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## THE MUZZLING OF THE PRESS.

There has been a great amount of bluff and bluster engaged in by certain papers in this country in regard to the reported intention of the President to institute suit against them for libel in regard to the "Panama affair." Even the editor of the Commoner, who as most people know once ran for the presidency, is quoted as saying that "Mr. Pulitzer is right, the Press cannot be muzzled." It is not without something that we suspect that this is of the same bolt of irresistible commonplace from which he cut the famous piece "Shall the people rule?"

The people did rule. Undoubtedly the press can not be muzzled. Hurrah! Again the day has been saved.

Now that there remains not the slightest doubt of Mr. Roosevelt's innocence, or of the entire falsity of the charges, some people will wonder why the affair should not be allowed to blow over without any more being said of it. The fact remains that perhaps the greatest object that the President had in mind has escaped most people. That object is to make the press of the country a little more careful in regard to the truth of its statements.

The vast majority of the papers of this country are as truthful and accurate in their news and editorial columns as the circumstances will permit and the number of papers who wilfully pervert their columns are so few that they can be counted on one hand. Of these the New York World stands at the head of the list in its notorious attitude of "Anything for a sensation." By this means Mr. Pulitzer (an acute gentleman of business) has made his circulation and his profits immense out of pandering to the lowest that is in mankind.

Does any one think for a minute that the reputable papers of this country are going to be incensed when Mr. Pulitzer is brought to book for his policy of disregard of the principles of newspaper honor? Is it not rather better that the fact shall be recognized that such methods shall no longer smirch the press? Will it hurt the newspapers who have had the chance to carry libel day in and day out and have refused to do it? On the contrary it will be the most salutary thing which can happen to the press.

Those papers which are ferreting around the histories to find a parallel to the present condition will find a difference between the president's proposed action and the Sedition law of 1798. Although it is true that the Sedition law had for its purpose punishment of "writing, publishing, printing, uttering, or causing, procuring or willingly and knowingly helping anyone to write print or publish any false, scandalous, and malicious writing against the government, or against the senate, or the house, or the president of the United States, with intent to defame and bring them, severally or collectively, into disrepute" the careful observer will find a great difference.

The difference is that the Sedition law had almost the same characteristics as the monarchical "lese Majesté" of European government which gave to the men engaged in the government a protection on account of their office thus marking them off from the other citizens of the United States and in reality making a class distinction. The action of the President on the other hand is the use of the law which is at the command of any citizen of the United States who has been libeled in the newspapers or otherwise. It is therefore not to be compared to "lese Majesté" because for the nonce the citizen who brings the suit happens to be the President.

There will undoubtedly, those who will continue to poke fun at the proceeding, and to raise howls of cheap criticism at the lack of precedent. But the fact is that the portion of the press which has nothing to fear because of its past integrity will welcome any attempt to remove the rotteness of the real "yellow press."

It is not so much a case of muzzling as a case of quarantine and measures for the public safety in regard to

certain newspapers who are afflicted with a moral hydrophobia.

## THE OHIO SENATORSHIP.

The press reports which have it that Mr. Burton has seen the President-elect and that it has been decided that the former is not to have a place in the cabinet of Taft. And the reports to the effect that Burton has returned to Columbus and announced that the race for the senatorship will be to the death, is refreshing. There has been so much talk to the effect that the race would be cleared for Charles P. Taft by the mere office bartering system, that it is nauseous to the people who had the utmost confidence in Taft's integrity. It is true that Brother Charley gave to the republican national campaign fund the sum of \$110,000, and therefore undoubtedly will be hurt if he doesn't get the senatorship. But it would place both him and his brother in a decided disadvantage for the rest of the term of office if it were constantly said, "Taft made the berth for Brother Charley." It must have been a realization of this fact which is reported to have caused Charles Taft to be in a good humor at the Ohio banquet in New York. Charles Taft ought to be enough of a man to get the senatorship in Ohio without the use of presidential patronage. Either he or Burton will make a good senator for that state. But if Taft gets it, it will be better for all concerned if he gets it fairly and squarely, without a boost from Brother Bill.

Now that hostilities have broken out between Venezuela and Holland, it is quite apparent that Castro knew what he was talking about when he said that he was in Germany as a private citizen. He evidently thinks it better be a persona non grata than a persona causabili.

**NOT WIDOW OF JOHN HAYS' SON**

Miss Worick Never Married To Him.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Revival of an old story comes from Philadelphia that the late Albert Hay, son of former Secretary of State John Hay, was married in August, 1900, to Mary Ryland Worick, is authoritatively denied in this city. Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., daughter of the late secretary, said.

"There is not a word of truth in the story. At the time the marriage is said to have taken place my brother was the United States consul at Pretoria, South Africa, and was at that place.

Rev. William Taylor Snyder, of this city, is the clergyman whom Mrs. Mary Ryland Worick Hay, as she calls herself, claims performed the marriage ceremony.

Dr. Snyder stated positively today that he never performed any such marriage and said he had made similar denials in the past.

**"LAND DUCKS" QUACK AT BANQUET TONIGHT**

Defeated Indiana Republicans To Rejoice.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A banquet, the like of which for uniqueness has never been known before in this city, will take place some time this winter. It will be a banquet for the Indiana "Lame Ducks," who were put out of public life at the recent election. About the festal board will assemble all of the Indiana members of congress who went down to defeat and each will perform a star part when the speech-making is reached. The "Lame Ducks" who will grace the occasion are Senator Hemenway, Representative Watson, Representative Landis, Representative Foster, Representative Overstreet, Representative Chaney and Representative Giljaans.

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**"HONOR THE LIVING"**

Civil War Veterans Should Be Paid Proper Respect.

**C. W. JORDAN SPEAKS.**

"We honor the dead, and why not honor the living?" asked Charles W. Jordan, county superintendent, in an address of welcome to the members of Sol Meredith Post, G. A. R., last evening. The Post was the guest of the Sons of Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary to the S. of V. Mr. Jordan stated he believed honors ought to be showered on the veterans of the Civil War before their deaths as well as afterward. He told of the monuments and statues to Washington, Lincoln and other heroes of the country and called attention to the scant honors bestowed upon these men previous to their death. He said conditions have remained practically the same, but ought to be changed and the living let know their past services are appreciated now as well as they will be in the future.

The complete program was:

Song, "America" by the audience.

Address of welcome by Charles W. Jordan.

Song—Opal Norris.

Short Talk by Sister Delta Phenix.

Recitation—(Encore) by Saffer and Phenix, entitled "My Sister's Beau."

Music by the Earnest Sisters.

Recitation, "Barbara Freethie," by William Mathews, of Centerville, Ind., given in German dialect.

Music by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Short talk by Bro. Graham.

Response on behalf of the Post, by John A. Markley.

Song, Earnest Sisters.

Song, "Marching Through Georgia."

A nice lunch was served after the close of the program.

**MASONIC CALENDAR.**

Friday, Dec. 18.—King Solomons chapter No. 4, R. A. M., past master's degree.

Saturday, Dec. 19.—Loyal Chapter No. 49, O. E. S., regular meeting.

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**Price Set on Chinaman's Head**

Mysterious Murder of Another Chinaman in Chicago By High-binders Leads to Startling Discovery By Police.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—The mysterious murder of a Chicago Chinaman Thursday led to the revelation that a price of \$2,000 had been set by a Chinese Tong on the head of Moy Dow, a local Chinese merchant, of national prominence. This disclosure came when detectives were investigating the death of Chu Chin Ching, found strangled with his own queue in his home in South Clark street. Chu, the police say, was a victim of high-binders.

Moy Dow, who lives at 323 Clark street, has been employed on numerous occasions by the United States government to assist in clearing up mysterious Chinese murder cases. His efforts in that line are said to be directly responsible for the price placed on his head.

There is not the slightest clew to Chu's murderers. Even friends of the dead man, although believed by the police to have knowledge of the strangers, refuse to talk and those who are believed to have been marked for death by the high-binders will not aid the detectives.

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The State of Washington recently celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of its admission to the Union. In an address the president of the State Historical Society brought out the fact that you live in the only place in the United States that has never been under the domination of any other nation.

At one time or other been ruled by one of the European countries. You, as children of the great State of Washington, may be proud of the fact that you live in the only place in the United States that has always been American territory, and over which no other flag save the Stars and Stripes has never floated.

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