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Old friends are best. King James used to call for his old shoes. They were easiest for his feet.—John Selden, "Table Talk."

POINDEXTER ON PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANISM

REPRESENTATIVE POINDEXTER of Washington appears to be "the noblest Roman of them all," in the house, as an insurgent. With him, the difference between the standpaters and insurgents is not confined to a disagreement over rules, or a petty dispute about patronage, but is a broad, deep, vital contest between representatives of the common people on the one hand and of privileged, predatory interests of tremendous financial power on the other.

Though serving his first term, Poindexter has come into much prominence, which was added to when he alone among the Republican members voted and argued that the majority had no right to reject or interfere with the selections made by the Democrats for members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.

A recent statement of his position and that of the progressive Republicans, published in the New York Evening Post, is mostly reprinted on this page, and merits careful perusal.

TWO CONSPICUOUS FIGURES

MAYOR GAYNOR of New York is proving a disappointment to the politicians who have been fattening at the municipal crib, and the city employes who draw salaries for doing nothing. He has disappointed both the Tammanyites who supported him and in an opposite way the friends of good, honest government.

Ohio has a governor, also a Democrat, who has been grievously surprising and disappointing to the leading or most active politicians of his party, but pleasing to the rank and file of all parties.

error Harmon has long been recognized as a very able man, and he has used his ability for the true service of the state, and not to build up a party organization.

THE LURE OF THE LAND

IN THESE high-priced times, the lure of the country must sometimes fall on the city dweller. It is a lure that is likely to increase in intensity. Consumption is swiftly gaining on production.

But, out beyond the city limits, out there where the flowers bloom, the birds carol and the grass grows green, there is a different prospect. There, any man worthy of the name can get a piece of land.

SOME PERTINENT HISTORY

A DEMAND for the publication of the report of the country life commission was voiced by the convention of Oregon, Idaho and Washington farmers at Walla Walla this week.

be able to apply through legislation, measures that would make country life so attractive that the migration from country to town would be checked.

From the data in hand, much valuable information was deduced, and specific recommendations were made. The improvement of roads, the need of sanitation, the value of organizations of farmers and other recommendations for the betterment of farm life were formulated and made a part of the report.

Canonism and Aldrichism prevented publication of the report. Concerned more about administering a rebuke to Roosevelt than the welfare of the country, congress, led by its twin masters, refused to make provision for the commission to continue its work.

RELIGIOUS LUNATICS

A QUITE COMMON and easy means of inducing fanatical insanity in many minds that if left undisturbed appear to be fairly normal is a predilection by some mentally ill-balanced, one-ideaed and clapper-tongued fanatic that the world is about to come to an end.

A JUST DECISION

A SEATTLE judge decided that a couple who had lived together 20 years and had several children, the man always till now representing the woman as his wife, were in fact and in law married, though no marriage ceremony had ever been performed.

In a divorce suit on the ground of non-support, the husband pleading that he was out of work and in debt to his landlord, a Maryland judge restored marital peace between the couple, pacified the landlord, and got the man a job, which showed unusual capacity for the office of divorce court judge.

ident in 1912, and do a few other notable things. But first he will play a few thousand more animals in Africa, and lecture to the Europeans.

A LESSON FOR BOYS AND PARENTS

WILL OTHER boys who have started on the road pursued by Eugene Rooney profit by the warning of his death? It would seem that at least some boys would do so, and that many parents, having boys yet very young, would be impelled by this boy's fate to exercise greater care of them as they are growing up.

Observe, boys and parents, the three principal agencies of the youth's destruction—vile fiction, cigarettes and vicious companions. He was a voracious reader of stuff that if it were practicable, should be suppressed, inflaming his imagination into a diseased condition.

The air flights at Los Angeles are over, and momentarily, that city is out of the spot light. But, it won't remain so long, even if it has to work off one of its oldtime sea serpent stories.

What Progressive Republicanism Is

Progressive Republicanism stands for the conservation of the natural resources of the federal domain as opposed to the standpat policy of parceling out private interests, without restriction and without adequate compensation, these vast possessions of the people.

January 23 in History—Kansas-Nebraska Bill

The Kansas-Nebraska bill passed January 23, was the act of congress by which the territories of Kansas and Nebraska were organized in 1854. It turned out to be one of the most important in the legislative history of the United States.

beef trust as a conspiracy in restraint of trade, who knows but the poor, struggling infantile industry might be forced to go to the wall?

THE GREAT HARRIMAN PARK

IT WAS recently announced that Mrs. F. H. Harriman had deeded 10,000 acres near New York City to the state as a public park. This land includes the Ramapo hills, comprising some of the wildest and most beautiful scenery in that portion of the country.

Thus that great financier and railroad organizer will probably have throughout all succeeding time a monument to his memory that could scarcely be equalled, though it will be one to her also.

The new Portland method of dealing with it makes highway robbery too rough a sport. Unless a soccer style of play be provided for the police, the game will become unpopular.

If flying is as easy as the part looked at Los Angeles, the children may yet go huckleberrying by aeroplane.

Is This Your Birthday?

Charles W. Knapp, publisher of the St. Louis Republic, and prominent in the politics of that state, is 82 years old today. He holds a college master's degree and started in the newspaper business in 1867 with his father.

Louis R. Ehrlich, now of New York, who was the only delegate from the Rocky mountain region to the Palmer and Buckner national convention in 1896 and temporary chairman of the thirty-first convention in Indianapolis four years later, is 61.

News Forecast of Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Having received President Taft's complete legislative program, congress is expected now to accomplish some real work, though no one can foretell at this time just what action will be taken on the president's recommendations.

The REALM FEMINE

"The Difficult Boy." Nature is not girl nature—every mother finds that out—and the eternal feminine is A. B. C. compared to the eternal masculine.

For the second time Patrolman Stahl has used his revolver with deadly and god effect, as Patrolman Croxon did recently. Let the good work of getting the robbers before they get somebody else, go on.

At last Curtis divided honors with Paulhan at Los Angeles. Vive La Belle France! Hurrah for the American Eagle!

Discipline Now? Discipline When?

Let us be simple and explicit. A time to get up in the morning. Happy the boy that gets another kiss or a loving personal call. Discipline will not allow mopping afterward. Bath and dress. Exact military order in this. Cleanliness—teeth brushed, hair combed, shoes tied, both breakfast may be eaten. It is sometimes more than a mother can do to get these things done, but every day—Sunday and all—will make it habit.

Observe good table manners always—let us be simple and explicit—and the difficult boy likes to be sure that he is well bred. He will have a self-respect that will go far toward inspiring ambition for other attainments.

James R. Fairbank, New York organizer and composer, once United States consul to Zurich, Switzerland, is 72 today. He bears decorations conferred by the government of Wurtemberg.

Fundamentally, however, and generally speaking, the difference between the progressive and the American principle of equality, while the latter stand for special interests of vast accumulated wealth.

It sounds like the old days before the anti-pass law. Senator Depew's term expires the 11th of March next year. For reelection, he must come before the New York legislature which meets next January and is elected next November.

Another Criminal Case

A criminal case that has attracted widespread attention is set for trial in Detroit Tuesday, when Dr. George A. Fritch is to be tried for the alleged murder of Mabel Milman, whose dismembered body was found in the river near Detroit last summer.