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Democratic County Ticket.

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HARRY CREASY, of Bloomsburg, (Second Term.)

WHAT THE 4th COSTS ANNUALLY

Some Statistics About the Big Price a Sans People Pay for Their Celebration.

The fitting celebration of Independence Day, is a question on which patriotic Americans are separated in two widely divergent parties, one claiming that it ought to be observed as noisily as possible, the other believing that our national birthday is too glorious an occasion to be marred by din and disorder. Of course we know that even among those who favor a boisterous observance there are many who cannot tolerate it themselves, and escape to the country in order to avoid the tortures of the "awful Fourth"—just as we know that a large proportion of the noisemakers including the small boy, too, is heedless, if not ignorant, of all that our holiday stands for, and thinks of it only as a time when clamor may reign unrestrained. The figures which indicate the price that we pay for each of our yearly celebrations are so appalling that one would suppose a knowledge of them would be the most powerful deterrent to our annual massacre. This, unfortunately, is not the case. For the past five years the Journal of the American Medical Association has endeavored to collect statistics setting forth what the celebration of the Fourth costs in life and human usefulness; and although these are admittedly incomplete—compiled, as they are, almost entirely from newspaper reports instead of from records of hospitals, dispensaries and physicians—they form the gravest possible arraignment of the recklessness which is willing to pay such a price for a "jolly day." They show that during the celebration of five national birthdays, from

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., June 22, 1908.

Washington vacated the centre of the official stage in favor of Chicago last week, with Denver still ahead as the centre of political activities. Most of the officials high up in administration circles who did not go to the convention are gradually departing for their various summer homes. President Roosevelt left on Saturday last for Oyster Bay, but Secretary Taft has not yet completed his plans for the summer and it is not known just when he will be able to get away from the city. It is known, of course, that he now expects to go to his home in Cincinnati some time in July.

Complaints come from Chicago that the national convention was "dull," and a prominent member of the national committee is reported as saying that national conventions have lost their interest. Too much is predetermined, he laments, the voters having taken the nomination of a President into their own hands and left only the minor details of the gathering to be worked out by the leaders.

Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor and Commissioner General Sergeant attended a conference at Ellis Island last week of commissioners at Atlantic ports where immigrants are landed. A specific understanding was reached in the diagnosing of infectious diseases to obviate opportunity for aliens refused admission at one port to enter at another, a scheme which had been possible by a slight difference in the medical examination at the various ports.

It is expected that early in August, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just over the Potomac from Washington tests will be begun of dirigible balloons and airships by the United States in connection with the work of the signal corps of the army. Contracts have been let for two "heavier than air" machines and one dirigible balloon, from which army officers expect to obtain results of great importance.

President Roosevelt, in conjunction with Gifford Pinchot, has taken steps to complete the organization of the national conservation commission last week. Already work has begun in the collection of information upon which the preliminary report of the commission will be based in January next.

Officials in Washington realize that the political situation in Cuba is serious, but they place no credence whatever in the reports that the foreign element there is fomenting a revolution for the purpose of compelling the United States to maintain an army in Cuba beyond February 1 next, which is the date set by President Roosevelt for the evacuation of the island. Secretary Taft stated, last week, that no reports of a revolutionary movement had been received from Governor Magoon. The municipal provincial elections have been set for August 1 next, and while the election may be attended by disorders in some parts of the island, there is little likelihood that there will be any serious trouble.

The information has leaked out recently from one who got it from a member of the Bryan family direct, that Mrs. William J. Bryan has confided to her husband her choice for the Vice Presidency on the Democratic ticket, and it is none other than Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University. It is said that Mr. Bryan agrees with his wife and that he declared privately he would like nothing better than to have the distinguished educator and historian for a running mate. According to this same authority, the original choice of Mr. Bryan was Brand Whitlock, the Socialist-Democratic mayor of Toledo, but the energetic young mayor declined the honor on the ground that there was plenty of time yet for him to get into national politics. It seems that Mrs. Bryan is not only a great admirer of the historical writings of Woodrow Wilson, but his success in the educational world appeals to her. Mr. Bryan, so the story goes, has always consulted his wife as to every move he has made, and while he has not always followed her advice, he is said often to have wished that he had. He regards this preference for Woodrow Wilson as about the wisest suggestion she has yet made.

President Wilson has not been consulted on the subject.

Almost an unanimous opinion prevails among local bankers, business men and clergymen as well as representative Washingtonians that it would be advisable to abolish the present form of government in the District of Columbia, and substitute a single commissioner or governor on whom should centre all responsibility and administrative authority. Many contend that the present triple-headed form of government is unwieldy, and necessarily imposes on the people conditions which could not exist were the responsibility of administering local affairs invested in one executive.

Lippincott's Still Forging Ahead.

Though not so well known as a novelist as her talented sister-in-law, Mrs. John Van Vorst has done some work in this line which has elicited high praise. What is probably her greatest novel is published complete in the July Lippincott's under the title "Second Quality." The leading character is a middle-aged American who has been so busy amassing millions that he has found no time to cultivate friends. When he finally decides to give up active business life, he goes abroad, where his loneliness palls upon him. To his delight he soon makes the acquaintance of a number of people whom he believes to be members of the innermost social circles. The list includes a princess and several other titled personages, but somehow they do not "ring true" to the bluff, simple-hearted American, and in the end he is forced to acknowledge that after all they are "second quality." But all is not glitter and sham in his experiences, for there is a pretty love story woven through the plot. Mrs. Van Vorst is familiar with Nice, Monte Carlo, and the other places she describes, so she is enabled to give the reader a most interesting and convincing picture of them. Dorothea Deakin, Will Levington Comfort, Clifford Howard, Caroline Lockhart, Karl von Kraft, and others contribute short stories, and there are a number of excellent special articles as well. Another feature, and not the least popular one, is "Walnuts and Wine." There are few who haven't heard of "Walnuts and Wine," even among those who do not read Lippincott's regularly, for it is probably the most widely quoted humorous section published in America.

THE DEMON SNUFF.

Southern Papers Have Taken Up the Cudgel Against It.

The Jackson News has taken up the cudgels against the use of snuff—not the old time method of taking a pinch by the nostrils, but the dipping of Scotch snuff, which was formerly quite common in certain sections of Mississippi and other Southern States and which is still practiced to an extent which one would scarcely believe except for the statistics on the sale of Scotch snuff in these States.

Strange enough, the fight against the snuff habit in Mississippi was started by the barbers' union of Jackson and has been taken up by other labor organizations. Why the barbers should be so particularly opposed to the snuff habit is not clear, except that a man with his under lip loaded with about three drachms of the powder might explode in a sneeze and put the barber's eyes out.

Other labor organizations have taken up the subject and are backing the News and the barbers in their efforts to get down the demon snuff. The Jackson News says that no movement started in that State in recent years seems to have met with such heavy response. In many places in the State clubs are being organized for the purpose of pushing on the work. Members of the Legislature are receiving letters from their constituents in regard to the matter, and by the time the Legislature meets in January public sentiment in the State will have been so crystallized that there will be no trouble in securing the needed legislation.

Wax Producing Insects.

An interesting series of wax-producing insects from India, China and elsewhere has been placed in the British Natural History Museum at South Kensington. From the secretions of one species of these little creatures—found in profusion on the bark of fig and other trees—a number of articles of commercial value are produced. Among these are seal, lac wax, shellac, seedlac and butterlac, specimens of which are exhibited at the museum side by side with the wax in its original form.

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