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PARTY FEELTY.

The advice to stick to party through thick and thin in local matters, will not always be productive of the best results. Were party caucuses to exercise proper care in selecting the best qualified men for the offices, men who would first consider the interests of taxpayers and who would not let an eye single to advance educational affairs, the matter would stand in a different light. Township and borough officials are the men who primarily advance or retard public welfare. Careless, incapable men, incompetent to perform their duties, or untrustworthy in their actions, are a drawback to the advancement of a community and it is a public wrong to knowingly elect such men to office. Why complain of exorbitant taxes, of improperly worked roads, of poor schools, if you go to the polls and for the sake of being "regular" and "straight" you vote men in office who are known to you to be incompetent? You cannot be disappointed, you are simply aiding and abetting a public swindle. In township affairs which after all more directly affect a community, exceeding care should be taken to nominate and elect only proper persons. If voters would scan the tickets offered, and, regardless of the label vote their convictions as to fitness and qualifications, both parties would soon learn that to invite the confidence and the suffrages of the people they must only nominate their best men. By this method better men would be selected as candidates and the public interests better subserved. The people rule, and if party bias is sufficiently stinging to keep them in line for the ticket, it is only necessary for interested individuals to pack party caucuses to secure their own selfish purposes. You may be a democrat, or a republican, in State and National affairs, but you should be controlled by common sense when you vote a local ticket for you know the men for whom you are voting, and you also know that it is simply a matter of dollars and cents and good local government, and not at all a matter of politics.

PORTERS LAKE PROPERTY.

It will be noted by the transfers of real estate that this somewhat famous Pike county resort has again changed owners. The township was erected Dec. 16 1861 from parts of Delaware and Lehman and named for James M. Porter, a prominent Easton lawyer, who for many years practised in our courts. In 1849 he purchased several tracts of land, the one covering the pond of H. Dewey, and others of James Place, John T. Cross and Allen Cuthbert, in all about two thousand acres, and built a house on the shore of what was then called Fifteen mile pond. The lake was known originally as Teddyskunk and now is commonly called Porters Pond. Mr. Porter attempted to subdue the meadows on Saw creek by cutting deep ditches through them and by lowering the bed of the stream. He temporarily succeeded, and it is said that rye and timothy grew to an enormous size on these partially reclaimed lands, but after his death the attempt at cultivation was abandoned and the lands lapsed into original condition, that of boggy wastes covered with a rank growth of wild grass and bushes. The Saw creek was a fine trout stream. There are stretches of swift running water, and in the meadows deep pools where the fish lie hidden beneath the shadows of the dense overhanging alders. The pond, or lake, is perhaps the largest in the county and is a beautiful sheet of clear water abounding with fish. A spring near the house bubbles with the purest water, and for a quiet fish or for a few days of rest and retirement there is no spot within our borders more inviting than Porters Pond.

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ROBERTS IS EXCLUDED.

The House of Representatives Jan. 25 by a vote of 278 against 50, passed the resolution excluding Brigham H. Roberts from the seat to which he had been elected from Utah. The Pennsylvania delegation voted solidly, with one exception, Green of the ninth district, Lehigh and Berks, in favor of the majority report to exclude. Roberts declares that he will not stand for reelection even should his constituents desire it, and it is to be hoped that this lesson will not be lost on the Mormon people, who after obtaining statehood, have violated the promises by which it was granted and attempted to secure the sanction of the people of this country for their immoral practices. This should be the end of Mormonism here and at all events it demonstrates the utter hostility of the people, by their chosen representatives to the monster evil carried on under a religious guise.

Old maids who want to enjoy a good squeeze should take a flor on the stock market.

The green plum will be strictly in it this year if the reported failure of the European olive crop is true.

The Washington correspondent announces that Senator Hear very appropriately wears a "string" tie.

The British are going to vaccinate the army mules they got from Missouri. Watch for a big increase in the casualty list.

If it were possible to find a Montana man who has not pulled Clark's leg he would make an excellent attraction for a dime museum.

As Pettigrew has been so busy lately introducing resolutions of sympathy, it is only just that somebody introduce a few resolutions of sympathy for Pettigrew.

Montana enjoys her greatest era of prosperity when a United States Senator has to be elected. On that a seat in the Senate is now quoted at a quarter of a million.

That parsimonious millionaire, Russell Sage, sent a condoling telegram to Mrs. D. L. Moody on the death of her husband and a Chicago editor opines that it was sent "Collect."

The rough rider is to be introduced into the Transvaal war, but where will the English get a Roosevelt to tell a waiting world that his wonderful regiment was never sea-sick?

Greece has prohibited the exportation of antiques. Hereafter Grecian maids of more than mature age will be compelled to stay at home and take local chances on getting a husband.

Chicago pork-pickers utilize every part of the pig except the squeal, and now an enterprising haw factory has hired a man to make phonographic records of the squeals for use in toy pigs.

As an Austrian scientist has discovered that birds may be colored by mixing aniline dyes with their food, it is quite possible that the hen that laid colorful Easter eggs is not such a fabulous creature after all.

Politics are beginning to look up a little, and the campaign lies that will require attention are already sending artists a sky high price.

Miss Hay, the daughter of the Secretary of State, is said to be very fond of collecting fossils. What opportunities she must have in Washington!

A spiritualist just home from a trance voyage says that there are a few servant girls in heaven. If they have all been sent to the other place, his satanic majesty surely has a good excuse for trying to ruin humanity.

The numerous "small-pox epidemics" that have been skipping about the country for the past four years have been responsible for exactly one death. An Alabama negro alleged to have the disease was shot the other day for refusing to observe quarantine regulations.

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A MANIA FOR CHANCE

PRIMITIVE PEOPLE HAVE A LOVE FOR GAMBLING.

Chinamen Have a Passion for the Practice and So Have Negroes, But Indians Seem to Revel in the Various Games of Chance.

Gambling games of one kind or another form a not inconsiderable part of the mental life of our savage people who find in the vagaries of chance, added more or less by skill, the occasional exhilaration of mind which all men demand in one form or another.

Much has been written about games of chance, especial reference to their origin, but this aspect of the case—the part which they play in the life of today—has been generally overlooked. Indians, negroes, Chinamen, have been hastily classed as inveterate gamblers, and such indeed from one point of view, they are, says the Chicago News, but there is something more than this in the universal passion for play which characterizes all the lower races, without being by any means confined to them.

The negro, whose whole soul seems absorbed in the formula, "Come seben," or "Come eben," in his favorite game of craps, is yielding to the same impulse which causes the Chinaman to spend all his earnings in the evening, not to him always fascinating mysteries of "fan tan," and which justifies the Mexican, in his own mind, for the loss of many hours and a few, if not many, dollars in the allotments of monte on the sunny side of his adobe shack. The fondness of many business men for a "quiet little game" is an exhibition of the same desire for mental excitement and change, different, perhaps, in amount, but not in kind, from that which holds a little band of Indians around a blanket spread upon the ground, or at a time while the chances of the game are making one man rich and the others poor.

From this point of view the gambling games of the Indians have a certain value aside from the picturesque, which is nearly always an accompaniment. All kinds of games are to be found among them, native as well as imported, and while the latter are gradually supplanting the former on account of greater convenience, and perhaps because of quicker action, the strict aboriginal games are still to be seen in many parts of the United States which are a little remote from the usually travelled lines and but little changed by contact with our own civilization.

There is little doubt that in their origin, if not all of these games were real religious ceremonies, designed to forestall the future, but they also played a part in those in which they were originally. Among them, perhaps, the most striking is the game of inoocasia, which seems to be unquestionably of foreign origin. The "little game," which every year proves so effective at county fairs in luring dollars from the pockets of the unwary. This game was once widely distributed among the Indian tribes, and it has been said that it is now extinct; but it can be seen to-day in its aboriginal form in any of the outlying parts of the Navajo reservation in Arizona.

The paraphernalia of the game are very simple and always at hand, consisting merely of a knife or other hard substance—a pebble will do—and the necessary dice, the latter being usually played at night, although sometimes it extends over several days and in its native setting has a weirdness and fascination which the modern fabric cannot equal. Five persons usually participate, four of them acting, while the fifth acts as a spectator, but usually a much larger number watch the progress of the game and perhaps play occasionally.

Picture a rude shelter of green boughs, roughly circular in form, placed in some thicket, or under the overhanging branches of a large tree. In the center a blanket is spread upon the ground, surrounded by fifteen or twenty Indians squatting about it, or leaning over, intently watching the play. Over all the first glow and play of light from a large fire on one side. The effect is heightened by a weird song, which is a constant accompaniment of the game, and which rises and falls as the excitement grows and wanes, reaching, sometimes, such frenzied accents that the casual passer-by might easily mistake it for a war-song.

The players take their places at the four corners of the blanket, and are paired off by couples. Each player contributes one of his moccasins, and the winner of the toss lays them on a blanket upside down, and about six inches apart, with the toe pointing forward. Then, with his left hand he lifts each moccasin in turn and makes a pretense of putting the knife under it, making many passes and using every precaution to deceive his opponents and the spectators. During all this time the musician keeps up a continuous drumming which he accompanies with a song. In the song the others all join in but the opponents of the players eagerly watch for some slip which will give them a clue as to which moccasin the knife or little joker is concealed under.

When the knife is hidden to the satisfaction of the player, he suddenly calls out "Ho!" in a loud voice, and the singing drops to a low murmur. One of his opponents is provided with a short stick and he raises it threateningly over the moccasins, first over one, then over another, while all conversation ceases and every eye is fixed intently upon him. The interest becomes more and more intense as the by-play proceeds until finally the man with the stick places one end of it under the moccasin he selects and turns it over. Should the knife be found under it, he wins, and the former player relinquishes to him the moccasins and knife, together with the stakes. It is thereupon his privilege to hide the knife, while his opponent takes his place at its location. This reversal in position gives the native player a much better chance to come out even on the play than the average fakir who works the game at county fairs is disposed to allow his victim.

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