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TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

JAPAN is manifestly between the devil and the deep blue sea. The situation which confronts it is one from which even the boldest might shrink. If it stands still the outcome may be figured with almost mathematical precision.

On the other hand, should it plunge itself into war with Russia, the very preponderance of numbers would seem destined ultimately to crush it into the earth.

No matter what the possible outcome, it would appear that Japan cannot afford to sit still and fatalistically accept whatever Russia has in store for her.

If the worse comes to the worst we have an abiding faith that the Japs will give a good account of themselves and that if they are destined to perish from the face of the earth, they will add a new and pathetically tragic chapter to the histories of national heroism and self sacrifice which have come to us glistering down the ages.

THE REASON OF IT.

THERE IS ALWAYS APT TO BE a little slackness in general business on the eve of a presidential election and next year will be no exception to the general rule.

The reason that there have been no financial shocks, that the country has viewed with comparative indifference the tumbling stock market, is because the farmers of the country never in their whole history have been so flush of money.

Add in the Northwest not alone a goodly share of this prosperity, but back it with a shrewd conservatism which keeps away from the whirlpools and rapids of carelessly contracted debts, and we have in a nutshell the reason why the happy people here are following the even tenor

of their way, systematically expanding their possessions and building such secure foundations for future growth and continued prosperity.

HANNA AS BARKIS.

THE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDS are evidently determined to force Senator Hanna, out of the tall strass. At the very bottom the cordiality of the two men cannot be expected to jump much farther than their mutual interests will carry it.

After Mr. McKinley's death there was an entirely new man to the fore. He was influenced by none of the traditions and associations which had surrounded, if they did not actually hamper, McKinley and he was under none of the obligations to individuals which McKinley did not fail to feel and acknowledge.

Indeed the death of Mr. McKinley probably changed the whole current of Senator Hanna's career. Had McKinley lived, in which event Roosevelt might have been safely shelved, Hanna might have found himself in the position of her apparent, a position which undoubtedly he would have enjoyed.

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In the brief space of four months three men have died in Denver who have been very largely identified with the upbuilding of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, a great steel, coal and coke organization which now employs nearly 25,000 men.

Of that really great combination but two now remain, one the head of the legal department, the oldest of them all, but seemingly gifted with perennial youth, and the other, John Cleveland Osgood, the central sun of the organization, about whom all the others revolved, still in the very flush and vigor of life, who, having learned the lesson of relaxation in the midst of exacting duties, seems destined to long enjoy the fruits of a great industrial drama in which his commanding talents always gave him the center of the stage.

SENATOR FAIRBANKS SEEMS TO BE THE MAN WHO WILL RUN WITH ROOSEVELT

Raymond's Washington Special in Chicago Tribune.

Governor Durbin of Indiana was at the White House today, and he naturally produced a revival of the previous gossip regarding the second place on the Republican ticket.

It is said—that what authority remains to be seen—that Senator Fairbanks is the accepted candidate of the old McKinley element. It is this element the friends of President Roosevelt are now most anxious to get rid of.

The relations between Mr. Hanna and Mr. Fairbanks always have been extremely cordial, and it is believed by those who have studied the situation that the Indiana senator could be persuaded to accept such a nomination.

Before President McKinley was shot it was well understood that Senator Fairbanks would be an active candidate for the presidency. It was also understood the senator would have the warm support of the McKinley administration.

MADRID A NIGHT CITY.

People May Sleep in the Middle of the Day, But Not After Dark.

William E. Curtis' Madrid Correspondence Chicago Record-Herald.

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SOUTHERN OREGON'S APPLES.

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"WHEN SLAV MEETS JAP" BY O. K. DAVIS, IN EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE

Russia has acquired a far stronger hold on Manchuria than the world at large realizes, according to O. K. Davis in the December Everybody's. She has been far from idle during her time of unmoisted occupation of those Chinese provinces.

It is said by those in a position to judge that the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks would strengthen the president materially. In the first place, it would attract to him the old McKinley element, which is still a potent factor in the political situation.

Some time previous to the recent election it came my way to talk to a number of Republicans of undoubted prominence in the party, and I was struck by the fact that they all referred to Senator Fairbanks as the man who would be likely to give the necessary "balance" to the ticket.

Today's visit of Governor Durbin to the White House must not be taken, therefore, as personal to him. Governor Cummins was there not long ago, and even Governor Tate might be invited for a chat with the president.

It is at least significant that the arrival of Governor Durbin has been coincident with the renewal of the talk about Senator Fairbanks, and both these things are apparently connected with the extraordinary efforts being made by President Roosevelt's warmest friends to induce Senator Hanna to remain at the head of the Republican national committee.

REVIVAL OF ENGLISH GIRL.

The Old Fashioned Girl Returning With Modifications. From London Lady's Pictorial.

There are signs and tokens on every street of the coming re-establishment of the girl as once we knew her. The independent, strident-voiced person, well out of her teens and free from anything like reserve of manner, is fast disappearing. She has had her vogue, like cycling and the motor car, and she is being replaced by what we may call the old-fashioned girl, freed, however, from the silliness and affectation and bread-and-butterishness of her predecessor.

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