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It is to be hoped that the Editor of the LEADER will be chosen as a judge of the best pies on exhibit at the Lorane fair. Wouldn't we make a daisy?

Colonel Gaston is Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. It is a safe bet that he doesn't say to his opponent. After you, my dear Alphonse."

President Roosevelt didn't like what Rev Dr Henry Homer Washburn said about trusts, in conducting the memorial services on the anniversary of the death of McKinley. Teddy has therefore wanted that field all to himself, but the time is now at hand when he will be ready to let it go to some other patriot.—Portland Journal.

Politicians are furiously debating whether or not President Roosevelt made the error of his life when he submitted his proposal to the Nation through the medium of his Cincinnati speech. It is predicted that it will instantly divorce from him the following among the gold Democrats who had gone into his party through sympathy with the financial stand of the Republicans, and that it will solidify the South against him. It is also asserted that a large number of Republicans are unalterably opposed to him on the proposition and will not support the President in this matter.

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The claim is general that, if his program should be followed, it would bring necessarily such a legal status as would give to the Federal Government police power. Inasmuch as the National Constitution explicitly prohibits the exercise of police power by the general Government, delegating it to the several states. President Roosevelt has declared for a radical alteration of the very structure of the Government itself. So stupendous a change has seldom been proposed, not even by the most revolutionary advocates of visionary organic law.

It is generally conceded all over the United States is waged as intense discussion of a constitutional question as ever disturbed the nation, excepting when the antebellum issues were carried on leading up to the Civil War.

President Roosevelt, in his Cincinnati speech, has thrown down the gauntlet, and challenged the Democratic party to take up again the question of state rights.

There is a marked difference between the opinion entertained for Oliver Wendell Holmes, the new supreme court justice, among his friends in Massachusetts and the statement made by a politician who claims to be close to the administration. This politician declares that justice Holmes was appointed to the supreme bench because it was "accurately known" that his views on the Philippine and Porto Rican question were in line with the administration policy; and this politician adds: If these had not been the view of Judge Holmes he would not have been appointed, another man with those views would have been selected for the place." It is to be hoped that this politician did not know what he was talking about. The American people would prefer to adopt the opinion entertained by the people of Massachusetts who know Justice Holmes well and who do not believe that he would repudiate his well known views as to the importance of adhering strictly to the constitution.

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The grain crop has now nearly all been thrashed and the farmers in many sections are hauling in to the warehouses and mills. The yields, although generally below expectations, will probably amount to an average crop, especially of oats and barley.

Hop picking is drawing to a close the yields are good and the quality is above the average. Prune drying will begin this week. The prune crop is variable; some orchards will yield a full crop while others will not pay for picking; those orchards on high land as a rule will yield the best.

Pastures are very short and the supply of milk continues to decrease. Stock in some sections is also beginning to lose flesh. The third crop of alfalfa has been secured in good condition with quality and yield up to the average.

A fair crop of pears has been marketed; apples have dropped considerably in some sections, but the crop will yield fairly well and be above the average in quality. Root crops all need rain, and potatoes will be smaller than usual because of the weather.

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