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HOW IT LOOKS ON THE GROUND

Chicago, June 10.—The world's greatest political battle is being fought here in the coliseum. National committeemen of the republican party are pitted against each other and neither a Taft nor a Roosevelt man will take an eye off the other.

Like pugilists sparring for a place to deliver the knockout, like bulldogs watching for a chance to make the deadly grasp, these committeemen sit and eye each other.

In the lobbies are the colored brethren from down south each ready to name his next baby after the candidate nominated.

Detectives for each side spot everyone who enters the coliseum and some chance remark dropped to the ears of these human bloodhounds at once reaches his favorite campaign manager.

But, even a national committee sitting on so important a case as this is entitled to the square deal when it earns it.

This was illustrated when Francis J. Heney, with much brave talk, appealed to the coliseum, to defend the

Californian delegates. Some of the newspapers had guessed that the Californian delegates would be thrown out, but there was never any such intention. The delegation was seated as it had a perfect right to be, just as the Oregon delegation, chosen directly by the people, will be seated.

At this time (Monday afternoon) it does not look as though either Taft or Roosevelt would have a majority of the delegates.

The strong talk of a Roosevelt stampede may be realized, and it may not be, for the Taft men are not expecting to nominate Taft—at least many of them do not think it possible—but they do expect to keep Roosevelt from being nominated and thus put up a new man who is entirely free from the present bitter fight.

President Taft, it is claimed by those who know, at this time believes he can win.

Roosevelt will not talk compromise on a third man. He feels according to his closest manager that he will attract sufficient strength, which added to what he now has, will cause him to win easily.

La Follette told the truth when he said in Oregon "that neither the president nor the ex-president would have a majority." He should have added, however, that he and Cummins would hold the balance of power, which today they undoubtedly do hold.

Can they retain their forces? This is an all-important question in Chicago this evening. If they can they may be able to decide who shall be the nominee.

In the language of Joe Carr, Chicago as a city is a "go-getter." It seems that every time one visits Chicago the people are going at a little faster gait. As Walter Pierce has often said "Can we keep up the pace?" Judging from the pace Chicago people are traveling, we of the west must limber our joints quite a little to keep in hearing distance.

The overhead traffic and the surface traffic seem to contest each other for noise and speed. The mad rush grows strong as evening approaches. And when one stops for a moment and asks himself, "Why this continuous hurry, hurry, hurry?" the answer comes back plainly written on the shop-girl's face, on the messenger-boy, the department store employe, and it is told in the two words, "For existence."

Yes, it is for mere existence. As a rule, these employes do not earn as much in a year as a western man spends in half that time. They are city bred, however, and like the horse trained in the fire department, it is all they can do and all they know.

If this horde of active humanity could be contended on Oregon land they could live much better and save something for old age.

But they can't be. There is not one out of every thousand who would stay on a farm if he owned it.

So, what is to be done about taking the landless man and putting him on the landless land? Nothing.

Jim Hill can preach for the next decade; the Portland Commercial club can meet and whereas resolve as many times as it will, but this rushing, pushing, jostling army of men and women are going to stick in Cal-

icago or some other large city and let those who have been raised on the farm, do the producing, while they do the consuming.

Occasionally one may buy an apple tract on the installment plan, thinking that some day he may live upon it but he will change his mind and continue pounding himself to death on the paved streets until finally St. Peter calls.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.
June 14.

1645—The parliament army defeated the royal army under Charles I at Haseby.

1777—American congress adopted the flag of Stars and Stripes.

1800—Bonaparte became master of Italy as a result of his victory over the Austrians at Marengo.

1801—Benedict Arnold, the American general who attempted to betray his country, died in London. Born in Norwich, Conn., Jan. 31, 1741.

1801—Gen. Robert Anderson, who commanded the federal forces in Charlestown harbor at the outbreak of the civil war, born near Louisville, Ky. Died in France, Oct. 26, 1871.

1811—Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," born in Litchfield, Conn. Died in Hartford, July 11, 1896.

1862—Pittsburg fortified by earthworks in anticipation of a siege by the confederates.

1907—Norwegian parliament granted limited suffrage to women.

"THIS IS MY 37TH BIRTHDAY."

Frederick E. Guest.
Captain, the Hon. Frederick Edward Guest, who was recently appointed treasurer of King George's household, was born June 14, 1875. He is the third son of the first Baron Wimborne. He received a military education at Sandhurst and as captain of the First Life Guards participated in the White Nile expedition in 1900. A year ago he was elected to the house of commons. At one time Mr. Guest was private secretary to Winston Spencer Churchill. In 1905 he was married to Miss Amy Phipps, daughter of Henry Phipps of Pittsburg.



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FOR THE CHILDREN. Make Believe. Let's pretend. It's the most fun to play at all that's being done by all the big folks in the town. Who by our door go up and down. "Let us play at school today." Or "Let us play keep house," we say. Or we can be queen or king. Fairy, giant, anything! I am sure it's much more fun to be many things than one. Oh, how queerly grown folk play! What they are they have to stay. —Youth's Companion. The Stock Exchange. This game requires a whole pack of cards and can be played by any number of persons, who sit in a circle. The leader, taking the cards in his hand, gives them out, one by one, to the left handed neighbor, calling out the name of the card as he does so three times in quick succession. His neighbor, as he receives each card passes it immediately to his next left hand neighbor, calling out its name in the same manner. And each one as he receives the card calls out the name three times as he quickly passes it on. The noise and confusion increases with each card handed out and is supposed to resemble the sounds heard in the Stock Exchange when the brokers are calling the names of the stocks they wish to sell or buy. If the circle is not large enough for the whole pack to go around the player at the right of the dealer holds the cards as they reach him instead of passing them. Thus the noise gradually grows less and finally subsides when all the cards have passed. When a knave appears instead of naming it, the holder says, "H'm, h'm, h'm," and when an ace is passed cries "Oh, oh, oh!" Strange Spider's Web. Spiders are always ingenious in making their webs or houses, but there is one in Australia which seems fitted with special skill in architecture. It makes its home of a tubular form in the ground under the grass. A door, which is perfectly smooth and sharp edged and looking as if it were cut out of leather, is fastened to the tube by the most perfect hinge. The tube is lined with web as smooth and glistening as snow white satin. It requires a careful search to discover the little round bare patch in the grass denoting the presence of one of these clever builders, but when found it is worth watching. If you lift up the lid and prop it open with a pin you will presently see the owner of the dwelling—a spider so large that he fills up nearly the whole tube. He comes cautiously upstairs,

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