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that women are less desirable than men as employees for the reason that no sooner do they become proficient than they get married.

CONSIDER PRINCIPLES BEFORE CANDIDATES

When the Republican Issues Are Framed They Will Point to the Man to Head the Ticket

THE primary purpose of the meeting of the National Republican Committee in Washington today is to select the place and date for the meeting of the next national convention.

If this forecast be correct the significance of this date is tremendous, for it indicates a determination on the part of the leaders to fight an aggressive battle next year on the issues already in the minds of the Republican voters.

KHAKI AND POLITICS

BOSSES and job-hounds in politics who feel a need of improved intrenchment will do their utmost from now on to trim their sails to what they vaguely call soldier sentiment.

Regard for the service man or his work doesn't figure in the lamentable game. He will be a wise soldier who, when he runs for office, doesn't run solely on his uniform or permit the debasement of the service spirit by cliques who seek to use the symbols of military service as a mask for shabby political jobbery.

The Public Service Commission of the state in opposing, the suggestion observes that "soldiers did not return with the feeling that they had to be permanently subsidized."

THREE LINES

TO ALL those who, irritated by sugar restrictions, the coal shortage, diminishing train service and the high cost of Christmas, have yet not lost interest in the League of Nations a three-line dispatch from Paris yesterday seemed one of the most significant of many moons.

But the time when we could do this passed many years ago. We cannot escape entanglement in world affairs if we would. Roosevelt saw this during his presidency and he said time after time that the United States must play a large part in the affairs of the world, and that the only opportunity for the exercise of our will was in deciding whether we should play that part nobly or ignobly.

Mr. Wilson may yet thank Mr. Lodge if the treaty blockade has served more evenly to divide the terrific responsibilities of peace making among Washington, Paris and London.

REFERRED TO MR. LODGE

NOT long ago an army train manned entirely by soldiers passed close to this city on the way to Baltimore. It was loaded with steel containers filled with poison gas fifty times more deadly than any used in the war.

Chemists say that one such shell would have exterminated the population of Berlin. If the Germans had used this gas, instead of explosives, when they were bombarding Paris, few people would have been alive in the French capital after the first shots.

NEVER TOO MANY COOKS

NOT all good cooks are good wives, nor all good wives good cooks; but because everybody will concede that ability to cook is an excellent thing in a wife there is cause for gratulation in the establishment in this city of a new post-graduate school in domestic science.

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THE national committee is evidently in an aggressive mood. It reflects the mood of the party for which it speaks. There will be gossip in Washington today and tomorrow about possible candidates for the presidency, but the country is just now more interested in principles than in candidates.

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They are going to insist that their party turn its back on the blunders of the recent years and tackle the adjustment of the industrial questions and the questions of foreign trade and domestic commerce in the same broad-minded spirit as their fathers attacked the questions of their time.

THE formulation of the issues has already begun. The collapse of the Democratic party in its handling of the railroads and the telegraph and telephone lines and in its blundering blindness in dealing with the coal and the steel strikes and the sugar shortage is what was to be expected from a party which has in modern times shown little aptitude for efficient conduct of national affairs.

Nothing but purblind leadership can prevent the formulation of issues which will inspire every Republican with confidence in the mission of his party in these critical times.

BEHIND CARRANZA

SINCE Mexico is a pressing issue that seems to grow more complicated and threatening in spite of anything that can be done in a spirit of patience and forbearance at Washington it will be for the people of this country to scrutinize it calmly.

CARRANZA is a vain and visionary old man. It would be like him to give futile aid to Bolsheviks or I. W. W. agents or any one with wild dreams of revolution in the United States.

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MAYOR-ELECT MOORE'S LETTER

When Secretary Glass Criticizes Revenue Bill Intricacies His Animadversions Are Indirectly Aimed at the Administration

Washington, Dec. 10. SECRETARY GLASS, of the Treasury Department, in his final report to Congress gives little hope of relief from heavy national taxation for many years to come.

But there is something in Secretary Glass's report with reference to the intricacies of the revenue bill and its involved processes of reaching income and excess profits taxes that might, if one cared to do so, be interpreted as a reflection upon the Democratic administration.

Of gifts for Christmas Eve Secretary Glass had three pretty strong in the use of language and mighty clever at calculation, who said the proposals emanating from the Treasury Department would work out.

CONGRESS may be obliged ultimately to take a hand in the Delaware river bridge question. The War Department certainly will, as the proposed structure may affect navigation.

THE outgoing Mayor of Philadelphia, Thomas H. Smith, and Architect John T. Windrim, in a report to Governor Brumbaugh favored a southern terminal, the entrance to which would be somewhere in the vicinity of Washington Square.

DANIEL CRAWFORD, Jr., who is fairly representative of the operative builders of Philadelphia and who has been conferring with others equally interested in the housing problem, insists that Philadelphia's increasing population could be accommodated if the city could bring its sewage and other facilities up to date.

MR. CRAWFORD thinks the Legislature should provide for some method by which necessary improvements could proceed in anticipation, or through the builders themselves offering indemnity.

MEANWHILE, Secretary John Elder, of the Philadelphia Housing Association, bolls the housing problem down to two phases: a lack of dwellings to accommodate our increased population and to replace worn-out buildings, and second, deterioration of existing dwellings.

GLENN C. MEAD, the eloquent and ancient Rotarian—Glenn stuck to it until he got to the top of the heap—is some traveler. Like Theodore Justice, George Westworth Carr, Dr. W. W. Keen, Thomas Raeburn White, Dr. Judson Daland and a few other Philadelphians who go on tours for health, recreation, business, or what not, the assistant auditor was far away when registration time came.

THE president of the Business Men's Association of Germantown this year is Colonel Sheldon Potter, one director of public safety, now president of the Citizens Trust Co. And its special representative in Washington for all festive occasions is Congressman George Foster Darrow, who is a director of the trust company of which the colonel is president.

THE Bibulous One says only a sufferer from aphasia can be indifferent to a certain important decision soon to be handed down by the Supreme Court.

THE Leonardi Wood League is one of the new political activities which are said to be expanding throughout the country.



"OO-OOH, BOY, JUST S'POSE NOW—!"

THE CHAFFING DISH

What Every Woman Knows
THE shopping damozel looked down On a bargain-counter heaven: Her bag was heavy with the weight Of gifts for Christmas Eve; She had three bundles in her hand, And the names on her list were seven.

THE subway mezzanine That she was standing on: Herosened she scarce had been a day, Albeit ten hours were done; The lights thrilled toward her, circlewise, Each like a fretful sun.

AROUND her, shoppers, newly met, With sudden, loud exclamations, Spoke evermore among themselves Of just-remembered names; Wrought garlands stirred continually, Like green and crimson flames.

HER steps still sought the portals Of the lift, for downward flight; In the sheer gulf below, she saw, Beyond deep wells of light, Gents' furnishings, in circling charm, 'Mid dummies clothed in white.

"I WISH his gift were come to me!" Her voice was hushed and slow: "Not endless unity of socks, But some new thing to know. Occult, withheld, I find it not, Seeking it high and low.

"ON OTHERS have I neatly fixed: Uncle, and Cousin Fan, And the five relatives, whose names My shopping list began, Emily, Albert, Marguerite, Henry, and Mary Ann."

I HEARD her moan. But soon her path I was vague in distant aisles, Where the clear-ranged, unnumbered ties Shone in fierce rainbow styles, And then, half-comforted, she paused And thought, "I save her smiles, CORINNE ROCKWELL SWAIN.

We regard the above as the best parody The Dish has been honored with in the course of its existence. We wish we might hear from Mrs. Swain more often.

Every philosopher welcomes a chance to have his creed tested by misfortune—particularly by the misfortunes of his friends.

Democracy, observed some powerful thinker, tends to bring life to a dead level of mediocrity. Thus, by the sound increase of the Demos, any man who seeks to raise himself above his fellows is promptly penalized.

There is only one way, in a democratic community, in which an upper social stratum can be preserved permanently without draconian upheaval. The only chance for the Quisidor to have continued to smoke that alluringly fragrant and opulent blend would have been if there had grown up a lower class of smokers, a kind of villain class, who had been so long sunk in degradation and bitter shag mixtures that their palates refused to respond to the delights of the more aristocratic fumigation.

ON THE RIVER

(From the Chinese)
I HAVE hidden my little boat among the river grasses: It is dusk and the stars are out. My boat rocks quietly on the gray waters. That the rising moon spangles with silver, The wild duck seeks her nest and the trout leaps no more. I am alone with the night about me. Sorrow in my heart. The cool wind Touches my temples with phantom kisses.

O Sister Moon, you do not bring comfort to me, waiting; Now I think only of lost loves. And old memories and old regrets Troop like sad ghosts before me, peering into my eyes. —The Nation.

The confidence with which politicians have fixed on June 8 and Chicago as the time and place of the next Republican convention suggests the possibility that some of them have already made their reservations—Pullman, hotel, interpretative and otherwise.

Pittsburgh smoke has taken on prismatic hues in H. C. Frick's gift to New York.

Meanwhile the treaty patiently awaits the sound judgment of a soniferous Senate.

The voice of America is now raised in the clarion call, "Dig coal!"

What Do You Know?

QUIZ
1. Who is Captain Ross Smith and upon what novel exploit has he engaged?
2. What commission is to consider Germany's responsibility for the Scapa Flow scuttling?
3. In what century did St. Francis of Assisi live?
4. What is the meaning of the title of the opera "Cavalleria Rusticana"?
5. Who was General John Burgoyne?
6. Where is Cape Fear?
7. What noted American painter has just died?
8. What celebrated Roman writer was the author of a treatise on old age?
9. What is cassia?
10. What is a steppe?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Alderney cows take their name from the British island of Alderney, one of the Channel Islands long famous for their breed of cattle.
2. The Battle of Salamis was fought between the Greeks and Persians.
3. The engagement was fought in the bay between Salamis and Attica, Greece, 480 B. C. Themistocles was the Greek commander.
4. An ethnographer is a specialist in the scientific study of the races of men.
5. The United States Supreme Court can annul an act of Congress after it has become operative.
6. The Scapa Flow fleet was scuttled by the Germans on June 21, 1919.
7. The word mamma is derived from Norman-French and the word mother from Anglo-Saxon.
8. "Clique Cento" is an epithet applied to art between the years 1500 and 1600. Literally it is Italian for five hundred, but the phrase is a contraction of "mille cinque cento," meaning fifteen hundred.
9. "Cicerone" should be pronounced as though it were spelled "chee-charo-na." The word now means a guide. It alludes to the loquacious Cicerone, the Roman orator.
10. According to the Mohammedans the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden was the banana. —SOCRATES.

Doctor Baer, who is now putting New York in an uproar by his little essays in honor of a Manhattan undertaker, edited a sprightly little German paper in this town a dozen years ago. It was called "Die Glocke" (The Bell), and carried on its front cover a picture of the Liberty Bell. But we notice a letter the Doc printed, to one of his subscribers who had signed himself "William S." "Why," grieved the Doc, in good German, "do you call yourself 'William'?" Doesn't "William" sound good enough? Wonderful how quickly people get Americanized.

On learning that the Doc is a German we understand more clearly his enthusiasm for funerals. For certainly Germany has been the cause of more of them in the last few years than any nation ever was before.

Press reports concerning the recent Carpenter-Beckett disaster state that Englishmen in Paris sang "God Save the King" after learning that the Frenchman had knocked out his English opponent. We didn't even know that George had challenged the winner of the bout. —ALI BABA.

When Colonel House writes his autobiography we hope he will call it "The Good Listener, or Wild Talkers I Have Known."