

ORIGIN OF PARTY EMBLEMS

Tom Nast of Harper's Magazine Given Credit for Introduction of Elephant, Tiger, Donkey, Etc.

Why, when and where did the elephant become the trade mark of the G. O. P.? This question propounded to a number of leading Republicans at a former national convention revealed the fact that few had any but the most hazy idea how or when the emblem came to be adopted, the New York Tribune observes.

Chauncey M. Depew, who is said to have attended every Republican gathering since 1856, said frankly that he didn't know, but he believed the elephant first appeared on the stage in the Harrison campaign of '88.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts answered: "If I were to make a guess I would lay the invention on Tom Nast of Harper's. I believe that the creation was the result of the adoption of the tiger by Tammany. We couldn't let them show us dust and we went right to their own territory, the jungle, and got the elephant to fight the tiger."

There appears to be evidence to support the belief that Nast created not only the elephant but also the tiger and the Democratic donkey as well. The caricaturist is said to have adopted the donkey in January, 1870, basing the selection on the Democratic party's reputed ability to do the wrong thing so carefully and persistently.

The tiger as an attribute of Tammany is shown by unofficial records to date from Tweed's downfall in 1871. Engine Company No. 6, of which Tweed had been a foreman, carried a stuffed tiger on its engine, though the reason is not now known.

So Nast, during the crusade against the Tweed ring, having in mind Tweed's connection both with the volunteer fire department and with Tammany, symbolized the latter in his cartoons as a tiger.

In November, 1874, it is related, the elephant was introduced by Nast to represent the Republican vote, which at that time appeared to be timid and unmanageable. For the same reason it became the party emblem soon after.

The selection of the camel as the emblem of the Prohibitionists needs no explanation, bearing in mind that beast's well-known ability to go for a long time without a drink.

French Writer After Visit to America Tells of Thriving Community in the New York Ghetto.

M. Victor Basch writes in the Mercure de France of a recent visit to the United States, in which he describes, as one of the most interesting sights in New York, "the Jewish Ghetto," which many assert to be the largest in the world, an entirely Jewish town of more than a million people, coming from all quarters of the world. He says:

"There exists in New York today a thriving, powerful Jewish community. Will it remain purely Jewish, and as such increase and prosper, or will it become merged in the great hodge-podge of America? Who can tell? But at least it is certain that the millions of Jews who have settled there are leading a free, healthy life. Their children have not the downtrodden aspect of their parents. They speak their own language and read their Yiddish papers openly. They dare to own that they are Jews and to show that they are proud of their Jewish birth. They know that no one dare reproach them with their religion or their race. They know that not only in New York but in the great northern states, in Idaho, in Montana, and in North Dakota, there is room and work for millions of Jews who would be welcome there. And I wonder if it may not be in this new world that the resting place of this old, wandering race is to be found; if it is not there that they can build up this new Jerusalem, the dream of this persecuted race."

Harvard Students Who Work.

Statistics show that more Harvard students have sought work while studying this year, and fewer of the applicants have found it than previously. Earnings also have totaled a smaller amount. Such facts tell their own story of the effect of the war on the non-belligerents of a comparatively prosperous region of country. The list of callings to which the lads turn shows how versatile is the American youth, and how he puts pride behind him if he foresees profit that spells tuition bills paid. There is no such word as "degrading" in the lexicon of youth, save in a moral sense. Many a Harvard man will take any job where either muscle or intelligence counts, if the work is not intrinsically base. So will American college youth generally; and the course is made the easier for them because so invariably sanctioned by college and by public opinion.

George's Love.

Frances Starr, the popular actress, said at a June wedding in Washington:

"The highest, purest love is unselfish—or, at least, it tries to be unselfish. But the average love is like George's."

"George loves you devotedly, doesn't he?" said one girl to another. "Yes, quite too devotedly," the other girl answered. "He'd rather sit in the parlor with me every evening than take me to a show."

REAL DISCOVERER OF AMERICA

John Cabot's Memorable Voyage Never Has Had the Recognition It So Well Deserves.

It is one of the ironies of fate that the new world should bear the name of America, thus perpetuating the name of an adventurer, Americus Vesputius, whose claim to being the "first discoverer" of the western continent was based on a falsely dated letter, remarks the New York World. On the 4th of June, John Cabot set foot on the soil of North America. He set up the banner of England and from that hour the fortunes of this continent were destined to be swayed by the Anglo-Saxon race. His discovery laid the foundation for the future supremacy of England in North America.

Whether Cabot touched the shores of the continent on "the dismal cliffs of Labrador," or on the wild coasts of Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, will never be definitely known, but the consensus of modern opinion seems to favor Cape Breton, which forms a part of what is now the province of Nova Scotia.

Columbus had succeeded only in attaining the island fringe of the continent before Cabot set foot on the mainland. Cabot sailed over waters far stormier and more difficult than any encountered by Columbus, and his equipment and resources were vastly less, for he had but a single tiny vessel, the Matthew—the first vessel to touch our American shores. His discovery of the North American continent preceded by more than a year the third voyage of Columbus when he came in sight of the mainland of South America.

Like Columbus and Vesputius, John Cabot was a native of Italy, and it is believed that he was born in Genoa, the native city of Columbus. Later he settled in the English city of Bristol, and it was thence that he sailed on his memorable voyage of discovery, having received a patent from Henry VIII, authorizing him and his three sons to search for islands, provinces or regions in the eastern, western or northern seas.

PROPER REVERENCE FOR LAW

Situation in the United States as Secretary of Pennsylvania's Board of Education Sees it.

As a boy he attended a little gray school in the country. Then he taught a country school at the age of sixteen. Afterward he was superintendent of all the country schools of Lycoming county. And still later he was at the head of the State Normal school at Clarion, which educates teachers for these little gray schools. At present he is secretary of the state board of education, alert, active on the job 23 hours and 60 minutes every day.

Hence, when I get a school opinion from Dr. J. George Becht I know it is not a shoemaker's theory of building a cathedral, a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger observes. Listen to him: "The school must be taught a reverence for the law. What must be the effects upon the children of the alien when in high schools they note the pupils strike because someone has been punished or because a teacher has been promoted or a holiday refused?"

Respect for the law? Not respect for part of the law that applies to somebody in Kansas, but respect for all the law that applies to each boy and girl in Pennsylvania. "But this is a free country," you say. Let Doctor Becht answer that: "No word is so misunderstood as liberty. A man swinging his arms violently in a crowd struck the nose of a passer-by. The injured man objected, but the other retorted, 'This is a free country.'" "So it is," was the answer, "but your liberty ends where my nose begins."

They Live in Pickle Salt.

Just west of promontory Point Station, Utah, is a pond cut off from the Great Salt lake by the railroad embankment. At times of high water in the lake this reservoir fills by percolation through the embankment, but during the summer this water is concentrated to a brine by evaporation. The deep pink color of the brine is a phenomenon that appears in salt ponds generally when a certain concentration is reached. In the salt ponds of San Francisco bay this color is due to a certain bacillus which lives in saturated brines and also in the heaps of salt as it is piled for drainage and shipment. Prohibitive to life as such an environment might be considered, strong natural brines are, in fact, inhabited by a number of minute organisms—animals as well as plants. The pink color disappears in winter or when fresh water is introduced into the pond. The Southern Pacific company has done some experimental work on preserving piles and railroad ties by soaking them in the pond.

Just Self-Confidence.

It is a vanity of a sort that enables men and women to push to the front. They believe that they can do about what they please and their very faith is an aid. The devotees of new thought claim that confidence in oneself is a sure ticket to any place. "Don't say that," pleaded a woman who had just heard another declare her inability to talk on a subject with which she was thoroughly familiar. "Say you can talk and prove it to this club. And come to see me tomorrow and I will tell you how to increase your self-confidence." She kept her word with the result that the timid woman blossomed into a brilliant speaker.

Why Haste Was Desired.

A local paper tells of a clergyman who received this note telling him to perform a marriage ceremony:

"This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jemima Arabella Bearly is coming to your church on Saturday afternoon next to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be prompt as the cab is hired by the hour."—London Opinion.

Restful.

"That hired man of yours is a very picturesque figure," remarked the artist.

"Go ez fur ez you like," replied the farmer, "but it seems to me I've heard somewheres that they ain't much of any market fer still life pitchers."—N. Y. World.

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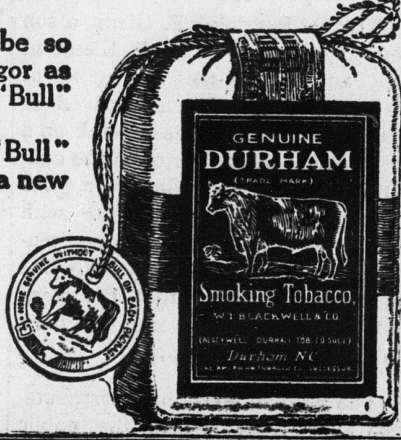
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