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Democratic State Ticket.

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Democracy in Earnest.

Will Make Fight of Party's Life for Disfranchisement.

Senators, Congressmen and other speakers from all the Southern States which have gone through the process of disfranchising their negroes will take part in the great campaign now beginning in Maryland in support of the constitutional amendment to disfranchise the colored voters of this State. From present indications the Democrats are going to make the fight of their party's life in Maryland to carry the amendment. All other issues with them will be subordinated and it will be a miscalculation to presume that they are not in earnest about the fate of the amendment.

The Democratic leaders know full well that it means much for the future of their party to get certain elements out of politics. They control the city and State now by a narrow margin, but they believe they would control it for an indefinite period by a wide margin should they eliminate the illiterate negro and the other illiterates of other races along with them. The State Committee will meet in Baltimore September 2 to formally notify Dr. J. W. Hering of his nomination to succeed himself as State Comptroller. This formality really is an excuse for a conference of the party people and for the real launching of the campaign.

"The Democratic party of Maryland is united," said State Chairman Vandiver the other day, "and will wage one of the most progressive and aggressive campaigns that has ever been made in Maryland. Our ticket throughout the State is one of the best ever put forth by the party and, in my judgment, is superior to that named by the Re-

Race Suicide a Blessing.

Once more Dr. Woods Hutchinson has come to the rescue of our much-abused civilization. In September *Woman's Home Companion*, he points out that not only are all wrong about the race-suicide problem, but there isn't any.

According to Doctor Hutchinson, the whole question is befogged by misconceptions. He says the question is not a new one, but is very old. An increasing population is a sign of civilization. As for our immediate forefathers, they can claim no credit for large families, for they either gave no thought to the question at all, or else welcomed children as future bread winners.

"To sum up," he says, "I believe that the evidence is conclusive that race suicide, so far as it has yet gone, has proved an almost unmixed blessing instead of a curse; that the race can never again return to the method of blind and wholesale reproduction without thought of the future. No class or group in the community which believes itself worthy to exist can of course view with equanimity any proposal to limit the offspring of marriage to less than three, or such number as may be necessary to secure the survival of that quota to adult age, so that the second generation may be at least a trifle more numerous than the first."

"On the other hand, biologic morality, while deprecating the production of children, who are likely to be born unfit, or become so from lack of proper support and training, glorifies and exalts as both the highest racial duty and the most precious individual privilege the bearing of children by those who are personally fit to bear and financially competent to rear such as will be of value to the state. There is no achievement better worth living for, no more valuable legacy that can be left to the future, no more enduring claim to honorable remembrance, than a family of well-born, well-reared children."

"At the same time there is a growing tendency to encourage and promote in every possible way the marriage at a reasonably early age of young people, who are particularly desirable as future ancestors, to use a Hibernicism. Some day possibly we may become sufficiently intelligent to endow this sort of matrimony with state funds. At all events, an intelligent direction of race fertility, by selection of parents and rational limitation of the number of children, will be the path of future progress."

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A Humorous Mystery Novel in the September Lippincott's.

The complete novel in the September *Lippincott's* is a humorous mystery story called "A Bride for Casey." Ella Middleton Tybout, a young writer whose literary output is distinguished more for quality than for quantity, wrote it. The scene is laid in New York City, where dwell the four impecunious young gentlemen who are the principal male characters. It was "Casey's own idea that he marry a wealthy girl in order to be able to help his friends as well as relieve his own straitened financial condition. Yet the finding of a suitable bride for him proved difficult in spite of their long list of friends and acquaintances; for Casey was hard to please. Finally the choice narrowed down to three girls, all young, lovely, and rich. But Casey doesn't marry any of them. Yet for some time his existence, as well as his friends, could scarcely be described as lethargic. Miss Tybout's plot is such an ingenious one that it would be a shame to be more explicit here and thus spoil the pleasure of the many who will read the story.

Many choice short stories, by Mary Roberts Rinehart, Thomas L. Masson, George Allan England, Caroline Ticknor, Hornor Cotes, and others will be found in the September *Lippincott's*. Special articles, poetry, and humorous matter, of course.

When will the bunco business cease to boom in these United States of America? By this is not meant the Aldrich brand of wholesale buncoing, but the common, everyday fooling of adult human beings out of their hard-earned cash. In Hoquiam and Aberdeen, Washington State, citizens put up \$60,000 in buying "territory" on the Pacific coast for the sale of a certain kitchen cabinet that was the "slickest thing in creation." The really "slickest thing" was a gang of five promoters, who have skipped with the sixty thousand.

The 1900 Corn Crop.

It Will be the Largest the U. S. Ever Harvested.

The corn crop of the United States this year will be the largest ever harvested. It covers an area of 110,000,000 acres, and the yield is estimated at 3,000,000,000 bushels, for which the farmer will get \$1,200,000,000, in one form or another, and here's what America will do with the record 1900 corn crop. The flour and grist mills will take 281,000,000 bushels; exports, 225,000,000 bushels; glucose, 48,000,000 bushels; distilled liquors, 20,000,000 bushels; seeding for next year, 15,000,000 bushels; malt liquors, 11,000,000 bushels; starch manufacture, 9,600,000 bushels; feed for farmers' live stock, 2,390,400 bushels.

Seventeen Year Locust.

It is said that this is the season seventeen year locusts are due.

According to reports they are nearing the surface of the ground in southern New Jersey. In 1892, they appeared in great numbers in many places.

Many are the allusions in the Old Testament to the flight of these insects and the Prophet Joel (ch. ii) gives a fine description of their appearance. The locusts were considered by the Hebrews and other eastern nations, and still are by the Arabs, as the avenging armies of the Deity. According to history they do not appear in those old countries in large numbers only on every fourth or fifth season and are used for food in countries where they abound. In many towns in Arabia they are sold by measure. They often destroy in their march every particle of vegetation, whole districts being devastated by them. Accounts are given where rivers have been blocked and many square miles covered by them. The stench of their decaying bodies affected the air for hundreds of miles. They have also committed ravages in America. Toward the middle of the eighteenth century these insects were so abundant in northern New England that days of fasting and prayer were appointed on account of the widespread calamity caused by them. In later years they were very destructive in the newly settled states and territories.

In 1874 under the name of grasshopper they committed terrible ravages in Minnesota and other western states destroying about one-tenth of the grain crop.

The National Monthly.

Pennsylvania's recent Democratic convention is covered at length and pictures of the Democratic State candidates are printed in the September number of the National Monthly now on the news stands. This is the new and very excellent magazine of which Chairman Norman E. Mack of the Democratic National Committee is the editor and publisher and which is doing an effective work in an effort to strengthen the Democratic party in the nation.

Hon. Alton B. Parker, former chief judge of the Court of Appeals of New York State, and Democratic candidate for President in 1904, reviews the new corporation tax at length in the September number of the National Monthly. Every business man in the country should read what as great an authority as Judge Parker has to say about this Republican tax. Hon. Champ Clark, minority leader of the House of Representatives, writes an exhaustive and critical review of the Republican revision of the tariff upwards, in the September National Monthly. It is needless to state that the gentleman from Missouri calls a spade a spade and when he says that the votes of some of the Republican members of Congress on the tariff were handed over to the corporations in return for contributions made to the Republican Congressional Campaign fund of last year Mr. Clark seems to know what he is talking about. These are a few of the several big political articles in the September number of the National Monthly. Other good articles include "The Divorce Monoplane," by Kate Burr; "The Difference in Women," by Helen Leigh; a brilliant article on United States Senator McEnery of Louisiana, by Frank B. Lord, a famous Washington correspondent. Politics, articles of general interest, fiction and humor, all finely illustrated, abound in this number. Get it for ten cents on the news stands or mail \$1 for a year's subscription to the National Monthly, Times Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

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