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NOT A POLITICAL PARTY.

There is little ground for recognition of the "progressive" wing of the Republican party as a distinct political party.

The term "progressive" is one that is preferred by the supporters of La Follette and Cummins to the older title, "insurgents." These insurgents are agreed on but few national issues.

Contemporary historians find difficulty in defining the principles. One of the latest contributions on the subject has been prepared by Albert Bushnell Hart, professor of science of government, Harvard University, for the 1910 American Year Book.

Speaking of the activities of the insurgents in 1910, Mr. Hart declares: "The insurgents had not a common body of principles and had somewhat differed among themselves in the debates in Congress."

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It has been noted that Theodore Roosevelt, who counts himself among the progressives, has not subscribed to the declarations of the Progressive League.

There is today, roaming the seven seas, an enormous fleet of ships of all nations. All these ships are looking for business. The tonnage space is marketable commodity available to any one who cares to use it.

OUR DEMOCRATIC ARISTOCRACY. The social ruction at the Naval Academy is far too significant of the snobbery that is being maintained there at the public expense to be dismissed as the tempest in a teapot.

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OPTIMISTIC MR. HILLMAN. Millionaire Hillman, the Seattle promoter of wildcat real estate schemes, has completed a 20 days' jail sentence for attempting to influence jurors.

MR. HUMPHREY'S LATEST. In another of those wild flights of the imagination which have made Congressman Humphrey's ship-subsidy emanations both famous and ridiculous.

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THE NATURAL inference to be drawn from this tale of woe is that the foreign markets have eluded us and that our foreign trade is rapidly falling to decay.

THE AVERAGE birth rate is brought up to the figure of 4.1 by foreigners. If native American families alone were taken into account it would be no more than 2.7.

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officials" are likely, if pushed to conclusions, to defend the caste principle as manifestly existing in the Naval Academy. In other words it is manifest that these young snobs are the product of a system of democratic aristocracy.

CASH AND CONFIDENCE. A steadily increasing surplus of cash and a decided abatement in confidence seem to be the predominating features of the financial situation in the East.

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MOVING PICTURES FOR INSANE. Successful and Beneficial Results From an Experiment in Kentucky. Louisville Courier-Journal.

The superintendent of the Western Kentucky Asylum for the Insane has rigged up a moving picture outfit at that institution, and the other night he tried it on 300 of his patients.

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Timely Tales of the Day

ex-Master Fish Warden, is not a good fellow, but at that he does not like to be "worked." But that is just what happened to him the other day.

There is a Rose City Park housewife who doesn't know whether it is always a good rule to be kind and patient to an inspector.

JOHN C. McCUS tells this one on a friend of his whom he helped capture by the taxicab route a few nights ago after the said friend had counted the bubbles in so many wine bottles that "rain, tongue and feet were affected."

THE OLD boy sure had a cargo on. In fact he was so plumb loaded that if he had any more one more drink the underwriters would have to raise the rate on him.

THE DRIVER wouldn't take the check, and I knew my friend had plenty of money, so I helped him search, and we finally unearthed the price of the cab.

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Advertising Talks

I saw a remarkable advertisement in a recent issue of the Arkansas Gazette (Little Rock).

"We conduct no fake price contests for the following reasons: "Goods that have a value will sell at a value."

"If too much is asked to start with, how are you to judge what is really correct? Can you depend on the man who confessedly tried to get too much in the beginning?"

"If you know plano value well enough to protect yourself against the multi-price plan, why not fix the right price in the beginning?"

"When an insouciant asks \$400 for a plano and then takes \$200, he confesses a willingness to get \$100 of your money which does not belong to him."

EVERY notice, when a man is hurt who carries an accident policy, how long he is hurt?

THE WORLD is full of men who want better jobs, who are not willing to do better work.

EVERY notice, when a dog follows a woman, how long she stamps her foot angrily and says, "Go home, sit!"

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