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DEMOCRATS MAY CONTEST RECENT STATE ELECTION

Republicans Secure Greater Number of Offices and Chairman Jackson Announces Decision.

ONLY THREE DEMOCRATS ELECTED TO OFFICE

Count Is Kept by Republican Candidate as Returns Come In—Charges That Are Registered.

DEMOCRATS NOW MAKING RECOUNT

Orders Issued for State Wide Canvass.

Acting upon instructions from Indianapolis, a canvass of the vote at the recent election will be made by the democrats throughout the state. Richard Allen is making the canvass in this county. It is claimed there have been mistakes made in the official count and to make sure they have secured all offices to which they are entitled the democrats have instituted a recount.

WIFE LED TAFT INTO POLITICAL ARENA SHE SAYS

Urged Him to Take Governorship of Philippines and Retire From Bench, Seeing Opportunities.

WOMAN SHOULD VOTE BUT NOT HOLD OFFICE

Wife of Next President Is a Student of Political Conditions—Expresses Her Ideas In Interview.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 9.—Mrs. William Howard Taft has decided ideas on the question of woman suffrage. Her idea of the place of women in politics is that she should be content to vote and exercise her influence in her own family or social circle in behalf of the candidates she deems best fitted for office.

Mrs. Taft arrived here with her husband. While the next president sat in a big armchair at the side of the open fire place in the cozy Harrison cottage and took a long afternoon nap Sunday, Mrs. Taft talked of the interest a woman should take in her husband's career and how she can best conserve her welfare.

Most men in public life get their wives entirely out of the way in campaign times, or keep them mighthily in the background, but from the very first, Mr. Taft approved of Mrs. Taft's saying what she wanted to say and the manner in which she said it. There was, therefore, no restraint in Mrs. Taft's expression of her views, and, as she always does, she spoke in a straightforward, simple manner.

"It seems to me," said Mrs. Taft, thoughtfully, "that a woman can best promote her husband's career by a graceful, tactful management of his social and domestic affairs. She must be a ready and willing hostess and thoroughly alive to the requirements of her position."

Should Not Seek Office.

"I think a woman should be content with voting," said Mrs. Taft, when asked how far she thought a woman might go in assisting her husband.

A number of local business men are of the opinion that a little more liberal policy in enforcing the laws will not effect the morals of the community and will be beneficial from a business standpoint. They point out that Richmond was a well governed and orderly community before the authorities decided to clamp the lid on.

VIRGIN NOT DEIFIED

Father Hoffman Corrects Popular Belief in Regard To Catholics.

Y. W. C. A. UNJUSTIFIED.

In regard to the statement made in connection with the convention of the Young Woman's Christian Association in session, Saturday, that a Catholic can not become an active member of the association, because that denominational defies the Virgin Mary, a local Catholic made the statement today that such an opinion is mistaken and that the church does not place this statement upon the mother of Christ.

He stated that Father Hoffman, of St. Mary's church in his sermon, yesterday, made reference to this mistaken impression. The father is credited with saying such an idea is ridiculous on the part of the Y. W. C. A. He outlined the attitude of the Catholic church toward the Virgin Mary and declared the Virgin is held in the highest respect and esteem but not made an object of deity.

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WEEK IS NEEDED TO SELECT JURY

Examination of Veniremen Begins Today.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 9.—With the expectation that it will require nearly a week to select a jury to try Ray Lampshire for the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children, attorneys began the examination of veniremen today.

A motion to quash the indictments will be made by the defense. The arguments thereon will consume but a short time and then, if Judge Richter overrules the motion, both sides will be ready for the selection of the jury. In this examination two points will be dwelt on in particular by the state, whether the venireman has any scruples against inflicting the death penalty and whether he has formed an opinion as to the death of Mrs. Gunness.

Lampshire had but two visitors Sunday, his sister, Mrs. H. L. Finley, and her husband calling to discuss the coming trial with him.

An agreement has been reached between the attorneys that during the trial all witnesses be excluded from the courtroom.

CANNON'S DEFEAT IS NOW IMMINENT

Rivals Organize for Fight Against Present Speaker Of the House.

TOWNSEND A CANDIDATE.

HE HAS MANY PLEDGES OF SUPPORT—THEODORE BURTON IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST MEN FOR THE PLACE.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Already the opponents of Joseph G. Cannon are organizing systematically to defeat him for re-election to the speakership of the next house of representatives, and Cannon supporters are free to admit their extreme uneasiness over the possibility of his downfall.

While the Cannon adherents profess not to be much worried by the candidacy of Representative Charles N. Fowler, of New Jersey, for the speakership, there are two other candidates who have unquestioned strength, and either of whom, owing to the pledges that have been extracted from willing or unwilling congressmen not to vote for Cannon, is likely to carry off the job when the house is reorganized at the assembling of the Sixty-first congress.

"I do not think I approve of women electioneering, at least not in this country. It is different in England and other places where women are agitating suffrage, but it is a thing not well adapted to conditions in this country. As it is carried on here, no woman would be able to campaign with her husband or for him. I met Mr. Taft in Buffalo during the last days of the campaign, and by the time we reached Cincinnati I was much fatigued with the travel and excitement.

"I think women could best conserve the public by using the ballot. They should not seek office, but, through their vote, should aid in putting the proper men in the proper places. Our principles, so far as I can see, are not adapted to women holding office. I think the natural scheme would be disjointed and the end and aim of the home destroyed."

URGED POLITICAL CAREER.

"Yes, it is true that I urged Mr. Taft to give up his position on the bench and return to politics. I felt that while he honored and loved his legal position more than all else in his career, he might spend the years of his life in a wider field, and where, too, his income would better enable us to educate our children."

"When the position of governor of the Philippines was offered Mr. Taft he pondered over the disposal of the matter for some time, and finally I convinced him that it was a call—an opportunity which he should not neglect. Probably I am wholly responsible for his more public career since then, and—here Mrs. Taft stopped thoughtfully for a moment—"now I am waiting to see if I acted for the best."

"Do I study politics?" asked Mrs.

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HALE'S INTERVIEW WITH KAISER FOR CENTURY KILLED

Thought Kaiser's Statements To Former Richmond Man Would Have Led to Great Complications.

PRESSURE FROM GERMAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON

Plates for Widely Advertised Article Destroyed—Contents of Interview Will Never Be Known.

William Bayard Hale, a native of this city and now one of the associate editors of the Century Magazine, recently went to Berlin, on an assignment given him by the Century, and there secured an interview with the Kaiser. This interview had been widely advertised by the Century to appear in its December issue, which comes off the press about the 25th of this month.

Today the announcement is made that this interview will not be published; that the middle of last week the printers of the Century magazine removed the printed "signatures" containing the interview from the partially bound piles of magazines and these "signatures" were carefully burned as well as all proof sheets, while the plates were melted up.

Just what the War Lord of Germany will do the former Richmond young man will probably never be known, but, his friends think, it must have been such that the Kaiser and his ministers feared its publication would rouse another whirlwind of indignation against the German monarch. It is thought that the interview was suppressed at the earnest request of the German foreign office, made through the German Washington legation.

Many versions are given regarding what the contents of the interview were. One has it President Roosevelt was highly lauded and commended for his greater navy policy. Another has it that he spoke of the president and of American affairs in such a manner that would have aroused as great a storm of public wrath in this country as has been aroused in Great Britain by the recent interview given the Kaiser in which he stated he had outlined the English campaign against the Boers.

HANDY WITH ROASTS.

One of the men who worked on the interview recalled that in it the Kaiser took Mr. Hale pretty well over the water.

"The hottest think I heard about," he said, "was that it roasted the Vatican and the Catholics generally."

"Mr. Hale, it seems, had been a minister and the Emperor referred to this and to his recent book on a visit to the White House. The Kaiser said that must have been a great pleasure; that Roosevelt was a great man whom he hoped to meet some day."

"As I get it he also spoke of the president's action in sending the fleet to the far East as an act of statesmanship. He spoke of the president's demand for a great navy and larger army, declaring both to be but means toward peace."

"Of course the emperor spoke of his friendship for the United States. He also referred to anti-German feeling in other countries, probably meaning England. As I recollect it, there was no serious attack on Great Britain."

Others did not recall so much as above quoted, but the one fact that impressed all who read the article was that they were pleased to term "the roast of the pope."

William Bayard Hale is a brother of Alton Hale, cashier of the First National bank of this city. Before he was twenty-one years of age he left here and went east where he studied for the ministry. A short time after being ordained he left the ministry and began an active literary career, meeting with exceptional success. He has been connected with the Cosmopolitan magazine and a few years ago was

dealing with the late campaign.

"Telegrams and letters from successful candidates in the congressional districts have been received here in quantities sufficient to warrant the assertion," continued this official, "that there will be no opposition to Uncle Joe in the republican caucus at Washington next March and that he will be re-elected unanimously."

It was suggested that several candidates have already appeared for the speakership and that a definite sentiment in opposition to Cannon has been reported from various sections of the country, notably from Iowa.

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HILL SUIT IS BEING HEARD

Argument in Randolph Circuit Court.

The case of George Hill vs. the Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Company was heard in the Randolph circuit court today. The case involves the right of the traction company to occupy North Twenty-third street with a freight track. Hill seeks damages and an injunction to prevent the operation of the line. He claims his residence property, located at Main and Twenty-third streets would be damaged by a freight line using the street. The case is of considerable interest locally, as Twenty-third street passes through Glen Miller park.

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS IN DEFENSE OF TAFT'S RELIGION

President Says It Is Bigotry To Condemn a Man Politically Because of His Religious Belief.

MAKES A REPLY TO CAMPAIGN CHARGES.

Statement Made That Voters Would Not Support Catholic For President, Slander, He Says.

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Roosevelt has made public the following reply to one of the many letters received by him during the recent presidential campaign which cited various religious objections to the election of Mr. Taft to the presidency:

"My Dear Sir: I have received your letter, running in part as follows:

"While it is claimed almost universally that religion should not enter into politics, yet there is no denying that it does, and the mass of voters that are non-Catholics will not support a man for any office, especially for president of the United States who is a Roman Catholic.

"Since Taft has been nominated for the republican party it is being circulated and is constantly urged as a reason for not voting for Taft that he is an infidel (Unitarian) and his wife and brother Roman Catholics. * * * If his feelings are in sympathy with the Roman Catholic church on account of his wife and brother being Catholics, that would be objectionable to a sufficient number of voters to defeat him. On the other hand, if he is an infidel, that would be sure to mean defeat. * * *

"I am writing this letter for the sole purpose of giving Mr. Taft an opportunity to let the world know what his religious belief is."

"I received many such letters as yours during the campaign expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft on religious grounds, some of them on the ground that he was a Unitarian and others on the ground that he was suspected to be in sympathy with Catholics. I did not answer any of these letters during the campaign, because I regarded it as an outrage even to agitate such a question as a man's religious convictions, with the purpose of influencing a political election.

Awaited After-Election Calm.

"But now that the campaign is over, when there is opportunity for men to calmly consider whether such propositions as those you make in your letter would lead, I wish to invite them to your letter to answer because you advance both the objections commonly urged against Mr. Taft, namely, that he is a Unitarian and also that he is suspected of sympathy with the Catholics.

"You ask that Mr. Taft shall let the world know what his religious belief is. This is purely his own private concern; it is a matter between him and his Maker, a matter for his own conscience; and to require it to be made public under penalty of political discrimination is to negate the first principles of our government, which guarantees complete religious liberty, and the right to each man to act in religious affairs as his own conscience dictates.

"Mr. Taft never asked my advice in the matter, but if he had asked it I should have emphatically advised him against thus stating publicly his religious belief. The demand for a statement of a candidate's religious belief can have no meaning except that there may be discrimination for or against him because of that belief.

"Discrimination against the holder of one faith means retaliatory discrimination against men of other faiths. The inevitable result of entering upon such a practice would be an abandonment of our real freedom of conscience and a reversion to the dreadful conditions of religious dissensions, which in so many lands have proved fatal to true liberty, to true religion and to all advance in civilization.

NOT MATTER FOR INQUIRY.

"To discriminate against a thoroughly upright citizen because he belongs to some particular church or because, like Abraham Lincoln, he has not avowed his allegiance to any church, is an outrage against that liberty of conscience which is one of the foundations of American life.

"You are entitled to know whether a man seeking your suffrage is a man of clean and upright life, honorable in all his dealings with his fellows, and fit by qualification and purpose to do well in the great office for which he is a candidate; but you are not entitled to know matters which lie purely between himself and his Maker.

"If it is proper or legitimate to oppose a man for being a Unitarian, as was John Quincy Adams, for instance, as is Rev. Edward Everett Hale, at the present moment Chaplain of the senate and an American of whose life

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Citizens of Richmond May be Denied Privilege of Buying Meats on Sunday

The Sabbath observance committee of the Minsterial Association this morning reported that their efforts to secure the closing of local butcher shops on Sundays had met with partial success and that within a short time it was expected all butchers would agree to close their shops on Sunday.

Last summer the Sabbath observance committee made an effort to have all the photographers in the city close on Sundays. This effort did not meet with success for the reason that three photographers flatly refused to enter into such an agreement.

Many of the local groceries have been making a practice of keeping open on Sunday mornings for the same reason that the butchers keep their shops open. The Rev. David Huntington, chairman of the committee, "The butchers and their assistants would like to have their Sundays to themselves, but they have been keeping open because some of their trade refuse to buy their Sunday supplies on Saturday."

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Woman Desired Fire Department Called to Fill Her Cistern

Br-r-r-p b-r-r-rp. "Hello."

"Hello, is this No. 2 engine house?" "Yes'm."

"Well, this is Mrs. ——. South West Sixth street. My cistern is empty and I wish you would come over here and fill it with hydrant water."

"Well, my dear madam, we can't do that."

"Well, I don't see why."

"We can't, that's all. Good bye."

The next day:

Br-r-r-p, br-r-r-p.

"Hello, fire department."

"Say, this is Earhart College."

Would you people bring your hose and come over here and flood Reid

Field for us? It's awful hard and the foot ball boys would be glad, if you'd put some water on it to soften it up."

"No, we can't do that."

The above are bits of conversations that may have been heard over the telephone at the city hall fire department headquarters. They are the most unique requests made to the department since Chief Miller has been in charge. Many queer requests have been made, but none of this nature.

Of course the chief would be willing to comply, but he might have to answer to the board of public works and does not care to assume the risk, when it comes to filling cisterns for private parties.