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POLITICAL AUTHORITY

In discussing certain rather strange mutations of fortune affecting such famous men as President Taft, Governor Hughes, Senator Root and Mr. Roosevelt, Dr. Albet Shaw, writing in the Review of Reviews, says:

There was a crucial moment in New York politics, several years ago, when Mr. Roosevelt's decision made Mr. Hughes the republican nominee for governor. It was Mr. Roosevelt's decision, also, that made Mr. Taft the republican nominee for president. * * * Mr. Roosevelt refused a third term, and by the supreme exercise of his political authority he succeeded in putting another man in.

So at last the case is admitted, and by one of the closest and warmest friends of the former president—by one of the inner circle. The idea that Mr. Roosevelt made Mr. Taft president has been indignantly repudiated by Mr. Roosevelt's friends, and of course by those of Mr. Taft. But now Dr. Shaw admits that this is just what was done, done through "the supreme exercise of his political authority. It was Mr. Roosevelt's "decision," and not at all that of the national convention of the republican party, that "made Mr. Taft the republican nominee for president." And

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it was Mr. Roosevelt who put himself out of power and "another man in," and this by "the supreme exercise of his political authority." This has been the opinion of many people all along, but never before have we had so frank an admission of the fact—indeed we have had no admission at all—from those near the throne. Dr. Shaw is an honest man, and one familiar with the facts, and with the official interpretation of them. While no new evidence was needed to prove a case that had already been proved—indeed that proved itself—this bit of testimony from one of Mr. Roosevelt's most admiring friends is at least an interesting contribution to the history of a great and superbly conducted campaign.

A man less ingenious than Senator Gore and of purpose to expose a bribery plot would have led the briber along until corroborative evidence had been secured. The Oklahoma senator's mistake was in assuming that all the information imparted to him by the man who sought to play upon his cupidity was true. A more adroit and wordly man would have ascertained how much of it was true, procured the proof and then started the fireworks. Not any one will doubt that an attempt to remove opposition to the bill for giving congressional approval to certain contracts with Indians was made and that Senator Gore was one solicited. But that some of the men implicated by the word of the "fixer" could not have been interested in the boodle conspiracy is equally clear. It looks as though Senator Gore's ingenueness had spoiled a really fine opportunity to thoroughly expose a precious nest of rascals.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Mr. Taft has surrendered Ohio. Only one question remains to be determined in the campaign—the size of Governor Harmon's majority. When the republican state convention nominated a Foraker candidate on a standpat platform, Ohio was formally presented to the democrats. It is apparent that neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Mr. Taft has any expectation of republican success in the president's own state next fall. Mr. Roosevelt's personal friends abandoned the fight before it had fairly begun, and Mr. Taft's managers were concerned chiefly with an unqualified endorsement of his administration. Thus the Ohio republicans enter the campaign without an issue, without a definite principle on which to appeal to the independent voters, and with a platform that is only an excuse, an apology, a defense.—New York World.

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A GOOD RECORD

Robert J. Ale, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Making Good.

AND MAKING MONEY

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DEMOCRATIC NEWS BUREAU.
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Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—At the close of this year, Robert J. Ale, state superintendent of public instruction, will turn over to the state approximately \$2,000 as profit from the examination department of his office. The nearest approach to this record is the sum of \$3.40, which was the corresponding balance in 1908 under Dr. Ale's republican predecessor, Fasset A. Cotton. Dr. Ale was one of the democrats elected in 1908 and he took the office in March, 1909. During that year the state received \$1,143.08 from the examination department of his office—this amount being in marked contrast to the \$3.40 turned in by his predecessor in 1908. This year the balance will undoubtedly be \$2,000 and the contrast much greater. These figures are very gratifying to the friends of Dr. Ale. They are taken as a complete answer to a sly rumor which has been circulated to the effect that Dr. Ale was so highly educated that he lived in the clouds, that he could not be expected to understand or cope with the business affairs of his office—in short, that he is the proverbial educator, long on theories and short on practical knowledge. The authors of these rumors hastened to give Dr. Ale credit for his educational qualifications but they added with a deprecating smile: "But, he can't be expected to understand business methods, you know. It's too bad." And they shook their heads sadly. But, the records of the office of the auditor of state, which shows \$3.40 from one department in the superintendent of public instruction in one year, \$1,143 in the next (under Dr. Ale) and the certainty that Dr. Ale will turn in at least \$2,000 this year, speak for themselves.

In 1899 the state legislature passed a law providing for the issuance of licenses to teachers, the licenses to be good anywhere in the state. These examinations are held by the county superintendents on the last Saturday of the first eight calendar months of each year. The applicant has the option of having his manuscript graded in the county, where the examination was taken, or of sending to the superintendent of public instruction. If the latter course is adopted the license is good over the entire state. If graded in the county it is only good in that county. For the grading of a manuscript in the office of the superintendent of public instruction a fee of one dollar is provided. It is the revenue from this source that has been used to such marked advantage to the state by Dr. Ale.

Practically the same number of manuscripts have been graded each year, allowing of course, for a slight increase, which is the natural order of things. With the same office system established by Dr. Ale, there is no reason why the state should not have been deriving the same revenue from this department in other years—provided the applicants desired their manuscripts graded in the superintendent's office, thereby obtaining a license good anywhere in the state. It is probable that under Dr. Ale's predecessors most of the manuscripts were graded in the various counties. For some reason, as soon as Dr. Ale took his office, most of the applicants desired the manuscripts to be graded by this department. This sudden and almost universal change on the part of more than 6,000 applicants is not easily understood. It is suggested that the change was helped by the superintendent's office—perhaps because of the efficient system of grading which he put into effect, and a willingness to grade the papers there.

QUANTITY AND QUALITY.

Plenty of Size and Quality With Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows.

When the representatives of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows first came to this city a few weeks ago and announced the appearance of that established amusement enterprise in this city on Wednesday, August 10th, many greeted them with the remark "Bigger and better than ever." The remark was intended as a compliment to the show, but it was thoughtlessly

made. When a circus reaches the magnitude of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Combined Shows it would be inexpedient and certainly unpopular to try to make it any larger. With its three rings and two stages, its continuous performances of comedy on the hippodrome track and the bewildering and astonishing acts of the trained wild beasts in the caged ring, surely this circus is pre-eminently large. However, it is generally understood that Mr. Wallace has assembled this year the greatest circus program that he ever had, and as his show has long been heralded and acknowledged as the "highest class circus in the world," it is certainly supremely great in class when it is considered even superior to any yet offered by him. With the famous trained animals perfected by Carl Hagenbeck added to the circus proper, it is evident that the citizens of this section of the state have a rare treat in store when the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows come tomorrow.

SOCIETY DOINGS

Stella Bremerkamp Gives Picnic For Birthday Anniversary.

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Of Missionary Ladies—The Misses Smith Give Picnic Party.

MIDSUMMER AFTERNOON.

This roaring town half holds its breath today,
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For cool, sharp tang of mint along the streams,
And cumbrous flounder of a load of hay!—
Here, where the loud cars clatter swift away
Aloft, below; where plod the sweating teams;
Where hammers clank upon the beams
Of dizzy webs—some echoes need must play,
Yet even the city seems but half awake.
The trudgers fan their beaded brows again,
The barefoot gamins yawns, despite the pain
Of his hot soles—till, purpling up again
Like some huge bunch of grapes, that cloud shall break
And yield the sweet white wine of summer rain!
—Jeanette Pendleton Ewing.

CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Tuesday.
Black Rag—Mrs. Jesse Dailey.
Y. P. A.—Mrs. Eugene Runyon.
Thursday.
M. E. Missionary—Mrs. Robert Case.
Friday.
Mite Society—Mrs. Ferd Nichols.

Miss Emma Dickes of Portland and Mr. S. LaRhetta of Boston, Mass., who are guests at the J. W. Smith home, were guests of honor at a picnic party given Monday evening by the Misses Rose, Nora Del and Fay Smith, other members of the party being Dan Roop, John Gillig of Washington, D. C., and Charles Knapp of Chicago. The party drove to the Smith farm east of the city, where the supper was spread and a jolly social time enjoyed.

Miss Glennis Mangold will be hostess at a slumber party tonight in honor of Miss Leah Hensley of Rome City, who is her guest. Misses Gladys Meyers and Winifred Ellingham will also be guests and the party expects to break their slumber in the wee sma' hours of the morning and arise to watch the circus come to town.

Mrs. C. V. Connell pleasantly entertained a company of friends Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Julius Spies of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. John Mougey of Columbus, Ohio. Cards were a very enjoyable feature of the amusement calendar, after which a luncheon was served, closing a very happy evening.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Case, Mrs. Case being assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Dan Beery. Mrs. L. G. Ellingham will be leader of the study, the subject being "Mormons and Orientals." A large attendance is desired at the meeting.

The Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical church will hold a special

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