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Mr. Editor:

There seems to be a real movement for the nomination of Gov. Hughes for the presidency and as the time for the convention approaches, the American people will be awakened to the advisability of the nomination of Charles E. Hughes for president.

Gov. Hughes of New York, as a public administrator is a unique and honest man. During his administration he has been in accord with all the reform measures of President Roosevelt. He is thoroughly opposed to all kinds of corruption and he is not allied with any ring either as its boss or its tool. He is a fearless, upright and able executive, who came into the limelight as the legal counsel engaged in unearthing the insurance frauds in the city of New York, not having been in active politics up to that time. He was the nominee against William R. Hearst, of the New York Journal and he was the only man on the ticket who was won, democrats being elected to subordinate positions. He vetoed the 2c fare bill in New York on the ground that this measure might, in individual cases, work injustice to some of the railroads, although in his public utilities bill, which he authored and secured, he has put the public service corporations of the state under much more strict governmental supervision, than the ever were before.

If Gov. Hughes is nominated for the presidency, it will show that the people prefer a man who goes ahead discharging his duty as he sees it, as he is now doing in New York. It will show that the people prefer a faithful public servant to an aspirant who seeks office by carefully concealing his views on all great questions.

C. W. H.

Nature paints in colors bright.
Our cheeks and lips so fine;
Assist nature to paint for thee.
By taking Rocky Mountain Tea.

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HUNTING MAHOGANY.

It takes an experienced Woodsman to locate the trees.

Mahogany trees do not grow in clusters, but are scattered throughout the forest and hidden in a dense growth of underbrush, vines and creepers and require a skillful and experienced woodsman to find them. He seeks the biggest ground in a forest, climbs to the top of the tallest tree and surveys the surrounding country. The mahogany has a peculiar foliage, and his practiced eye soon detects the trees within sight.

The axmen follow the hunter, and then come the sawyers and hewers, a large mahogany taking two men a full day to fell it. The tree has large spurs which project from the trunk at its base, and scaffolds must be erected so that the tree can be cut off above the spurs. This leaves a stump ten to fifteen feet high, which is sheer waste, as the stump really contains the best lumber.

The hunter has nothing to do with the work of cutting or removing the tree, his duty being simply to locate it. If he is clever and energetic, his remuneration may amount to \$500 or \$1,000 a month, but he may travel weeks at a time without detecting a tree, and as he is generally paid by the day, his earnings are rather precarious.—St. Louis Republic.

Not a sleep's Day.

West Point's aim is to teach men to meet any situation with the best there is in them. When General Custer was a cadet, he ventured into the French section room without having so much as looked at the day's lesson. The section had been engaged in the translation of *Asop's fables* from French to English, but on this particular day the task consisted of a page of history written in French. Cadet Custer was given the book and very bravely dashed into the translation of this sentence: "Le coq, due d'Autriche, se mettut sur les plaines de Silesie." But the Duke of Austria did not seem to appeal to him, for without hesitation he read:

"The leopard, the duck and the ostrich met upon the plains of Silesia."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Some Very Old Trees.

Brazilian cocoanut palms live for 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years. Walla's oak, near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be over 700 years old, and there are eight olive trees on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, which are known to have been flourishing in 1000. The cedars at Mount Lebanon, in the Lebanon, were old trees when, in 1332, the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa grove, California, is a man-made centenarian. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be over 5,000 years old, and the deciduous cyprass at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age.

UNIONISM IS JOLTED

United States Supreme Court Decides Erdman Act Is Unconstitutional.

JUSTICE HARLAN'S OPINION.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Union labor lost a hard-fought battle when the supreme court of the United States decided that the Erdman act prohibiting railroads engaged in interstate commerce from discriminating against employees because of membership in labor organizations, is unconstitutional.

The constitutionality of the act, which was passed by congress June 1, 1898, was called into question by the case of William Adair vs. the United States. Justice Harlan rendered a decision favorable to Adair. The opinion holds that the law is repugnant to the constitution.

Adair, as master mechanic of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company, had a right, according to the decision, to discharge an employee because he was a member of a labor organization, just as it was the employee's right to quit such employment because of his membership in such organization. Such a course, the decision adds, might be unwise, but regarded as mere matter of right, there could be no doubt. Congress could not, under the constitution, authorize a violation of contracts under the guise of protecting interstate commerce.

Justice McKenna Dissents.

Justice McKenna delivered a dissenting opinion favorable to the act, in which he said the court's decision proceeds along very narrow lines.

The case came to the supreme court on a writ of error from the United States district court for the Eastern district of Kentucky. Adair is the master mechanic of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company, and he was proceeded against on the charge of threatening to discharge from the employ of the company a locomotive engineer named Copepage because the latter was a member of a labor union.

The act of 1898, which was one of the results of the great Chicago strike, was invoked for Copepage's protection and the district court fined Adair \$100. The constitutionality of the act was strenuously attacked in the district court by the railroad attorneys, and when the decision was announced they promptly brought the case to the supreme court, with the result that the decision of the lower court was reversed. In his decision Justice Harlan held that it was Adair's right to serve his employer as best he could so long as he did nothing forbidden by the law as contrary to the public welfare.

Miners Eager to Contribute.

President Mitchell does not retire from the organization a rich man and every miner realizes that he has given the best years of his life to the men who work under ground. If the gift is made it will be proffered as freely as was the purse of \$2,700 a few days ago from the miners of Wyoming and Montana. Men who are well acquainted with President Mitchell's character know his sensitive nature and they fear he may not wish to accept a large sum of money if it is offered.

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BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

MAY BE PAID TO
GREAT MINE LEADER

Miners in Convention Are Considering the Donation of \$30,000 to John Mitchell, Retiring President.

HE MAY NOT ACCEPT GIFT
OWING TO HIS PRIDE.

Sensitive as a Child on Such Matters—Miners Are Very Eager to Contribute to the Man They Love.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 28.—Would United Mine Workers of America, accept a gift of \$30,000 if it should be tendered to him by the great body of men he has led for so many years? This is a question that is being discussed by the several hundred men who are gathered here in their annual convention. Such a proposition is likely to be made to President Mitchell unless the committee on resolutions decide that a recommendation of this kind would not be popular. In the light of President Mitchell's declaration to the convention yesterday that he would not accept an advisory position—that he desired his successor to have the same opportunity of handling the organization that he has had—some of Mitchell's friends feel doubtful on the question of his accepting a financial gift from the organization.

The committee on resolutions made its report to the convention and in the batch of resolutions reported are several that provide recognition of President Mitchell's efforts for the miners in the shape of financial gifts. One of the resolutions provides a levy of 10 cents on each member of the organization. In the report made by Secretary Wilson the other day it was shown that the organization now comprises 300,000 "paid up" members. Ten cents from each member would raise a fund of \$30,000. While the committees declined to say how it would report on the resolution, it is believed that such a proposition would be popular in the convention.

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ROBBERS USE TORCH

AND FIGHT DUEL

Town of Rushville Stirred by

Deeds of Men.

Rushville, Ind., Jan. 28.—Since last night Rushville has been stirred by a series of robberies in which one building, a saloon, was burned and in which several shots were exchanged. The police are trying to round up the desperados.

At 10:30, the home of Rich Wilson in the heart of the city was entered. Nothing was obtained. The next call for the police was from Frank Walcott. The robbers were frightened away after an exchange of shots with Mr. Walcott. While the police were responding to this call, the Fire Department was called to the saloon of Eddie Powell which was soon but a mass of ruins. The burning of the saloon is believed to have been the work of robbers. The next call was to the home of William Moffett. The police are scouring the town in search of the men.

Former Governor James A. Vardaman, of Mississippi, has made a definite announcement that he will re-enter the field of journalism. Within a few days the governor declares the first copy of his paper will appear. It will be printed in Jackson, and will start as a weekly pending the working out of plans for a daily.

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AN URGENT APPEAL

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WILL REPORT THIS WEEK.

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