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Folk and Foss is the Democratic presidential ticket suggested in the East. If such a ticket is nominated it may well be called "Fuss and Feathers."

A Public Service Commission, such as has been proposed by Governor Hadley, is desired by everybody except the heads of big corporations and Democratic politicians.

There is a general sentiment in favor of revising and amending the constitution of the State but not by a convention two-thirds or three-fourths Democratic.

Hon. Walter S. Dickey, of the Missouri River Navigation Company, has bought another modern boat for the Missouri river traffic his company is to develop. Keep your eye on Mr. Dickey and his boats.

President Taft will attend the Southern Commercial Congress at Atlanta March 8, 9 and 10. Missouri will send a strong delegation. Col. Roosevelt will be there. Governor Hadley will attend if he can get away from pressing duties at Jefferson City.

A partisan policy in a State legislative body is not apt to conserve the public good, unless the dominating party is far more patriotic and conservative than the majority in the Missouri State Senate has been for more than a quarter of a century.

Under any fair decision that may follow the contest proceedings instituted by defeated Democratic candidates for Supreme Judge and Superintendent of Schools the Democratic leaders who forced the contests will have nothing to gain.

The best game and fish law ever enacted by a Missouri legislature is in successful operation. The chief objection to it, on the part of certain Democratic politicians, is that it originated with and has been made successful by Republicans.

The Supreme Court of Arkansas, composed of five Judges, handed down 2,245 opinions during 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909. During the same years the Supreme Court of Missouri, with seven judges, handed down only 1,528. Too many old men on the Missouri bench, perhaps.

The State Game and Fish Commissioner urged farmers and others to feed the Hungarian pheasants and native quail when snow covered the food on which such birds live. The farmer who sustains bird life in the winter will enjoy the songs and the presence of the birds of summer and will feel his heart growing softer and better.

Home rule is a cardinal doctrine of the Republican party but enforcement of State laws within the cities is a settled policy of that party. There's a limit to local privilege drawn by the constitution and the statutes. The state cannot afford to divest itself of authority to maintain that limitation when it is neglected or ignored by city officials. The pending Democratic home rule bill would remove all restraints now imposed under state laws and turn over to commissioners elected by the cities absolute control of excise, police and election matters, which is a dangerous proposition.

A part of the Grant farm in St. Louis county has been offered as a site for the State capitol. It is too historic to be available and too far from the city to be accessible. The effort to take the capitol to St. Louis has developed extraordinary generosity on the part of the people with land suited to town lot development.

Under the present dramshop laws county courts can levy on saloon licenses, for state purposes, \$400.00 a year, and must levy not less than \$200.00. Few of them levy more than \$200.00. In St. Louis, and in Jackson and several other counties \$300.00 is levied. Governor Hadley would fix the minimum at \$300 a year for State purposes.

The eighth biennial report on the examination of State banks and trust companies has just been issued by Hon. John E. Swanger, State Bank Commissioner. It is the first biennial report of the State banking department since its separation from the office of Secretary of State. The volume is full of useful information for bankers, financiers and law makers. It is splendidly compiled.

There's no politics in the new capitol bond proposition. It springs from a calamity produced by lightning and fire, and is to be submitted to the people under a clause of the constitution apparently written to meet just such an emergency as the destruction of the State Capitol demanded. The Republican State administration heartily favors it.

To pay the interest and principle of the proposed State bonds will require an increase in the rate of taxation of but 20 cents on each \$1000 of taxable values each year for thirteen years. The farmer who pays taxes on an assessment of \$5000 will pay one dollar a year more than he now pays. The average taxpayer will pay less than ten dollars in thirteen years. Will any intelligent, wide-awake Missourian of moderate means object to such a light burden?

While the Republicans of the State have been put to considerable expense and annoyance by the disposition of defeated Democratic candidates to doubt the honesty and fairness of the November election in St. Louis and in St. Louis county they are to be congratulated on the fact that these unfortunate Democrats have proven conclusively that honest and fair voting and counting of ballots was the rule in the city and county of St. Louis. This is a great disappointment to our Democratic brethren, but it may impress upon their minds more deeply the fact that Missouri is a Republican state and that a Democrat has only a fighting chance, at a fair election, to win a state office.

BILLS AND PARTY PLEDGES

Up to the close of last week none of the legislation promised in party platforms of last year had been enacted. Governor Hadley, as head of the Republican administration, has not only suggested measures for carrying out every pledge of the Republican party but has caused conservative bills to be prepared and introduced. Primary responsibility for all legislation by the present assembly rests with the Democratic majority therein, which is large enough to control the passage of bills. If the bills suggested and supported by Governor Hadley are rejected by the Democratic majority the Democratic party will have to assume the responsibility. If the Democratic majority enacts substitutes for these bills that fall short of the purposes sought to be accomplished and are at variance with the principles and propositions to which the Governor stands pledged, and he

finds it necessary to veto them, the Republican minority will prevent their final adoption over his veto.

Appointments of Democratic governors made in the interims between sessions of the legislature have always been considered and generally approved by the Democratic Senate at the beginning of the session. Such appointments, made by Governor Hadley, a Republican have been held in abeyance by the present Democratic Senate for some reason not apparent to anybody but Democratic senators.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

An election to determine, by vote of the people, whether a constitutional convention shall be held can be ordered at any time by an act of the General Assembly, subject to the approval of the governor. If the people vote for a convention at such an election then the governor must order an election for delegates to the convention. Both elections must be held separate and apart from any other election; but that for the election of delegates must be held not less than three nor more than six months after the people vote for a convention. Each senatorial district elects two delegates, who must have the qualifications of a State Senator. Should such an election be held this year at least twenty out of the thirty four districts, and possibly twenty-three, could, and doubtless would, elect Democrats, thus insuring an overwhelming Democratic majority in the convention. The constitution written by the convention must be submitted to vote at a special election on a day fixed by the convention. So three separate special elections are necessary to the adoption of a new constitution. See section 8 of Article XV of the Constitution.

"INTIMIDATION" AT ST. LOUIS.

The Legislative investigating Committee having discovered a few incidents of "police intimidation" of Democratic voters quit its work and will doubtless parade before the people a glaring report that in St. Louis the Democratic police force was used by Republicans last November to intimidate Democratic voters. The truth is that the only voters intimidated by the police were crooks, and "Indians" who had managed to get their names on the registration lists and would have voted had the Board of Election Commissioners not placed their names in the hands of the policemen at the voting places. When they came to vote they were hindered by the police because they had no right to vote. This is the kind of intimidation the Legislative committee severely condemns. Such voters were never intimidated under Democratic rule. They will never be permitted to vote under Republican rule.

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Leader of the Insurrection Who
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ARCHBISHOP RYAN DEAD

Murmurs Dying Words of St. Paul Before Passing Away.

Archbishop Patrick John Ryan of Philadelphia is dead at his residence in that city. Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Archbishop Patrick John Ryan of Philadelphia is dead at his residence in this city. The death of the archbishop came as a distinct shock, as the prelate was thought on the way to recovery after making a brave fight against death. Just previous to his death he murmured the dying words of St. Paul: "I wish to be dissolved and be with Christ." The end came an hour later, while his household watched at his bedside. He would have been 80 years old had he lived until the 20th of this month. According to the laws of the church Auxiliary Bishop Prendergast becomes the administrator of the archdiocese pending the appointment of a successor. It is said that Bishop Prendergast, who is well advanced in years, has no desire to be promoted.

TO RUSH RECIPROCITY

House Takes Up Consideration of Canadian Agreement.

The house decided to take up the consideration of the reciprocity agreement with Canada at once and rush it to a vote. The vote was 121 to 106. The vote against taking up the measure came almost wholly from the Republican side. The Democrats voted almost solidly for immediate consideration. Some of the Republicans who voted against displacing the regular order are not expected to place themselves on record against reciprocity at a final vote. Mr. McCall of Massachusetts will handle the time for debate in favor of the bill and Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania will serve in like capacity for the opposition.

SPEAKS FOR LORIMER

Senator Johnston of Alabama Defends Report of Committee.

Mr. Lorimer had an inning in the senate. Mr. Johnston of Alabama took the floor in his behalf in a spirited speech defended and sustained the report of the committee which declared the Illinois senator's election valid. Senator Culham also addressed the senate. He did not make an argument in the Lorimer case, but replied to the challenge of Senator Hale and the talk on corruption in the Illinois legislature, defending his title and placing upon the record facts which he said showed that no bribery or corruption of any kind was ever used in his behalf. Senator Lorimer has gone to Chicago, it is said, to consult a physician concerning his ear. While he was en route to Chicago his friends were arriving in Washington to urge Senator Culham to vote for him.

FIRE COSTS \$500,000

Standard Oil Plant at Point Richmond, Cal., Scene of Blaze.

At Point Richmond, Cal., a big fire caused by blazing soot from a chimney falling on the roof of the old sulphuric acid plant of the Standard Oil company, destroyed that plant, a tank containing 500,000 gallons of crude oil, and damaged the \$1,000,000 acid plant. One man, Carl McPherson, a workman, fell into a ditch filled with blazing sulphuric acid, and was terribly burned. The damage is estimated at \$500,000.

Hot Springs Has \$50,000 Fire.

At Hot Springs, Ark., Monday, fire gutted the Southern Hotel on Whitewater avenue, causing \$50,000 damage. The hotel was crowded with guests, several of whom escaped from the burning structure only at great risks.

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