

Helping the farmer to help himself is the newest agricultural creed.

Rainy days bring out the man who carries his umbrella as though it were a spear.

This season's precipitation should be conducive to successful alligator farming.

A Norwegian claims that he has invented a boat that even a boat rocker cannot sink.

Automobiles possessed of a wild desire to reduce the population should be suppressed.

The reports of automobile accidents are quite numerous for a season which has just opened.

The Paris fashions call for corsets for men, but men refuse to be reshaped in this way.

A Boston doctor enumerates a dozen causes of spring fever. But he fails to mention carpet-beating.

A frog leg famine is predicted, but there are a number of citizens who are not in the least disturbed.

Of course there is much to be said in favor of the recall of empires under certain mournful circumstances.

About this time of year look out for reports that your favorite ball team is composed exclusively of cripples.

Eggs are only five cents a dozen in China. No wonder that acting there is regarded as a degrading occupation.

Still, the coinage of a half-cent coin would give the typewriter girls the opportunity to use their "1/2" key often.

New York's death rate has been halved since 1866. The people who live there are becoming more hardened.

The invention of a sock that will not wear out is another crushing blow at the good old institution of marriage.

The fashions for women this year are but a repetition of those of 1835. Clothes as well as history repeat themselves.

A poetess asks: "Oh, where does beauty linger?" Answers from dealers in hair goods and cosmetics should be barred.

Many a young man has a bad half-hour in the forenoon explaining where he was between 2:30 and 5 the afternoon before.

Knitting is used as a cure for bad nerves by overworked women of Germany. It seems like a terribly utilitarian form of therapy.

Boston is to have a hospital for victims of the "blues." Would it not be cheaper to buy them tickets so they could get out of Boston?

In Kansas City the other day the wife of a painless dentist horsewhipped his office girl. The scene is reported to have been painful.

Telephone girls complain that the headgear they are compelled to wear produces corns on their ears. Still, corn on the ear isn't so bad.

There are reported to be fewer lawyers in New York than formerly. Is Manhattan making this announcement in order to induce immigration?

A Denver woman keeps her savings in an icebox, presumably in the hope that some day she'll have a cool million.

The edict has gone forth that women's dresses this year are to have countless buttons. This is where the matrimony rate will take a big slump.

It takes a true scientist to wait, when he sees a mosquito biting him, to discover before swatting whether his enemy is a germ carrier or not.

California travelling men are to boycott places where tipping is not prohibited. They will have plenty of places to avoid in this mercenary day.

Boston is to establish a hospital for the cure of the "blues." This shows what uninterrupted devotion to Robert Browning will bring a community to.

An expert advises simplicity in cultivating a garden. After all, the simplest words are best for relieving the mind when the lettuce turns out to be weeds.

The Germans now say bathing multiplies bacteria. It, however, reduces smells, and the one offsets the other.

A New York lawyer says that in America the crook runs less risk than the honest workingman. The crook usually gets full value for legal services.

The average man is not alarmed by the statement that there are a million and a half microbes on a dollar bill. He doesn't keep it long enough to incur danger.

TWO WARSHIPS RUSH TO HAVANA

Washington Sends Aid from Key West on Beaupre's Plea.

ON VERGE OF A RACE WAR

Anti-Negro Demonstrations and Riots Arouse Fears of Foreigners—Serious Consequences Dreaded if Blacks Are Goaded.

Washington.—Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, was ordered to Havana forthwith with the armored cruiser Washington and one other warship picked by himself. He proceeded immediately from Key West with both vessels.

Orders for the dispatch of these two vessels to Havana were given by the Navy Department in response to a request from the Secretary of State following the receipt of an alarming cablegram from Minister Beaupre at Havana, which said that the situation in Havana and its suburbs has been rapidly growing worse, and has now assumed the character of a race war.

Urgent appeals for American warships have been made to Minister Beaupre by American and foreign residents of Havana and by prominent Cubans. As soon as this dispatch was received the State Department got in touch with the Navy Department, with the result that Secretary Meyer directed Admiral Vreeland, Aid for Operations, to have two vessels sent forthwith.

Admiral Vreeland sent dispatches to Admiral Osterhaus at Key West, directing him to go in person with the armored cruiser Washington, and another vessel.

Havana.—The riot, while extending to all parts of the city and causing general excitement and alarm, resulted in few casualties. One white onlooker was mortally wounded and several negroes were injured. The disturbance lasted only a short time.

The shifting of the Cuban storm center from the wilds of Oriente and Guantanamo to the capital was regarded here as the final proof of the utter demoralization of the Gomez government. It is now feared that the negroes have been goaded into desperation and will stop at nothing to avenge the persecution heaped upon them in the last two days.

It is well known that the Gomez government is penniless, so destitute in fact that the appropriation by Congress of \$1,000,000 last week with which to carry on the campaign against the rebels, is regarded here as a farce and there is no money in the treasury.

THOUSANDS HONOR COLUMBUS.

Memorial to Intrepid Discoverer Unveiled in National Capital.

Washington.—In the presence of thousands of people from all parts of the country, who filled the huge stands erected on the Union Station plaza, the Italian Ambassador, the Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, unveiled the monument to Christopher Columbus. In the stand directly facing the memorial was a large gathering of distinguished persons, including the President of the United States, members of the Cabinet, Chief Justice White, associate justices of the Supreme Court, Senators, diplomats and Representatives.

SUBMARINE LOST IN CRASH.

Vendemiaire of French Navy Smashed by Battleship St. Louis.

Cherbourg.—While attempting to steal upon the battleship St. Louis and theoretically torpedo her, the French submarine Vendemiaire suddenly arose to the surface under the very prow of the big warship. The next instant the St. Louis bore down upon her midge opponent, rammed her full on the side with terrific force and drove her beneath the surface.

The submarine disappeared immediately and is believed to have been cut in two, carrying with her two officers and twenty-two men.

PARLIAMENT BARS U. S. COAL.

Canadian Product Will Be Used in Buildings Next Winter.

Ottawa, Ont.—Next winter only Canadian coal will be burned in the Dominion Parliament buildings, where annually several thousand tons are used.

Up to now, American coal has been used, but there have been complaints and Canadian mine owners will now supply the coal.

APPLES WITHOUT CORES.

Delaware Farmer is Raising Fruit That Has No Seeds.

Georgetown, Del.—There will be no core to throw away after one has eaten an apple if Frank Rodgers, a fruit grower here, succeeds in experiments he has under way. He owns a tree that has produced now for two years seedless and coreless apples.

The fruit is of the usual size, and very highly flavored. He is grafting some of the twigs into other trees in his orchard.

TWO PARTY LEADERS FROM THE EAST



In this snapshot at the Coliseum at Chicago, the big man is Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, and the small one with the jolly laugh is ex-Governor Murphy of New Jersey, who says he has abandoned his vice-presidential boom.

MOVE TO PLEDGE ALL THE DELEGATES

Republican National Committee Deliberates at Chicago—Newspaper Men Admitted.

Chicago.—The supporters of President Taft had things their own way in the first session of the Republican National Committee.

The test vote was on Kellogg's motion to admit all newspaper men to the sessions of the National Committee. The Taft men opposed this, saying that representatives of the recognized national press associations, serving all the newspapers, would meet every objection of publicity. The Taft men won 39 to 13, with Nevada unrepresented.

Immediately after Victor Rosewater of Nebraska, acting chairman, called this meeting to order Col. Harry S. New offered a resolution calling for the election of Mr. Rosewater as chairman of the committee. This was unanimously adopted. Mr. Rosewater has been acting chairman since the death a number of months ago of John F. Hill of Augusta, Me. Mr. Rosewater's term of office as chairman will expire after the candidates of this convention have been nominated.

The widely advertised purpose of R. B. Howell, national committee-man-elect from Nebraska, to demand his seat in the national committee before the hearing of the contests, which Mr. Howell had declared, on the advice of Mr. Roosevelt, failed to materialize. Mr. Howell was guided by Mr. Roosevelt's own political managers, who told the aspiring Nebraskan that his claim to a seat at this time was far too flimsy to warrant the attempt, that it was certain to be rejected by an almost unanimous vote of the committee and that its rejection would be heralded abroad as a signal defeat for Mr. Roosevelt. Under the circumstances he decided not to submit his contention.

Following the defeat of the Kellogg motion, the secretary of the committee was authorized to employ a force of expert stenographers to prepare and furnish to the members of the press other than representatives of the press associations verbatim copies of the proceedings. It is estimated by Secretary Haywood that the stenographic reports will reach members of the press from thirty to forty minutes after the actual proceedings.

The Taft men resurrected the Roscoe Conkling resolution of the convention of 1880, which binds all candidates to bolt, and will try to slide it through the coming convention to head off any "run-out" by the Colonel.

The committee voted to give thirty minutes and fifteen minutes a side for State and district contests respectively.

Minnesota for Wilson.

Duluth, Minn.—Bryan's friends in Minnesota made an effort to stampede the convention to put in second choice instructions for him. They were long on eloquence, but the matter came to a vote and they proved a mere handful. The original resolutions instructing the delegates to vote as a unit for Woodrow Wilson until he is nominated or until two-thirds of the delegates agree that his nomination is impossible went through with only a feeble "No." This was the only fight that developed in the convention.

ORGANIZING FOR THE CONVENTION

Status of Elected Members of Republican National Committee

NO BOLT, SAYS J. M. DIXON

Roosevelt Wants Dixon to Be Selected as National Chairman "in the Event of Colonel's Nomination"—All Factions in Fighting Mood.

Chicago.—With the convention many days off the daily scenes in the hotel lobbies where delegates and politicians gather during a National convention, as well as at the Coliseum Annex, where the convention headquarters are located, have rivaled those which in other years were in evidence only on the very eve of the convention itself. Not only is the full membership of the Republican National Committee represented here but the advance guard of delegates and contestants, and leaders, who have no direct connection with the committee or the contests have been flocking into the city.

A plan to meet at once the full force of Theodore Roosevelt's fight to control the organization of the Republican National Convention by making permanent the organization, with Senator Elihu Root as chairman, was practically agreed on by Taft leaders. This is in accordance with the wishes of the President.

The permanent chairman will be reported to the committee on permanent organization made up of one member from each state and territory, reported from the floor of the convention, following the temporary organization. The wishes of the candidate for President are usually consulted by the convention, and it is generally assumed that President Taft's friends will strive to make Senator Root permanent presiding officer.

The Roosevelt campaign managers, who also have transferred their activities to this city, persisted in their predictions that Col. Roosevelt would be nominated on the first ballot when the Republican National Convention meets. From neither side has there been forthcoming for publication any thorough analysis of the situation to bear out with convincing force the assertions of either.

Fresh from conference with Col. Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, Senator Dixon and National Committeeman William T. Ward of New York made it clear that the Roosevelt managers were not behind the claim of Mr. Howell to a seat on the committee.

MINE JURISDICTION EXTENDS.

Passage of Foster Bill Gives Bureau Authority Over All Mineral Products.

Washington.—The House passed the Foster bill enlarging the jurisdiction of the bureau of mines. The bureau has jurisdiction over only coal mines. The Foster bill extends this authority to cover the mining of all metallurgical products and the quarrying of slate granite, marble, etc.

It gives to the bureau the right to prescribe rules for the health of the mining operatives.

ROADS TAKEN BY THE STATE

Force Organizing by Highway Department for Repairs.

TO DO ONLY NECESSARY WORK

Commissioner Bigelow and Assistants Not Preparing for Construction—Limited Amount of Money Available.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Organization of the State Highway Department force for the repair and maintenance of the main highway routes taken over by the State on June 1 is to be worked out as rapidly as possible by the division engineers and the superintendents, but owing to the limited amount of money available this year, only work that is absolutely necessary will be done. Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow and Chief Engineer S. D. Foster went over the details of the maintenance work and the assistant engineers, each of whom has from four to eight counties under his supervision, will arrange with the superintendents of roads, each of whom will have a county, except in cases of men with small counties, for the actual work. This will include care of all improved roads and the maintenance of all which are to be improved under the Sprout act. The work to be done will cover dragging, ditching, removal of bumps and the establishment of underdrains wherever possible. To the superintendents will be left the purchase of materials and the organization of forces, as well as the maintenance of supply stations. The average length of road under each superintendent will be between 200 and 250 miles, and in addition to carrying out what work is necessary this year to properly fit the roads for travel, they will advise the township supervisors who are in charge of dirt roads and lend assistance wherever necessary. The commissioner announced the appointments of these superintendents: John Greene, York Haven, for York county; Charles P. Walter, Harrisburg, for Dauphin, and Charles F. Sweeney, Curwensville, for Clearfield. Work has been started on preparation of a new list of road contracts to be advertised.

Milk Suits Begun.

Twenty-four prosecutions for the sale of milk having less than the State standard of butter fats and seven for the sale of vinegar that did not come up to the mark were in the thirty-six suits ordered instituted by Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust. It was the biggest day for prosecutions in weeks. Thirteen of the milk suits were ordered in Delaware county, the others being in Westmoreland, 5; Centre, 3; Blair, 2, while the vinegar cases were in Lycoming and Clinton. In Philadelphia suits were ordered because men were selling oranges unfit for food and in Berks and Lehigh it was found that ketchup had too much benzoate of soda.

Tener Lacks Authority.

The question of an official inquiry into the anthracite coal situation in Pennsylvania will be one of the matters that Governor Tener will place before the next Legislature. He said that so far as he understands the question he has no authority to order such an inquiry. He says that he has no power to summon witnesses nor to compel them to testify. The matter will be placed before the Attorney General and may later be referred to the Legislature.

Good Bass Fishing.

State Fish Commissioner N. R. Buller says that he looks for some fine bass fishing this summer in spite of the weather conditions of the early spring. Reports have been received which shows bass in many sections of the State and especially in the Susquehanna and eastern rivers. The bass season will open on June 15.

Capt. Vale Auditor.

According to gossip on the "Hill," Captain E. M. Vale, of the Auditor General's Department, is shortly to take a position with the State Railroad Commission.

Messenger Appointed.

Uriah Kreider, of Lebanon, has been appointed messenger in the Department of Internal Affairs to succeed Captain A. H. Mitchell, of Indiana, who has been ill for some time.

Electric Railway Increase.

The Christiania Suburban Electric Company, in which Congressman W. W. Griest is interested, filed notice of increase of capital from \$35,000 to \$70,000. It will operate in eastern Lancaster county and a number of companies are consolidated with it.

Sewage Plant Approved.

State Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon has approved plans for a sewage disposal plant for the Somerset county almshouse. The plant was recommended by the commissioner and will be installed within a short time. The State Hospital for the Criminal Insane is also to have a sewage disposal plant, plans having been approved for one for the new institution in Wayne county. This will prevent any sewage from the high-perched prison from polluting the supply of the town of Waymart.

OLD AND NEW WORLD BRIEFS FOR THE BUSY

Tagalie, winner of the English Derby, was badly beaten in the Oaks stakes of 5,000 sovereigns at Epsom Downs by Mirska, a three-year-old filly. Mirska was an outsider in the betting at 33 to 1.

A schoolboy in St. Petersburg, Russia, shot and injured his French teacher for giving him bad marks in an examination.

George Horine, the Los Angeles high jumper, cleared the bar at 6 feet 9 inches in practice at Travers Island. He looks like one sure point winner at the Olympic games.

Lines controlling traffic to Gulf and Brazilian ports were made defendants in an action similar to that brought against the Atlantic Conference, the government alleging they had conspired to monopolize business.

THE MARKETS.

(New York Wholesale Prices.)

MILK.—The wholesale milk price is 26¢ a quart in the 20¢ zone or \$1.31 per quart can, delivered in New York.

Butter. Creamery extras 27 1/2 @ 28. Firsts 26 1/2 @ 27. Seconds 25 1/2 @ 26. Thirds 24 1/2 @ 25.

Chickens—Barrels. Phila. and other nearby squab broilers, per pair 70 @ 85. Phila. and L. I. fancy, per lb. 42 @ 45.

Vegetables. Asparagus, dox bunches 50¢ @ 2.25. Artichokes, per drum 1.50 @ 2.25. Beans, Va., per basket 60¢ @ 1.00.

Apples. Greening 2.50 @ 4.50. Spitzenberg 2.50 @ 4.50. Spy 2.50 @ 4.50. Wine Sap 2.50 @ 4.50.

Wheat No. 2, red, elev. 1.12 1/2 @ 1.14. Oats, standard 1.12 @ 1.14. Flour, spring patent, bbl 5.80.

Flaxseed, spot 2.25. Lard, prime, 100 lbs. 10.95. Tallow, No. 1, 100 lbs. 11.50.

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