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TAFT IS NOMINATED.

Nominations are made and the Chicago convention is adjourned. Taft has pressed forward to victory, carrying with him as a running mate, James S. Sherman, our present vice-president. T. R. Roosevelt has met defeat, but is not silenced, and only the beginning of the end appears in sight, while the final result remains to unfold in the future.

When Mr. Roosevelt was first nominated for vice-president, there were those who are credited with saying that he would wreck the Republican party and the Oregonian, in speaking of the prediction, inclines to the belief that he may wreck both dominant political bodies. Be that as it may, the old ship, G. O. P., went on the rocks last week, and while the elephant has battered the hat that was thrown into the ring and flattened its owner, he is still in a fighting mood and the "Waterloo" appears to be yet in the future and is possibly dependent upon what will take place at Baltimore this week. The old ship is still in political quicksands and has more than an average prospect of going out of commission next November unless the Democratic barque, too, gets invested in the shoals of non-progression.

There has been charges of theft and fraud made by both sides in the Chicago convention and if the charges are true, not only one party but both should be put out of business, for an aggregation of men who will use unfairness to carry them to victory in their nominations, could not be expected to give an honest administration of governmental affairs, neither should they be entrusted with such charge.

It has been charged, and most persons believe there is official rottenness in the management of our National life and the institutions that have grown up and been fostered under government supervision and protection, and according to the decree that truth and righteousness only shall stand the test of time, this condition must pass away sooner or later, and if we ask in what manner we are cited to like conditions in other nations and people of the past, and the result which overtook them.

Among other things we are told that it is extremely rare that a contaminate body, through any effort from within, is able to cleanse itself and the history of nations and parties go to show that when any such body becomes very corrupt it is moved out of existence and something else rises to take its place, and in its turn to disappear when it becomes useless because of corruption.

By taking a retrospective view

from present conditions we see what has come to us by tolerance. Tolerate a nuisance and after awhile its heinousness fades away because of association and the conscience trained to abhor it becomes less active by the association until it no longer condemns when brought face to face with the evil, or if it is still moved upon it is so lightly that energy is no longer awakened in opposition.

There has been too much toleration, especially in favoritism and in evils that have been permitted to exist, and in rogues who have been permitted to go unpunished.

The Chicago convention has passed away and is now a matter of history. The big steam roller of the Taft supporters passed over the progressive band wagon, crushed the Roosevelt delegates and flattened the prospect of the leader so far as his hope and faith has been bound up in the republican party. President Taft has been chosen as the republican standard bearer, and is now rejoicing over the downfall of the opposition, but the value of his victory will be estimated when the ballots have been counted after the polls close on November 5th, next.

As we write this article the first battle has been fought in the Baltimore convention and Alton B. Parker has been chosen chairman against the opposition of W. J. Bryan. The non-progressives are in the lead and if a stand-patter is nominated there will be little choice for a progressive man to cast his vote at the November election. Turbulent is the word which best describes the political situation.

It has been stated that "The greatest dynamic force in the world is love." However, such was not the power which prevailed in the Chicago convention.

President Taft may not be so politically keen as a great many people, but when it comes to doing politics by compulsion he is a man of undeniable weight.—Portland Telegram.

While Americans are holding tumultuous conventions, the Chinese National Assembly "comports itself with strict propriety," as though it were experienced at legislation.—Oregonian.

The Tories have captured the republican party and are now after the democratic convention. They may put the lid down so tight there will be an explosion none of them will like.—East Oregonian.

The "houn-dawg" and the "Teddy Bear" are both being kicked around.

## MY LITTLE SISTER

By EDWARD L. SPENCER

I was brought up in luxury, but without father, mother, brother or sister. When I became six years old and was still kept from going about with other boys nature rebelled against not having playmates, and those who were responsible for me were obliged to make some provision in that direction. I lived in the house in which I was born, my father having died before and

my mother at the time of my birth. I knew nothing about this, being taken care of by a Mrs. Perkins. One day she brought into my playroom a girl about my own age and told me she had a little sister for me. At that age I felt no great surprise as to the existence of a sister, though I remember asking some questions as to why I had never seen her before. I would have preferred a brother, but was nevertheless delighted to be relieved of my loneliness, and from that time forward my life was very different from what it had been.

Lucy was my sister's name, and since we were kept from other children we grew very much attached to each other. I was a fiery little fellow, while Lucy was of the quiescent kind. She was always soothing me. There was a good deal of the boy in me or I might have become effeminate, playing as I did all the while with a girl. I think I did not miss boy associates as much as I would had I not become so much attached to Lucy.

The reason why I was kept so close at home was that my mother, knowing that she must leave me to the care of others, had manifested to Mrs. Perkins, who was to bring me up, a fear that I would learn "badness" from my associates, which she, my mother, would not be with me to counteract. Had it not been for a strong masculine nature in me I would have been spoiled as a result of this motherly timidity. Mrs. Perkins engaged tutors for me and for Lucy as well, and being educated alone, when we were fifteen years old we knew as little about the world as when we had been just brought together.

It was at this time that Lucy and I began to discuss our situation. Why was it that we had no parents like other children? Why had we never met till we were about six years old? These and other similar questions came up for discussion, and we asked Mrs. Perkins for answers to them. But she evaded giving direct answers, and we were no wiser than we were before. All we could get out of her was, "When you come of age you will know all about it."

When I was in my sixteenth year I was sent to boarding school, where I prepared for college. Lucy being sent at the same time to a girls' seminary. I was dreadfully homesick for Lucy, and she wrote me that she suffered the same for me. During my stay at school there was no one to tell me anything about myself more than I knew. Two years after that I went to college, and the period in which I was born over which seemed to hang a veil began to interest me. I was old enough to make an investigation, but when Mrs. Perkins said I would know all about it when I was twenty-one I preferred to wait. One thing especially deterred me, a dread lest I should find out something I would rather not know.

While I was at college Lucy discovered what was being kept from us, but she did not tell me. I came home one vacation during my senior year at college and met her there. I threw my arms about her and kissed her, as I had been accustomed to do at our meetings, and was surprised to see a blush on her cheeks. I wondered at the time what it meant, but it soon passed out of my mind.

However, from this time I noticed a great change in Lucy's treatment of me. She seemed constrained. I was telling her one day of a girl friend of mine who I liked very much. Lucy looked serious. I persisted in sounding my friend's praises, and Lucy suddenly got up to leave the room. I caught her and pulling her down beside me.

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told her that she need not fear for my deserting her for a sweetheart or a wife, for I would never marry and did not see how I could bear to have her marry. This seemed to satisfy her, and she smiled at me through her tears.

I was twenty-one years old a month after being graduated from college. A lawyer had notified me that he would call on me on my birthday, and he did so. Lucy and I were both at home. The lawyer said he wished to see us together and told the secret. My past or most of it has been told. Lucy's was as follows:

Her father died when she was two years old and her mother when she was three. Our mothers were sisters enjoying an undivided fortune. They had arranged that we should be brought up together and for each other. The fact of our being kept in ignorance that we were cousins was that in the beginning of our intimacy Mrs. Perkins had told me she had a little sister for me. She thought nothing of it at the time, but put off telling us the truth till we had grown to an age at which she did not like to disabuse our minds. Besides this, she thought the plan of our mothers to unite us when we came of age would be best served by our being kept in ignorance of the truth.

The will of my mother and of Lucy's mother expressed a wish that we should marry. And we did.

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