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THE CAMPAIGN OPENS.

Apparently it was left to Col. Roosevelt to fire the first gun of the campaign, and he did it with his usual good marksmanship as a campaigner down in Rhode Island, one of the trust ridden states of the nation. It was the right move to enter the New England states with the Progressive platform first. That is a part of the country that needs awakening. The hundreds of thousands of people who assist in manufacturing should partake of the political freedom that the west has enjoyed for many years, and that the east has never known. Once those men become active in thinking for themselves and voting accordingly some of the square deal ideas of the Progressive national platform will become so implanted that results will follow.

Here is a brief extract from Roosevelt's first speech during this campaign:

"I was told only six months ago that there was no Progressive in Rhode Island. I think it is pretty plain that statement is erroneous.

"Men have asked me if this movement is going to go on or if it is just a movement connected with me. This movement is going on just as sure as fate. This is a real movement springing from the needs and hearts of the people of the United States.

"The only part I have had in it is that perhaps I have brought it on two or three years earlier than it would have come anyhow. The man is blind who does not see that our people are tired of having other people govern them. Our people were making up their minds that there must be a new party which should deal with live issues instead of dead ones."

"As this movement develops," he told his hearers, "instead of being less radical I have grown more radical. I am ready to go further than the platform.

"The president's usefulness ceases when he no longer represents the people. Some time I'm going to develop that thought. For the present I shall go no further than the platform.

"I take peculiar pleasure in making my first speech as nominee of the Progressive party here in Rhode Island. You have suffered, as in my own state of New York we have suffered, from boss politics in the most extreme form of development. The Progressive movement is aimed at the rotten machines, the rotten boss systems of both parties. Only by supporting the Progressive party can you strike an effective blow against the boss rule and machine and ring politics in the United States.

"The success of the Democratic national ticket means enthroning in power one set of bosses; the success of the Republican national ticket means enthroning in power the other set of bosses.

"The effort at this time to rebuke one set of bosses by voting for the candidate of the other set of bosses is from its very nature bound to result in futility.

"There is peculiar need of leadership for this fight in New England. It has been a matter of concern to me to see so many of those here who should be leaders in the new movement turn cold-heartedly from it. I believe that half of the opposition to our course in New England is due to sheer ignorance, half of the remainder to hard-shelled prejudice and the other half of the remainder to craven fear of what is new.

"One of our great troubles here, as elsewhere, is that the representatives of privilege in finance and politics control most of the newspapers, so that the ordinary man finds the channels of information choked. I don't so much mind the editorial columns being close against us, but it is a matter for real regret that the news columns are closed to us.

"The men for whom we are making the fight are not politicians and are not men of great wealth. They are busily engaged in their daily toil;

they do not appear as speakers at public meetings; they do not take prominent part in political canvasses and they cannot contribute large sums of money for the furtherance of the campaign in their behalf.

"Hitherto, as a 'standpatter,' a reactionary congressman from Kansas, with involuntary truthfulness put it, these plain people have been regarded by politicians as only entitled to pay the price of admission and sit on the bleachers and watch the politicians play the game for their own benefit.

"We stand for a protective tariff but we wish to see the benefits of the protective tariff get into the pay envelope of the wageworker. Instead of decreasing, we wish to increase the amount of the prize money that is rightfully due those who work hard in industry; but we stand for a more equitable division of the prize money. Moreover, our movement is not only for economic, but for ethical betterment.

"We intend to work for the economic betterment of the average citizen. We intend to insist upon the average man having a greater share than now of the good things which by his labor are produced. But we intend also to work for a broader and kinder charity of relationship as between man and man."

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY."

- August 19, 1607—First settlement in Maine made at the mouth of the Kennebec river.
1777—Gen. Philip Schuyler succeeded by General Horatio Gates in command of the northern army.
1782—Kentucky pioneers under Daniel Boone defeated the Indians in a battle near the Blue Licks.
1812—The American frigate Constitution captured the British frigate Guerriere.
1835—Richard P. Bland, Missouri statesman, born. Died June 15, 1899.
1879—James Russell Lowell appointed United States Minister to England.
1883—Jeremiah S. Black, secretary of state under President Buchanan, died in York, Pa. Born Jan. 10, 1810.
1909—British Parliament passed the South Africa Union bill.
911—House of representatives passed the amended statehood bill for Arizona and New Mexico.

"THIS IS MY 34th BIRTHDAY."

Manuel L. Quezon, who bears the official title of resident commissioner of the Philippines at Washington and such looks after the interests of the Filipinos in the matters of legislation before Congress, was born in the Province of Tayabas, in the Philippines, August 19, 1878. After graduating from the college of San Juan de Letran, in Manila, he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He took a more prominent part in the Filipino insurrection of 1898-1900, serving on the staffs of Generals Aguinaldo and Mascarido. Before taking up his residence in Washington three years ago he served as provincial governor of Tayabas and as a member of the Philippine assembly.
George E. Roberts, director of the United States Mint, 55 years old today.
Frank A. Leach, former director of the United States Mint, 65 years old today.
Frederick II., the reigning duke of Saxe-Coburg, 56 years old today.
John D. Jackson, United States minister to Roumania, Servia and Bulgaria, 50 years old today.

OLD TALLY STICKS.

Their Use in England Was Abolished With Disastrous Results. In the museum attached to the standards department of the board of trade, in Old Palace yard, London, a box containing a number of the old exchequer tally sticks, upon which, until an early period in the last century, it was the custom to keep the national accounts. The tallies were notched sticks of seasoned willow or hazel, the notch on the edge representing the particular amount—the smallest for pence, a larger notch for shillings and the largest for pounds. The system, which was first introduced by the Normans in the year 1066, was not finally abolished until the reign of William IV., and then only with disastrous results. An order was promulgated that the accumulated tallies, amounting to many thousands, were to be destroyed, and they were accordingly burned in one of the stoves in the house of lords. By some means or other the stove became choked, the tallies caught fire, and in the end

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IN ORDER THAT AMPLE EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED, THOSE INTENDING TO GO SHOULD GET FULL INFORMATION FROM AGENT J. H. KEENEY AT ONCE AND LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY WILL JOIN THE CROWD ON AUGUST 21ST.

the whole of the palace of Westminster, with the exception of Westminster hall, was destroyed. Some years ago a number of these old tally sticks were discovered in Martin's bank, in Lombard street.—New York Tribune.

Puzzles From the Greek. If two are a few, why not three; if three, why not four, and by a gradually advancing increment of number why not 10,000, or any other number? Or, again, if the loss of a single hair does not make a man bald, why should the loss of two, of three, and so on, and inferentially the loss of all?

If, then, no addition or subtraction of a unit can transform a small number of wheat grains into a heap or a full head of hair into a bald head, how is it possible that either transition should ever be accomplished? Take a grain of millet out of a bushel and let it fall on the ground, and it makes no noise. Take every grain in succession of 10,000, let the same happen, and no sound is heard. Then collect all the grains back into the bushel and pour it out, and the result is a great noise. How, asks Zeno, can 10,000 noiseless processes make one full of noise?

Honors at College. "What was your son's social standing in college?" "Oh, very fair. Why, he almost got into the Glibber and Squeak society!" "Indeed! How was that?" "Why, you know they always hit them on the back as a sign they have been selected, and George was hit on the back with such force that it knocked him down." "Mercy!" "Yes, indeed. He thought of course he had been chosen, but he found out afterward it was the class bully who hit him because he didn't like the set of his collar. But even that's a great honor."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The American Collector. "You can assure me that this old master is genuine?" "Oh, yes, my very dear sir. The proof is perfect. Why, I can point out to you the very street in which the poor old master lived." "And you are sure he was an old master?" "Sure! Why, my very dear sir, he was more than ninety when he died." "I'll take it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She Hated It—Sure. "I hate flattery," she said. "Of course you do," he replied. "Every pretty girl does." Then she drew a long, deep sigh and permitted him to press her cheek against his own.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Two Views of It. Parson—Do you take this woman for better or for worse? Bridegroom—Well, I can't exactly say. Her people think it's for better, but mine think it's for worse.—Life.

To Sympathetic Ears. Mary—How contemptible of you to tell my age! Alice—Don't worry. The girl I told it to is even older.—Harper's Bazar.

Much Safer, as a Rule. She—Don't you think it is easier to coax a woman than to drive her? He—Yes, but I think it's a great deal safer.

Willing to Trade. Uncle Mose was a chronic thief, who usually managed to keep within the petty larceny limit. One time he miscalculated, however, and was sent to trial on a charge of grand larceny. "Have you a lawyer, Mose?" asked the court. "No, sah."

"Well, to be perfectly fair I'll appoint a couple. Mr. Jones and Mr. Brown will act as counsel." "What's dat?"

"Act as your lawyers. Consult with them and prepare to tell me whether you are guilty or not guilty."

"Yes, sah. Mose talked to his attorneys for a few moments in husky whispers. The judge caught only the several times repeated word alibi. Then Mose arose, scratched his head and addressed the court.

"Judge, yob bonah," he said, "couse I's only an ign'ant niggah an' Ah don't want tob bothah yob bonah, but Ah would suttinly like tob trade, yob bonah, one ob dese yeah lawyahs fob a witness."—Kansas City Journal.

The Church of Gold. There is no structure just like St. Mark's in Venice in the world. Its bulb shaped domes and minaret like belfries remind the visitor of the orient. It seems more like a Mohammedan than a Christian temple. In the facade are scores of variously colored marble columns, each one a monolith and all possessing an eventful history. Some are from Ephesus, others from Smyrna, others from Constantinople and more than one even from Jerusalem. St. Mark's is the treasure house of Venice, a place of pride as well as prayer. The work of beautifying this old church was carried on for five centuries, and each generation tried to outdo all that had preceded it. The walls and roof are so profusely covered with mosaics and precious marbles that it is easy to understand why St. Mark's has been called the "Church of Gold."

The Lion and the Lamb. The hardest thing to train a wild beast to do is to perform with a weak, defenseless animal. In one of the big circuses some years ago an effort was made to persuade a very docile old lion to lie down with a lamb. The idea was certainly a good one, but it took several lambs and also several months before the lion, which was willing to do any kind of trick, would allow a lamb to enter his den with impunity. Twice he killed a lamb in the presence of his trainer, and once he nearly killed the trainer, who tried to pull away the carcass. Finally the lion would tolerate the lamb in the den just so long as the keeper stood over it with an iron bar. But the performance was so evidently forced and so lacking in smoothness and interest that it was abandoned after two or three attempts.

Helpfulness. To be a strong hand in the dark is another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in the crisis of weakness, is to know the value of life.—Hugh Black.

Power of Words. She—Ah, what power lies in a word! He—Yes; one word from a woman can blight my whole life. She—Was it "No"? He—No. It was "Exchange."

DAVIS TENNIS MATCHES.

Annual International Games to Be Held in Australia Next November.

Robert D. Wrenn, president of the United States Lawn Tennis association, has received a letter from H. Hicks, the honorary secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australasia, asking if it would be agreeable to this country to have the matches played for as early as November, provided the courts both for practice and the matches can be obtained. A reply by cable was asked for, and Mr. Wrenn sent a brief message to say that the November dates would be satisfactory.

If this time for playing the matches is decided upon it will be possible for the challenging team to leave this country, in case any of the preliminary matches are played in New York, early in September. The men will then reach Melbourne in time to have three weeks' practice.

Wray to Row Arndt. Coach Jim Wray of Harvard university crews is trying to arrange a sculling race with Richard Arndt, world's champion, to be rowed in England in September. Wray is prepared to back himself for \$2,500.

Archers to Meet at Cambridge. The archers will hold their annual tournament in the Harvard university stadium, Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 15, 16. It will be the first time women have ever taken part in an athletic contest on Soldiers' field.

McGraw Buys Youngster. Manager McGraw of the Giants has purchased the release of Hatcher Davis, Robertson of Norfolk. Robertson is touted as the best pitcher in the Virginia league.

Oklahoma Labor Federation.

Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 19:—Nearly 200 delegates representing the principal cities and towns of Oklahoma, assembled here today for the annual state convention of the Oklahoma branch of the American Federation of Labor. Sessions will continue through the greater part of the week and will be devoted to the consideration of the numerous questions affecting the interests of organized labor. State President C. C. Ziegler called the gathering to order and delivered his annual address.

"King's Power" at Arcade.

The management of the Arcade offers for tonight and Tuesday, "The King's Power" in two reels, as its feature. This is a beautiful and refined drama, with a cleverly chosen cast. Superb photography and excellent scenic effects. This picture was featured at the People's theatre in Portland and proved a big success and no doubt will be here. The other numbers on the program are "The Reqtal," a high class drama and a comedy that is a scream, entitled "Where There is Soap, There is Hope." Also Ray Williams in new songs. Coming next Friday and Saturday, Nat Goolwin in "Oliver Twist" complete in five reels.

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