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Fight on Prohibition Waxes Warm in Washington—Secretary Garfield May be Haled Before the Senate and Punished For Contempt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—"Taft and Hughes" and "Bryan and Johnson." These will constitute the Republican and Democratic tickets, respectively, at the next Presidential election. There'll be no chance for a favorite son or for a dark horse; these men have been picked as the ultimate choice of the two big parties-picked by men who make their living in this way, and for this reason they claim that they are pretty apt to be right. Washington received a visit this week from a western campaign button manufacturer, and according to him the button-makers do not plan to spend a cent on the likenesses of Fairbanks, Cannon, Foraker, Knox, or any other possible piece of Presidential timber. He claims that he and his colleagues in the button industry have carefully sized up the situation, with the result aforesaid. The production of the campaign buttons which retail for a nickle costs thousands of dollars, and the work of turning them out in sufficient quantities must commence weeks before the demand, so, the visitor pointed out, the men who put their money into this business have to examine and weigh the situation pretty carefully before deciding whose portraits to put on the little discs. However, this manufacturer only represents one button house, and he may have been guided by his personal preferences; other manufacturers may be equally sure that other buttons will be in demand, and in this thought there still is left some ray of hope for the other candidates for the nominations of their parties.

That the old saw "necessity is the mother of invention" is true, has been proved beyond a doubt. The Navy Department decided a few weeks ago to dispatch two submarines to the Pacific coast, and, selecting the Porpoise and the Shark, which weigh only about sixty tons, they planned to have them hoisted to the deck of one of the big navy collers and transported to the western station in that manner. It was recognized that it would be far better to put the little terrors of the sea into the hold of the big collier, but this would have necessitated the removal of a number of deck beams and several other alterations. The naval experts now have hit upon a plan of constructing a "nurse ship" for the submarines, which will transport them long distances, picking them up or dropping them conveniently, thus giving them a fighting radius commensurate with that of a modern battleship. The new vessel will be able to carry four submarines, which by means of powerful hoisting davits will be lifted to their berths along the sides of the mother ship, or dropped, as the case may be, to make stealthy sortie by day or night. It is planned to make this nurse ship a high speed scout or cruiser with little or no ornament, all her extra space being devoted to the carrying of fuel and supplies for the brood of deep sea fighters.

The fight on prohibition is waxing warm. Every day some new and harder thrust is made at the liquor interests by the temperance advocates. The House committee on the District of Columbia has been busily engaged with other measures affecting the seat of government, and the efforts of the aggressors have been centered on the Committee on the Judiciary. They have been urging a favorable report on one or more of the bills introduced to protect "dry" local-option districts from receipt of interstate as well as intrastate shipments of liquor; that is, to give such districts the right of borderline confiscation of liquors shipped to destinations within prohibition districts. During the hearings had before this committee, one of the speakers in defense of "personal liberty" remarked that prohibition as tried in Maine, Kansas and Iowa does not prohibit, and questioned the operation of the law in Alabama and Georgia. Chairman Jenkins of the Judiciary Committee interrupted the speaker to say that only a few hours before a Southerner had said to him, "The inauguration of prohibition Laws in Alabama

and Georgia work like a charm. They will mean that a white gentleman can get a drink whenever he wants it, but a negro can't get a drop." Representatives Clayton of Alabama and Brantley of Georgia laughingly protested that this was not so, each declaring the chairman's informant must certainly have referred solely to the other's state. Mr. Jenkins' reply was "He said Alabama and he said Georgia," and even some of the prohibition representatives joined in the laughter that followed.

Senator Lodge suffered a lapse of memory this week, and his colleagues are poking much fun at him as a result. The Massachusetts solon does not like to be disturbed at night by telephone calls from newspaper men who take this method of reaching his ear and interviewing him on the big questions of the day. So when he had a telephone installed in his home this year he gave instructions that it should not be listed in the telephone directory and that on no account should the operator connect anyone, who did not call the number direct, instead of first inquiring about it. This plan worked fine, and to all intents and purposes of bothersome newspaper men Mr. Lodge's home was without telephone connection. The other night the Senator attended a dinner party, and when the time came to go home he asked permission to use his host's telephone for the purpose of calling his carriage. By the time he took down the receiver and central had asked "number?", he could not for the life of him remember the number, so he asked to be connected with Senator Lodge's residence. With positive instructions in her mind that on no account should this be done, central firmly refused to find out the number for him, although he protested that it was his own house he wanted to communicate with. In desperation, Mr. Lodge finally hit upon a scheme to outwit central; he called the White House and requested the operator on duty there for the number of his own telephone. Getting this he made a second call and at last had the satisfaction of hearing his butler's voice saying "yes, sir" to his instructions that the carriage be sent for him immediately.

Is Secretary Garfield to be haled before the Senator and punish for contempt? It is claimed that he has given the upper house of Congress good grounds for such a course, but the general belief is that he will be warned once more and that if he again attempts to violate the rules laid down by the august assembly his punishment will be swift and sure, and treason or some other awful charge will be laid at his door. It will be remembered that some weeks ago the Senate passed a resolution to the effect that it would receive no more bills drafted by heads of departments and submitted direct to it for enactment into law. It is understood that this was aimed especially at the practice of Secretary Garfield in framing legislation which he desired and forwarding his measure direct to Congress, without first submitting them to the President and allowing them to follow regular official channels. This week, however, Vice President Fairbanks received a drafted bill from Mr. Garfield requesting that it be properly referred and acted upon. The Vice President was about to lay it before the Senate, when his attention was called to the rule, and the communication was thereupon withheld.

The Navy Department this week decided on a plan by which the machinists and other skilled laborers employed in the various navy yards of the country all may be retained in the service, while at the same time the present appropriations may not be exceeded. Some weeks ago it was found that a big deficit threatened because of the lack of funds with which to supply enough work for the thousands of men employed in the shops and yards, and immediate retrenchment was decided upon. Here at the gun foundry in Washington, close on to four hundred men were summarily discharged, and further wholesale dismissals were contemplated, when one of the chief machinists at the yard got the President's ear and made an earnest plea for the families of the men who thus were thrown out of work in the heart of winter. The Mr. Roosevelt arranged for several conferences between the discharged men and officials of the Department, with the result that it has been decided to reinstate those let out, and to pursue the plan of furloughing each man for from four to six days of each month, in order that all may be kept employed a part of the time. As far as practicable, this system of furloughing will be supplied in the future to all navy yards.

PIGEON POINTERS.

Some Hints to Breeders of the Little Feathered Beauties.

The following valuable hints on pigeon rearing are clipped from Poultry Success:

Birds bred from good foundation stock will show their good qualities for several generations to come.

Charcoal is one of the necessities that pigeons must have, and granulated charcoal is the best, as it is free from dirt and dust and uniform in size. This should be in every loft.

Too much attention cannot be given the birds at this season of the year, the molting time. Some call it the "flying time." A well balanced ration, cleanliness and ventilation are necessary.

Keep your coop free from feathers. Examine some of them and you will find lice and mites. Burn them and lessen your trouble.

Don't tend your birds on the installment plan and say there is nothing in the business.

Common sense, care and attention is the only road that leads to success, and then you find some thorns on the way-side.

Why of course you are going to exhibit that pair of birds at your local show, and if they win a place send them to another.

Remember the pigeon breeder who has spent ten or fifteen years in perfecting a strain of birds cannot sell them at low prices. Get the best from reliable breeders and you will be better satisfied one year from now.

Do not be led astray by some of the literature put on the market by some squab company. Remember the squab business must be learned largely by experience. Better start with six pairs than 600.

Some people rush into the squab business, thinking fabulous sums can be quickly realized. Remember, it takes years of experience and judicious handling to make a success of the business.

Bowel trouble in pigeons is usually the result of improper feeding, filthy water and crowding.

In the breeding of pigeons it is well to remember that size is influenced largely by the female.

Still Unruffled.

Uncle Rufus was one of the calmest and most equable of mortals. Nobody had ever seen him excited or impatient. But there came a time that tried him. The furnace in the basement of his house was working badly. He had been experimenting with a new variety of coal, in which there was a considerable proportion of "slack," and it did not seem to be burning. He threw open the door of the furnace, thrust the end of a long poker deep into the smoldering mass and stirred it up vigorously. The result was startling. A fierce burst of flame and smoke came forth not only enveloping Uncle Rufus, but blowing out the fuel caps in the rooms above and filling the house with soot and ashes.

In the midst of the excitement Uncle Rufus came up from the basement with his usual slow and regular step. His face was black with grime, his eyebrows and eyelashes were singed to a crisp, and what was left of his hair and beard was a sight to behold.

He went to a mirror and took a good look at himself.

"Waah," he said slowly and deliberately, "I was needing a shave and a hair cut anyway."

Stone Forests.

Stone forests are found in various parts of the world. In many cases they are hardened by some peculiarity of the atmosphere and are found standing just as they were when clothed with green foliage thousands of years ago. The Little Colorado river, in Arizona, has long been famous as a locality for such finds. At one place more than 1,500 cords of solid stone tree trunks, sections, limbs and logs were found by the government surveyors. Most of them were silicified, many seven to ten feet in diameter and from twenty to eighty feet in height. Geologists say that the petrified trees of the Little Colorado were once covered with marl over 1,000 feet in depth. Some of the trees have been changed to Jasper and have assumed various hues; others resemble opal, and when broken open the core is often found lined with crystals of the most beautiful tints.

Delicate Question of Service.

"Bah Jove, old fel, I was wanting to see you, you know. I had just had my man call you up at your apartments, but got no answer. Not home, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes, dear boy. But, you know, my man doesn't like to answer the phone when I am theah myself. He says it puts him too much in the light of a serving man, don't cher know, and of course I could not think of doing it myself when he's theah, old fel," replied Spendrite.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Respecting Her Oath.

"Judge, will you do me a great favor?" asked the lady who was about to be put upon the stand as a witness. "Certainly, miss. What is it?" "Will you please ask me my age before I take the oath?"—Yonkers States

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