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His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cords of his sins.—Proverbs 5:22

Panning May Be Healthful

DOES hostile newspaper criticism help or injure government? It isn't often one can get good natured opinion from the other side. A friend, the other day, was congratulating Assistant General Manager Ross Schram of the Detroit Municipal Railways upon the fact that the department was now free from hostile newspaper attacks.

You see, the Detroit Journal, which for years has fought every attempt looking toward municipal ownership, was purchased a few weeks ago by the friendly Detroit News.

But Schram shook his head.

"No," he said, "I don't think, so far as we are concerned, it's any cause for congratulation.

"For years the Journal has called us everything almost, personally and professionally; damned us from heck to breakfast; but the panning frequently did us good."

"They might say some things we thought, or knew, to be unjust. But nevertheless, down under the surface, their attacks gave us food for thought and frequently we got busy and corrected the fault.

"In my opinion, adverse or hostile newspaper criticism is nearly always a good thing for the official or individual or corporation which gets the panning. Frankly, I'd hate to live in a community where the newspapers were afraid to criticize or attack or didn't care to criticize or attack anybody."

Behind the Barricades

A STATESMAN of France—keen of observation—has written a book in which he warns his countrymen as follows:

"Dangerous as might be a control exercised by a group of cosmopolitan financiers over the whole globe, this would stand in the road of normal progress less than the blind national captains of industry, sitting firmly entrenched behind the lines of their set customs and practices, avid of the petty gains of today and tomorrow, deaf to the menace of the catastrophe the day after."

Could anything better describe the conditions today in the United States of America?

American railroad captains, American coal captains, captains of American industry sundry and various, sitting firmly entrenched behind their self-built barricades of practice and custom, grasping for the petty profits of today and tomorrow, heedless and caring nothing for what there may be in mists of the future.

The Obvious Happens

THE Department of Commerce says German toy manufacturers have canceled orders sent them from America because increased cost of production and scarcity of materials have put German prices up to the level of the rest of the world.

That this evening-up in production costs as between Germany and the rest of the world must come eventually, has been obvious to the well-informed all the time.

The underlying causes are many and complex. And so far as the average citizen is concerned, are unimportant. What does concern each one of us, however, is this: That this evening-up process shows that Senator McCumber's frantic assertions that German competition made his monstrous tariff necessary, were and are false. But will any of the logrollers vote against it on that account? Not one.

Dollar Is a Dollar Again

ADOLLAR'S a dollar again from the Gulf of Mexico to the north pole. Meaning that Canadian dollars are once more worth 100 United States cents. Until two years ago Canadian money was in such general use in all lake cities that nobody paid any attention to whether the king's head or Miss Liberty's was on their dimes, quarters, halves and dollars. Then exchange slumped, sharpers played tricks, American banks put on the ban and Canuck cash disappeared from circulation over one night.

Not Yet, But Soon, Perhaps

WHEN Niagara Falls was harnessed some two decades ago, engineers were glad to be able to transmit the power to Buffalo street cars without loss of current. After a few years, they got it to Syracuse—great event! Now they've just laid out a line all the way from the falls to New York City. Limit of electrical transmission today is 350 miles. How soon will inventive genius make it 1,000 miles?

THE REFEREE

By ALBERT APPLE.

LICQUOR

Literary Digest's straw vote on prohibition mounts near the million mark. The voting runs thirty for enforcement, thirty-two for modification and sixteen for repeal.

None of the three factions has a majority, though as a last resort the out-and-out wets would swing to the beer-and-light-wines brigade.

Getting politicians lined up in the same ratio is another matter. They do not always represent the people—after they are elected.

DEWAR

Tom Dewar of London, world's greatest whisky king, says England is reducing its alcohol 2,000 a year. The British are also cutting their whisky-drinking \$8,000,000 a year.

Viewing our prohibition law with a perspective of long distance he says: "If the United States can hold out, even with this unpopular law, for a few years, there is no doubt the next generation will be much more temperate."

HOME

Rufus H. Gray has lived in the same house for seventy-three years, in the heart of Boston.

They "built to last" in those days. How many modern houses will hang together seventy-three years? You have heard of the new house that collapsed because they took down the scaffolding before putting on the wall paper.

GALL STONES

By DR. R. H. BISHOP

GALL STONES are small, seemingly harmless things, yet they can be as deadly as the stone from David's sling that put an end to the life of the great Goliath.

So long as gall stones are stationary they cause no pain. It is when they move about that they cause such agony. A person may have gall stones and experience no pain.

Delayed operation for gall stones often cause painful after-effects. This is because, during a long siege of illness, there will be infection of the neighboring organs and muscles. In some neglected cases, adhesions form, and when the operation takes place, though the gall stones are removed yet the adhesions may be impossible to remedy.

The trouble that these small stones cause is somewhat complex, but their prevention is quite simple—right and simple living.

One should strive to keep the body in a normal condition, drinking plenty of water, eating moderately of proper foods and keeping the weight down by adequate exercises.

The sparing consumption of meat and a correspondingly liberal diet of fresh fruit and vegetables aid in the elimination of waste matter in which are bred bacteria which, in turn, cause gall stones.

When the first symptoms of gall stones are recognized see a physician at once and act under his advice. Delaying an operation only means more suffering in the long run.

G. O. P. 'INTERNAL POLITICS' TAKES TIME OF LEADERS

Republican Majority Lining Up Chairmanship for Coming Sessions.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The Republican majority in the House is now devoting a good deal of its time (unofficially) to "internal politics."

Administration members, back from a six-weeks' recess spent at home in the gentle art of trying to be renominated, are now playing the game of politics among themselves, with the stakes the floor leadership and a number of important committee chairmanships in the next Congress.

Voluntary retirements among the "old timers" and involuntary retirements decreed by "fickle voters" in the primary elections that have been held thus far have already been so numerous as to necessitate an almost completed new deal in the Republican organization in the lower branch. And the scramble is already on. The vacancies do not have to be filled until March 4, when the new Congress comes in, but by that time the problem of making the new selections will be only a matter of ratification. The "slate" is being made up now.

The majority party may lose heavily in the November election but the belief prevails here that it will retain control over the House and the reorganization to be effected next year will be worked out without any help from the Democrats.

New Floor Leader

There is little real talk of putting up a man to contest with Speaker Gillett in the next Congress and so the Republicans are giving first thought to the position of floor leader, which Rep.

representative Mondell of Wyoming, vacates this year either to go to the Senate or retire. Several members are being prominently mentioned for Mondell's job, chief among them being Nicholas Longworth of Ohio; Sydney Anderson of Minnesota and Will R. Wood of Indiana. Longworth seems to have the inside track and if he gets the place, the son-in-law of the late President Roosevelt will at last step into the prominence his friends say he has long deserved.

Next in line, and probably first in real importance, comes the chairmanship of the powerful rules committee, which really decides what the house will do, and when. The present chairman, Phillip Campbell of Kansas was beaten for renomination. Representative B. H. Snell of New York is the ranking Republican member and will be promoted to the chairmanship.

The chairmanship of the ways and means committee will be vacant, due to the retirement of Representative Joseph Fordney of Michigan. If the seniority rule is followed, Representative Green of Iowa will ascend the gavel throne. Longworth is next in line.

The chairmanship of another influential committee may be vacant. Representative Winslow of Massachusetts is considering dropping out of politics. His wife wants him to and it looks like she'll win.

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UNUSUAL FOLK

By NEA Service

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Sept. 1.—Cecil Hall Tilly Jr., now 2 years and 4 months old, broke into print first two years ago through his custom of developing muscles by dangling his weight at arms' length from a curtain rod.

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By BERTON BRALEY

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But more especially, it's mentally, it's mentally, it's a wonder now.

He can spell his name. He can write the alphabet.

—dodging around as the letters are called to him on a typewriter. He knows many telephone numbers, and can get them and talk over the wire. He can tell all the popular makes of automobiles at sight. He keeps track of the days of the week and month. And he deposits in the bank regularly his own individual savings account.

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