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A Very Far Off Contingency.

"The Democratic party is left in a chaotic condition. Out of the wreckage a new party may be formed. If it was Mr. Hearst's plan to hasten this consummation, he surely did his share of the work during the campaign. Many Democrats are likely to reach the conclusion that the time has arrived to jump from the derelict to the new craft called the Independence party."

Chaotic, yes; beaten to a "frazzle," yes; but going mad, not yet.

When Massachusetts turns Populist, New York city goes dry, Pennsylvania demands free trade, Chicago practices self-effacement, Kansas furnishes free whiskey to its farmers, "Uncle Joe" quits his leading post, the American flag is trampled down in the Philippines, and the Republicans nominate John D. Rockefeller or E. H. Harriman for President—then, and not till then, will you see Democrats jumping from the present "derelict" to the "new craft called the Independence party."

And yet William Randolph Hearst may—and doubtless will—continue in his unique, unpleasant way to be a powerful factor in American life and help mightily to shape, for good or ill, the political destinies of this land.

As for the Democratic party, chaotic and "frazzled" as it is to day, its hour and its man will some time come, and when they do come a clear-cut, burning issue that goes straight to the honest American heart and appeals to the intelligence and the conscience of the American mind—one issue, not many—will quickly transform that derelict of today into a proud, invincible craft of another day—and under the same banner.

—Washington Herald.

Governor Calls for Thanks.

Governor Stuart has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation as follows:

"In conformity with a well-established and laudable purpose, I, Edwin S. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby set apart Thursday, November 26, as a day for giving thanks and praise to the Lord for His infinite goodness and mercy.

"For bountiful harvests, peace and returning prosperity, for protecting us from pestilence and famine, and for the manifold mercies we have received during the past year, our people have reason to go to God in thanksgiving and prayer.

"For a land of homes, churches and schools, and for the things which make happiness and contentment, we should never cease to be grateful.

"On this day let us assemble in our churches and places of worship and express our gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings we have received and pray for a continuance of His divine favors.

"Let us not forget that our thanksgiving is mere lip service if we neglect the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted."

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Bryan Should Retire.

New York Sun Says Nation Has Condemned Him.

Mr. Bryan has had his third nomination for President and met with his third defeat, after a campaign in which he had the magnanimous support of the survivors of the late Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet. At Mr. Bryan's solicitation his party made many excellent nominations for State offices and for Congress, and money was not wanting for the legitimate expenses of his campaign. Under these helpful conditions he has signally failed to receive the approval of his fellow-citizens, although he has put forth almost superhuman effort in his own behalf, neglecting no expedient or subterfuge to turn the tide of public opinion in his favor. His appeal has been made to all classes; he has sounded every depth of sentiment; he has cultivated every prejudice; he has led a forlorn hope with undeniable adroitness; and again he stands condemned as an unsafe guide, as a man unfit to be president.

Manifestly this should be the end of Mr. Bryan's designs upon the Presidency. As an adviser and leader of his party he must give way—even his own partisans, we presume, will now insist upon it—to some man who can unite the Democracy's shattered ranks if such a captain be left on the field, and rescue it from the clutch of socialism.—N. Y. Sun.

Out Early for Governorship.

Although Governor Stuart's term is only about half over, two candidates for the office are said to be in the field. One is Congressman Daniel F. Lataan, of the York-Adams district, who has been casting longing eyes toward the Executive Mansion in Harrisburg for several years, and will be willing to change his residence if the people are willing.

Lieutenant Governor Murphy is the other man whose name is prominently connected with the gubernatorial succession. Furthermore, it is said that he has been selected by the leaders for the nomination. Mr. Murphy has a large personal following, and is better known by the people than is Lataan as he has made many speeches at all sorts of functions throughout Pennsylvania.

Another possible nominee is State Senator Sproul, of Delaware county.

The Issue of Today.

The issue of corruption versus honesty in city government is one which confronts the people of every American city. The great American writer, Cyrus Townsend Brady, has outdone himself this time and has written a powerful story on this theme. "The Ring and the Man" is the title of his wonderful story. Love and adventure, crime and passion, politics and business, are all included in his masterful portrayal of American life. "The Ring and the Man" is a story of today and will be printed in serial form in "The Philadelphia Press." The opening chapters will appear Sunday, November 29. Order "The Philadelphia Press" in advance from your newsdealer so you will not miss the opening chapters, for the demand will be unusually heavy.

Section Foreman Killed.

John Miller, section foreman on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Northumberland, was run over and killed by the morning passenger train as it backed into the Northumberland station Tuesday morning, preparatory to starting on the north-bound trip. He was in charge of a gang of men who were unloading a pile of ties from a car at the station.

The passenger train was backing into the station, and as the cars swung around the curve into the station Miller, who did not see them approaching, was struck by the baggage car and thrown beneath the wheels. Before the train could be brought to a stop, he had been practically ground to pieces and died shortly afterwards.

The deceased was a resident of Northumberland all his life and employed by the railroad company for 40 years.

THE STATE GRANGE.

Preparations Are Being Made for a Great Convention Beginning December 7th.

Hon. Leonard Rhone, of Centre Hall, past master of the state Grange, will be the presiding officer at the convention of the state Grange in Altoona during the week of December 7th, in the absence of Grange Master W. F. Hill, of Huntingdon, who will attend the session of the International Congress of Agriculture at Rome, Italy. The announcement to this effect was made from the Grange headquarters at Huntingdon. Past Master Rhone was the presiding officer at the last session of the state Grange held in Altoona some years ago. Dr. W. Frank Beck, chairman of the general committee, has announced that the arrangements for the convention have practically been completed. Prof. Edward E. Sparks, president of State College, will be the principal speaker at the public meeting to be held in the High School auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 8th. His subject will be "Washington, the Farmer." Mayor S. M. Hoyer is to welcome the Grange and other addresses are to be made by members of the school board and other local speakers. It is expected that Willet M. Hayes, of Minnesota, and first assistant secretary of agriculture, will be in attendance at the session. The committee on entertainment have not received sufficient responses to its call for accommodation for visiting delegates from private families and unless they come in faster a canvass of the city will have to be made in the course of the next couple of weeks to secure accommodations. There are about 1,300 delegates elected to the convention and a number of these have written for accommodations with private families if they can be had within several blocks of the High School building. The sum of \$1.50 per day will be paid for accommodations at private houses.

Farmers' Week at State College.

The school of agriculture in The Pennsylvania State College offered a program for Farmers' Week, last winter that attracted hundreds of farmers from one-half the counties of the state. The lectures were by Practical scientists who pleased their hearers. The next Farmers' Week will begin December 30th and close January 6th. Noted specialists from many states will assist the faculty of the school of agriculture in making the coming meeting the greatest in the history of the state's agriculture. The attendance now promises to be so large that it is necessary to schedule four lectures for the same hour, in order that the visitors may be accommodated. The arrangement will be such that a specialist may select lectures of direct interest to himself throughout each day of the week. The program will be ready for distribution about November 15th. Write for one, addressing "School of Agriculture, State College, Pa."

New Postage Stamps.

The post office department is preparing to issue a new series of stamps soon. The denominations are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 50 cents and \$1. The postoffice department says that the \$2 and \$5 stamps will be discontinued after the present supply is exhausted. On the one cent stamp is the head of Benjamin Franklin in profile from Houdon's bust. All the other denominations bear the head of George Washington in profile from Houdon's bust. The border designs of all the denominations are identical, the head being an eclipse on end with laurel leaves on either side. Above the head are the words "U. S. Postage," below it the denomination. The size of the stamps is the same as that of the stamps now on sale.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac

For 1909, ready November 15th, bigger and better than ever, by mail 35 cents, on news stands 30c. One copy free with "Word and Works" monthly magazine at \$1 a year. "Word and Works" Pub. Co., 2201 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Good Highways Movement.

Bills to be Presented to the State Legislature Call for the Expenditure of \$50,000,000.

The petitions now being circulated by the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, in the interest of the Good Roads Movement, are being largely signed by auto and horse owners.

The first of the three proposed bills endorsed by the Federation, to be presented at the coming session of the Legislature provides for a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of a \$50,000,000 bond for highway improvement; the second asks for an appropriation of not less than \$5,000,000 for immediate use and also for the appointment by the Governor of a State Board who shall designate the location of main State highways to be constructed and maintained by the State as well as to determine where the State Aid system shall be applied, and which Board shall be authorized to purchase certain toll roads, while the remaining measure provides for the application of preservatives to stone roads constructed by State aid.

In speaking of the gigantic requisition upon the State Treasury, Chairman Weeks of the Federation, says:

"It will take five years to obtain an amendment to the constitution whereby the \$50,000,000 bond may be issued, even under the most favorable circumstances, and it is because of this fact that the second bill was drafted by the Federation, asking for an immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000. This will give us an opportunity to secure a partial improvement of the State's bad roads now, inasmuch as it can be passed immediately under the present laws. We expect to obtain the signatures of eighty per cent. of the voters in every election district in the State to the petitions which we have sent out, and by the early part of January we further expect to be able to go to Harrisburg with something like 700,000 or 800,000 names on our list. The legislature can scarcely turn a deaf ear to such an appeal, do you think?"

Delivery of Registered Mail.

A news dispatch from Washington says: "Declaring that complaints continue to come to the department alleging violation of the postal regulations concerning the disposition of registered mail endorsed for delivery to the addressee in person an order was issued by third assistant postmaster general Lawshe directing that such mail must be delivered to no one but the addressee in person, not even upon his written order. If it cannot be delivered to the person addressed, it must be returned to the sender or otherwise disposed of under regulations applicable to undelivered registered mail.

"The wrapper of registered matter is required to be examined before delivery to see if it bears a restrictive endorsement, failure to notice which will no longer be accepted as an excuse."

Rivers of Beer.

A news dispatch from Pittsburg states that the beer drinkers of Pittsburg consumed three hundred thousand barrels less last year than the year previous. At eight dollars a barrel, the average price of the beverage, the saving was about two and a half million dollars—a sum sufficient to build fifteen hundred homes at sixteen hundred dollars each. Think of the labor that would be employed and the materials that would be used in the construction of fifteen hundred houses. Some day the business man, the contractor, the lumber dealer and the merchants generally will begin to realize what the liquor business costs them.

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Not one fashionable weave or coloring but what is represented in our Dress Goods Department. Our showing is broad—comprehensive—complete—satisfying.

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And perhaps the most noteworthy feature of the exhibit is the price lowness. We bought early and especially advantageously. Now we would pay from 10 to 20 per cent. more for many of the fabrics. You of course get the benefit of our fortunate purchasing. Prices tell—take note of them when you come.

A Few of the Many New Fabrics.

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FANCY PANAMA—46 inches wide in stripes, checks and plaids as well as all the wanted plain colors at \$1.00 a yard.

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BLACK VOILE—always wanted for fine separate skirts, 44 in. wide, \$1.00 to \$1.50 a yard.

FANCY BROAD CLOTH—50 in. wide in blue, green and brown, with wide shadow stripe effect, just the thing for your new fall suit \$1.75 the yard.

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