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**Congress and the President.**

In the estimation of many citizens the response of the House to the wanton insult of President Roosevelt was too mild and forbearing in its terms. When the President trumpeted to the world his indirect charge that the Congress of the United States is of such a character that it dreaded the searchings of his secret police the provocation was deep enough to warrant the most vehement reply of which the English language is capable. But it is well that the House has not been tempted to follow his example. By laying his scolding message on the table as unworthy of consideration the House has administered to their author the fitting rebuke the occasion demanded. The moderate, restrained and dignified terms of the resolution repelling the attack upon the power of the representatives of the nation were in perfect keeping with the act. The House did not forget what is due the office of President and the relations of courtesy that should subsist between the departments of this Government.

This deliberate parliamentary course of the House in defense of the integrity of Congress, so much in contrast with one or two angry scenes during the administration of President Johnson, cannot but be gratifying to all true friends of popular government. If it was a tactical blunder of Roosevelt to perpetrate his assault upon Congress as his power was drawing to an end, he knew full well that no time was left for formal impeachment of a high misdemeanor. In his blind rage he has severed the relations between the legislative and executive departments of the nation, to be resumed only on the inauguration of his good-tempered and prudent successor. He has succeeded also in affording the proof that whatever may be the shortcomings and faults of Congress on matters of legislation, it will not submit to wanton imputations upon its integrity from any quarter. This is one important service which President Roosevelt has gratuitously done for Congress and the country as his Administration draws to a stormy and violent close.—Record.

**Judge Rice for Supreme Bench.**

The Shickshinny Echo says: "The Luzerne County Bar Association held a meeting Monday when President Judge Charles E. Rice of the Superior Court was unanimously endorsed for a place on the Supreme Court bench upon the retirement of Chief Justice Mitchell. The boom for Justice Rice was given an enthusiastic start and his friends promise to conduct an active campaign in his interest, believing him one of the ablest jurists in the State and exceptionally well qualified for a seat in the Supreme Court.

Judge Rice by his ability, attainments and integrity has brought exceptional honor to the bar of Luzerne county, and is considered one of the ablest jurists in the State. After a term as district attorney he was elected judge of the Common Pleas bench in 1880, later re-elected and was president judge of Lu-

zerne county when appointed to the Superior Court bench in 1895 by Governor Hastings, and he is now chief justice of that body."

We believe we express the sentiment of the Columbia County bar when we say that it would be very gratifying to see Judge Rice on the Supreme Bench. It is well remembered by the older residents here, that when a young man, just after his graduation from college, he was a member of the Normal School faculty. Such men as Judge Rice are needed in the higher courts. He has reached his present high position through his own merits, and not because of any political pull.

**Jobs For Ex-Presidents.**

Senator McCreary of Kentucky, Wants Congress to Act.

To insure against an ex-president of the United States being "out of a job," Senator McCreary, of Kentucky, will make an effort before the close of the present session of congress to have enacted his bill providing that former executives may be appointed as members of international commissions and representatives of the United States at conferences having to do with foreign affairs.

The bill has been referred to a sub-committee of the senate committee on foreign relations and several meetings have been held to consider it. While it is likely the measure will be reported from the committee, it is not thought that it will pass the senate.

As one of the arguments against the bill it was pointed out in the committee that for at least four years to come it would apply only to Mr. Roosevelt, who already has taken steps in the mapping out of an active future for himself. The preamble to the McCreary bill suggests Pan-American conferences and conferences at The Hague. It sets forth that proper representation of the United States at such conferences calls for such great familiarity with and mastery of the questions to be discussed that ex-presidents are eminently qualified to represent the nation.

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**To Divide Catawissa.**

Warren Eyer, E. F. Carpenter and F. W. Drake who were appointed by the Court to examine and report upon the advisability of dividing the borough of Catawissa into 2 election districts will meet for the purpose of the appointment in the town hall at Catawissa on Tuesday, January 26th at 9 o'clock a. m. at which time they will hear testimony in favor of, and against the proposition, if there is any, and locate the division line.

**WASHINGTON**

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12, 1909.

The last days of President Roosevelt's administration are fated to be strenuous and stormy. No doubt his experience in the wilds of Africa with lions, hippopotami, and rhinoceroses will be peaceful in comparison with the entertainment that Congress is disposed to give him between now and the fourth of March. Of course he has brought it all on himself. He should not have told the gentle, virtuous Congress that they handicapped and hobbled the detective bureau because they did not want it to play "follow the leader" with them. It is not good form to put in a Presidential message and scatter through the press to three or four hundred constituencies or Congressional districts things that are not known outside of Washington or that have been so long known here that they are looked upon as common-place and unavailable as news. Some members of Congress representing both parties have lashed themselves into a fury of indignation and are going to wipe from the record the President's plain talk but this of course, will only emphasize and give greater publicity to his strictures. His message to Congress and especially this part of it has been published in every paper in the United States and throughout the world in all languages and the resentful fury of those who are hit will simply call further attention to the deserved rebuke. Not since the day that the Republican majority in the House and Senate turned on Andrew Johnson has there been such intense feeling against the executive office, but here the comparison ends. Johnson was unpopular, Roosevelt is stronger in almost every Congressional constituency or district than is the Representative in Congress. It is predicted here that Mr. Taft will at the next Congressional election be defeated through the President's criticism of his misrepresentation with reference to the detective bureau.

It is not usual for the Cabinet of a President to be so widely discussed and apparently made up two months before the day of his inauguration. As a usual thing only after the President is inaugurated is the Cabinet named and then there are some surprises. This after all may be the case with Mr. Taft's Cabinet but apparently authenticated announcements are already made. There is no doubt but that Senator Knox of Pennsylvania will be Secretary of State in the new Cabinet, ex Governor Herrick of Ohio it is believed will be Secretary of the Treasury, the present Secretary of War, Wright, is expected to hold the same place in Mr. Taft's Cabinet, General Meyer, the present Postmaster General, it is thought by many will be Secretary of the Navy. Others believe that Mr. Thompson of New York will be given the Naval portfolio. Henry M. Hoyt of Pennsylvania is slated for the Department of Justice or the Attorney General. Frank H. Hitchcock for Postmaster General, James R. Garfield for Secretary of the Interior, James Wilson the present Secretary is expected to retain his position as the head of the Agricultural Department. Mr. Loeb, the private secretary of President Roosevelt who has been the scapegoat of so many of his impetuous chief's "improprieties" is so persistently mentioned for this or that Cabinet position that he would seem to have a cinch on something. It is now said he will be Secretary of Commerce and Labor in the place of Mr. Straus, the capable and modest Jew.

There would seem to be every reason why President elect Taft would wish to retain the present Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Newberry at the head of the Navy Department. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the Roosevelt policy for the regeneration of the Naval establishment, a regeneration analogous to that which has been so successfully and profitably inaugurated in the army. Mr. Newberry is a comparatively young man. He has had experience at sea. His long apprenticeship as assistant Secre-

tary of the Navy, the position once held by President Roosevelt has peculiarly qualified and fitted him for the further work in reformation which this department so urgently needs. Why should he be displaced and an unknown and untried man substituted?

Without a war on sea and land the improvements that have been made in the army and navy during the seven years of Roosevelt may never be fully known. Both arms of the service are without doubt more fit and efficient than at any time within their history and the idea of the President to promote efficient and capable officers and to eliminate from the service incompetent, intemperate, mentally stupid and physically unfit the obese, pot bellied and knock kneed men is certainly in the interest of the service but more emphatically in the interest of the country. Of course this process is not agreeable to some of the officers, their wives and families but they should not, where the country is involved, be considered. Pulling teeth and other surgery is not an agreeable operation to the subject or even to the spectator, but it is necessary and indispensable to health and life. Only a small minority of men succeed in law, in medicine or in any profession. The law of the survival of the fittest humanely works to eliminate the incompetent but in the army and navy in past regimes the officers have been kept in the service and promoted according to seniority thus eliminating those incentives to effort and those rewards to talent or to genius that are so essential to excellence in human effort and human attachment.

**Yorke and Adams in Playing the Ponies.**

Direct from their successful Circle Theatre, New York engagement, B. E. Forrester, will present Yorke & Adams, the celebrated comedians in the musical comedy, "Playing the Ponies" at the Columbia Theatre next Saturday, January 16th, and promises that there will be something doing all the time and that the patrons of the Columbia Theatre will in no way, regret an evening spent with Yorke & Adams. Aaron Hoffman, is responsible for the book and lyrics and the music is the work of Morse and Madden, the well known composers. No expense has been spared to equip this organization and Yorke and Adams, who are recognized comedians and second to none in their particular line are supported by a company of fifty people. Frank Smithson, the famous producer has executed some marvelous effects and the numbers are executed by a bevy of beautiful girls who really can and do sing. The first act takes place at Sheephead Bay Race Track, and is an exact reproduction of that famous race course. The second act takes place at the famous Luna Park in Coney Island. This scene shows the "Tower", "The Famous Shot the Chutes" and "The Beautiful Japanese Gardens." Over 3,000 electric lights are used in illuminating the great scene. The limit in stage craft is the great race between the famous horses Diablo and Lady Love. No effort has been spared to make this the greatest in musical comedy. Popular prices Seats now on sale.

Joe. Hartz will appear at the Columbia Theatre next Monday night in the musical comedy drama entitled "Fritz, the Wandering Musician". Mr. Hartz who is possessed of a clear and well cultivated voice renders several of his diverting song specialties, and his appearance in the new play is said to be a pronounced success. The play is modeled along the line of entertainments which the late J. K. Emmet used to give. Judging from what we can hear, Mr. Hartz is provided with a role which is entirely congenial to his talents, and he gives to the character of "Fritz" all that it calls for. Scenery, mechanical effects and actors of note, have all been placed in this production, which is said to be one of the strongest and most satisfactory plays put out this season. Prices, 35, 50 and 75 cents. Choice seats for 50 cents.

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**What's Wrong on the Farm?**

The government commission which is investigating the condition of the farmers has elicited statements from more than 100 in the middle west, says Charles Dillon, writing in Harper's Weekly. Everywhere practically the same reply was heard, "The boys and girls complain." They want to put in new ideas of farming," said a representative farmer. "They want all sorts of labor saving machinery; they want books and papers; they want to quit work at sunset or sooner; they want to go to town every day. We either have to give them what they want or they leave." The telephone, rural free mail delivery and other innovations have done much to improve farm life conditions, but until the farmer runs his business on up to date lines with the hours obtaining in other occupations the exodus will continue is the conclusion arrived at.

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