

ROOSEVELT and THE PEOPLE Why He Should Be Re-elected President of the United States--By Frank H. Norcross, Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada

This paper, submitted in competition with hundreds of others, was awarded the prize of \$1,000 offered by the Hon. Jonathan Bourne, United States senator from Oregon, for the best argument in support of certain propositions, which he laid down, to the effect that Theodore Roosevelt should and would be selected and elected for a second elective term.

THE assertion that "the sovereign people and not Theodore Roosevelt, the individual and public servant, will decide who shall be his successor" is so manifest that it will not admit of argument to the contrary. The views of the president are entitled to most respectful consideration, but they are not necessarily conclusive, even where the question is whether he shall succeed himself.

The proposition of the president regarding his own candidacy is well known. Immediately following the election in 1904 he issued a statement to the effect that he would not be a candidate for a second term. On the 11th of December last, upon the occasion of the call of the Republican national committee for the convention at Chicago, that statement is as follows: "I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility which the fact that I am president of the United States and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years and these three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms requires that I should not be a candidate for re-election or accept another nomination."

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inclined to attribute more explosions to coal dust than formerly. To gas and dust explosions 11 per cent of the deaths of 1904 were due. Then why the fearful and increasing percentage of fatalities in mind, too, that the annual increasing death list does not measure the full toll demanded by the miners.

Such a restriction tends to lessen the danger of gas explosions, as well as preventing the fall of roofs. Heavy explosions have been known to start dangerous cracks that may engage in their mission of death months afterward, and when least expected. Experts of recent years have been

At this time the coal miners are in a state of great distress. The coal fields are being worked more and more intensively, and the demand for coal is increasing rapidly. The miners are being paid less and less, and their lives are being sacrificed for the sake of a few dollars.

It is believed that a campaign of education, coupled with a sincere desire on the part of mineowners to remedy dangerous conditions, will result in a gratifying saving of life and property.

Atomic Structure of Electricity. From Current Literature. The familiar idea of the atomic structure of matter which underlies chemical theory seems to Mme. Curie, the world-famed author on radium, to have its counterpart in which she terms the atomic structure of electricity.

Begs Judge to Regard Hoodoo Date. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. When Sam Howard, accused of stabbing James Henderson, was arraigned in Granite City yesterday before Justice T. W. Kinder, it was reported to the court that the wounded man was not able to appear and that for this reason the preliminary hearing would have to be postponed. The judge, however, would postpone the hearing for 10 days.

A Tainted Nickel. From the Philadelphia Ledger. The superintendent of the Sunday school suggested that the children make up a Christmas basket for the poor and each child contribute 5 cents, earning it himself or herself. When the class was gathered together the children were called up before the superintendent to tell how they had earned their nickel. When several had done so, the superintendent asked with his most benevolent smile, "Now, little Clara, tell us how you earned your money."

Bank of England's First Safe. From the Strand Magazine. In the Bank of England's museum may be seen the old oak chest which was the first safe ever made. It is a little larger than a common seaman's chest and in this the bank stored its cash, notes and valuable papers.



BY HENRY HURTS BARKER. "You will be gone a long time, sir" she acquiesced. "This way to the station of Krevnov was long. He closed his eyes."

By Henry Hurts Barker. The sun was close to the tower gave forth its solemn call through the silence of the evening. The shadows had begun to penetrate the light blue of the sky.

They clasped hands in silence, and the old bookeller, with tears in his eyes, murmured some words very low. At the palace Perodine was introduced into an elegant cabinet furnished with coffered ceilings and tapestries.

THE WORLD OF ONE IDEA--Former Prisoner of the Tombs Tells of Life Across the "Bridge of Sighs" By Roland B. Molinoux. (Copyright, 1908, Charities and the Commons.)

Those who sit in the courtroom have gone each to his own interests in the place which was that are free call the world. The judge has retired to his chambers, where he removes his robe of office, and within an hour or so he will be dining in his home or at his club.

World Behind Steel Doors. Denied the enjoyment of the life beyond its steel doors, they have an exalted life of their own within. It is a world of hopes and sorrows. It is a world of passions and intensities. There they dwell, absorbed in watching the labor and the planning by which each believed liberty can be gained.

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