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The Tactics of the Enemy.

An important fact for Democrats to notice is that, in all this turmoil in the Republican ranks, the leaders feel confident that whoever is nominated can defeat Mr. Bryan, and the Republican papers are doing all they can to help bring that about. They evidently expect that the element of the Democratic party opposed to the nomination of Mr. Bryan would, at least not give him active support and thus lead to his defeat. But in this they may be mistaken for most of the opposition to Mr. Bryan is not against him personally, but springs from the belief that he cannot unite the party in the doubtful States and thus would again be defeated.

Under such conditions what will the practical politicians do when they meet in Denver? They will have the advantage of knowing what the Republican slate is and can better foresee, than can be done now, who will be the strongest candidate to defeat the Republican nominee, whether Mr. Bryan or some one of the many influential Democrats who have been mentioned. The fate of the Democracy will rest on the sagacity of the delegates elected to the Denver Convention, and good sense would indicate that the Democrats of greatest ability should be selected, untrammelled by instructions, so that their judgment is left free to nominate one who can win.—The Venango Spectator.

To Bring Back Prosperity.

There are economic laws which the mightiest interests infringe at their peril. The copper syndicate lifted the metal to twenty-six cents, but consumption dwindled so fast as to cut the ground from under the feet of the monopolists. By parity of reasoning, one may know that labor cannot hope to be as well paid as it was when there was a boom in railway earnings and in the value of commodities. In times like these the coat must be cut according to the cloth. With the streets of our great cities, full of artisans on the tramp, it is folly to talk of coercing employers. With construction at a standstill, it is madness to think of keeping steel products where they stood when the whole country was wild to build. This is the same old world, though it is the fashion to think that the ancient problems have been solved.

There is but one way in which prosperity can be brought back to the land. The burdens of sacrifice must be divided equitably between the weak backs and the strong. Neither capital nor labor can expect to take the cream and leave the skimmed milk.—The New Orleans Times-Democrat.

One of the Penalties.

The folly of the present generation and its ancestors is being emphasized by the reports of floods that are causing immense damage in various parts of the United States. This destruction of property is an annual occurrence, and people residing contiguous to large bodies of water spend the greater part of the year in dread of the inevitable danger and waste that is certain to come with the spring break-up and floods. While under any condition this danger might not be entirely eliminated, yet it is nevertheless a fact that had we not been so prodigal with our forest timber the suffering might have been greatly minimized.

The danger of deforestation is two-fold. In the first place, we are making of large sections of the country arid regions, to recover which to fertility and productiveness will require the expenditure of vast sums of money in irrigation. The second danger lies in the certainty of destructive floods with annual thaws and heavy precipitation. Timbered lands would impede the rush of water and the earth would have opportunity to absorb much that now rushes into river channels that soon overflow their banks and spread havoc. The question of reforestation is one that the United States is face to face with and will be compelled to solve satisfactory for its own preservation. Some little work has been done in the direction of supplying the wanton waste, but unless further devastation is prevented the stories that come from Pittsburgh and other districts will be multiplied alarmingly.—Altoona Times.

Where the Burden Falls.

The truth is every day becoming more widely recognized that the real tax payer is the tenant, not the landlord, for the latter recovers his taxes in the form of rent. In like manner the customer pays the taxes collected from the merchant, who recovers them in the form of prices.

It is a paradox, but nevertheless true that no class of citizens, in proportion to their income, pay so large a share of the taxes as those who are either not assessed at all or whose property is small. It is the millionaire class who are the least taxed in proportion to their income and the benefits they receive from government. The greater part of their wealth is concealed from the assessor, and they recoup from the public in one way or another, the greater portion of the taxes they pay. In New York, for instance, it is not the wealth of the Astors that bears the strain of taxation, but the earnings of their tenants, who pay real estate taxes in the guise of rent.

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24, 1908.
The House, during the past week, was the scene of a notable demonstration when Rep. Boutell of Illinois nominated Speaker Cannon for the presidency and Democrats as well as Republicans cheered to the echo. Just why the Democrats would have joined in is not quite clear and there indications that they now feel that they yielded somewhat to hysteria, for Rep. Henry has since demanded in public debate to know why, if "Uncle Joe" is such "a good fellow" he does not permit the President's policies to become laws, as for instance, the employers' liability law, the anti-injunction bill, and similar measures which are in the interest of the plain people; why he has killed the Appalachian Forest Reserve bill, by referring it to the judiciary committee for a report on its constitutionality, when there is no genuine question on that score and the purpose is only to kill the bill by indirect methods etc. Every once in a while the members of the House demonstrate the truth of the old adage that "men are but children of a larger growth", by permitting themselves to get hysterical and cheer and applaud things which, on sober second thought, they do not approve at all. This applies quite as much to the Republicans as to the Democrats, for a recent poll of the Republicans showed the members of the House to be for Secretary Taft two to one.

There are indications that the Aldrich financial bill will not get through the Senate without the stamp of Democratic statesmanship. Senator Johnson, the new Senator from Alabama, has offered an amendment affecting the bank reserves which he supported with such a clever application of Mr. Aldrich's own logic, quoting even his very words, that it now looks as if the Johnston amendment would be adopted without opposition. There seems to be no doubt that the Aldrich bill amended will pass the Senate and Speaker Cannon has promised to jam it through the House, regardless of the fact that there is great opposition to it there.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations held a secret meeting one day last week in which it seriously criticised the extravagant expenditures of Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain, who is spending money so lavishly that it will be almost impossible for an American of moderate means to follow him in this important post. One member of the committee recited the case of an American who was invited to visit Mr. Reid. He spent several days with the Ambassador and when he came to leave he felt he must follow the English custom of tipping all the servants. When they lined up to receive his gratuities there were one hundred and thirty-five of them and the poor man was obliged to give away so much money that he had to go to a friend in London and borrow the money to pay his way back to this country. This was at Ambassador Reid's town house, but he maintains also a country home the size of which may be gauged by the fact that he employs thirty-five gardeners alone. After the discussion of Mr. Reid's extravagant method it was decided to report favorably the bill providing for the purchase of the embassies and legations in most of the foreign capitals and a provision was added compelling the foreign representatives of this country to live in the houses so provided. The bill does not, however, provide an embassy in London.

The opponents of war will be glad to learn that the Senate has ratified the arbitration treaty with France without a dissenting vote. This means, of course, that the other six treaties which are in process of negotiation will also be approved as soon as they are sent in to the Senate. The treaty does not do much, but it shows the proper disposition on the part of this country and proves to the world, in a measure at least, that the United States is sincere in its advocacy of arbitration in preference to war in the settlement of international disputes. Probably no foreign people have doubted the sincerity of the present administration, but they may have doubted the disposition of the people as a whole because of the Senate's former refusal to ratify the seven arbitration treaties without so mending them that the President

would not complete them by exchanging ratifications.

There has been little doing in the way of Democratic politics of late. The situation in the Democratic party is strikingly similar to that which existed in the Republican party four years ago. Then it was assumed that Roosevelt would be renominated and the only lively politics followed the convention and attended the effort to defeat Judge Parker. This year the Democrats seem certain to renominate William J. Bryan and it is the Republicans who are at sea. If some of the other candidates do not make progress outside of their own states soon, it will be all one way in the Republican party. Secretary Taft goes steadily on acquiring delegates in every state in the union while no favorite son has succeeded in securing any delegates to the national convention outside of his own state. It is expected that Delaware will give her six votes to Knox but aside from that no favorite son has secured a single delegate, and even the Delaware delegates are still to get. Senator Foraker is trying to secure some contesting Negro delegations but that is looked upon as merely spite work on his part for he stands no possible show of the nomination and besides there are indications that the Republicans themselves are getting pretty tired of the Negro faction in their party.

The Coal Trust.

Probable Break in anthracite Combine.

There is trouble in the anthracite coal combine, for some members of the group of big companies have secretly cut prices and undersold the others. Such, at least is the information that came to the Reading, and in a way that found belief. It was reported that at tidewater and at other points east list prices had been undersold fifty cents per ton, and in the west twenty cents a ton had been deducted. The reports pointed to the Lehigh Valley both east the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company as the members of the anthracite combination which had moved certain stocks of coal by shading prices. It is expected that both companies will deny the reports, but their denials will be taken with qualification. The Lehigh Valley collieries have been ordered closed two days a week this month, and also during March, unless there shall be a great change in the market. There are no stocks of prepared sizes, including pea coal, but the general suspension of iron furnaces using the large sizes of anthracite and the warm early winter have caused big accumulations of broken, buckwheat and rice coal. These have got to be disposed of by the beginning of April or carried over as dead stock until next winter, so there is good reason for the reported action of certain companies.

Trespass Notices.

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Scents a Plot.

Fearful lest a general reduction in pay by railroads throughout the country, with consequent strikes and disorders, may seriously react upon his policies toward corporations and affect the campaign of the man he has picked for his successor, President Roosevelt has ordered an investigation of the causes underlying the proposed wage reductions by railway managers. The President evidently is also of the belief that the proposed wage reductions are intended purposely to discredit his administration. In a letter to the Interstate Commerce Commission calling for the investigation he cites one railway as announcing that the "drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year been enacted by Congress and the State Legislatures" are largely responsible for the conditions requiring a cut in the pay of employees. Labor organizations have protested against this proposed cut, and it is said they will make an appeal to the arbitration provisions of the Erdman act at the first move of the railroads to reduce wages, in the hope that a check may be administered.

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Spring 1908.
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Spring Dress Goods, Spring Suits—Women's, Spring Walking Skirts, Spring Waists, Spring Petticoats, Spring Gloves, Spring Neckwear, Spring Embroideries, Spring Dress Linens, Spring Cottons, Spring Silks, Spring Trimmings, Spring White Goods, Spring Dress Gingham.
Interesting to all are these first fashion-glimpses of Spring.

F. P. PURSEL. BLOOMSBURG, PENN'A.

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Bulletin. WASHINGTON CITY--THE MAGNET OF THE PEOPLE.

The eyes of eighty million American people are now on Washington, the Capital of the Nation. The wheels of the National Government are now in full motion. Congress is in session and the busy whirl of the legislative mill is intensely interesting. Many hours may be spent in the Senate or House gallery watching the legislators at work. The other workshops of the Nation are also well worthy of a visit. The White House, the home and office of the President; the State, War, and Navy Building, with its museums and models; the Treasury Building, with its huge vaults; the Government Printing Office, the Patent Office, and the Congressional Library; the National Museum, the Smithsonian Institution, the great Monument, and the new Union Station are all attractive features of the Capital City.

The splendid city with its numerous parks and statues never loses its charm at any season.

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