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THE INTELLIGENCER is the oldest and best weekly Democratic newspaper in this section of the State.

A New York man jumped from a 12-story window. This is another way of jumping to a conclusion.

An Ohio man says he never slept except when he was drunk. If that be the case we never saw a sober one.

Maybe somebody else would like to ask Judge Parker for more questions? The Judge's feet are on solid rock; but not a word of anyone.

A Chicago man has been locked up for hugging women, and was fined up to the limit. He is probably counting himself with the fact that it was worth it.

Our Ministerial brethren say the world is growing more humane. True, we have not had any empires killed this year, but it is most too much to hope the same from the foot-ball season.

A Republican candidate for congress, in one of the Southern States, charges his opponents with having voted several times at his last election. Who said the negroes were disfranchised?

Mr. Roosevelt is preaching "anti-race suicide" and Gen. Corbin is insisting on bicolorism in the army. These two gentlemen will have to be harmonized in some way or there will be trouble.

An ochronic democratic bolter is predicting republican success this year. Will somebody please explain the difference between a democratic backslider and a black republican? All rooms look alike to us.

Hon. Henry G. Davis and his eighty-year-old friend Wm. P. White have injected great deal of life into Maryland and West Virginia politics. These two "boys" are ignorantly popular with the younger element.

Republican editors have the audacity to assert that the democrats have a bigger campaign fund than the republicans. What a fib! We only need one fifth of what they have, and will lick them out of their boots.

Republicans have tapped Wall Street for one million, and Andrew Carnegie for a like sum, to say nothing of "smaller fry" which are under obligations for past favors. Republicans realize that they will have to buy the election outright or lose it.

In Kentucky Republicans elect but one Congressman—in the Eleventh District. But even in that district the Hunter and Edwards factions have split. The Republican party to finders and it looks as if the Blue Grass state would show a clean slate when the roll is called in November.

One town at least in this State possesses a Health Board which has backbone. West Chester's board shut off the supply of Burgess Pennypacker's milk because the milk was infected with typhoid and he set up a characteristic Pennypacker howl. Now the board is "cussing" back with great spirit.

The deliberate attempts to wreck the battleship Connecticut during her launching are among the most sensational events recently reported. It seems an insoluble mystery why any man, even if he had abundant opportunity, should desire to destroy such a vessel, in such a way. It is to be hoped that the scoundrel will be found and receive a punishment to fit the crime.

The Japanese soldier would rather die on the battlefield than live away from it. Over in Nippon the parents of a young man killed in battle are promptly tendered the warmest congratulations of all the neighbors. Let us rejoice that it is only paganism that considers it a religious privilege to be butchered on a battlefield. Will man ever become civilized?—ever learn restraint and wisdom?

The Japanese government has sent an 18-year-old youth to this country and if Congress will give its permission, will enter him in the Naval academy at Washington. Congress should act favorably upon this request as soon as possible. Some of the greatest graduates of our famous naval school have been Japs, and if Mr. Kitagaki, the new man, is like his predecessors his various classes will be all the better for his presence at Annapolis.

Judge Parker's gold telegram and his letter of acceptance have been noteworthy but his role as a peacemaker has been more serviceable to the Democratic party than either. Because of his dignified but earnest intervention there is almost union to-day in the Democracy of New York, Indiana, Wisconsin, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware. Even Colorado and Maryland have felt his gentle touch and Gorman and Rayner have shaken hands.

In his letter of acceptance Hon. Henry G. Davis, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, does not nice words. For instance, he says of the canal zone acquisition: "Territory of a neighboring republic with which we were at peace, was seized by a band of revolutionists protected by the guns of the U. S. navy, and erected over night into a state, which the President promptly recognized as an independent nation—a gross offense against a friendly republic which it was helpless to resent."

It is said at Washington that First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne will fill the place made vacant by the death of Henry C. Payne until after the election, when Chairman Cortelyou will be given the job. That's a nice arrangement in view of the fact that a whole lot of corruption still exists in the service. Why does the President not promote Fourth Assistant Bristow to a place in the cabinet which was checked off when the politicians decided to suppress the evidence of corruption in the public service because they feared its effect upon the coming election?

Take Wright, Governor-General of the Philippines, who was in his better days a Democrat, says, in protesting against any talk about Philippine independence: "The least man is equipped with intelligence and those qualities which make for good citizenship, the more easily can he be persuaded that he is the possessor of all those qualities." And then the more intelligent a man is, the more difficult it is to persuade him that he is fit for citizenship—does the very word really mean to affirm this? Governor Wright is intelligent; does he therefore think he is not fit to govern himself? According to this, our Revolutionary forefathers must have been a lot of corrected idiots.

In one of his early books Mr. Roosevelt quoted from the Republican platform of 1860 with exultation the following: "The maintenance of the principles promulgated in the Declaration of Independence and embodied in the Federal Constitution—that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed"—is essential to the preservation of our republican institutions. It is now proposed to utter the following scintillating sentiment: "A party which, with facile ease, changes all its convictions before election, cannot be trusted to adhere with tenacity to any principle after election. A party fit to govern must have convictions." Has Mr. Roosevelt convictions? Would he venture to quote those sentences from the Declaration of Independence in a speech today?

VERY CLOSE CONTEST.

The New York "Herald" has issued a report of the result of its first canvass of the political situation. The "Herald's" activity in making election forecasts is well known, so well known, in fact, that it is not necessary to say that they are made thoughtfully and without any view to influencing the wobbly voters. It is, in short, just a form of newspaper enterprise in which the "Herald" takes great pride and in which it is quite as successful as any other expert observer. Its ante-election estimates therefore are always interesting and as in the present contest it is practically the only figures that have been given out from any source that gives them additional interest to the general reader.

At the opening of the campaign a Republican authority estimated that there were eighteen sure Republican States with 200 electoral votes; fourteen sure Democratic States with 159 votes and thirteen doubtful States with 117 votes. His Republican States were: California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. His Democratic States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The States in his doubtful column were: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Since the State conventions in New York that State has been conceded by all impartial observers to the Democrats and out of the twelve remaining the "Herald" has reports from ten. Idaho, West Virginia and Indiana it estimates will go Democratic, thus bringing the sure Democratic vote up to 223. Utah, Delaware, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Montana it considers Republican, and that brings the conceded Republican vote up to 234. It has no report on Nevada or Rhode Island and it considers Colorado and Connecticut as doubtful. These four states have nineteen votes, and the winner will have to get three of them.

This certainly draws the matter to a mighty fine point and the strain upon the managers at the two party headquarters must be of the insomnia-producing kind. It is pretty safe to say, however, that Tom Taggart is suffering less than Cortelyou. In the first place he has the more sanguine temperament and in the second place he stands a better chance of making way with a majority of the States upon which the great contest promises to turn.

A MODEL PUBLIC PAPER.

Senator Davis' letter of acceptance of the Democratic nomination for Vice President reveals the conservative mind of a capable and experienced business man. It is brief, pithy and pointed and after observing that the "public mind is being disillusioned of the false pretence of the Republican party" that the material prosperity of the country depends upon its own ascendancy, he reverts to the wasteful extravagance of the Roosevelt administration and amplifies the figures quoted in his speech of acceptance on that subject.

Senator Davis doesn't complain that expenditures of government have increased in the aggregate with the increase of population. That is natural and reasonable. But he complains that the per capita expense has multiplied from \$2.01 in 1860 to \$7.14 last year and the cost of maintaining the army has increased from \$10,500,000 in 1860, when the vast Western border required constant patrol to secure protection from the Indians, to \$115,000,000 last year, when there was no greater use for troops than a possible disturbance at some Sunday school picnic.

Following the lines laid by Judge Parker in his admirable letter of acceptance, Senator Davis approves the Panama canal project but deprecates the sinister manner by which it was begun. He is equally clear in denouncing imperialism, excessive tariff taxation, inimical trust organizations, the recently aroused race prejudices and fraud in the public service. He expresses complete confidence in the "courage, character and discretion" of his associate on the ticket, Judge Parker, and altogether his letter is a model public paper.

THE COST OF FOOD.

It cost the people of the United States, on an average, \$34.71 per head for food in 1897, when Republican rule began at Washington. This year it costs \$52.58—an increase of over 51 per cent.

In other words, it takes \$1.51 to buy as much food now as a dollar would buy seven years ago. A man earning a dollar a day was better off then, as far as that part of his living expenses went, than one earning \$1.50 a day is now. And according to Commissioner Wright, of the Department of Labor, food absorbs over 41 per cent. of the total expenditures of the average family.

The increase of \$17.87 per head in the cost of this item represents an increase of \$89.36 in the expenditure of the ordinary family of five. Adding \$18.08 for the enhanced cost of clothes, we find that a workman's wages have to stretch \$107.44 further now on two necessary items of expense than they did in 1897.

CHARACTER STILL COUNTS IN POLITICS.

President Roosevelt said in his telegram of condolence to Senator Hoar's son: "The loss is not yours only, but of all those who believe in the lofty standard of purity, integrity and fearlessness in public life."

Former President Cleveland said: His ability, his high-mindedness and his freedom from political trickery furnish an example of a useful life which may well be imitated by all those entrusted by their countrymen with public duties."

Secretary Taft said: "Not in years have we had in public life so noble an example of the old Puritan stock."

These tributes are from men whose policies in some instances Senator Hoar vehemently opposed. They convey their lesson to every young man ambitious to make a name for himself in public affairs. Character still counts for something in American politics.

DODGING THE MAIN ISSUE.

In New York, where Odellism is the paramount issue, the Republicans wish to discuss national questions to the exclusion of State questions. In Massachusetts, where reciprocity is the chief issue, they wish to discuss State questions to the exclusion of national questions. In Colorado and Missouri they are for national issues against State issues. In Illinois, where there is a popular Republican candidate for Governor, they prefer local issues. Everywhere it is a campaign of evasion.

Several hundred life-preservers, sold to the U. S. government by a firm in Camden, N. J., have been found to contain an iron bolt six inches long in each, concealed within the compressed cork block. This, of course, because iron is a good deal cheaper than cork by the pound. Avarice seems to have touched bottom in such tampering with human life and there ought to be a law providing that such miscreants should be hanged. How many loaded life-preservers are on our steam boats?

NEW FEED ADULTERANTS.

The Herd, Filthy Bulls of lice and the Tamer Hull of the Coffee Berry. The New Jersey station announces that there are two new adulterants on the feed markets of the state. The one consists of the hard, dried, flinty hulls of the rice grain, the other of the tamer hull of the coffee berry. The sweet infantile, dried, flinty hulls of the rice grain, the other of the tamer hull of the coffee berry. The sweet infantile, dried, flinty hulls of the rice grain, the other of the tamer hull of the coffee berry.

Stepping to the curb. "Did you ever notice," said the man who prides himself on his powers of observation, "that every one uses the same foot almost every time in stepping up or down the curb at a street crossing? Maybe you haven't, but it is a fact just the same. It may be the right foot that is used or it may be the left, but it is the same one pretty much all the time."

The movement is made so often that it becomes a habit of the most fastidious class. By one of those involuntary actions of the nervous system the nerves of the eye and the leg and foot work in unison. The eye of a person approaching a crossing gauges the distance to be traversed before the first step is taken, and the stride is regulated to bring the favorite foot forward in time to take it. The same thing happens when the curb on the other side of the street is reached.

"Somebody expected when one is walking rapidly or when the street is crowded, it takes a deal of jockeying to get the chosen foot into position, but the rule is seldom broken. You needn't try to find the truth of this principle by keeping your tabs on your own feet, for in so doing your will power will come into play and you will use whichever foot you please. Just watch some other fellow, and you will find out that what I am telling you is a fact."—Philadelphia Press.

Marriage in the Orient.

In the east—in India, China and Japan—girls are married very young. In some cases they are betrothed in childhood and would be in bibs and pinafores. But over there girls of twelve are considered of full marriageable age, and it is not at all uncommon to find wives of six or eight or ten years. When a proposal of marriage is made the father of the young girl is applied to, and the following style of answer is considered stylish and elegant: "I have received with respect the marks of your goodness, and the choice of a most eligible son-in-law for my daughter to become the wife of your son shows that you esteem my poor daughter more than she deserves. My daughter is coarse and stupid, and I have not the talent to bring her up well. Yet I shall nevertheless glory in obeying you on this occasion."

Best Fed Sailors in the World.

The navy ration is of course provided for by law, and the daily diet of the enlisted man must conform in some degree to this prescribed regime, but infinite is the variety and ample is the dietary regimen of the sailor. As compared with the daily bill of fare of the workman on shore the odds are greatly in favor of the sailor. Should he be inclined to grumble at his daily fare it must be from caprice of appetite, for what laboring man enjoys better and more wholesome food? His food must be well cooked, for no bad cooks are allowed in the navy. Where a cook is incompetent he is reported, for Jack Tar's stomach must be kept in a healthy condition if his ship is to be manned with a sturdy lot of sailors. His food must be of the best quality, for it is no secret that Uncle Sam demands the best article in the market and gets it.—Guntton's Magazine.

She Was Too Enthusiastic.

"Teaching to me," said an enthusiastic young schoolmistress, "is a holy calling. To sow in the young mind the seeds of future knowledge and watch them grow and develop is a pleasure greater than I can tell. I never weary of my work. My thoughts are only of—"

She Had to Perjure.

Mrs. Winks—Mrs. Aytes and her husband have had a dreadful quarrel just because she gave him a letter to mail and he carried it around in his pockets for a week. Isn't it too silly of her? Mr. Winks—Maybe that would make you mad too. Mrs. Winks—Oh, John, I wonder if my memory ever a little thing like that. Mr. Winks—I had to hear you say it, my dear. I just recall that I've still got that letter you gave me last Wednesday.—Philadelphia Press.

Velocity of Meteors.

The singular fact has been demonstrated that while the most rapid velocity of cannon balls scarcely ever attains the speed of meteors—about 1,500 miles per hour—meteors are known to permeate the air with a velocity of 40,000 or even 50,000 meters per second. This unthinkable speed instantly raises the temperature of the air to 4,000 or 5,000 degrees centigrade.

Uncle Archie—Have you formed an opinion as to the cause of Colonel Hixson's suicide?

Tom—Yes, sir—remorse. His nephew needed money, and the wealthy uncle failed to advance it. The result was that the unhappy young man ran away and was never heard of afterward.—Kansas City Journal.

COST OF LIVING

Figures Juggled by the Administration Officials to Sustain Its Policy and Credit.

As an illustration of how figures may be juggled to prove most anything that is desired, Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, who prepared a report on the cost of living, which report is being used for campaign purposes by the Republican committee, gives a few comparisons to bear out his contention that the increase in food stuffs has been on the average inconsiderable.

A comparison is made between the cost of butter and vinegar. The former, it is shown, has increased in price 12.9 per cent, and the claim is set up that this increase is overcome by the decrease of 88 per cent. in vinegar.

By comparing these two articles the cost of living remains stationary by setting a 12 per cent. increase in the price of butter against a 12 per cent. decrease in the price of vinegar, yet the butter bill of the average family must be fifty times as great as the vinegar bill.

In Mr. Wright's table on fuel and lighting we find that the average price has risen to 139.8. This table includes a number of different kinds of coal, candles and petroleum, also coke and matches. Coke and matches show a decrease in price, while all the others show an increase:

Increased in price: Anthracite coal, chestnut..... 137.7 Decreased in price: Matches..... 85.4 Average for both articles... 111.5

Which goes to show that the cost of fuel and lighting has not increased a great deal, although many men will think that the decrease in the price of matches is hardly a fair set-off against the increase in the price of coal.

NOW PRICES HAVE INCREASED.

Concerning the alleged "statistics" furnished from the National Bureau of Labor and given circulation by the Republican Campaign Committee with a view to showing that the average wages earned in comparison with the cost of living is equal to, if not greater than under Democratic rule, a few figures may not be amiss.

It seems to be an uncontroverted fact that wages have not increased within the past ten years to any perceptible degree, and the "statistics," prepared under the direction of L. M. Carroll D. Wright, admit that the cost of food has increased approximately a little over 5 per cent.

In his figures, Mr. Wright submits a table showing prices which have increased and those which have decreased. In the column of increases the commodities most essential and therefore mostly used appear, while in the opposing column, many of the articles enumerated are by no means necessities.

The table follows:

Increased in price: Flour..... 104.5 Butter..... 112.9 Coddish..... 118.6 Cheese..... 121.6 Potatoes..... 126.2 Beans..... 130.2 Milk..... 127.5 Eggs..... 193.6 Average price..... 78.92

ALMOST SELF PRAISE.

Coming somewhat in the light of a man endorsing his own note, or feigning himself, is a letter published recently in Paris from the pen of former Minister Bunau-Varilla, sustaining President Roosevelt's course in the Panama canal.

FRICK TO COLLECT FUNDS.

A special telegram from the New York World, from Pittsburg, says: "Henry Clay Frick has been appointed the financial head of the Republican campaign in western Pennsylvania, the object being to use him to secure financial aid from the manufacturers of this section."

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

Enthusiastic Democrats are deriving considerable pleasure in figuring over the recent Democratic gain in Maine. The returns show a Democratic gain of 30 per cent. and a Republican gain of 15 per cent. over the vote of 1902. Similar changes elsewhere would give New York to Parker by a plurality of 87,000, New Jersey by 5,000, Rhode Island by 6,000, Maryland by 32,000, Nebraska by 8,000 and Utah by 300. These, with the States carried by Bryan in 1900, would be exactly enough to elect. In addition, Delaware, West Virginia and Indiana would be in doubt if these percentages of gain were to prevail.

WEST VIRGINIA ALL RIGHT.

Gen. J. W. St. Clair, of West Virginia, at the Waldorf to-day, had this to say about his State: "West Virginia will surely cast her electoral vote for Parker and Davis."

The Modern Child.

Born scientifically, Studied terrifically, Bred very carefully, Dressed sparingly, Aired systematically, Bathed most emphatically, Played with quite dearlily, Punished spacially, Sweet infantily, Stepped in gentilly, Santa Claus banished, Mother Goose vanished, Where are the babies, The real human babies, The old time knew?

Harnessed scholastically, Drilled superlatively, Cultured prodigiously, Lectured religiously, Classified rigidly, Reasoned with fragility, Loved analytically, Listened to critically, Dosed with the "ologies," Rushed through the colleges, Crammed pedagogically, "Finished" most logically, Where is the childhood, The fresh, happy childhood, The old time knew?

Children successively Reared thus aggressively, Feeding eternally, Weaned infernally, Planned for initially, "Formed" artificially, Will they submit to it? Never cry "Quit!" to it? Will not analysis Stop from paralysis? Till our distraction Ends with reaction, Brings back the childhood, The bright, carefree childhood, The old time knew?

—James F. Morton, Jr., in Life.

Any man can take a newspaper. It is the cheapest thing he can buy. Every time the hen cackles and lays an egg, his paper is paid for that week. It comes to you every week, rain or shine, calm or storm. No matter what happens it opens the door of the great world and puts you face to face with its own people and its great events. It shortens the long winter nights. It helps to brighten and enlighten your homes during the hot dull season. It is your advisor, gossip and friend. No man is just to his children who does not give them the local paper. No man is good to himself who does not take his home paper.

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