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cable reforms." Well, the Democrats whom Judge O'Brien speaks for had a candidate to please them in 1904, one who represented the conservative "principles" that he vaguely alludes to, and he got a good many less votes than Bryan did.

THE USUAL RESULT.

SCHMITZ ALSO goes free, or his former trial comes to naught, through a decision of the California appellate court. The reasons assigned are a defective indictment and inadmissible testimony.

These frequent pleas for established "principles" are shallow and foolish evasions and attempts at delusion. "Principles" are not and are so applied to present and prospective affairs as to benefit the masses of the people.

PLEASE PARTICULARIZE.

T. LINDSLEY, formerly a clerk in the employ of the Title Guarantee & Trust company, has stopped his subscription to The Journal, giving as his reason this paper's "constant misrepresentation of the failure," and he adds: "I have known these officers (of the company) intimately for years and I know that almost every one of your statements is absolutely false, as will be proven later."

SCARCITY OF SOLDIERS.

THE GOVERNMENT finds it difficult to secure soldiers enough to maintain even the present small army. An officer of a battalion stationed in Texas reports: "I have present today in the four companies 56 men and 29 of these are to be discharged this month."

REACTIONARY DEMOCRATS.

EX-JUSTICE O'BRIEN of New York, at a meeting of Democrats, referred in highly complimentary terms to ex-President Cleveland and Judge Parker, and in part said: "Whenever the party has stood firmly and unflinchingly for its principles, we have never met with a defeat, and it has only been because of the hope that success would result from following some shifting, popular sentiment or some new and impracticable reform, that we have met with overwhelming and deserved defeat."

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

THE OFFICE of superintendent of the reform school ought not to be used as a means of paying any political debts or bestowed on account of any political or personal obligation or preference. It is to be expected that politics will be considered to the extent of bestowing the place upon a Republican, but beyond that the only consideration ought to be the superior fitness and capability of one applicant over another.

appoint another man in his place, while Governor Chamberlain advised the retention of Mr. Looney, on the ground that he had made an excellent superintendent, and on account of his record and experience should be retained in his position. It is barely possible that an equally good or even a better man might be selected, but the presumption is that this is not the sole object, as it should be, in making a change if any change is to be made.

MEN AND WORK.

"AN EASTERNER" writes to The Journal complaining that he has been able to find work but a portion of the time since coming here last fall, and that the opportunities and advantages in this state and city have been misrepresented. As he does not give his name, his letter will not be published, but The Journal will say that while for the past few weeks it probably has been difficult for all worthy men to obtain work, the indications are that conditions will be better for them in the near future.

CHANCES TO LEARN.

A PERSON possessing the faculty of not only deep but sinuous penetration through logical (or illogical) labyrinths, by which one may arrive at exactly the opposite conclusion from that which an ordinary straight-going reasoning process would have carried him to, can learn considerable by observing carefully the decisions of some of our higher courts.

Up in Baker county a woman was beaten with a leather strap by a man, who, with another, menaced her with "pistol and gun." The men were convicted under a statute making it a felony for a person, when armed with a menacing gun, to beat or strike another with a "cowhide, whip, stick or other like thing."

It is estimated that during a few weeks last fall the people hoarded \$276,000,000 more than usual. No wonder money was tight.

An increase in the total amount of Portland money orders during 1907 of about 20 per cent over 1906 is another growth straw.

The secretary of the treasury department, J. P. Morgan, has been visiting the secretary de jure, Mr. Cortelyou.

It is one thing, as Mr. Schuebel may discover, to get an office, and another to run it successfully.

What is the use of a Heney to convict when there is an appellate court to undo his work?

Mr. Heney is doubtless observing that the defendants are now getting their innings.

THE BOOT PINCHES BOTH FEET.

ANSWERING ITS question, "What is the matter with the Democratic party?" the Louisville Post says, in part: "Today, within the Democratic party, there is no overwhelming principle controlling the thoughts and the conduct of men. There is no unanimity concerning the kind of legislation that should be enacted. There is no support of principles which a large body of the American people want applied to government."

This is perhaps true. But isn't it equally true of the Republican party? The Post says that "Mr. Bryan is the only Democratic leader who has been able to expound any public policy in a manner to attract public attention and public discussion." If this be true, and if the Democratic party should with practical unanimity support Mr. Bryan this year, might it not be said that that party was united in favor of such legislation and principles as he advocates? And we all know pretty well what these are.

lean party a large element that would naturally gravitate to Democrats. He is doing things. He is not avoiding issues; he is forcing issues upon the consideration of his party associates." All true again. But is Roosevelt being supported by a united Republican party? While drawing Democrats, is he not alienating Republicans? Are not most of the Republican leaders either actively or passively opposed to him?

A St. Petersburg paper says that Rockefeller wrote to Tolstol, as a Christian teacher, asking advice as from one inspired, touching the millionaire's duty in disposing of his great wealth for the best interests of humanity. Tolstol answered him, citing integrally the parable of Jesus to his disciples about the beggar Lazarus, who gathered the crumbs which fell from the table of a rich man, who dressed in purple and fine linen and each day sat down to splendid banquets.

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Mr. J. P. Morgan has been down to Washington conferring with Secretary Cortelyou again, and left for New York in company with Senator Aldrich. So let nobody worry about the currency affairs of the country. These gentlemen will attend to them all right.

Whether one agrees with Mr. Bryan's plan for currency reform or not, no one can well dispute the justice of his criticism of the Cortelyou-Morgan scheme, one wholly in the interest of a few bankers.

If enough hopgrowers plow up their vines, the price of hops is pretty sure to rise. The question is: Will enough other fellows plow up?

Now if a Fulton club and a Bourne club are formed, and they fraternize and coalesce, that will be an encouraging sign of harmony.

The clubman, having finished his turkey dinner, picked his teeth. "It is provincial," he exclaimed, "to regard the use of a toothpick as impolite. The world's most fashionable restaurant, the Savoy, in London, and so on—set toothpicks on every table, each toothpick sealed in a little paper envelope."

"We have a town in Michigan, the town of Harbor Springs, which is devoted to the toothpick industry. Here huge quantities of quills are cut into toothpicks, and then sliced as thin as cardboard. The slices are cut into ribbons three inches wide, and the ribbons are run through a machine that draws out a hair-like strand of quill, which is then dried and pressed into toothpicks, and into a basket on the left the refuse splinters.

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Queer? Yes.

Wouldn't it fill you with wonder if all who swore at New Year Stuck to their pledges like thunder And touched not a whiskey or beer? Wouldn't you view with suspicion An item you'd read in the news, Declaring no other commission Was pondered by Governor Hughes? And wouldn't your head go a-swimmin', And wouldn't you think it queer If all of the fashions for women Stayed changeless through all of the year?

An item as gay as the others At which you have giggled and laughed; Fairbanks and Cannon like brothers Were boasting like babies for Taft! And wouldn't it strike you as funny, Not to say deucedly queer, If the trusts put the law above money During the coming year?—C. B. Quincy, in New York American.

IF WOMEN DRESSED TO PLEASE MEN THEY WOULD BE HIDEOUS

By Beatrice Fairfax. "Do women dress to please men?" a reader asked the other day. I asked a man friend what he thought about it. "Well," he answered, "they may try to dress to please men, but I can't say that they make much of a success of it." Then he added, reflectively: "Women are much too fussy in their dress to please the average man. They dress to please themselves, and they dress to please the women. And what, said I, a weekly, would your majesty suggest as a suitable and becoming style for woman?"

Heading the People

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As to Girls.

I like my freedom, I admit. My pig and chat with some old cory. But still I'm not opposed a bit To matrimony. A blessed and a holy state—I know that, merely as disputed. As myself, I merely wait Until I'm suited.

Infested With Wolves.

"Now is the time," said a nature student, "when the snow-caked forests of the past were infested with wolves." "Infested with wolves" is a shuddering phrase, for this animal is the most perfect expression of carnivorous blood that throbbs that walks. His jaw is the most terrible of weapons; his slashing bite can break the leg of a buffalo, and the noise of it, when at work in a sheepfold, resembles nothing so much as the incessant cracking of a heavy whip.

The Polite Toothpick.

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A Label on the Ladies.

"All over the world, at this time, women in a uniform way are showing their silly vanity by knitting." "Their vanity? Their industry, you mean," we interposed. "Silence. Let me explain. In all the beautiful public places where this winter women most do congregate, you see them knitting. In the sun, they display the long and elegant Kim at St. Louis, in the tearoom of Shepherd's Park, in the sun, they display the great hall of the Riviera palace in Nice, at Palm Beach, at Los Angeles, you see women knitting, knitting, interminably. Some knit gloves, some socks, some waistcoats; but it makes no difference what they knit, the object of the knitting is the same—vanity.

In a Word.

Sparrows hate blue. The incubator is an Egyptian invention. The unvaccinated may not vote in New York. The word "bosh" is Turkish and means "nothing." A wild elephant can scent an enemy at a distance of 1,000 yards. Pianos are provided for the inmates of the London almshouse of Lambeth. To educate a boy at an English public school, such as Eton or Harrow, costs at least \$1,500 a year. Over 16,000 people, practically all the inhabitants of Markedtschen, in Saxony, are engaged in violin making. A grain of pure musk will scent a room for 20 years, and at the end of that time will appear in the room, lessened in the least in weight or odor. Women rode astride till Anne of Bohemia's time. She, being deformed, had to use a side saddle, and the woman of her court, to flatter her, adopted a saddle of the same awkward make.

Small Change

Ellis apparently didn't count, anyway. Then, maybe Mr. Bryan will carry Oregon. Ellis will run just as well by staying in Washington. The neglect of coast trade in Oregon is a mystery. Hurrah for Fulton and Bourne—or Fulton or Bourne. If there are filthy dairies, is nothing to be done about them? After looking his over, Mr. Bingham believes it resembles a lemon. Nobody in this room will complain if the east wind stays away all winter. Who could have imagined J. Hat Hitchings doing anything unethical? A great many people "fear" Bryan's election. What is there to be afraid of? Now is the time to borrow money in London, if you need any; the discount is off. Even this year, girls should look before they leap—and then, in some cases, not leap. It is said King Alfonso eats nine meals a day. No wonder the fellow has so little sense. But wouldn't Nevada be better off with any other calamity than with its legislature in session? The second election term proposition would not be unanimously supported by Oregon Republicans. Morgan has been to see Cortelyou again; look out for some more currency relief for the country. The Taft boom may not be growing much, but it is a deal bigger than all the rest put together. Still everybody won't be obliged to take over the money for the absolute and indisputable truth. But it might not be wise for Japan to believe all that American magazine muckrakers write out our navy. It is hardly supposed that the next Republican national convention will pick with pride the panic of 1907. They are fine folks to look at, but the bird we like best is the homely billy that lays a big egg 'most every day. A get-rich-quick scheme is so, only for the fellow who gets the money; for the investor it is a get-poor-quick scheme. Pittsburg burglars raided a preacher's house and stole some sermons. They should be sentenced to learn them by heart. Refrain accidentally overheard: O, the G. O. P. is all lattered and torn, And the wicked assassin is Jonathan Bourne. George Ade wants to be an Indiana delegate to the national Republican convention. He would come handy in constructing a platform. Governor Hughes was not brought up by a Baptist minister for nothing; he recommends the total suppression of poolroom gambling in New York. A San Jose man wanted so badly to use his revolver that he mistook his 5-year-old son for a burglar and killed him. The revolver is almost invariably a means of crime, or chief or damage. The following statement did not originate in this office. It is made by a paper in Iowa, whose every office down to dogcatcher is filled by a Republican. The Republican party in this state has suffered under the leadership of personal interest. The Louisville Post says that the new secretary of state has agreed to surrender to the national Republican delegation in the Republican convention at Fairbanks. He must be a right smart boy if he can do this, which probably he can't. Oregon Sidelights. Klamath Falls has a school of dramatic art. People of Dallas and vicinity are working for a cannery. Roads and bridges of Linn county are generally in good condition. An English Lutheran church society has been organized in Astoria. The hounds of Dr. Dodson of Baker City pursued and captured four coyotes. Two more teachers have been employed for the Corvallis public school, making 17 in all. A proposed ordinance in The Dalles prescribes that saloons cannot sell to habitual drunkards when a written request has been placed by a guardian or police officer in the hands of a saloonman. In 1876 the population of The Dalles was 900. The census taken in 1880 in the whole township was 3,250. In 1884, 3,500. In 1907, 6,000. Eugene Register: A larger number of migrating individuals have struck the city in the past few days than usual. They seem to be all over the world, and some of them have assumed an attitude of boldness that needs curbing, or they will take the town. This Date in History. 1252—The Alhambra, a famous Moorish palace near Granada, founded by Mohammed I. 1583—Thirty-nine articles published by the Diet of Worms declared war against Spain. 1787—Ethan Allen born. Died February 13, 1789. 1742—Allen Dubuque, pioneer of the state of Iowa, born. 1765—Stamp act passed by British Parliament. 1791—Vermont adopted the constitution. 1840—Henry D. Gilpin of Pennsylvania was chosen attorney-general of the United States. 1861—Jefferson Davis of Mississippi spoke in justification of secession. 1864—Lyman Beecher, eminent American clergyman, died in Brooklyn. Born in New Haven, October 2, 1775. 1865—James Jay Mays noted American chemist died in New York. Born May 29, 1806. 1870—Postcards first introduced into England. 1894—Donald M. Fairfax, United States officer who took Mason an Slidell from the Trent, died in Hagers town, Maryland. Born in Virginia August 10, 1822. An Unlucky Coin. "The quarter dollar," said a numismatist, "should be a very unlucky coin. It is nothing but one mass of thirteen. There are 13 stars on it. There are 13 letters in the scroll that the eagle holds in its claws, there are 13 feathers in the eagle's tail, and there are 13 feathers in his wing. On the shield there are 13 parallel lines, 13 horizontal lines, and 13 narrow bands. Finally, in the words 'quarter dollar' there are just 13 letters."