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Neff, a carrier pigeon owned by R. W. Webb of Colorado Springs, escaped from his home and returned to the home of his former owner, Mrs. L. M. Boiles, in Boston, in four days.

Fairmont has already launched two candidates for the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket. Fairmont is a remarkably productive field. But it should be warned in time. If it really wants to hold the plan for excellence in the matter of gubernatorial candidates it will need to produce more than two. Huntington will come to the fore in due season with three Republican candidates and one or two Democratic candidates for governor.—Huntington Dispatch.

After conferring together Postmaster-General Cortelyou, Harry F. New of Indiana, acting chairman, and Elmer Dover, secretary of the republican national committee, give out that the office of chairman will be filled at a meeting next December. In this connection Mr. New has taken occasion to say that "If Vice-President Fairbanks allows his name to be presented to the next republican national convention as a candidate for the presidency, and I take it for granted that he will receive the hearty and unanimous sup-

port of the Indiana delegation." This ought to have a mollifying effect upon Mr. Fairbanks and his followers.

Major William Cook Daniels, of Denver, who has been for the past six years exploring in New Guinea and studying anthropology, arrived yesterday on the French liner La Savoie. Major Daniels served under General Shafter in the Spanish-American War. He has been made a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

"After little over a year spent in London," he said, "I fitted out an expedition, and with five scientists sailed for Australia. We chartered a 150-ton schooner and sailed from there to New Guinea. We traveled through that country, studying the people, their customs and their manner of life. I spent two years in this work, and have gathered a mass of interesting data." Major Daniels brings back a quantity of native skulls, bones and implements of war and domestic use. He has also many photographs taken in strange surroundings. These will be given to museums here and in Great Britain.

He has studied the native in every phase of his life. The party had many exciting adventures. One interesting thing seen was the native system of wireless telegraphy. They climb high in trees and make noises by striking the trunks that carry long distances. These sounds are repeated by others, and in a few minutes a message has gone many miles. At night they have a system of light signals. Major Daniels was asked whether he had kept in touch with

civilization while in the wilds.

"I kept partly in touch," he replied in a matter-of-fact tone. "I heard that my wife had got a divorce on the ground of desertion and that she had married again."—New York Times.

### "THEODORE, THE MEDDLER."

The article in Pearson's magazine for January, by James Creelman, entitled "Theodore, the Meddler," after informing us that this is what President Roosevelt is called in the back rooms of Wall street goes on with these parallels:

But the same thing was said of every strong man who grappled openly with ignorance, avarice, or oppression in the history of the world. The Romans said it of St. Paul when they beheaded him; the Stuarts said it of Cromwell when they hung his exhumed skeleton on a gibbet; The Thirty said it of Socrates when they made him drink hemlock; the Diet of Worms said it of Luther; the Selignors said it of Savonarola, and burned him in chains; the Salamancan sages said it of Columbus; the Vatican said it of Washington, and the greed of half a continent said it of Lincoln.

Mr. Creelman would find it hard to prove that the name was used in several of these cases. The Thirty were hurled from power four years before Socrates was condemned; his chief accuser had been one of their victims; their guiding spirit had been his favorite pupil, and they had tried to bribe him to their support with a share in their confiscations. It would be exactly as true to say that the democratic party kept Tilden from the presidency. Later on we have this statement:

Mr. Roosevelt does not believe that weaklings, academicians or mugwumps can grapple with the tendencies of these times, but that success can come only to vital red blood and fighting strength used fearlessly and constantly.

Nobody knows better that Mr. Roosevelt that the mugwumps showed red blood and fighting strength in 1884, which produced a permanent revolution in American politics.

### INSANE PURSUIT OF WEALTH.

Discussing recently at Carnegie Hall, New York, "The Evils of Surplus Wealth" Dr. Felix Adler contended that the commercial spirit shown in the accumulation of most of the vast fortunes is a species of insanity. The accumulators who take leave of human feeling in amas-

sing wealth ought, he held, to be shut up in sanitariums until cured. The kind of commercial spirit referred to is illustrated in the adulteration of foodstuffs, in overworking small children and generally in the exploitation of the needs and vices of mankind. Dr. Adler concedes that some multimillion fortunes are honestly acquired. By great inventions or by clear insight into business propositions, as well as by inheritance, a good man may become the lawful possessor of untainted millions, but very many of our millionaires are thought to have acquired their huge piles by abhorrent methods. They have only utilized, it is true, existing commercial practices, under existing laws, but they have profited by the defects of both. The morality of their methods is conceded and condemned, but such is the demoralization of the American commercial spirit that nearly every American, it is said by the cynics, is ready to confess that, had he the opportunity, he would get rich quick in the same ways. In a small country, with a different cult, small fortunes are to be expected, but in a vast continent like the United States, where "success" means the acquisition of dollars and the aggregate wealth exceeds \$100,000,000,000, monster fortunes are a natural evolution. Laws may be devised to mitigate the offensive aspects of such accumulations, but the only true remedy is to uplift American ideas, so that culture, knowledge and other laboriously acquired personal accomplishments will receive the highest honor, regardless of wealth.—Baltimore Sun.

### THE MAN OF IT.

Her bonnet was pink,  
I think,  
Or was it a shade of blue?  
Her jacket was gray.  
They say—  
I'd tell you if I knew.  
She had on a velvet dress,  
I guess,  
Oh was it a velveteen?  
The bodice was shirred.  
I heard—  
I'd tell you if I had seen.

"Where were my eyes that day?"  
You say,  
They were filled with her peerless grace;  
Her eyes were so bright  
("That's right")  
I saw nothing else but her face.  
—Laurena W. Sheldon.

He who has once invited the devil into his house will never be rid of him.—German

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