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No Mystery at All.

Mr. Bryan declares in his newspaper, *The Commoner*, that the causes of his defeat are mysterious. He believes that the splendid platform adopted by the Denver convention ought to have commanded sufficient support of the American electorate to have carried our party to assured victory. Unquestionably that is true. The workingmen of the country ought to have been practically a unit for the Denver ticket. The victims of the tariff policy, and they constitute a vast majority of the people, ought to have been equally earnest and quite unanimous for the Democratic ticket. But the result disappointed these expectations.

There is no mystery about the matter, however. The Democrats carried Ohio for the principles expressed in the Denver platform in the election of Judson Harman for Governor. They expressed their confidence in and fidelity to those principles in Minnesota through the election of Johnson to the office of Governor. They carried Indiana for Democratic principles in the election of their candidate for Governor and a majority of the General Assembly. They proved that the principles are stronger than the candidate in every State in the Union except one. As a matter of fact it was the Democratic candidate and not Democratic principles that was defeated.

Mr. Bryan ought not to have been nominated as the candidate of the party this year. He must have known that the people are not willing to put him in the presidential office and in consenting to, if not actually directing the undemocratic treatment of the rightfully chosen delegates to the Denver convention from Pennsylvania, he revealed an unfitness for the office which probably influenced the votes of thousands against him. In view of these things there is no mystery about the result of the election. It simply expressed the determination of the people to take no chances with Mr. Bryan in the office of President.—*Bellefonte Watchman.*

Roosevelt Will Be Leader in New York.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* says:— It is now clearly understood by those in closest touch with President Roosevelt that the President will not consider any office or other public employment until the close of Chauncey M. Depew's term as Senator. If the President remains in his present state of mind it is understood that he will be a candidate for the Senate at that time.

In the meantime, beginning on March 5, 1909, Mr. Roosevelt will be the Republican leader of New York State. He is of the opinion that Republican affairs in the Empire State are in need of thorough reorganization and he will carry out his own ideas regarding this reorganization.

That Roosevelt as the new State leader, will have the entire confidence and co-operation of President Taft is conceded. All applicants for federal patronage will require the Roosevelt "O. K." for success.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23, 1908

The much heralded, discussed and criticized dinner to labor leaders given at the White House by the President has been a completed with vague and indefinite results, except in so far as relates to the consumption of the ample provision prepared by the White House cooks. Those labor leaders who have been most conspicuous on the stump and in the press were not present though a large number of influential and lesser lights were there. Two members of the Supreme Court were at the dinner and two cabinet ministers and these with the President and labor leaders composed the party. There was no formal discussion during the repast, but after dinner there was an adjournment to the Red Room when labor subjects, the anti-injunction bill, the Sherman bill and the employers liability bill, were discussed and when the President, without committing himself beyond recovery, was supposed to have intimated that he would make recommendations to Congress in his annual message. This the President has done often heretofore and may without hazard do again, but Uncle Joe, who presumably has not relaxed in his opposition to the anti-injunction bill, will be there to oppose any measure to that end, and it is anticipated that he will be elected Speaker of the 61st Congress after President Roosevelt has left the White House. The coming president is, of course, committed to the Rooseveltian policies and his recent announcements in numerous speeches have defined his position on labor and cognate questions even more clearly than has President Roosevelt spoken on the same subjects.

An event of apparently insignificant importance has been discussed with considerable interest by the *quid nuncs* during the week. William Randolph Hearst, at one time the candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency and more recently the promoter of the so-called "independent" party, between whom and the President there has been no love lost, called this week at the White House for the first time in his somewhat meteoric life. It is said that Mr. Hearst received a telepathic message from the White House that the President was "dee-lighted" with Hearst's helpfulness in the late campaign and well he might be, for if the political candle of Mr. Foraker has been snuffed, the credit or the blame is due Mr. Hearst. There has been much speculation to what Mr. Hearst said to Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Hearst on this visit, but nothing can be learned as to the conversation. It is hinted that this first interview was merely an ice breaker and that it marks the beginning of more friendly relations between these hitherto bitter adversaries.

As might be expected during the sittings of the tariff revision commission, there is much talk about tariff revision and as the volume of the testimony grows, the middle increases. Democrats, like Republicans, are quite willing to admit, free of tax, everything in the next county. The wool growers and rice planters of Texas, the sugar planters of Louisiana, the iron factors of Alabama, the coal kings of Georgia and the saw mill hustlers of North Carolina all want protection. On the other hand, the shoe makers of Massachusetts want free hides from South America, and a high tariff on boots and shoes and all leather goods, while the cattle kings and feeders in Montana, Wyoming, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska want a high tariff on hides and no tariff on boots and shoes and leather goods. It is probable that the discussion of the tariff will begin in Congress early in December, but what's the use? The passage through both houses of Congress by March the fourth, of a bill in which there are so many conflicting interests, is out of the question. The general routine business of Congress can be accomplished only by diligence in the three short months broken by the Christmas holidays, which consti-

utes the short session of Congress.

There is a convention of college presidents in Washington this week, holding its sessions in the audience room of the Shoreham Hotel. Many distinguished presidents of colleges and state universities are present. President James of the University of Illinois, as spokesman for a bill now pending in Congress to provide a university in Washington supported by the federal government, read a paper which created universal interest and apparently received the support of all the distinguished educators present. The purpose of the proposed university is to provide for the higher instruction and training of men and women for posts of importance and responsibility in the public service of the federal government, or of the states, and for such professions as may require the highest training. This bill, which was presented at the last session of Congress, provides for an appropriation of \$500,000 with which to establish the initial equipment of the University. It is said that many of the University presidents now assembled here will give the bill their personal attention and urge its passage at the coming session of Congress.

The Christmas Lippincott's.

With the approach of Christmas; everybody ought to be in a joyous mood, even if everybody isn't, so let us away with gloom and melancholy, and have about us only reading matter that is cheerful in tone and atone with the holiday season. The December Lippincott's provides just the sort of entertainment to put you in good humor. The complete novel is a humorous mystery story entitled "Seven Days," by Mary Robert Rinehart, whose book "The Circular Staircase" now ranks as one of the season's "best sellers." Mrs. Rinehart has chosen for the theme of her latest story the mishaps and adventures of a number of society folk—and a few others—who suddenly find themselves quarantined, owing to the illness of a servant, in a house where the society folk have gone to dine. Some of the complications are due to the presence of a young couple who have been divorced but are still in love with each other; the ex-husband's spinster aunt, who has a horror of divorce and is unaware of the rift in their matrimonial lute; a girl who rashly undertakes to impersonate the wife, to spare the aunt's feelings—this before the ex-wife appears on the scene; and a young man who is unaware of the deception and falls in love with the supposed wife. All sorts of weird happenings take place in this "house of too much trouble" during their imprisonment. A diamond bracelet, a pearl necklace, and other valuables mysteriously disappear, the telephone wires are cut, and one of the women guests is brutally embraced and kissed by a person unknown. Altogether, there are enough amusing situations for a dozen stories.

Among the notable offerings other than fiction are a witty and amusing paper on "Irish Courtship," by the famous Irish humorist, Seumas MacManus; "The Nativity," a beautiful miracle play in blank verse, by Charles L. O'Donnell; a delightful sketch called "The 'Truly' Christmas," by Edwin L. Sabin; a very funny discourse on "Anatomy for Beginners," by Thomas L. Masson; a strikingly beautiful Christmas poem, "Jesus unto Mary," by Chester Firkins, and other contributions by Dr. A. L. Benedict, W. Dayton Wegefath, S. M. Talbot, George Herbert Clarke, Stephen Tracy Livingston, Miuna T. Antrim, and Isabel S. Mason. The short stories are no whit behind the rest of the contents in quality. Some of them are Will Levington Comfort's "The Thing," a theatrical story of great power; Augusta Kortrecht's "Big-I and Little-U," a very original and tender tale of child life; "The Amendment of M. de Chirac," by H. C. Bailey; and "The Man Who Was Horse-Crazy," by Caroline Lockhart. "Walnuts and Wine," Lippincott's widely quoted humorous section, is brimful of cleverness this month, and helps to round out a very satisfying magazine.

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