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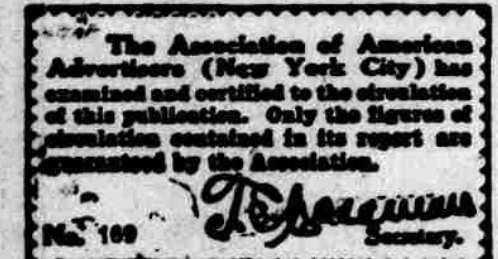
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Items Gathered in
From Far and Near

The Civic Center.
From the Milwaukee Journal.—
Nothing better illustrates the quick-
ening conscience of our American
cities than the growing demands for
civic centers. In nearly all of the
larger cities of the country there is
now live and earnest discussion of
the city to be made beautiful, not by a
park here and a widened avenue
there, but according to a carefully
laid out plan which embraces the en-
tire city or, at least, a large area.
Washington, of course, leads in esthetic
accomplishment, thanks to the wis-
dom of our first president, who set
down in a general way the relation
of the chief thoroughfares to the
capitol as a center, and whose plan
has found general acceptance with
the special commission appointed to
consider the artistic upbuilding of the
city. But although Washington has
had the advantage of an early start, it
is by no means the only American
municipality which has begun de-
velopment according to a preconceived
plan. Cleveland, Ohio, has under way
the beginnings of a civic center and
is planning to extend it largely. Chi-
cago has awakened to the fact that
business will not make up for lack of
beauty, and her public-spirited citi-
zens are now working for a scheme
which contemplates the electrifica-
tion of all her steam railroads, the
beautifying of her lake front and other
large projects. Denver, too, has a
civic center project on foot, and San
Francisco has been paying more at-
tention to matters of physical im-
provement since the earthquake.

Peace and Good Will.
From the Baltimore Sun.—We find
in the Washington dispatches day by
day that this or that senator or un-
official citizen has made a call at the
white house for the first time in some
years. It is especially gratifying to
observe that in the inheritance of the
problems of the Roosevelt adminis-
tration none of the personal hostilities
and resentments have come to
Mr. Taft or have been accepted by
him. The office of president of the
United States is the people's office,
and no occupant of that office has
any just right to impair his useful-
ness to the country by the indulgence
of personal resentments and animosities.
The different departments of
the government should work together
in harmony for the best interests of
the public and in order to do this
there should be personal good will
and mutual confidence. President
Taft makes every promise of this.
His natural temperament is a guar-
anty of it, and the beginning of his
administration is most auspicious.

Quieter.
From the New York World.—Wash-
ington reports that congressmen are
losing that hunted look and can hear
the secret service mentioned without
jumping.

Fashionable.
From the Scranton Tribune.—Inau-
guration grip is said to be one of the
fashionable diseases of the week.

Taken Care of All Right.
From the Birmingham Ledger.—Mr.
Loeb didn't get into the cabinet, but
he got something, financially, about
as good.

TWINKLES

Evasion.
"What's the plural of hippopotamus?" asked the grammarian.
"You don't have to use any plural.
A hunter is lucky to see one of 'em."

Ample Provision.
What though the speeches that befall
Seem copious and redundant,
If pigeonholes can be found too small
Wastebaskets are abundant.

Recollection.
"We will remember last 4th of
March for many a day to come," said
the patriotic citizen.
"We will," answered Mr. Sirus
Barker.
"The colds we took won't allow us
to forget it."

Self-Deception.
"Yes," said the valetudinarian, gay-
ly, "I have discovered a way to keep

GORDONISM; THE EFFECT ON CHARACTER AND
JUDGMENT.

If one attribute of the human mind is more important than any other, it would be hard to discriminate as to which that one is. But it seems possible that the sub-conscious memory has as much, or more to do with the actual thinking of the individual than any other. For the sub-conscious memory is like the sensitive plates of the photographer on which are quietly fixed the unconscious indelible impressions which later on go into the mind as a definite point of view or basis for action.

What has this to do with Richmond and Wayne County? It has more than the average citizen will like to admit, but if he be thoughtful, he will at least secretly agree to what we have to say.

We are speaking of the assassination of character, of the loss of a healthy point of view, in this community. One man is responsible for it. And whether this has been intentional or unwitting, he is none the less responsible as its cause.

The man is the editor of The Item—and his name is J. Bennett Gordon. The mere name will call up a vision of ream after ream of paper on which is printed in vitriolic ink the denunciation of anything and every-thing. Ream after ream of intangible insinuation, of distortion, of twisted and violent thoughts. It has been a curious spectacle to observe that, when there is a good chance to say bitter words—that chance has rarely been lost. It is the fate and product of any mind which indulges in this sort of thing that it eventually becomes destructive rather than constructive. If you prefer it in the names of the street, you will call it "knocking."

The trouble is that in many cases the thing which was attacked has not justified the violent abuse heaped on it. There has been no contrast. Acid should be used sparingly and on the exact spot—not spread in an erratic manner. Pruning should be done judiciously, not with indiscriminate gashes of the knife.

And this has been the trouble with Bennett Gordon, that he has not been judicial in his reasoning; he has clubbed where a few quiet words would have been better. Vinegar is needed now and then—but when constantly employed, it is not healthy—it becomes gall.

If this were only a matter of consequence to Mr. Gordon it would be simply a personal affair. But it is a matter which has unconsciously affected every man and woman in this town, whether they are aware of it or not. For the acid of vituperation, nihilism and destruction has become so violent in its action on the mental sub-consciousness of the whole community that character and judgment have become affected.

What means this general distrust of one man of another? Neighbor looks at neighbor and wonders if there is not something "crooked" about him. The spirit of vindictiveness has increased alarmingly. The storm of abuse which was hurled back and forth, both before and after a late election was due to the fact that we had been fed on violent words on every possible occasion, justified or unjustified. The thing is poisonously morbid and morbid. It has insinuated itself into our very marrow.

Of course the policy has drawn its popularity from the fact that all over the country there has been a reaction against corruption in politics and in society. But that does not justify an individual violent act committed in the name of reform. The pendulum must swing as it has since the dawn of history. And if the pendulum is pushed too far in one direction, its swing back does not stop at the healthy average, but far on the other side.

That is the danger with the words of Mr. Gordon. Prejudice and antagonism have soured and embittered the good work which he might have done in restoring the temper of the town and county to its healthy point of view.

The seed has been sown and is growing. Where will it end? A reaction is bound to happen. Shall this be violent or shall it swing slowly back to a healthy point of view? Shall the policy be destructive in this town—or constructive. Build up or tear down?

For no matter what you apply this to, you will find that Gordonism (or the spirit of violence) has entered into it. Whether it be politics or business or the daily life of the people—it is there.

In regard to the republican party—the question is, "Shall you build up strongly from within or tear down indiscriminately from without?"

In business, "Shall you attack one another and be attacked or is it not better to co-operate and work together for a common gain?"

And in the consideration of the business of the city: "What will you have? Violent antagonism of old enemies—unfairness of mental bias and instability—or will you have a normal outlook, unsoured by prejudice, which is content to go about the building up of the city in all its departments?"

The pessimistic view point, which sees nothing but bad in the world, is based on the hate of fellow men and not of their evils. For the mind which hates, obliterates all the good in life—it even clouds the hope for better things. Such has been the policy which has led to the dispensing of acid broadcast in the town. It is not the thing to build on. It is unstable.

We are hopeful of the future and realize that the town to prosper, must be built up. The good will eliminate the evil, for the good must eventually triumph. Whether you consider man's processes in the saving of the wheat—letting the straw and chaff decay; or whether you consider the healing processes of nature—which when they cannot remove the dangerous substance, close around it and render it harmless—it is growth and not revolt which is curative.

Cutting and slashing are harmful and do not belong to the skillful manipulation of a surgeon's knife. The recklessly erratic handling of things with sharp edges is as bad as the worst cancer in its effect on the body. And it is the body that we are concerned with.

Bennett Gordonism in this community has had its share of tearing down, in hate. And that time is fast changing—it is only human nature. It cannot go on in this neurotic, high strung fashion, not because we say so, but because the human mind, which is healthy, is prone to throw off diseased outlooks.

Look back at the progress of the human race. You will see that it is only the normal growth, the healthy building up which has been valuable enough to last.

The froth—that has gone.

What we need in Richmond is what is bound to come. It is a return to a sane and cheerful outlook, unmingled with spite and concerned only in healthy plans for the future. In looking back the people will see what they will have done unconsciously—avoiding one extreme rather than the other.

For one extreme is as bad as the other.

And Gordonism is an extreme which, though it has played its part, cannot be permanent.

We say that this will pass because we have confidence in the ultimate judgment of human nature and the citizens of Richmond in particular.

If it continues to grow—there is nothing short of a miracle which will save us from a reaction which would shock even the most hardened.

That is why Gordonism, having played its part in the assassination of human judgment, is unhealthy.

Mr. Gordon desires to be Mayor of Richmond.

A GOOD PROGRAM
FOR THE MEETING

Preble County Teachers Meet
At Eaton.

Eldorado, O., March 19.—The regular monthly meeting of the Preble County Teachers' association will be held in the Eaton Opera house Saturday, Prof. O. T. Carson, of Columbus, formerly of Preble county, and Prof. J. A. Brown-ecker, instructor in geology at the Ohio State University, have been secured as instructors. The program is a very interesting one, and a large number of teachers are expected.

TO MAKE EFFORT
TO FINISH WORK
THE FIRST OF JUNE

Congress Is Eager to Comply
With Request of President
Taft for Fast Work on the
Tariff Bill.

TO BRING PRESSURE
FOR OTHER MEASURES

If Cannon Sticks to Plan Not
To Appoint House Commit-
tees This Plan Will Be a
Futile One.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, March 19.—Congress is very eager to comply with President Taft's suggestion that the tariff bill be passed and adjournment taken at the earliest date consistent with careful legislation. A very earnest effort will be made to complete the work by June 1, and no one is now heard predicting that final passage of the bill will be delayed more than a fortnight beyond that date. It is only a few weeks ago that senators and representatives were talking of October 1 as an early date for adjournment.

For Other Legislation.

There is going to be no little pressure for consideration of other legislative matters, despite President Taft's advice to the contrary, but if Speaker Cannon sticks to his resolve not to appoint the house committees this pressure will be futile. It is possible an exception may be made in the case of the bill providing for the taking of the next census, which was vetoed by President Roosevelt, because it did not provide that appointments should be made upon certification of the civil service commission. Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana has reintroduced the bill in form which meets this objection and it is desirable the measure should be passed at the earliest possible date in order that preliminary work for the census taking may begin.

Inauguration Date.

Another matter which will be pushed is the resolution providing for submitting to the states the constitutional amendment necessary to changing the date of inauguration. The argument of those urging the measure is that action should be taken while memory of the terrible weather of last 4th of March is still fresh in mind, but as the matter is not one upon which immediate action is vital, Speaker Cannon is not likely to pave the way for its consideration by appointing the judiciary committee.

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While a serious decline is shown in the international trade of last year, the balance of trade is greater than ever before in favor of the United States.

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Indianapolis, March 19.—Considerable interest is being taken in the race for department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Indiana, the election to be held in May at the state encampment at Crawfordsville. There always is a good race for this position and generally there are several candidates among the old soldiers. Just now there are three aspirants for the position of department commander. They are Capt. O. M. Lacey, of Fountain City; O. A. Summers, of Kokomo and Capt. O. G. Thomson, of Lafayette.

Lacey was adjutant of the sixty-ninth Indiana regiment during the civil war, of which Oran Perry was a member. Perry is now adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, and because of his old friendship for Lacey he is taking an active interest in the latter's campaign for department commander. This gives Lacey a good deal of prestige, because he is considered the Grand Army administration candidate.

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Lydia Ann Rogers, his wife
Alice Laning
Esmeralda, his daughter, Bessie Jones
Dave Hardy, a young N. C. farmer
Herbert Tebbetts
Estabrook, a man of leisure
John Smoyer
Jack Desmond, an American artist in Paris
Brook Fagan
Nora Desmond, his sister
Sarah Addington
Kate Desmond, his sister
Virginia Graves
Marquis De Montessin, a French Adventurer
Daniel Beebe
George Drew, an American speculator
Raymond Myrick
Butler
R. M. Goho
Act 1—Room in Rogers' house, North Carolina.
Act 2—A studio in Paris.
Act 3—A room in Rogers' house in Paris.
Act 4—Same as act 2.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Friday, March 19.—Richmond Commandery No. 8, K. T. Forty-eighth anniversary. Reception for all Regular Royal Arch, and Royal and Select Masons.

Saturday, March 20.—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. Regular meeting.

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