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THE POT BEGINS TO BOIL.

The Presidential campaign goes on apace. The selection of Chicago as the meeting place of the Republican National Convention is not looked upon as favorable to the wing of the party that swears by Roosevelt. It is further asserted that there is no longer a doubt of the collection of a vast sum of money to secure the selection of some candidate unfavorable to the Roosevelt policies.

Another Defect in Election Law.

It has been discovered that a rather serious defect exists in the uniform primary election law of Pennsylvania, which may deprive the State of delegates to the national conventions, or in any event cause successful candidates no end of trouble.

KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN.

This well-beloved, and most democratic monarch of Europe died in Stockholm on Sunday. He had been king of Norway and Sweden since 1872, and his long reign was one of constant endeavor to benefit his subjects.

The Republican National Convention has selected Chicago as the place for holding the national convention next year, on June 16. Whether they will nominate Taft or Fairbanks or Foraker is a matter of doubt.

THEN AND NOW.

Crisis of 1893 and 1907 Compared.

The Saturday Evening Post last week said: "In the monetary crisis of 1893 gold flowed rapidly out of the country. Europe drew a hundred millions of the metal from us in that year. If you are hungry and somebody takes away what food you have, recuperation, obviously, will be slow. Within a few days following the monetary crisis of 1907 we drew twenty-five millions of gold from Europe, and sharp advances in European discount rates did not at once check the movement. Our need of gold was, in fact, much more urgent fourteen years ago; but we couldn't get the metal. We simply did not have the financial power to command it. We have that power now, and the fact gives, in a nutshell, the difference between the two periods. In 1893 we could give no conclusive assurance that we would pay in gold. Our legal dollar was 'coin,' which might mean a hundred cents' worth of gold or sixty cents' worth of silver. Europe was disinclined to take the chances. The law of 1900, making gold the standard, removes that handicap. But there is not much use in having a gold dollar on the statute-book unless you have it in your pocket, too. One of the forerunners of the real panic was a pretty universal condition of insolvency among those concerns that made a special business of lending money on western farm lands. In 1892, 1893 and 1894 the west was broke. Production of wheat and corn those three years was under six billion bushels against ten billions in 1904, 1905 and 1906; wheat averaged fifty-five cents against seventy-eight. Cotton production was twenty-three million bales against thirty-five millions the last three years; the price eight cents against eleven. Total bank deposits in 1893 were 4 1/2 billions against 12 1/4 billions now. In 1904 the Treasury's stock of gold was sixty-four millions against 280 millions in October, 1907; total gold in the country, 598 millions against 1432 millions. Everybody now knows what Uncle Sam's dollar is, and that he's got the dollar.

AN APPALLING MINE DISASTER.

An explosion occurred in the coal mines at Monongah, West Virginia, on Friday last, which is the most appalling disaster of the kind that ever happened. Five hundred men were imprisoned in the mines, and there is no doubt that most of them are dead. A few charred bodies have been recovered, but the rescuers have been prevented from entering the mines any distance on account of the deadly gas. It was occasioned by black damp, and it is said the miners did not use safety lamps.

For Lung Troubles

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, consumption. And it certainly strengthens weak throats and weak lungs. There can be no mistake about this. You know it is true. And your own doctor will say so.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE PAPERS.

March 12 the Date for Senators and Representatives—March 19 for County offices.

All those who are candidates for congress or state senator, must file their petitions with the secretary of the Commonwealth not later than at noon on Saturday, March 12th, four weeks before the primaries. Those who desire to run for the legislature or for any county office must file their petitions with the commissioners not later than Saturday, March 19th, at noon. The petitions will then be tabulated in proper order and placed upon the ballots which are to be used by the Republicans, Democrats and any other party represented on the tickets. This work will take a week, allowing another week in which to print the ballots and the latter after their completion must be placed upon file at the commissioners' office at least a week before the primary election for public inspection. The corrupt practices act, which is a sort of a companion law to the uniform primaries act, under which the primaries are conducted provides for the filing of a statement within thirty days after the election by all who were candidates before the election whether successful or otherwise. If the candidate wins or not he is compelled, under the law, to observe this formality and is subject to a fine of \$50 and arrest and imprisonment if he does not comply with the provision. He can also be prevented from taking his oath of office. These expense statements are to be filed with the clerk of the courts and a minimum charge of fifteen cents is made for the filing. If the expense incurred by the candidate is under \$50 he may simply state that fact without going into any detailed statement of his expenses. But if the amount spent by him is larger than \$50 he must detail each item and where the cost of the same has been over \$10 he must accompany with the voucher used in payment. The legitimate expenses which a candidate may incur consist of advertising, paying watchers, disseminating information, for messengers, for postage and the like. No expenditures of sums where there is no return made to the candidate are permitted, and when contributions are made to political organizations, either in money or other valuable thing, the candidate is liable to a heavy fine and imprisonment. No registration fee is legal or permitted under the new act and when contributions are made by others to a candidate for the purpose of aiding him in his fight these contributions must be set forth explicitly.

You Have Often Seen Women.

With marked blueness or paleness of face, vitiated appetites and a craving for unwholesome food. These are signs of disordered liver, and the trouble must be corrected or worse results are sure to follow. Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy dispels liver disease. Husbands and fathers cannot afford to treat this matter lightly.

Nearly 500,000 Aliens Flee the Country.

Almost Twice as Many as Went Back to Europe Last Year.

A New York dispatch says:—Whether it is because of the "hard times" cry or the natural inclinations of mankind at the Christmas-tide to seek again the native health, the fact remains that the flight of aliens from the country has reached startling proportions. In motley throngs they crowd the steerage rails of nearly every outgoing steamer, and wave adieus to their less fortunate brethren who, on account of lack of accommodations, have been forced to remain here until another steamer is ready to take them. Four liners sailing Friday took in the aggregate 8000 aliens, mostly Italians. It is believed by steamship authorities that the height of the eastbound rush will be reached this week and that the number of aliens to depart will have reached half a million. The exodus this year has been so great that it has greatly hampered the dispatch of freight, and several lines will press into service special steamers to relieve the congestion of goods on their piers. The figures showing the emigration of this and last year are interesting. To November 28 of this year 447,000 persons had sailed eastward, while last year for the same period only 293,500 had departed. In November of last year 41,933 persons sailed to the East, while last month the number was 96,724.

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The President's Message in a Nutshell

Citizenship for Porto Ricans. A post savings bank system. Extension of the eight-hour law. Income and inheritance tax laws. Repeal of the duty on wood pulp. Provision for an emergency currency. Legislation to limit abuse of injunctions. That no attempt be made this session to revise the tariff. Federal control and supervision of interstate corporations. Extension of the parcels post, especially on the rural routes. Promotions in army and navy to command rank by selection. Railroad inspection, like steamboat inspection, to prevent accidents. Establishment of a bureau of mines in the department of the interior. Participation by the United States in the Japanese exposition at Tokio in 1912. That Congress appropriate campaign funds for each of the great political parties. Increased pay for regular army officers and a greater increase of pay for enlisted men. Educational aid to China by promoting the coming of Chinese students to America. That congress create the machinery for compulsory investigation of industrial disputes. That trust companies within federal jurisdiction be subjected to the same supervision as banks. That fourth-class postmasters be included in the classified service under civil service regulations. Amendment of antitrust law to make it more efficient and more in harmony with actual conditions. Additional legislation for proper control of great business concerns engaged in interstate commerce. Improvement of inland waterways on a huge scale; production of water power at government dams. Compulsory publication of accounts of interstate corporations; keeping their books open to government inspection. A comprehensive law relating to the employment of women and children in the District of Columbia and the territories. A national incorporation act for railways or a law licensing railways to engage in interstate commerce upon certain conditions. That corporations be forbidden to contribute to presidential campaign funds and that contributions and expenditures be published. That interstate commerce commission be empowered to pass upon future issues of railway securities, make physical valuations of railroads. Provision this year for four battleships; plenty of torpedo boats and destroyers; docks, coaling stations, etc., especially for the Pacific; ample fortifications of harbors. That antitrust law prohibit unhealthy, crushing competition; prevent inflation of capital; prohibition of a corporation's making exclusive trade with itself a condition of having any trade with itself.

Envelopes. 75,000 Envelopes carried in stock at the COLUMBIAN Office. The line includes drug envelopes, pay, coin, baronial, commercial sizes, number 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 9, 10 and 11, catalog, &c. Prices range from \$1.50 per 1000 printed, up to \$5.00. Largest stock in the country to select from.

Tax Blow to Fraternities

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