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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.
W. B. SNYDER
of Locust Township.

THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4, 1908.
Bourke Cockran of New York gave the Republicans something like "the rickies," on Monday. Commenting on the President's remarkable message of last Friday, he affirmed every proposition of Mr. Roosevelt as to the evils which have naturally and logically grown out of the vicious policies of the Republican party and added that there are only two men in the country capable of coping with and conquering these evil influences. One of these, he continued has voluntarily taken himself out of the equation, meaning Roosevelt, who has declared that he will not accept another election. "The other," he continued, "is William Jennings Bryan." If ever there was a subdued and disgusted group of men on the face of the earth, it was that which composes the Republican majority in the House.

This wonderful message of the President has been a thorn in the Republican flesh of Congress. When it was read in the House on Friday it was cheered vociferously by the Democrats and listened to with disgust by the Republicans. And, by the way, the alert young Democratic Congressman from your district, John G. McHenry, led the applause. At the outset of the message the President urges the reenactment of the employers' liability act, recently declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, with such modifications as will overcome the objections of the court. Mr. McHenry, who has been trying to get some legislation along similar lines, for the benefit of labor, expressed his approval by mildly applauding. At the next expression of Democratic policies Mr. McHenry again applauded and was joined by some of his Democratic colleagues. Finally the House fully abandoned itself to enthusiasm.

At first the Republicans sullenly scowled at this demonstration. Soon it became too hot for them and they rushed to the cloak room. But the excitement drew them back and then they were taunted until in self-protection they joined feebly and without feeling in the applause. It was a curious spectacle and without a parallel in the history of Congress. As a rule the party of the President applauds his messages and the others remain silent. But this message was such a scathing arraignment of the policies of the Republican party that conditions were entirely reversed. The Republicans with practical unanimity felt that their plans were being held up to popular execration. Yet they understood that the vast majority of the people think just what Roosevelt said and they were afraid to withhold approval altogether. They were literally between the devil and the deep sea. But while many of the assertions contained in the message express Democratic policies and all the arraignments of the Republican party are true, the message is not altogether admirable. It was not conceived in patriotism or uttered for a lofty purpose. Its language is in

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3, 1908.

William Jennings Bryan is still the most popular man, so far as the Democratic Presidential nomination is concerned, that has yet been mentioned. In spite of the assertions that Mr. Bryan was to be told while he was in Washington he must give way to some other Democrat for the Presidential contest, it is obvious that the word has not been given to him yet and it is doubted now if any one can be found willing to act as spokesman among the few senators who do not wish to see Mr. Bryan again lead the party. Mr. Bryan himself is convinced that this year is the appointed time for a Democratic victory with himself as the candidate. He declares that his attitude on the financial situation has undergone no change since previous utterances. He still favors Treasury and not national bank notes for emergency issue and says that this was the good, old fundamental principle laid down by Jefferson and Jackson, and that the good faith of the government should be behind these notes.

Senator Daniel and some of the more rapid anti-Bryan men are hoping to profit by the spectacle presented by the republicans of having their candidate left in doubt through a multitude of "favorite sons", and have by no means yet abandoned hope of being able to encompass Mr. Bryan's defeat for the nomination at Denver. Their idea is that if a goodly number of states can be induced to present candidates, the total strength may be so distributed as to make the selection of Bryan impossible.

Among the multifarious bills introduced in Congress is one to place a "tax of twenty-five per cent on all doweries paid by girls or their parents in exchange for a title," which called forth much eloquence on the part of Representative Chas. McGavin of Illinois, one day this week. His speech brought forth much applause from both sides of the House and has made for him a reputation as a champion of American men as against titled foreigners. In the course of his speech he said, "I have reference only to those who have a monocle on their eyes, and an idiotic look upon their faces, those who have neither the disposition to be good, nor the ability to do harm."

President Roosevelt issued a proclamation, last week, on the tariff agreement negotiated between France and the United States under the authority of Section 3 of the Dingley tariff act, which authorizes the President to arrange reciprocal trade agreements with foreign countries. The agreement was signed by Elihu Root for the President, and by M. J. J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, on the part of France, and it will not be submitted to the Senate for ratification but will go into effect on February 1st. The most important feature of the agreement is the abatement of 20 per cent on the duty on champagne imported into the United States, and France in turn agreed to impose only her minimum rates of duty on Porto Rican coffee and mineral oils. Under the terms of the agreement, a board of three experts of each country is to be appointed to investigate and report upon the customs administration systems of both countries. The tariff agreement will remain in force until the President of either country gives notice to the other country.

The present expectation is that the Aldrich financial bill, which was reported to the Senate this week, will be taken up for debate on February 10th, and kept steadily before the Senate as the unfinished business until it is disposed of. Senator Aldrich, who will of course engineer the measure, after making a careful survey of the situation as regards probable debate, is of the opinion that more than two weeks will be consumed in discussing it. The announcement of Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the Aldrich bill, made during his recent visit to the capitol, is taken as an indication that Democratic opposition to the measure will be of short duration. The conference of Democratic Senators, on Saturday last, developed a policy against any measure but one of an emergency nature, and there has been a tacit understanding among the minority that proposed radical financial remedies will have to be brushed aside for the present.

Representatives last week. The chaplain had barely finished his morning prayer when hand clapping and laughter were heard from various directions. The prayer was as follows:

"Good Lord, deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the jingo, the demagogue, the bigot and all other desirable citizens, and give us instead the patriot, the statesman, the broad-minded, the generous-hearted, manly man, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, for Christ's sake, Amen."

The prayer was the talk of the House for an hour or more after its delivery, and many of the Republican members declared that the visit of William J. Bryan had something to do with it, but the Democrats when confronted with this suggestion declared the chaplain was taking politics into the pulpit.

Bloomsburg Souvenir Books, 48 half tone pictures, 25 cents, at the COLUMBIAN office.

A Healthy Sign of the Times.

It is said that *Lippincott's* is one of the fortunate few magazines to thrive in spite of "depression times." People seem to realize that such a bargain—twelve first-quality novels a year—is not a luxury, but a necessity. Hence they feel justified in holding on to this safe investment with its big-paying dividends. *Lippincott's* is sometimes referred to as "a sure thing," and in America this expression covers a good deal—all of which must be highly gratifying to its publishers.

A glance at the February contents guarantees its popularity and explains its prosperity under these adverse conditions. "The Woman He Loved," Marie van Vorst's new novel, appears complete in that number. "Jimmie Bulstrode" figures in this new story; he has made many friends in short-stories which have appeared in *Harper's* and *Scribner's*, so that a new edition of this jolly bachelor bids fair to meet with an ovation from old and new acquaintances. The scenes of "The Woman He Loved" are laid about the estate of the Duke of Westboro' in England. The Duke is estranged from his American wife, and Bulstrode's tender heart—made tenderer, perhaps, by a seemingly hopeless love affair of his own—lets the troubles of his friends trouble him to the extent of evolving a plan to smooth out their differences. How kind fate helps along his scheme, incidentally rewarding the benefactor, notwithstanding interesting complications which threaten to wreck his craft, makes a deeply absorbing tale, while the vibrant, magnetic style of the author charms to the very verge of hypnotism.

The *Lippincott* short stories are marked by wide variety. In February there are four distinctly lively plots. Thomas L. Mason contributes one of his wittiest under the title "A Story That Went Wrong." Elsie Singmaster's story of domestic life among the Pennsylvania-German people, "Mrs. Weimer's Gift of Tongues," possesses fine subtle humor. "The Widow Smith's Dog," by William R. Lighton, is a funny tale of ward politics and "the woman." A clever and amusing sketch by Harold Susman is "Chatterton." Minna Thomas Antrim deftly mingles pathos and humor in her story. "The Questionings of Don," and a remarkably powerful story of heroism in the army is "Rakes," by Will Leyington Comfort.

Insomnia prevails so generally that it is safe to say the paper on "Sleeplessness," by George Lincoln Walton, M. D., will be eagerly devoured by thousands of sufferers—as well as by the many more who can sleep, and want to help their afflicted friends to the same blessed restorative. Dr. Walton gives some new practical advice toward this end.

Ezra Brudno modestly sub-titles his paper on "The Twentieth Century Jew" by the words "An Observation." His article evidences most acute study of the subject, and it is in every point dealt with quite up-to-date.

There are poems to please, and jokes to entertain; and there is the "Ways of the Hour" department, filled with terse comment on current topics. Taken altogether, the February issue is a good example of *Lippincott's* progressiveness.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

THE EASE OF TRAVEL TO-DAY.

It has just turned a century since the first boat was propelled by steam. There was not a complete locomotive in existence then nor a mile of railroad track. But the pendulum of time has swung rapidly forward within the last two generations. The railroad, the telegraph, and the telephone have revolutionized the commerce and the industry of the world and have made neighbors of remote people.

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