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HUNTING A PRESIDENT

We live in a fast age, a time when great evolutions are evolving; when genius and inventions have attained their highest altitude, but reach on undaunted, striving for the highest possibilities. Yet amid all the greatness of mechanical achievements, the political lines are striving hard to keep pace and if possible succeed to desired ends, and so eager is the pursuit that men to fill capital places are put forward long before the time appointed, and this condition gets more strenuous as time advances.

Just now the Republican party is getting busy looking out for its next leader. There are two prominent factors and as is often the case there is disagreement. One portion desire that we have another Taft administration, while the opposition want LaFollette, so we have the two factions operating in strong opposition. One with its battle slogan; "Taft and victory, LaFollette and defeat," while the other side is just as vigorous in its campaign with the same political campaign cry only it is reversed, "LaFollette and victory, Taft and defeat."

Take your choice; there is no end to variety only in this case, according to the wiseacres, it is defeat any way, but we presume that as long as John D., J. P. and Wall Street are in existence things will move along in about the same old fashioned way so far as government is concerned.

Five monster battle ships, each succeeding one to be larger than its predecessor, is the latest from Japan. Japan's designs on the United States will doubtless get another airing, but it appears more to us as though national life had gotten into about the same strain as that the ladies have with their head wear or the male fraternity with their pegtop pantaloons. In these latter ensamples, they have the habit and the same is true with nations building battle ships. However battle ships may grow in size, the breadth of the feminine canopy may increase, and the pegtop expand till the baggy folds can be wrapped around the person and used as a mantle, but neither brings peace or comfort. Nations have the habit, and from present appearance, peace seems to perch on the preponderance of war preparation. But, in time there must come a change, the strain will become too great, and when the reaction comes this ponderous war preparation will play its part in the destruction which may follow the snapping of the anchor chains. There are some things wherein to acquire a habit is to enslave ones self.

Our Triumph At Panama

Construction of the great commercial ditch at Panama is a triumphal achievement of which every American has reason to feel proud. But we have done other things on the Isthmus as wonderful, as lasting and as beneficial.

Charles Francis Adams visited the canal Zone not long ago, and in the course of an address before the citizens of Boston the other day, he found occasion to utter words of most emphatic praise for the singular achievements in sanitation he had observed during his canal visit. He stated specifically, among other things, that the splendid health of the workers is the fact which strikes the observant man most forcibly and with a sense of the marvelous. He saw no mosquitoes. He was bothered with no flies. There was no disease and not any of that apparent anemic listlessness which the tropical climate of the Isthmus is popularly supposed to superinduce.

"From the moment I reached the Isthmus," says Mr. Adams, "till the day I left, what most impressed me was not the magnitude of the undertaking, the engineering and material difficulties encountered in carrying it to a successful issue, nor yet the administrative ability displayed in overcoming these difficulties, but the morale apparent in those I encountered, the high standard in their physical condition and the energy, alertness and zeal with which, amid tropical surroundings, all, from the highest to the lowest, went to their work."

This is remarkable testimony in contrast with that statement with which the world became familiar at the time of the completion of the Panama railroad, that ran to the effect that a man was buried along the route of the road for every tie laid from Colon to Panama. We have not merely diminished the deadliness of jungle conditions at Panama, we have abolished them, and have made that region a place where civilized men may live and enjoy life. As great a victory is this as the construction of the canal. —Telegram.

When you encounter a man who spends his time knocking his town, knocking his neighbour and business associates, you can find generally the cause of his complaints within himself. The man who is giving valuable service for what he gets is too busy at his job to knock others and his own efforts and energy is such that success comes with certainty and continuously. He may not get as rich as some gambler, but what he gets is more than money, more than property. He gets character and a satisfaction that is beyond price.—Silverton Appeal.

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