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MR. HANNA IS AFTER IT.

Despite all contrary disclaimers, it is quite evident that Senator Hanna is out for the republican presidential nomination. The organs supporting the presidential ambitions of the gentleman from Ohio are becoming bitter in their fight against President Roosevelt, and, as the latter has a very large following, there promises to be a warm contest in the Chicago convention.

The western public all along has been led to believe that Mr. Roosevelt's nomination was a certainty. Months ago it was announced that enough state organizations had declared for him to insure his nomination. The president assumed the popular attitude on all the great issues arising since his incumbency, and in almost every public utterance has discussed the encroachments of the trusts. The president has created at least one new republic on the western hemisphere, and the nation has rejoiced in its liberty-loving fashion. Frauds have been unearthed at Mr. Roosevelt's instigation, and it can be truthfully said he has endeavored to be the friend of "the people." Mr. Roosevelt is an "accidental president," but, having become the executive head of the nation, he has acquired practically all of the power which comes to an elected president.

While Mr. Roosevelt is the choice of perhaps the majority of the rank and file of his party, because of his rather independent political course, Mr. Hanna has the formidable support of that equally as important class—the manufacturers. It's one thing to designate a manufacturer a "trust" and quite another to make him believe it. There is a decided difference of opinion as to this. Campaign funds must come from men of means, and it is said of Mr. Roosevelt he has not endeared himself to them by his frequent anti-trust declarations. On the other hand, Senator Hanna has discreetly refrained from ill-timed reference to the financial interests of the country, which would lend him untold support. His popularity with the laboring classes has lately been exemplified, and all in all he is regarded in many quarters as the man to whom the nomination should go.

Of the newspapers which are out for the Ohio senator the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune is most persistent. This paper regards the proposed nomination of Mr. Roosevelt as a dangerous experiment, and it roundly scores the manner in which the president's campaign is being carried on. In an utterance entitled "No Rough Riding Over the Republican Voters," the Commercial Tribune refers to Mr. Roosevelt as "the professor of the school of mug wumpery," and that, "to have the republican voters think and deliberate, is fatal to the candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt." The Tribune has all along been opposing the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, and during the past two weeks has denounced what it regards as the "indecent haste" in the selection of delegates to the national convention. Discussing a local issue which has been fully reported in the Associated Press, the Tribune says:

"We regret that Senator Foraker should have lent his influence to any snap convention calling or to any attempt to interfere with the regular course of party organization. We hope that the reports he has done so are not correct. He has every reason to trust the voters of the party, and surely does not desire to commit them to a hasty decision upon so important a matter as the selection of a candidate for president of the United States. He may desire the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt but he certainly knows it would be fatal at the election, if this nomination should be the result of the work of a clique of officeholders or against the wishes of the majority of the voters of the party.

"There is no need of undue haste. No one seems to be in a hurry, save

the 'hangers on' around the White house.

"Let the people consider the dangers of this nomination. Let them deliberate as to the risks the party is to assume if it names Mr. Roosevelt.

"The convention does not meet until June 21, and the longer Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy is discussed the more correct will be the judgment of the people who choose the delegates. Snap conventions may please Mr. Roosevelt, but they do not appeal to the people.

"Give the people plenty of time, they will do the right thing. They will not betray the party. They have only its success and honor at heart. They will tell the senators and the president who they want to lead them."

From which it is quite apparent that Mr. Roosevelt is to have formidable opposition at the Chicago convention, with Mr. Hanna as the ideal of the opposition.

WAR ON BACHELORS.

The mayor of Severance, Kansas, is plainly determined that the young men of that town shall marry if he has to take them by the scruff of their necks and hustle them himself to the altar.

As local potentate, he has issued an irade that every bachelor in his domain must take unto himself a wife during the present year of grace under penalty of a heavy fine. He further advises the young women of Severance to improve this leap-year opportunity by looking the masculine collection over and picking out what they want, promising them that it will go hard with any young man that dares to balk.

That's right! exclaims the New York Commercial. Hunt the rascals down! Stop not with a fine, but arm the young women with shotguns and let them flush the by-ways and hedges and compel the cowardly scoundrels to chalk the mark. Bring them to Limerick! Let not the crime of race suicide sully Severance's fair name! A thousand times better a few cases of homicide! If these young recreants are so busy putting the dollar above the man that they can't think of marrying, let the young women seize both. Let them show themselves worthy of the state of Carrie Nation and Mary Ellen Lease.

It is unfortunate, of course, that the young omen of Severance should be forced to adopt such heroic tactics. It is to be remembered, however, that it may not be their fault if they possess qualities that would dislocate a clock. They probably weren't consulted in the matter. Besides, they may outgrow it. At any rate the efforts of the mayor of Severance in the encouragement of home industry is altogether commendable.

Details are published of a wonderful new motor invented by Peter Thornley, an English engineer. The invention is considered of such importance that its development may result in express railway engines running at twice their present speed at only half the cost and in Atlantic lines crossing from Liverpool to New York in three days. It is almost small enough to be carried in a typewriter case. The new motor is capable of developing fifteen horse power under a boiler pressure of two hundred pounds to the square inch. In even the best railway locomotive the steam is admitted after the piston has moved from five to eight inches along the cylinder. Mr. Thornley has devised a valve which will admit a given quantity of steam at every commencement of the stroke and so nicely adjusted that the expansive force of the steam admitted is just sufficient to drive the piston at the end of its journey. By the most modest estimate the saving in coal is 25 per cent, while the initial cost is much cheaper than existing types.

Of the great crops raised throughout practically all of the country, corn stands first and is given a value for the crop year 1903 of almost \$953,000,000. Second of the agricultural products grown in practically all the states comes hay, which crop was estimated to have a value in 1903 of more than \$558,000,000.

Professor Karl Schleich, of Berlin, has received from the university of Wurzburg a medal and a 1000-mark prize for the discovery of a method of making surgical operations painless by what he calls the "infiltrationsanesthetie," which is much safer than chloroform or ether.

Rudyard Kipling, in a letter to Sir Clinton Edward Dawkins, advocates that 10 per cent of the time devoted to cricket and football in the British public schools should be allotted to military drill.

It has been discovered that the X-ray will kill mice. Unfortunately the mice have to be caught first, so the discovery is of no practical value.

During the calendar year just closed the treasury sent \$35,154,000 to move the crops, against \$22,546,000 the preceding year. Of this year's amount \$25,228,000 went to New Orleans, against \$15,228,000 in the year before.

If everything else fails, the democrats might make a campaign issue out of the acceptance of the statue of Frederick the Great, which the kaiser is about to present to the United States.

Mr. Bryan is now a candidate for the United States senate. It might be well for him to first get back to the house of representatives.

Mr. Addicks, of Delaware, claims that he is as good as elected to the United States senate. It is hoped that he will remain so.

What will Senator Morgan find to talk about now that the canal question is about to be settled?

Mr. Hearst hopes to show Senator Gorman that a yellow jacket can sting.

STAGE REHEARSAL LAST NIGHT

Excellent Work of All Participants Under Mr. Robinson.

A stage rehearsal of Queen Esther was held in Fishers' opera house last night. The work of the large chorus of 75 voices was excellent, and the different parts showed careful training. The soloists were all well up in their roles.

Miss Reba Hobson, who is to sing the title role, possesses a soprano voice of power and sweetness. Both her vocal renditions and dramatic work are sure to please her friends. George C. Watkins, as Asaerus the king, will be a favorite. His deep bass voice is well adapted to the part assigned him. Frank Carnahan will sing the role of Haman, the premier, in an excellent manner. He has a voice of unusual power and will show it to good advantage in Queen Esther. The contralto role of Zereah, Haman's wife, will be taken by Mrs. Frank Spittle. This is a difficult part and gives great opportunity for dramatic work. The duet by Haman and Zereah are particularly fine. James Johnson will use his rich tenor voice in portraying Mordecai, the Jew. This part is very high and requires much ability. That Mr. Johnson will do it well is conceded by all who have heard him. The other 16 solo parts are in competent hands. The chorus is large and unusually strong in volume. The drills by pages and scarf girls ill be fascinating indeed, more so than anything of like nature yet seen here. The costumes are gorgeous and will add greatly to the beauty of the performance.

Reserved seats are on sale today at Griffin's book store. Admission, 50 and 75 cents.

HAMLET'S NARROW ESCAPE.

New Haven, Jan. 26.—Hamlet has been tried at the Yale Law school before a jury of students and narrowly escaped theoretical conviction on the charge of having murdered Polonius. After lengthy arguments the case was submitted to the jurymen, who remained out 20 minutes. The final ballot stood nine for conviction of murder in the first degree, two for conviction of manslaughter and one for acquittal.

COLD WEATHER KILLS BIRDS.

New York, Jan. 26.—The severe weather prevailing over a greater part of the country and the generally heavy snow fall has caused great mortality among birds. In fact, the destruction of bird life has been so great that the national committee of the Audubon Society has been led to make an effort to prevent it and issued an appeal to the public, especially children, to care for the birds during the present inclement weather.

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