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FACTS TO REMEMBER.

AFTER all is said and done the fact remains, and every fair man or woman in Alaska must admit it, that Charles E. Bunnell is the candidate who represents President Wilson and his administration in the Alaska campaign. His election would unquestionably demonstrate that the people of Alaska endorse and approve the progressive, constructive Alaska program of the Democratic party at Washington. He stands fairly and squarely on a platform which endorses without reservation the administration of President Wilson and all of his Alaska policies. He is the only candidate for Delegate to Congress who does so stand. To defeat him could be construed into disapproval of the administration.

That is not all. Mr. Bunnell is a splendid representative of the principles for which the administrations stands. He is able, clean, progressive, democratic, fearless, positive and thoroughly Alaskan. He has developed from his boyhood to the full stature of a man, capable of representing the people of this Territory and the great political party of the Nation which is in control of its country's affairs, as a private citizen of Alaska. He has made good in the walk of everyday life as it confronts the average man in the North. He is a concrete example of what Alaska offers to young men—to those who are growing to manhood here and to those who may come here to better their conditions.

In introducing its story of the Wickersham meeting at Juneau the Dispatch says:

"With a smashing right and a clever left Delegate James Wickersham last evening lighted into the political straw men which his opponents had been erecting and, carrying out the figure of speech still further, knocked them about the stage at will and juggled them about like a magician tossing hither and thither glass balls at will."

In view of the developments, we move to amend by striking out the clause, "which his opponents had been erecting."

A LAST RESORT APPEAL.

MR. WICKERSHAM will go back to Congress as the successful candidate of the politically legitimate democratic party of Alaska. Were Mr. Bunnell successful he would simply be representing a politically outlaw branch of the democrats of Alaska.—Ketchikan Mail.

As a last resort appeal to Democrats for support of Delegate Wickersham, the Mail advances the foregoing contention in behalf of the so-called convention of the Frametes at Valdez, which re-nominated Delegate Wickersham, as the "main issue" of the campaign, and dares the discussion of the proposition. The Empire devoted a good deal of space to this question sometime ago. It showed that the so-called organization which was responsible for the Frame convention was the outgrowth of forged proxies—among the names of those forged was the name of at least one man who had been dead for a long time. It showed that the subcommittee of the National convention credentials committee and afterward the credentials committee, itself, both UNANIMOUSLY rejected the delegates selected by Frametes, and recognized the regular Democratic delegation. It showed that the Frametes' candidate for Delegate to Congress received only 281 votes in the entire Territory. It showed that the candidate for Delegate to Congress of the so-called convention, the man selected by it for National Committeeman, and, so far as known, every prominent person of standing at his home connected with the movement, had discovered the fraud, and repudiated the organization.

But that is not all. Delegate Wickersham, in his campaign, has waived all claims to the support of any and all kinds of Democrats as party men. He claims to be independent, and he says the administration is not entitled to the credit the people of Alaska have given it for the comprehensive program that has been adopted, but that the credit is largely due to himself, the Taft administration, and Gifford Pinchot, and he terms the President's declaration for a "full Territorial form of government" a "false note."

It is time for the Giants to establish a literary defense committee that will explain that they fell back merely as part of a strategic movement.

PRAYING FOR PEACE.

THE GENERAL observance of the day set apart by President Wilson for Americans to pray for peace in Europe presents a majestic lesson. It was proof of a Christian interest in America for all mankind. It demonstrated that this country recognizes the brotherhood of man—the fraternal spirit. Cain's implied philosophy in the question, "am I my brother's keeper?" has no place in the American creed.

Whatever may be the result on the peace of Europe of the American day of prayer, it cannot help but be beneficial upon those who participated in its observance, nor can it fail to have lasting effect in the United States. When a whole Nation prays for peace among other Nations it is not likely to entertain thoughts of war for itself. At least the prayers that were uttered or breathed last Sunday have made the danger of armed strife on the American continent more remote.

President Wilson is thinking more of settling all the problems possible during his first administration than he is of second term.

The question has suggested itself, how many times will the Russian reserves be ordered mobilized?

The South may yet have to cross Mason and Dixon's line to get a drink.

BOSTONIANS "HOME AGAIN, GONE AGAIN"

The Juvenile Bostonians arrived home last Friday morning on the S. S. Farragut. There was a happy bunch of youngsters when the dock was reached at 10:30 o'clock and instead of hearing the mournful music the kiddies wailed out at the time of their departure, last June, a chorus of jolly voices wafted over the bay as the steamer neared its berth.

The near-juvenile manager, Bertram Lang, was the first to descend the gangplank, followed closely by the kiddies and in the rear, always watchful of her flock, came "Mother" Lang, Director Broomey and Mattie Lerner. Bert's oil-color artist, trailed down the plank burdened with luggage, completing the full count of Seattle's popular operatic organization.

Saturday morning Manager Lang called the roll for a tour of lower Sound cities, playing Bellingham Saturday and Sunday, and Manager Dunham's Rex theatre in Mt. Vernon, Monday and Tuesday.

Tonight the company will leave for Southeastern Alaska towns, playing Manager Strassburg's New Westholm theatre in Prince Rupert, B. C., for seven days, opening next Saturday. Juneau, Alaska follows with four days at Manager John Spickett's Orpheum theatre, opening Oct. 6. Douglas, Alaska will be negotiated following the Jensen engagement and on the return trip home three days will be given in Ketchikan, Alaska, the company arriving back to the States about October 25.

Time is now being negotiated through the Kellie-Burns Theatrical Booking Association for dates in the Northwestern States that will take the Bostonians away for a period of three to four months.—Critic of Seattle.

THE PRESIDENT AND POLITICS.

There seems no reason to doubt the sincerity of President Wilson in urging his friends not to take steps to endorse him for a second term.

If over a man elected to the office gave himself up completely to the job of being president, it is Wilson. He seems to have accepted his commission on the theory that his employers, the people, were not thinking about the next four-year term, but about the present one when they employed him.

Certainly he has gone at his work as if he did not anticipate a second chance at it.

In many ways Wilson has refuted the oft-expressed theory that no president can accomplish anything in four years. It undoubtedly is true that none can who devote a considerable portion of the four years to the task of obtaining another election.

Friends of President Wilson who are bringing up the question of re-nomination at this time are acting unwisely. They are injecting the president's name into politics at a time when he is keeping himself strictly out of politics. It is unlikely that they will succeed in moving him from the same path he has laid out for himself.—Seattle Sun.

VICTIM OF CORDOVA SHOOTING IS DEAD

CORDOVA, Sept. 29.—With two bullet wounds in his body, Tony Papas, an Italian, was found in a gulch in the north end of the town yesterday afternoon. Papas was conscious when found, and informed those who discovered him that the wounds were inflicted by Angelo Vellsalis on Saturday afternoon last. Papas died two hours after reaching the hospital.

In his ante-mortem statement Papas said that he and Vellsalis came from the Bonanza mine at Kennecott where they had worked for nearly a year. On Saturday afternoon they went target shooting with a 22-caliber high-power rifle. When it came Vellsalis' turn to shoot he pointed his weapon at Papas and demanded the \$600 that Papas had in his pocket. Papas refused and Vellsalis then used the rifle as a club and struck him on the head. He fired the two shots at Papas when he was lying on the ground.

Vellsalis is still at large and a strict watch is being maintained at every port to prevent him from leaving the territory.

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IRISH SAVIORS OF BRITISH EMPIRE

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 6.—James K. McGuire, of New York, who has just returned from his native Ireland, says there will be little need for home rule after the war as the Irish will be regarded as the saviors of the Empire. He added: "England is putting 200,000 Irishmen on the firing line and every mother's son of them is a voluntary soldier."

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