees of the great political parties. It will be the conduct of presidential campaigns and the same is an appalling proposition. It involves the creation of an executive organization quite as elaborate and complicated as that required to carry on the most extensive of modern enterprises, the collection and expenditure of a sum of money so large as to require seven figures for its expression, the selection and employment, directly and indirectly, of thousands of workers, the gathering and dissemination of special information on a scale not less extensive than that of a great telegraphic news association, and a hundred other things beside, none of which can safely be entrusted to anyone not an expert in his line.

Until 1896 campaign headquarters were invariably established in the city of New York, and according to an unwritten rule they were almost always located in a four-story house on Fifth avenue. That year, however, both parties broke away from the old order of things and housed their chief headquarters in Chicago, though each committee perforce maintained a branch in the metropolis. In Chicago the forces of both committees were quartered in modern office buildings; in New York the Republicans took one whole floor in a handsome white marble structure on Union Square, while the Democrats occupied rooms in a well-known hotel not a stone's throw away.

The headquarters of a national campaign committee must of necessity be almost as extensive as a big railroad's executive offices, since room must be afforded for half a dozen different sets of employees, besides suites for the various committee officials.

In a sense, the "press bureau" is next in importance to the chairman's headquarters, since through it the reporters and correspondents are furnished with such news as the committee wishes to give out. This bureau, however, is only a small part of the committee's machinery for the distribution of correct political gospel. The bureau's relations are mainly with the telegraphic news associations, the metropolitan papers and the special correspondents. The country journals are fed with political news through the medium of the big ready-print publishing houses and the concerns which supply "plate matter" copy for the ready-prints and the plates being furnished by an editorial staff employed especially for that purpose.

But both press bureau and ready-print matter departments sink into insignificance compared with the "document" mill. It is the function of this department, which employs a writing and editorial staff of its own, to compile, print

and distribute the leaflets, the tracts, the pamphlets, the handbooks and the posters which campaign committees invariably and perhaps rightly consider of such vast importance. They have a big job on hand, as will be readily understood when it is known that in 1892 the Republicans put out upward of 100,000,000 separate documents—more than one and a third for every man, woman and child in the United States—at a cost for printing of almost \$200,000 and nearly as much more for distribution.

It has commonly, though not always, been considered good committee practice to issue translations into almost every European language of nearly all the documents got out in English, and the troubles of the functionary who has to look after this job are simply indescribable. To begin with, he is generally and of necessity ignorant of the languages into which the documents are to be translated, and therefore quite incompetent to judge the ability of those whom he has to engage as translators of their work

when it is finished. His only safety lies in engaging two persons familiar with each of the "unknown tongues" into which the matter is to be done. One of these he intrusts to the translation; the other examines it carefully when finished to see that no error has been committed.

Campaign committees are generally extensive patrons of what might be a stretch be termed the arts and also of what its writers fondly believe to be poetry.

Under the head of the arts may be included the millions of candidates' portraits which are put out under committee auspices, also the cartoons, diagrams, maps, badges (pins and buttons) and the like. Opinions differ as to the value of such things in the getting of votes, but committees always spend thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, in this direction.

Most committees buy campaign songs pretty freely, and it is agreed on all hands that a taking composition set to stirring music is a mighty good investment whether the poetry is very good or not. The poetry sent to the committee—



IN THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU.

and it arrives at headquarters in wholesale quantities usually—is generally in the form of sonnets. It need hardly be stated that most of it is written by persons who have never learned to scan their lines and have little idea of rhyme.

Leaving out the chairman and possibly the treasurer, the functionary in charge of the speakers' bureau sees more grief probably than any other committee official, and his department is one of the heavier committee expenses. There are always hundreds of real and alleged orators in touch with the committee. The more effective speakers generally give their services to the party from a sense of loyalty and because they know that political promotion lies that way; but nearly all draw expense money and the majority, pretty poor speakers as a rule, draw salaries; not large individually, but sometimes almost treasury breaking in the aggregate.

All these departments employ type-



WAITING TO SEE THE CHAIRMAN.

writers and stenographers, and clerks and messengers in numbers. Many of the clerks are employed because of political pull, but the stenographers and typewriters get their jobs on their merits. Women typewriters are seldom in evidence at committee headquarters.

Of course money in wads and rolls and bags is needed to keep the committee departments mentioned and others, of which there is no room to speak, in operation, and the real storm center of every national campaign committee is the treasurer's office. How he gets his cash nobody but himself ever knows in full, and there is no doubt at all that he and his collectors—more often than not political stars of the first water—are driven to their wits' ends to gather the needed. Presidential candidates themselves have rarely made heavy contributions, for the reason, among others, that they have rarely been able to do so. It may be mentioned in passing that while presidential candidates seldom visit headquarters, vice-presidential candidates often do.

REPORTS DAMAGE TO WHEAT.

Snow's Crop Bulletin Says Condition Is Unsatisfactory.

Snow's crop report says: "Up to June 1 the actual damage to spring wheat was slight, but the plant had reached a position where without full and prompt moisture relief it would deteriorate rapidly. With the exception of a few counties in southwest Minnesota and adjoining territory in South Dakota and that portion of North Dakota lying west of the Red river valley the amount of moisture yet received is small. It may be safely stated that only in a very few districts in the States in question is the present situation satisfactory, and that the crop over very important districts is still in danger of radical damage unless it soon receives a generous wetting down. With a dry seed-bed and a dry month of May it will take more than scattered passing showers to put the crop out of immediate danger. The fact is that spring wheat is now just entering the period when dry weather and high temperatures are normally due, and it is entering this trying season with less reserve strength and vigor than usual. Since public and private crop reports for June 1 are gathered the last week in May for the following month, forthcoming reports of condition will not fully represent the actual situation at this date as the positive deterioration since the first of the month."

"Winter wheat harvest is beginning with the certainty of crop failure in the Ohio valley, offset by great claims in Kansas. Kansas promise, however, is not always fulfillment. In 1898 the June average for that State was 104, promising 100,000,000 bushels. The condition reported after harvest was only 97, and the actual crop only 65,000,000 bushels."

Waters-Pierce Oil Company has been granted a charter in Texas. Says it's not a trust.

Noncommittal.
Mrs. Slowpay—A girl formerly in your employ answered my advertisement for a maid. Is she honest?
Dressmaker—That is more than I can say.
Mrs. Slowpay—Why, what do you mean?
Dressmaker—Well, you see, I have no positive proof of her dishonesty, but every time I sent her to you with my bill she failed to give me the money.

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On the first and third Tuesdays of June, July and August the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad will place on sale Homeseekers' Excursion tickets to various points in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.
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Eclipse.
Larry—That moon is a freak. He has wan gray eye, awn wan blue eye.
Denny—Phoy, that's nuthin'. After Cassidey's party half av th' bhoys hod wan blue eye awn wan black eye.

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A sandal society has been started in Berlin, and on a Sunday not long ago forty men and women wearing sandals marched through the muddy streets.

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To Buffalo, N. Y., going via Chicago and Niagara Falls, returning via the great lakes, Duluth and St. Paul. Rates, route, etc., address H. C. CHEYNEY, general agent Northwestern Ry., Sioux City, Iowa.

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