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THE DIN OF BATTLE.

According to a Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Republic the opposition to President Roosevelt's plan to control the next Republican convention is active in all sections of the country, and it is accompanied by a great outcry about the use of offices and officeholders to promote the ends of the administration. The dispatch says:

No one denies that the officeholders are being utilized to the limit and that public offices are made pawns in the game.

In the South, especially, there are loud shouts and bewailings over this practice.

In Georgia a "State League" has been formed to resist the administration faction.

A review of the outcroppings in various quarters will show an interesting state of affairs.

In Illinois the administration has failed entirely in what it desired to do through Governor Deneen, since it appears that Speaker Cannon will have the delegation of his state.

In Pennsylvania the Knox movement has been successfully organized with Senator Penrose backing it, in spite of the fact that the president accused Penrose of being the chief promoter of the famous \$5,000,000 "conspiracy."

Indiana is for Fairbanks and in New York Governor Hughes flatly turned down the Roosevelt overtures, which sought to use both state and federal patronage in the endeavor to gain control there.

From other sources, also, comes the word that the reactionaries, mollycods and conspirators have begun to call the president "boss" and "dictator" and other odious things. On the other hand the presidents friends are charging that his enemies in his own party are "pouring out money like water" in their efforts to gain strength enough to control the convention and nominate a man who will be satisfactory to Harriman, Rockefeller and the "interests" generally.

Sec'y Taft was very frank with the representative of the protective tariff league, who called upon him with the threats of that organization. He expressed in the beginning his personal belief that the tariff needed revision. This is evidence, we think, that his judgment on the subject is sound, and he went on to prove that his judgment as a party man is sound also. He indicated that the country had been put off with vague promises of revision quite long enough, and that a continuation of the old policy would be disastrous to the party that was responsible for it. There are thousands of Republicans, East and West, who share his views as to revision and who are prepared to make good his conditional prophecy under such provocation as they have received in the past. Naturally they will take to a man who is not infatuated with the standard brand and who plays big politics against peanut politics.

Had Name Badly Mixed.

How some people come to figure with an alias on police records was illustrated the other day when an Italian was called upon to come into court under the name of Mikado. His name figured on the docket as "Ricardo," but it turned out that he had given his name to the court officer correctly as "Genero."

Elephants Make Trouble.

For some reason not yet discovered, the elephants in Rhodesia have a rooted objection to the mile pegs along the railway line. They pull them out of the ground with their trunks and cause considerable annoyance as a result.

THE SEASON OF 1907 IS ON.

First Game Called at 1:30 O'Clock—The Marion Owls the Attraction.

Remember, the fun starts promptly at one-thirty o'clock.

Richmond bowed in defeat to Duncirk yesterday by a score of 2 to 0.

Hartford City defeated the Kokomo-Sharpsville bunch yesterday by a score of 5 to 0.

Everything is in readiness for the season to open, and it is now up to the fans to attend and lend the management their encouragement.

Bluffton was defeated yesterday by a score of 3 to 2, Portland turning the trick. Mr. Mallicote, Bluffton's pitcher, was touched up for eleven hits.

Winger, the sturdy little backstop, has fully recovered from his recent injuries and is in perfect condition to go in and catch the game of his life.

The lineup for today's game and the batting order will be as follows: Ayette, 3b; Behringer, ss; Linderbeck, cf; Burns, lf; Way, rf; Pierce, 2b; Daniels, 1b; Winger, c. and Welden or Geyer p.

The grounds are in excellent condition and if the game is not a fast one it cannot be laid to this. Special care has been taken to make the grounds fast and the efforts of the ground keeper have been successful.

The Marion Owls arrived on the noon train and are ready to do the battle of their life. They are confident of winning at least one of the games and say they will force the locals to go the limit to defeat them. The Owls are strong, we admit, but overconfidence is a bad thing for any team to be troubled with.

Every accommodation for the benefit of the public has been installed at the park and it is now up to the fans to turn out and show the management that they endorse their actions. Remember, the first game will be pulled off promptly at one-thirty.

The Citizens' Telephone company have installed a phone in the Democrat booth at the park, which will be used to telephone the results into the office for the benefit of those who cannot attend. The phone is a dandy, and the telephone company is entitled to much credit for their effort.

Either Welden or Geyer will be used in the first game, which one will be determined only by whom the Owls use in this contest. If the Owls use Blankenbaker, Mr. Geyer will perform for the locals, and if not just vice versa.

Valorous.

An old time lord mayor of London whose sporting experience was limited rode forth one day to join the city hunt in the fields about Marylebone. Placed by his escort under a tree, his lordship heard the hounds give tongue in the distance, and the sounds grew louder and louder till one of the city scouts shouted out, "The hare comes this way, my lord." The lord mayor rose to the occasion, and drawing his sword, he exclaimed heroically: "Let him come! I thank my God I fear him not!"—Household Words.

A Display of Tact.

"Pa, what's tact?"
"I'll tell you. If Mr. Dulwich, our minister, should some day announce that he would resign unless we raised his salary he would not show tact, but if he hinted that he intended to remain here and preach to us all his life unless we gave him a raise he would exhibit tact in the highest degree. I hope you understand."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Straight Tip.

Geck (who has already wearied the guests with many songs)—Now I will sing you one more song and then go home. Lady—Pardon me, but do you attach much importance to the order of your programme?—Flegende Blatter.

Cruel.

Maud (before the laughing hyena's cage)—How provoking! Here we've been twenty minutes, and the hyena hasn't laughed once. Ella—Strange, and he's been crying your new hat too.

Reasonable.

His Lordship—Whatever could you have been thinking of to steal the sheep? The Prisoner—I dunno, my lord; I must ha' been woolgatherin'.

Knew Him.

Beggar—Kind lady! I was not always like this. Lady—No, yesterday you had the other arm tied up.—Szentok.

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BIRD SUPERSTITIONS.

Queer Beliefs That Were Held by the Ancient Mariners.

Birds as inhabitants of the air were naturally chosen by the ancients as oracles and augurs of future happenings. The sensitiveness to atmospheric changes shown by many birds aided in establishing these notions. The real indications often furnished by sea birds of a coming storm or calm were doubtless magnified by the anxious, superstitious sailor.

The custom of hanging the sea swallow so that the bill may point to the wind arose from the old time custom of suspending the bird by the feet, expecting it would renew its feathers as if alive.

Divination by the flight of birds was a favorite method in the olden times. Sailors watched their flight for indications of prosperous voyages and favoring winds. As they were thought to fly through the air to heaven, they easily became messengers of the will of the gods.

The albatross is believed by Jack tar to sleep on the winds. It was at one time thought that the petrel hatched its eggs under its wings.

The kingfisher was at one time kept in chests to keep away moths. The fishhawk was esteemed a bringer of good luck; it boded good or evil as its cry was to the right or left.

There was an old superstition that gulls were never seen bleeding. Shooting stars were then supposed to be the half digested food of winter gulls.

CLEOPATRA.

The Story of Her Death From the Bite of an Asp.

It is admitted that Cleopatra killed herself to avoid being exhibited at Rome in the triumph of Octavius, who had made war upon her and Antony because the latter had divorced his (Octavius) sister on the queen's account. But did she die from a snake's bite? It is better to think not. "If her death had been caused by any serpent, the small viper would rather have been chosen than the large asp, but the story is disproved by her having decked herself in the royal ornaments and being found dead without any marks or suspicion of poison on her body."

Death from a serpent's bite could not have been mistaken, and her vanity would not have allowed her to choose one which would have disgraced her in so frightful a manner.

Other poisons were well understood and easy of access, and no boy would have ventured to carry an asp in a basket of figs, some of which he even offered to the guards as he passed, and even Plutarch shows that the story of the asp was doubtful. Nor is the statue carried in Augustus' triumph, which had an asp upon it, any proof of his belief in it, since the snake was the emblem of Egyptian royalty. The statue (or the crown) of Cleopatra could not have been without one, and this was probably the origin of the whole story.

Deaf Dogs Are Rare.

People have been known to excuse watch dogs for dereliction of duty on the ground that the dogs might be hard of hearing. This excuse ought not to go. A veterinary surgeon of Cleveland remarked that in his thirty-five years' experience he had never heard of a deaf dog. His remark led to inquiries among two or three other veterinarians and not one had ever heard of a dog that couldn't hear. When a watch dog or any other dog doesn't hear a man that is prowling about the house it is because it doesn't want to hear. Horses are frequently treated by veterinarians for deafness, and even cats are hard of hearing occasionally, but deaf dogs seem to be unknown in Cleveland at least.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Mohammedan Oath.

Of all the many forms of taking the oath used in the courts perhaps the most picturesque is that which the Mohammedan is required to take. It is a silent ceremony. The son of Islam places his right hand flat upon the Koran and puts the other on his forehead; then he brings his forehead down to and in contact with the book. He then raises himself and looks up steadfastly for some seconds. The officer of the court should then—though he sometimes forgets this—ask the Mohammedan, "Are you bound by the ceremony you have performed to speak the truth?" and the answer is, "I am." In India the ceremony has been abolished in favor of an affirmation.

Milk In Turkey.

In Turkey there is a great consumption of the milk of the buffalo, the common cow, the goat and the ewe, but it is hardly ever used in a natural state. After slow cooling the milk is treated with a ferment taken from the previous day's supply. In a few hours a curd forms which is called yaghour. The preparation is preferred to milk and it has a pleasant, clean, acid taste and is, of course, nutritious.

The Happy Family.

Mrs. Scraggington (in the midst of her reading)—Here is an item which says that full grown rhinoceroses cost \$12,000 apiece. Mr. Scraggington (meanly)—Eh-yah! And isn't it a pity that women can't wear them on their hats?—Smart Set.

His Smile.

Old Hunks (sitting for his photograph)—What are you asking me to look pleasant for? Blame it, ain't I smiling? Photographer—Yes, sir; that's why I am asking you to try to look pleasant.—Chicago Tribune.

We are best of all led to men's principles by what they do.—Butler.

A HOME WEDDING

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Sweet peas were given as favors of the evening. The invited guests numbered 150 friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman left on the night train for several southern cities. Mrs. Kauffman's going away gown was of blue serge made as an English walking suit. After June 15th Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman will be at home on north Fifth street. Mrs. Kauffman is an earnest worker in the Methodist church and has many friends who wish her all the happiness that the future can hold for her. Mr. Kauffman is one of Decatur's most lustling young business men, and congratulations are likewise extended to him. Elegant gifts of every description were received by the happy couple from far and near.

The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hendricks and daughters, of Portland; Alma Burke, of Portland; Mr. J. D. Hendricks and wife, from Monroe; Edson Brake, of Ft. Wayne; Messrs. Hickman, of Duncirk; John Kauffman, of Redkey; Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jolitte, of St. Marys, Ohio; Mrs. Frank Smith and daughter Ruth, of Hammond; Miss Marie Kelley, of Jackson, Michigan.

LINEN AND SILKS

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by them. The guests departed at ten thirty o'clock complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Vogt on the charming manner they entertained each guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Peterson had as their guests last evening for six o'clock dinner at their home on north Second street, all their children and their children. As may be easily imagined, it was a very delightful and happy event, being given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alwein, of Shelby, Ohio. Mrs. Alwein was formerly Miss Grace Peterson. Every one from little Lois Peterson to Grandpa Peterson enjoyed every moment of the time. The guests included Messrs. and Mesdames J. S. Peterson, W. A. Lower, J. H. Heller, Frank Alwein, C. O. France, John Magley and the children, Miss Lizzie Peterson and Messrs. Cal, Tom and Dick Peterson, numbering twenty-six in all.

Miss Mae Sells delightfully entertained at the home of her uncle, L. A. Graham on Fourth street at a twelve o'clock dinner yesterday. Those who enjoyed this event were Mr. and Mrs. George Coffman, of Erie, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sells, of Elwood, Ind.; Mrs. Hattie Sells, of Monroe, Ind.

The next event on the calendar for commencement week was the class day exercises held at the high school building, commencing at 7:30. The first number was a duet by the Misses Winifred Johnson and Fannie Frisinger; next, salutary by Harry Dible, which was not only good, but fine; Miss Johnson had letters from ex-teachers; Violin solo by Walter T. Baltzell; this pleased each guest very much; following this came the class will by Miss Fannie Frisinger; a poem by Walter T. Baltzell and then the last was very pleasing to all, which was the farewell D. H. S. by Leanta Winans. Miss Winans' remarks were excellent; they contained noble thoughts and good advice, and there is no doubt that the other classes will surely heed the warning of this farewell. At the conclusion the Senior class rendered their class song. The school room was crowded to its utmost capacity and each one present thoroughly enjoyed each number of the program. The commencement exercises will be held on Friday evening.

Mrs. Jeff Bryson pleasantly entertained at a six o'clock dinner last evening given in compliment of a small company of friends.

The jolly crowd of A. H. C. club went to Monmouth yesterday afternoon on the three o'clock car and spent the afternoon in the woods by gathering flowers. At five o'clock they had an old fashioned picnic, and at six o'clock returned to the city.

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