

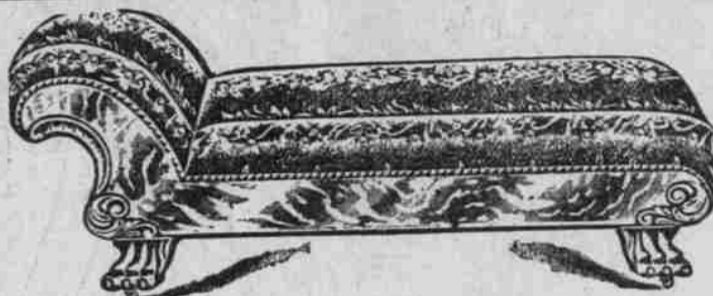


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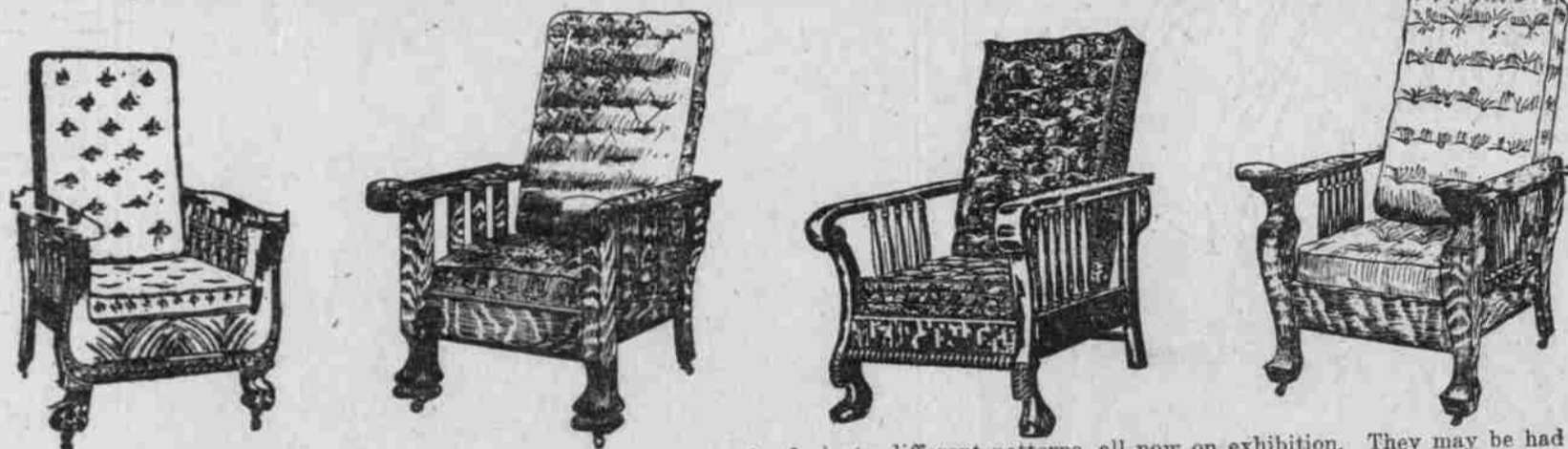
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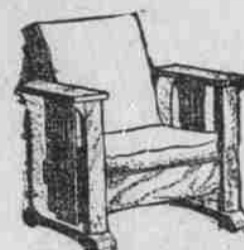


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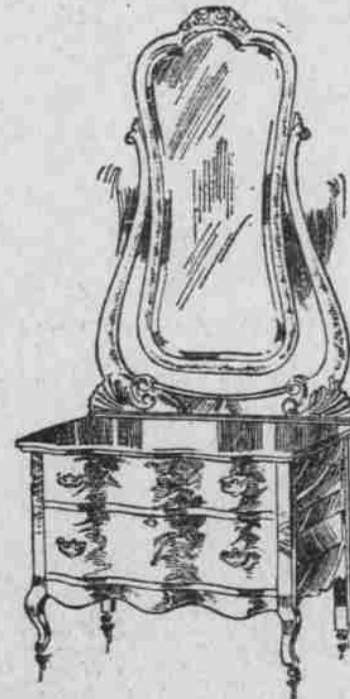


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EXPECT VICTORY FOR 7 GOVERNORS

Taft Viewed as Sufficiently Strong to Roll Up Majority for State Tickets.

HUGHES ALONE IN DOUBT

G. O. P. Candidates in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, Connecticut and Minnesota Hope to Win.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 24.—The Republican National ticket will probably triumph in seven important states where Republican state tickets will be badly cut and where Democratic Governors may be elected. The states referred to are New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia, Connecticut and Minnesota.

The situation in these states may be conversely stated as follows: Because of disaffection in the Republican ranks, seven Republican candidates for Governor are looking to Mr. Taft to poll sufficiently large pluralities to carry the state tickets to victory. However the proposition is stated, the fact remains that Mr. Taft will run away ahead of the state tickets in the states named, and in those states where Republican Governors may be elected, their election will be due to the popularity of Mr. Taft and National Republican issues.

Expect Hughes' Defeat.

With the election less than two weeks away, it seems that Governor Hughes of New York is very likely to be defeated. That is the prevailing opinion in New York City, and it is the almost unanimous opinion of political writers who have been studying affairs in New York State. Outside of New York City, Hughes is strong in the smaller cities and the rural districts are supporting him in most loyal and enthusiastic fashion, but it is questionable if the large majority he will receive "up state" will be sufficiently large to overcome the vote that will be cast against him in Greater New York.

In the metropolises are centered the various interests that are opposed to Hughes and Hughes' policies; just as they are opposed to Roosevelt and the Roosevelt policies. It may turn out, through the diversion of many Democratic votes to the Socialist and Independence League tickets, that the Democratic nominee for Governor will not get enough votes to look for re-election. There is still a possibility that he will win, but few bets are being made that way; most bets are on Chanler for Governor.

Strong Men Nominated.

In Illinois and Indiana the Democrats had the good sense to nominate their strongest men for Governor; the Republicans blundered in selecting men who are vulnerable. In Illinois the Democratic corruption of the present Republican administration is being used with good effect by Democratic campaigners, and the state ticket is correspondingly weakened. If the Illinois state election is carried by the Democrats, it will be due to the stupidity of the Republican managers, more than to the astuteness of the Democrats in selecting their best material. Indiana is paying little attention to National issues; the state campaign is the only one being waged on a national scale, and unfortunately the Republicans got hold of the unpopular end of the leading state issue—the liquor question. Yet, regardless of what fate overtakes the state tickets in these states, Taft will likely get the electoral votes of both.

In Ohio the strongest Democrat available, Judson Harmon, was nominated to run against Governor Harris, who was renominated. Harris is a long ways from being a strong candidate, and to make matters worse, the Republican party is so badly cut up, while undergoing reform, as to make Harris' chances of re-election comparatively slight. Much of the knitting to be done in Ohio will be on the state ticket, which, as in Indiana, involves the liquor question, an issue that has been used with good effect against the old ring Republicans.

May Pull Harris Through.

If Taft rolls up the kind of plurality he ought to get in his own state, he may pull Harris through, but Harris will have a close call, if not defeated. The Republicans of Ohio are at a disadvantage, for they are, in this campaign, passing from the control of corrupt bosses to the leadership of able politicians of the Taft and Burton type. Naturally, with such a transformation in process, the vote, especially on the state ticket, will be comparatively light.

There has never been the slightest doubt that Taft would carry Connecticut, and for some time it was thought that Congressman Lilley, the Republican nominee for Governor, would pull through, for in the eyes of his old constituents, he is the "one honest man in Congress." But the fight on Lilley has been intense, and the true calibre of the man was shown when he recently made public a garbled extract from a letter written him by the President, with reference to his attitude towards the navy, but the garbled extract was so worded as to convey the impression that the President was upholding him in his campaign for the Governorship, and hoped for his election.

Lilley's Chances Slim.

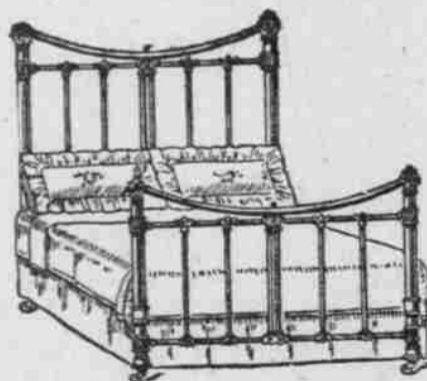
The President does want to see Republican victory in Connecticut, but what he thought of Lilley when the Congressman deliberately misrepresented him, and in a cowardly way used the letter of the Executive as a campaign document, is hardly fit for publication. Lilley's perfidy has been laid bare, and the exposure has hurt him. The only thing doubtful about Minnesota is the Governorship, and that is doubtful only because Governor Johnson is running. Johnson was elected four years ago, when Roosevelt carried the state, and it is more than likely that he will be elected this year, though Minnesota supports Taft. But that will occasion no surprise, it has been expected all along.

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