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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Only TEN more registration days. You better hurry.

Villa may not be much of a fighter, but he would sure stack up well in a Marathon.

Don't kick about the hot days; remember how you longed for them about thirty days ago. And just see how vegetation thrives under the warming influence of the sun's rays.

When you see an editor who is continually suggesting that his town is not big enough for two newspapers, you have a right to assume that he wants his competitor to get out. Isn't that attitude a little porkish? Of course, people who have had things their own way for a long time are liable to be like spoiled children—when they can't have the moon they are inclined to become peevish. But they all manage to get over their peevishness in time.

MORE GRIEF

The members of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, in session at St. Louis during February, passed resolutions condemning legislators and city councilmen who appear at meetings of their respective bodies in anything less stylish than frock coats. This will go hard on some of the aspirants for legislative honors in this county, if they get past the first barrier, commonly called the primary election.

SEND 'EM AFTER VILLA

Two factions of the town of Turner, Marion county, indulged in a pitched battle Saturday night and when quiet had been restored three men were found to have been seriously stabbed and two dozen citizens were bruised and bleeding. Knives, clubs and bricks were freely used in the scrap. One faction was led by the mayor and city council and the other by the members of the Turner brass band. The members of the band had engaged a carnival company to give a carnival for the benefit of the band and when the city recorder demanded the usual license (\$3.00 per day) the bandmen refused to dig up. Then the mayor and some of the councilmen tried to stop the show and the fun started. Councilman Lee Jeans spent Sunday in the city jail, charged with stabbing Robert Hunsaker, a member of the band; but was later released on bail. Mayor R. O. Thomas could not be found Sunday and it was believed he was hiding out in fear of bodily harm. There has been bad blood between these factions for two years and it has crept into the schools and churches to such an extent that their efficiency is almost annulled. At last accounts the sheriff of Marion county was in charge of the town of Turner.

Sounds like a chapter from the feud districts of Kentucky, doesn't it?

PATRIOTISM AT THE POLLS

Every district deserves its Congressman. Wherever an incompetent has been delegated to represent his fellows, more capable men are either profiting through his weakness or are too intent on their private advantages "to waste time on outside affairs."

If a community is ignorant of its best interests, it is only because those who know better are lazy or too selfish to alter conditions.

Therefore, a misfit legislator typifies the territory from which he is elected and his constituents must share his opprobrium.

Every voice is equal in a Republic. One man's vote is as powerful as another's; and because this is so, America can never be greater than its judgement at the polls.

A carelessly cast ballot is civic treason. Bad citizens menace a country as much as foreign foes. Nations die at the heart, not in the trenches.

It is just as important to extend the power of America in times of peace as to defend it in hours of peril. Congress makes the laws, but we make Congress; a product never excels the capacity of the machine.

We have no occasion to fear for tomorrow if we fulfill our responsibilities today. When we begin to fail in ourselves we have fought the invader's battle for him.

Armies, fleets and forts cannot protect the state that does not respect itself.—Herbert Kaufman.

First in Field

The socialist party is the first to place in nomination its candidates for president and vice-president. This was done by means of a referendum vote of members of that party, being in fact a primary. Those selected are Allen L. Benson, of Yonkers, New York for president, and George R. Kirkpatrick of Newark, New Jersey for vice president.

Oregon socialists met in Portland Friday and, after a three-day convention, nominated the following state ticket:

Secretary of State—E. L. Cannon, of Salem.

Supreme Court Justices, two to elect—J. E. Hosmer, of Silverton; C. J. Anderson, of Portland.

Dairy and Food Commissioner—D. McKinnon, of Eugene.

Presidential Electors, five to elect—Max Burgholzer, of Eugene; F. C. Ramp, of Roseburg; William Tipton, of Hillsboro; C. F. Johnson and August Nikula, of Astoria.

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Mrs. K. B. Penfield, Editor

There came into our hands recently a copy of "The Other Side of Prohibition," an organ of the National Brewers' association and edited by one Winton Wunder, in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was a wonder, for after reading the first page on "What's the matter with Poor Kansas?" we found so many lies to the square inch that, fearful of becoming inoculated, we read no more.

As we chance to have from reliable sources some vital facts as to Kansas, we give them here: Kansas women have had municipal suffrage since 1887, and full suffrage since 1912; Kansas has only two per cent of illiterates. It has a prison population of only 740, of whom 40 per cent are non-residents of the state; 28 counties did not have a jail prisoner during 1914; 12 counties have not called a jury case for many years; 48 counties did not send a person to the penitentiary in 1914 and eight counties have no poor farms, because they did not have any indigents; Kansas had but 14 children paupers cared for by the state in 1914. There has just reached us one more item of interest regarding "poor" Kansas which we append:

"The general officers of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, representing the executive committee, met recently in a commodious and convenient room of the beautiful library at Wichita to receive from the executors, Hon. C. Q. Chandler of Wichita and Hon T. L. Lindley of Medicine Lodge, with their attorney, Chester I. Long, ex-senator, the residue of the estate bequeathed to the organization by the late Dr. Henry Wisner of Medicine Lodge, Barber county, Kansas. All details connected with the settling of the estate had been so thoroughly and carefully considered that little time was required to sign the necessary papers. The total amount of the bequest is \$23,165, the major part of which is in real estate securities in Barber county, where Dr. Wisner lived for many years. Hon. T. L. Lindley has consented to act as agent for the the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"This munificent gift will enable the women of Kansas to enlarge their work and to realize some of the visions and hopes which for years have been fondly cherished, but which could not be brought to fulfillment because of lack of funds."

A Live Newspaper for One Dollar

In common with a number of other local business men, the manager of the Express has decided to give possible customers a bargain offering next Saturday, April 8th, designated by the Commercial Club and Woman's Club as "Dollar Day." On that date one little old dollar will be accepted at the Express office as the price of a year's subscription to the Express, an eight-page weekly newspaper. This price is for old as well as new, subscribers. Those subscribers who have entered their names, but not yet paid, can get a receipt Saturday for a year's subscription for just one dollar, making a saving of 50c, or 33½ per cent.

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