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The wisdom displayed by the democratic leaders at Baltimore in selecting Wilson is becoming more apparent as the campaign progresses. Wilson's record is satisfactory to his party and is attractive to sane reformers of all parties. His leadership means a new life to the democratic party. If a reactionary had been selected in his stead the desertions from the party by this time would have left it a shadow, much like what is left of the Taft following. The hour of reform had come and it was fortunate for the Democracy that its lights were kept in order for the fateful hour at Baltimore. The battle will not be over, though, when the votes are counted in November. An aroused public opinion will carefully note every act on the part of those in power. It will be the Democratic party's last opportunity. It cannot be found wanting, else it must follow in the wake of its old time opponent.

A practically complete count of the returns of California's primary election indicates the progressives have nominated more than 80 of the 100 republican party candidates for the legislature, as opposed to the Taft republicans, and they have been victorious in five and possibly seven of the eleven congressional districts in the contest for nominations of congressmen. As the progressive victory insures the nomination of electors pledged to Roosevelt, the Taft supporters have already begun a discussion of plans for placing their candidates on the November ballot. By the ruling of Attorney General Webb, their only recourse is to launch special petitions, each of which must bear the names of 11,000 voters who did not participate in the primaries, and even then they will not be allowed the party designation. It was suggested that the Taft supporters who were victorious in the legislature contest meet with the Taft holdovers in a separate convention, after the regular convention September 14, nominate thirteen electors, secure the recognition of the republican national committee, and fight the matter out in the courts.

Since Sheriff Collier of Grant county has been in office six months he has been killed while either drunk himself or their slayers were drunk, says the Blue Mountain Eagle of Canyon City. Albert Green was killed while drunk. Oliver Snyder was lynched by drunks, one of them a deputy sheriff. A Greek was killed at Dixie while intoxicated. Sweek next paid the penalty of death on the altar of drink. Barnes was killed while he and his slayer were in their cups, and Bert Crowley was killed last week after a drunken debauch. The five men who lynched Snyder are in the penitentiary for life, and on the heads of their families and relatives who represent more than one hundred of Grant county's citizens falls the shame.

There's a man who helps himself uninvited to your peanuts and cigars, who reads your paper on the car, who "just happens in" when you're buying. He's at best a little "moocher." Says one of our exchanges, "And this little 'moocher' has a big brother. He's in business—not for his health, but to keep all he gets and to get all he can, whether he comes by it honestly or not. The big 'moocher' does not advertise—he lets others do that and profits through their efforts. His windows are dressed with goods advertised by the store next door or a little way down the street, and the placards "As Advertised" are large enough to be read a block off.

Great interest is shown throughout the state in the different county and district fairs. Next to the public schools, observes a contemporary, the county fair is an educational factor. It is worth to a county more by far than it costs. If a man takes any pride in his work or the result of his work, he naturally likes to exhibit it and compare it with similar products from the hands of others. In this there is satisfaction, the more, if by comparison he excels, and not much less when he learns how and why some one has excelled him. Nearly every one prides himself on some particular line of work, and their boast is by no means offensive conceit or an

egotistical estimate, but an honest conviction. Therefore having an honest conviction of the excellence of their work they like to bring it into notice by public comparison. This is laudable and the results are not alone beneficial to the exhibitor, but educational to the community. We may learn by the experience of others, and the earlier and quicker we gain that experience the less it will cost in the expenditure of valuable time, good money, and arduous effort. Many men have gleaned from the exhibit hall ideas they have converted into cash, and more yet have stored in their minds information, the value of which is not to be measured in money. In addition there is the entertainment, the pleasant hours of social recreation, the exchange and interchange of the ideas and ideals of friends which all enjoy and from which all profit.

The record of the Insurance Department of the state of Washington has surpassed that of New York state, in the matter of returning profit. A report recently issued by the insurance commissioner shows that it costs half the income of the New York department to run it, as against a ratio of 4.7 between the expense and income of the Washington insurance department. Furthermore, the profits of the Washington department for the first seven months of the present year exceeded by \$6000 the total profit of the New York insurance department for all of last year.

And Governor West will give Mr. Storey and his recall bunch a merry run for all that money being raised by the viceband at Portland to circulate the recall petitions. Or, must be getting hot on the vice grater's trail down there if the signs of the times are pointing right and the yelps emanating from the gang is any criterion to go by. Let 'er come to a vote. It would mean another term for West as sure as shooting 'is shooting'.

Dickens' Den.
Dickens' cure for his material surroundings did not end with his bedroom. His favorite writing place at Gadshill was a Swiss chalet in the shrubbery, and this he fitted up in a most ingenious fashion. "I have put mirrors in the chalet where I write," he says in one of his letters, "and they reflect and refract in all kinds of ways the leaves that are quivering at the windows and the great fields of waving corn and the sail dotted river. My room is up among the branches of the trees, and the birds and the butterflies fly in and out, and the green branches shoot in at the open windows, and the lights and the shadows of the clouds come and go with the rest of the company. The scent of the flowers and indeed of everything that is growing for miles and miles is most delicious."—London Chronicle.

Judging the Colt.
The Arabs have two methods of estimating the height to which a colt will grow, the first being to stretch a cord from the nostril over the ears and down along the neck and compare this measurement with that from the withers to the feet and the other method being to compare the distance between the knee and the withers with that from the knee to the coronet. In the first method it is considered that a colt will grow as much taller as the first measurement exceeds that of the second, and in the second method, if the proportion is as two to one, the horse will grow no taller.

Pedestrians.
A teacher in a primary school was endeavoring to make clear to her class the meaning of the words "equestrianism" and "pedestrianism" when she put this query to one small boy: "What is a pedestrian?" "He is one of those fellows," said the boy, "who makes an awful kick when an automobile runs him down."—New York Press.

No Further Delay.
Abner Slopank (desperately)—M-may I name the day? Jemima Jones (decisively)—No! Abner Slopank (in alarm)—Why? Jemima Jones (frankly)—Because if you put it off as long you did your proposal we never will be married. I'll name the day myself.—Cleveland Leader.

Harmonious.
"They say Mrs. Jelliffe has given up that pet white poodle of hers," said Mrs. Johnson.
"Yes," said Mrs. Whittiger. "She's in deep mourning for Mr. Jelliffe, you know, so she has exchanged Toby for a black and tan."—Harper's Weekly.

Dear Little Edward.
Uncle—What have you learned at school today, Edward? Edward—Just how to take the back off my history and fix a real good Indian story into it, so the teacher can't find out that I ain't studying.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It is very easy to get angry with somebody for doing what it would be very unreasonable for anybody to get angry over if you do it.

Card Marks.
It is conjectured by some writers on the subject that the marks upon the cards designating the four kinds in a pack were originally symbolical and intended to signify the different classes of society. According to this supposition, the hearts represented the clergy, spades the nobility, some old packs of cards bearing a sword or lance head instead of a spade; clubs the serfs and diamonds the burghers or citizen classes.

MORTGAGES ON LAND.
Why It Is Essential That They Should Be Recorded.
As the value of land to the owner increases so does the security of mortgage investments given on that land increase. A mortgage may be considered as a deed of the land which vests the title in the original owner or his successor on the paying off of the mortgage or the bond or note which the mortgage secures.

Mortgages are recorded in public offices, called registers, recorders or county clerks' offices, in much the same way that deeds are, so that any one buying the land is bound to take notice of them, and the land is bound by them, no matter to whom the land is conveyed, and no one has a right to say that he bought the land not knowing that a mortgage was on it, for he is presumed by law to know such facts, as a search of the title in these public offices would reveal.

UMBRELLA HANDLES.
In France They Shape Them as They Grow in Nurseries.
Most of the handles of canes, alpenstocks, parasols and umbrellas used in France are grown in nurseries. Ash, maple, oak, chestnut and other woods are used. In the early part of the first year after planting the young trees are cut near the ground to bring about the formation of numerous sprouts. The lower branches are removed, and only a plume of leaves is left.

Extra Buttons.
"It takes stout people to break all rules regulating the number of buttons on a coat or waistcoat," said the tailor. "They can't follow the fashion; their size won't let them."
"Three buttons on a coat this year," tailors' conventions may decree, or two or four or five, or whatever number they think proper, but the man with a figure that is constantly trying to escape its environment does not care about conventions. What he wants is buttons enough to keep his clothes in shape.
"Put 'em closer together," he says, "so the strain won't all come on two or three buttons."
"So we put them closer together, and the result is that stout people frequently have twice as many buttons on their clothes as fashion calls for."—New York Times.

An Able Manager.
A western senator was telling a story about an able campaign manager. "He is a remarkably economical chap," said the senator. "He can make a dollar go further in a campaign than any man I know. They tell a story about him—a story that shows what a manager he is. It seems he went into a cigar store one day to get a light. Well, as he was lighting up a man entered and bought three five-cent cigars. As soon as the man left our friend said quickly: "Those cigars are six for a quarter, ain't they?" "Yes, sir," said the salesman. "Our friend laid down a dime." "Gimme," he said, "the other three then."—New York Tribune.

A Ghost Story.
A London daily tells a short modern ghost story. A man was traveling on a northbound train out of London. Opposite him was a silent stranger, his only companion. Between London and Derby no word passed. Then, as the train drew out of Derby, he said pleasantly, "Good line, this, sir, eh?" The stranger replied: "I think it's a beastly bad line. I was killed on it two years ago."

He Shouldn't.
A man with a donkey for sale, hearing that a friend wanted to buy one, sent him the following, written on a postal card: "Dear Jack, if you are looking for a really good donkey, please don't forget me."—Exchange.

A Revised Edition.
I should have no objection to a repetition of life from the beginning, only asking the advantage authors have in a revised edition to correct some faults in the first.—Franklin.

A Gossiping Mother.
"A gossiping woman makes me tired," observed small Donald.
"What's a gossiping woman?" asked his younger brother.
"One who tells everything she knows," explained Donald. "Mamma is one. Every time we misbehave she runs and tells papa."—Chicago News.

Nasty Sleep.
Hub (angrily)—Here! What do you mean by waking me out of a sound sleep? Wife—Because the sound was too distressing.—Boston Transcript.

Traveling Incognito.
Some investigator of curious subjects has discovered that the inventor of traveling incognito was Peter the Great of Russia. The next after the famous Russian sovereign to adopt the practice was Joseph II. of Austria, who in 1777 made a little stay in Paris under the title of Count von Falkenstein. During the revolutionary period Louis XVIII. buried his temporarily useless royal dignity under the privacy of Comte de Lille, while Charles X. passed as the Comte de Marles. The ex-empress Eugenie in her splendor frequently took little trips as the Comtesse de Pierrefonds.

Practical Results.
"There may be something in this theory of telepathy," said the mystical person.
"You mean thought concentration that enables you to impress your ideas on others?" inquired Senator Sorgium.
"Yes."
"Well, there may be something in it. But don't depend on it. For practical results in impressing people, telepathy will never compare with a brass band and a parade."—Washington Star.

Baggy Pants.
"Why do you spend so much care on the crease of your pants, hey?"
"It is important, dad, not to wear baggy trousers."
"Important, is it? Why, your young cub, look here. Did you ever see a statue to a man who didn't wear baggy pants?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Consulting Papa.
"Papa, you know that George, who proposed to me last night, is coming for his answer this evening, don't you?"
"Yes."
"Oh, thank you, papa! That was the answer I was going to give him anyway!"—Chicago Tribune.

Terms of the Game.
Re—Dearest, you're the goal of my affections. She (removing his arm)—Five yards for holding.

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