

THE NEW AGE

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EDITORIAL

A DULL CAMPAIGN.

In a little over two weeks another presidential election will occur, and in most parts of the country it will be one of the quiet kind. The campaign has on the whole been devoid of excitement and of the interest usually taken by the people in a presidential election.

Mr. Bryan, who still has more followers and admirers than any other democrat, says imperialism is the paramount issue, but it is not clear what he would do, or have Parker do, about it. But if he did anything it would probably only be something that the American people would not approve of, or that would not be for their benefit, and so they don't want it.

Already there is some talk of candidates for mayor and other city officers next year, although the election is over seven months off. A good many men, a few of them worthy, but most of them of rather light caliber for so important an office, would like very well to succeed Judge Williams, who it is supposed will be willing to lay down the cares and burdens of the office.

Extravagance is Judge Parker's chief point of attack, and doubtless some expenditures have been somewhat more than absolutely necessary, but the United States government is a very big concern to run, and to run it takes a good deal of money. Nobody questions President Roosevelt's honesty, nor that as far as lies in his power he will have none but honest men under him.

A great deal has been said about trusts, but here also the democratic leaders show up in a bad light, whenever they begin to talk, for it appears that some of the worst of the trusts are supporting and contributing to them. In fact, with such a candidate as Judge Parker, and such supporters as Gorman, Belmont, Sheehan and others, talk about the trusts falls flat, and is considered everywhere as insincere.

The people refuse to take much interest or stock in democratic assaults on the tariff. The people are generally pretty well off, and don't care about the tariff, or believe it is about as nearly right now as it could be made at present, and that democratic tinkering would only make it worse.

wise or safe to entrust them with the job. These are substantially the reasons, besides President Roosevelt's splendid personality and the confidence the people feel in him, why he will surely and easily be elected, and why so great a proportion of voters are taking no great interest in the campaign.

THE TELEPHONE STRIKE.

The Pacific States Telephone Company has sufficient reason, in many instances that might be cited, for refusing to employ girls who belong to a union, for in such work strict discipline must be maintained, and the company cannot well consent to subject itself to such dictation or interference as might result from a union of the "hello girls."

On the other hand, the girls appear to have a just grievance, in the matter of wages, if in no other respect. With the cost of living much increased during the past few years, and the necessity for these girls to dress well and live comfortably, not to speak of the importance and value of their work, it seems that the pay they receive is not what it ought to be. Of course this company, like almost all employers, secures its labor in the open market at the lowest rate consistent with efficient service, and if these girls won't work at the wages paid, others will; yet that is not a sound ethical position to take.

Probably the other regulations are reasonable, or not very important; but the matter of wages is something that the company, if it be making large dividends, ought to consider. Such injustice, if it be one, or if the public consider it as such, is one of several causes that will eventually lead to the public ownership of all such public utilities.

SPLINTERS.

The garbage franchise is out of sight. Turner will make a good run in Washington, but the republican majority is probably too great. Senator Dubois' Mormon issue turns out to be a boomerang in Idaho. Legislators are laying low till after election. Teddy will get the votes of almost all colored men. Another colored man was lynched this week, and not for assault on a woman either. Will it be 30,000? Politics more lively in Washington and Idaho. Some people will still play poker. Sheriff Word is leading a strenuous life.

The election down South will be a mere farce. The farmers and business men are not kicking about the tariff. Bryan and Cleveland are not overly in love with each other yet. Help swell the majority. Roosevelt is a friend of the West. Simon Wolf, now in Portland, is one of the great men of this world. Think of letting lynchers vote and disfranchising Booker Washington.

LAYS THE BLAME ON WOMEN For the Yellow Journalism of the Present Day. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, created a sensation in an address before the General Federation of Women's Clubs in St. Louis, when he declared that women were largely responsible for what is known as yellow journalism.



MELVILLE E. STONE. are written for women and not men. The charge was an unusual one and journalists the country through probably would not indorse the assertion of the Chicagoan. Yellow journalism is not distinctively for the feminine appetite. Mr. Stone is a typical Chicagoan. At the time of the great fire he was a young man and was at the head of a small iron foundry. The fire ruined him and he went to work as a newspaper reporter.

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At the Authors' Club on Thursday night Joseph Jefferson was talking on the importance of memory. His did not always stand by him, he said. "Once I was standing in the Fifth Avenue Hotel lobby when a little man came up to me and said: 'Why, how are you, Mr. Jefferson?'"

There is a factory in Sheffield that makes screws so small that 100,000 of them can be held in an ordinary thumb.

CLOTHED FOR A WEEK. Knowledge of what to wear takes on a new importance when the lack of it means death. Major Rankin, when preparing to climb Mount Aconcagua, one of the loftiest mountains of South America, found no small part of his success in reaching the summit was due to the fact that he was suitably dressed.

First of all came a thin wool and silk vest to mitigate the tickling of the brand-new pair of thickest "combinations," the comprehensive woolen garment which followed next, and enveloped all but head and feet. Then came two woolen shirts, one on top of the other, beautiful, thick, sky-blue creations; then a pair of very thick corduroy breeches, tactfully padded, with continuations down to the ankle; then a sleeved waistcoat of pure wool; then a thick wool coat like a blanket, yellow and sheep-like; then the wind-proof leather jerkin given me by Sir Martin Conway, and a vicuna scarf round my neck to top off with.

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