HANNA IN LAST FIGHT

No Longer Will Be a Potent Political Factor.

PRESIDENTIAL BEE IS DEAD

Strength Shown by President Roosevelt Has Ended That Ambition—Crane, of Massachusetts, May Be Chairman National Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 31.—The fight which Mark Hanna is making in Ohio for re-election is probably his last political battle, at least his close friends believe that he will not engage in another contest. Of course, it does not mean that he will refrain from an interest in Ohio politics, for he will probably undertake to reward friends who have stood by him in that state. But what is meant is that Hanna will not be the storm center of another political contest.

This will eliminate him from the next National campaign as chairman of the National Committee, but it will not be until after he has had an opportunity of declining the honor of conducting the fight for the third successive time. Hanna will not be chairman of the next committee, no matter how much he is urged, and it is not likely that he will be urged to any great extent, because there are others who are ambitious to manage next year's canvas.

In this connection it is believed that W. Murray Crane, ex-Governor of Massachusetts, will be the chairman. It will be another evidence of the influence of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge with the Administration, if Crane should be selected. But President Roosevelt will have a great deal to do with naming the chairman, and he has a very high opinion of Crane. He has invited him to become a member of his Cabinet, but this Crane declined. While Crane and Lodge have not been the best of political friends, there is no doubt that Lodge would be very glad to have him made chairman of the National Committee. What is meant by political friends is that there have never been very close alliances between Lodge and Crane. They have been quite good personal friends, and each has found it advantageous to work with the other in the management of Massachusetts politics.

The probabilities are that should Crane become chairman of the committee, some close friend of Lodge would become secretary, and that is one of the suggestions that were made in regard to next year's canvass.

The fact that Hanna is out of any consideration for President is everywhere apparent. Had McKinley lived Hanna would have been a very formidable man for his successor. There would, of course, have been a number of other candidates in the field, but they would not have stood much of a show against a man like Hanna, who has the confidence of leading Republicans throughout the country. But as against Roosevelt he can make no headway. Roosevelt's record is too great, and he is in a position where the Republican party dare not select another candidate for standard-bearer in 1904. Probably Hanna knows it as well as anybody else, and that is why the assertion has gone forth that Hanna is making his last stand.

ARRIVAL OF THE BIRDS.

Mistake in Dates Would Mean Death to Feathered Tribe.

New York Times.

In May days it is the bird world of nature that is by far the most interesting and attractive. The flowers of early Spring, though peculiarly charming, are very simple in structure and, for the most part, odorless and colorless. The flies and insects are not yet well awake after the Winter's cold, and the rodents and furbearers are neither so attractive in appearance nor so readily seen as in the Autumn season, when they are laying by their Winter stores.

In the bird world, however, all is activity and excitement. Before the end of April the hardier birds, the owls, the hawks, crows, killdeers, woodpeckers, herned larks, bluebirds, mourning doves, robins, song sparrows and redwings are already nesting. The first week in May sees the return, day after day, of one after another of a host of welcome friends —vireos, thrushes, wrens, catbirds, and many others, until the whole countryside is ringing with a chorus of song.

The coming back of the birds in Spring is nothing less than a miracle. The bluebird always seems to drop down from the sky, whence has been heard the liquid music of his note long before he appeared in bodily presence, and if in the angel chorus there is sweeter music than the homing song of the thrush mortal ears would be too dull to catch its meaning.

Across the marsh on the first mild day of early Spring comes a multitude of gurgles and exclamations and calls, and very shortly may be seen in the morning sunshine the most beautiful sight in early Springtime; for, as the marsh blackbird flies from point to point over the reed tops, his red wing-patches catching the morning light give the moving bird the appearance of a living flame of fire.

One of the wonderful things in the natural world is that the birds make no mistake in dates. It is surprising how they time themselves on their long migrations to arrive in their Summer homes just when nature is most ready to supply their particular necessities. Perhaps long experience and the fact that mistakes to them mean death is the real solution. The flycatcher and the swallow have both learned that there are few insects in March or April; the robin, on the other hand, has discovered that the earthworms have the finest flavor after an early Spring shower. The oriole and the tanager have found out, by sad experience, no doubt, that bright colors harmonize better with May sunshine and bursting buds than with the bare tree trunks and branches of the trees. The bobolink finds no clover and the cuckoo no caterpillars till June, and the waxwing knows that the mountain ash berries are not ripe till midsummer. Both the date of return and the date of nesting are determined by the birds, in the first place, with a view to their own individual safety and the protection which nature affords themselves, their nests and young, and in the second place, by the abundance or scarcity of the food supply for themselves and their growing broods. Nevertheless, when it is considered that they possess none of the means for the artificial measurements of time which we rely on, it still remains a mystery how they are able to regulate their migrations so as to suit themselves, with such remarkable precision, to the conditions of climate and vegetation existing in distant quarters of the hemisphere.

During the first ten days of May it is well to rise in time to get an early interview with the warblers, the through passengers of the grand procession of May tourists, who have arrived in train load after train load during the night. Later in the middle of the month, when the first young leaves are coming out, it is worth while to seek some corner in a secluded bit of valley where one can sit for an hour on bright afternoons to enjoy the Spring sunshine and to observe at the same time the sights and sounds in the miniature world of nature around. On such an afternoon the first visitor is usually the inquisitive red squirrel, who is no longer able to tap the branches for sap and is out looking for dandelions, which he dearly loves, or perhaps for a freshly laid bird's egg, if any such good fortune should fall to his lot. Very likely he takes the visitor for a new kind of stump, for if one sits perfectly still he frisks along the log and right over one's back before he finds out the nature of his mistake. A few minutes later he is to be seen on the branch of a tree, wiping his face after a dandelion feast with his bushy red tail for a napkin, until an incredulous bluejay near by, who knows his egg-beating propensities, comes along and bids him harshly begone.

"Chip-churr, chip-churr, chip-churr"—right overhead! Surely a sound to make one's blood tingle, for we know it means that the scarlet tanager (the soldier bird), the wonder of Northern Summers, is back again feasting with his sober-suited mate among the green buds and apple-blossoms. When he is once discovered, it is difficult to take one's eyes off him, as he flies busily from tree to tree and from bud to bud. Ah! now a little more unskilled than usual, he has dropped a choice morsel, but quick as a flash is after it again, and has caught it before it has reached the ground. "Chip-churr, chip-churr," his mate is calling him from the apple tree yonder, and in this Mayday season of love such a summons as this is not to be lightly disobeyed.

Along the stake-and-rider fence, richly mossicked with gray-green lichen and delicate hair-like mosses, a chipmunk sits with his paws demurely crossed upon his heart, scolding in a subdued manner, "Chip chip-ur-r-r-r-r!" He is such an odd little chap that we watch him with delight until a sudden noise, and presto! he is gone.

But now a party of bronze grackles (common blackbirds) have arrived on the scene, and one of them must needs spend a few moments before starting for home, listening to their concertina-like performance, in the absence of a bona fide song. It is well known that the vocal organs of birds are constructed very differently from those of human beings, for the song does not come from the throat, strictly speaking, but from a complicated air chest at the bottom of the windpipe. But what an ingenious mechanism the bronze grackle must possess, if we are to judge, not by the quality of the song, but by the contortions of the singer. With each separate performance, every feather seems to stand on end, the body swells out, the wings expand, and the tail feathers open and shut precisely like a fan.

Jefferson and St. Peter.

New York Telegraph.

Joseph Jefferson certainly understands St. Peter. In a speech at the Actors' Fund Home anniversary Mr. Jefferson said that when he went to heaven (Mr. Jefferson is an optimist) St. Peter would probably address him in this wise: "You can come in, Mr. Jefferson, and play for me, but you've got to change your bill." Now, if ever any mortal had the gift of prophecy Mr. Jefferson appears to us to be that person. Nobody can tell with certainty, of course, what St. Peter will say to Rip Van Winkle, but, so far as our poor human intelligence, borne onward behind the veil of the future on the wings of imagination, can tell us, nothing seems more likely than that he will address him precisely as Mr. Jefferson has anticipated.

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DEWEY DOES NOT FORGET

GERMANS ARE ANXIOUS FOR NAVAL DISPLAY AT KIEL.

Ships of the Better Class Have Been Withdrawn Gradually From the European Station.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 31.—The question whether American ships shall participate in the maneuvers of the German navy at Kiel has been one that has agitated the State and Navy Departments in Washington for some time. The German government was anxious to have a good squadron from the United States appear at Kiel, and those who are trying to extend friendly relations between the German government and the United States, or more particularly to help remove the ill-feeling that seems to have grown up between the German and American peoples, were thus active in bringing influence to bear to have the squadron sent to Kiel.

But something was at work all the while in the Navy antagonistic to the movement, and, although it was semi-officially announced that American ships would be present, yet even at this date it is extremely doubtful if there are any American ships at Kiel. The belief seems to be quite general that Admiral Dewey, who has never gotten over the prejudice that he had against the German navy on account of certain events in Manila Bay in 1898, has been active in preventing the ships from going to Kiel. Gradually ships of the better class have been detached from the European squadron until it would be but a pitiful showing to send that squadron to any celebration.

The detachment of ships has been accredited to Dewey, who, as president of the General Naval Board, exercises a great deal of influence about the Navy Department. The Admiral has never hesitated to give expression to opinions which would indicate his dislike to the Germans, and especially their navy, and he no doubt would be pleased to be able to prevent a good representation of American ships to do credit to the navy which he thinks was so antagonistic to this Government during the Spanish War.

When President Roosevelt reaches Washington the matter may be taken up and a sufficient number of ships ordered to join the European squadron to make a good showing, and thence ordered to the celebration. This would no doubt be brought about if Ambassador Speck von Sternberg should urge it, but of course he could not do so except in a purely personal way. The German government cannot be placed in the attitude of beseeching this Government to have a squadron at the naval maneuvers. A polite invitation is all that could pass between the government for an official record.

Yet President Roosevelt and Baron Speck are on very friendly and intimate terms. The President very greatly admires the little German, who has a good record as a soldier, and if, in their personal walks and talks, or while skimming over the suburban roads on horseback, the Ambassador should say that it would be very gratifying to him to have a good squadron of the United States Navy at Kiel, it is more than likely the President would send it, no matter who may have been standing in the way.

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NOISES BREAK NERVES.

Strange That Greater Effort Is Not Made to Suppress Them.

Philadelphia Ledger.

Considering the commercial value of comfort and the tendency to do away with friction wherever possible, it is a matter of surprise that communities—especially big cities—do not endeavor to suppress unnecessary noise.

It is true that a step forward has been made in the way of asphalted pavements and rubber tires, but this is only a step. We still have the unspeakable screech of the trolley, the slipping of iron-shod horses upon rails and smooth-worn stones, the clanging of futile gongs, the inevitable barrel-organ grinding out piano passages in fortissimo at wrong tempo and one-eighth off the key. We still have the church bell so perversely discordant that even the orthodox begin to doubt the sanctity of wild alarums as a prelude to the service of the Lord. All these we have, and more.

The country is no more sacred than the town. The scream of the factory whistle finds an echo in the scream of the locomotive. The wounded air is rent momently, and the nervous man stops his ears and gives up a fraction of vitality, and works on under the unnecessary handicap; and the nervous woman, in her patient way, tries not to hear and also works on. The well people try to get used to it, and the sick give an extra moan and turn on their hot pillows. And on go the noises!

Why should not City Councils pass an ordinance permitting a limited number of melodic Italians, upon payment of a reasonable license fee, to appear upon the streets with cards showing the number of arias, concerted pieces and popular melodies seeking utterance in the soul of each? Then the charitably inclined might bestow their nickels and pennies in aid of Italian art and as proof of the existence of an American melodic sense, and at the same time avoid the piano passages played fortissimo in a wrong tempo and off the key.

Again, churches reasonably might be asked to set up musical chimes if they considered the bell attachment a necessary concomitant to ecclesiastical ritual. As to factory and locomotive whistles, why not arrange them in harmonic cadences instead of cleaving to the nerve-splitting screams which have become so and a part of our daily lives?

If one, while automobiling in the country, should come suddenly upon a grade crossing, how delightful it would be to be warned of the approach of an express train by means of a snatch of the "Lohengrin" wedding march or a cadence from a "Faust" aria borne lightly down the wind! Then think what additional zest would be imparted to the dinner hour of the hard-worked factory girl if the noon whistle should trill a few bars of the "Holy City" or a spirited morceau of Sousa! She would work better, live longer, and have fewer headaches, and the factory would go on just the same.

Other suggestions present themselves, but the intelligent reader will doubtless find sufficient herein to stimulate the imagination to further possibilities.

Free From Superstition.

New York Times.

"Superstitious!" she exclaimed, scornfully; "not a bit of it. I have too much sense for that. Of course there are some little things portending good or bad luck that occasionally claim my attention, but superstition is only the failing of the weak. I—

"Wait a minute. There's a pin on the sidewalk.

"There! Now I have it. Do you know, every time I have seen a pin and failed to pick it up Reginald and I have quarreled? Strange, isn't it? I wouldn't dare to pass one now.

"But we were speaking of superstitions. I've heard it said that everybody is superstitious to a greater or less extent, but I don't believe it. Do you? Of course I knew you didn't. But you do find superstition in the strangest places. I once knew a girl who actually believed in ghosts. Real sensible girl in other respects, too. Funny, wasn't it? I used to tell her that she would have to get over her superstitions or she'd be the laughing stock of everybody, but it didn't seem to make any difference. I think she must have been weak mentally, don't you?

"By the way, I saw the new moon over my left shoulder last night. What do you suppose will happen? I just know that Reginald will bring me a box of candy when he comes to call tonight. The last time I saw the new moon over my left shoulder was the very night he proposed.

"Still, of course, I shouldn't forget that I spilled some salt today. Maybe that will make a difference. Anyway, I'll know what's the reason if I don't get the candy, and there's some satisfaction in that. Do you know, when anything unusual happens, I can almost always figure right back to what caused it?

"But I'm mighty glad I'm not superstitious, like so many girls I know."

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OLYMPIA, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—Certificates have been issued to teachers in Wahkiakum County as a result of the May examinations:

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