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CHOOSING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

The mere announcement that Roosevelt has swept the Republican primaries of Illinois will not be clear to Canadians unfamiliar with the political machinery of the republic.

Republicans and Democrats are now engaged in choosing their conventions for the nomination of Presidential candidates by a process which has no analogue in this country. In the United States the law recognizes the party system. Democrats register as Democrats, Republicans as Republicans, Socialists as Socialists, and so on, and in a number of states, including Illinois, they go to the polls as party men to indicate their choice of a candidate in their own party. A voter registered as a Republican may vote for Roosevelt, or Taft, or La Follette, or any Republican of his preference. A Democrat may vote for Wilson, or Clark, or Underwood, or any Democrat of his preference. These pollings are called direct primaries. The voting in Illinois means that nearly all of the Illinois delegates to the national Republican convention will vote for Roosevelt, on the first ballot, with a few scattering votes for Taft and La Follette, while the majority of the Illinois delegates to the Democratic national convention will vote for Clark.

In other states the procedure is different. Delegates to the national conventions are picked by state conventions, a system which may be manipulated more easily by the bosses than the direct primaries. In the Southern States, the conventions are notoriously controlled by federal office holders, who are in turn controlled by the federal government. This explains why most of the southern delegates are already pledged for the President. It looks as though the Republicans of the west and middle west will divide between Roosevelt and La Follette, while the President will depend upon the south and the east. Among the Democrats, Clark will be strong in the south and middle west, largely because he lives in the pivotal state of Missouri, but Wilson will get the majority of the populous eastern states, and a number of the western and northern. Underwood, a Southerner, will run a good third.

The temperature of the American political atmosphere will now rise steadily till November. It is one of the disadvantages of having elections on a fixed day in a fixed year. In Canada we scarcely know the day or the hour, and are spared the year's orgy which afflicts our neighbors every four years. But they appear to enjoy it.

BRAINS.

The examination of the brain of the late Dr. Musser, a noted scientist of Philadelphia, shows that it weighed less than that of a well-developed child. It is explained that Dr. Musser developed along one line, the convolutions of his brain showing that he had exercised portions of it to a wonderful extent. Ordinarily size and weight are indications of mental activity and power, though the convolutions are the surest test.

Most people would hate to think of the possibility of an analysis of their brains being made during their lifetime. Suppose a machine were invented to size up your brain in a moment, like weighing scales, for a penny in the slot, many who amuse themselves with machines for strength testing, breath testing, and the mental heavyweights would be above the machine. Such a machine might not say. Still it might be made useful in the decennial census, the last terror placed in the hands of a relentless questioner.

What a light, elementary, unconvoluted pulp or gruel many brain-pans would be found to contain! Nobody with a spark of manhood or womanhood would submit to the test without at least an absolute guarantee of secrecy. Very few even permit their brains to be analyzed after their death. Perhaps the census-taker, already more burdened with secrets than a hundred father confessors, would balk at the load of this one. And yet a brain census would be one of the most valuable. It would set forth the decennial gain or loss in mental energy, which is quite as interesting and important as the trade returns.

For brain convolution and weight depend upon mental exercise, as of course the latter also depends upon the former. The big head of course matters little; we care little for "the bulk and big assemblance" of a head. It is the cavity and the quality of its stuffing that counts. Shelley is said to have had a head, within that halo of curls, no bigger than a croquet ball, and yet his was one of the most wonderful brains. He exercised it.

Many people seem to have the idea that the less they exercise their gray matter the better for it and for them. No matter how poor or how good a stuff it may be to start with, it needs exercise. Memory work, for example,

develops a faculty which resides in a particular region of the brain; millions of people shun memory work as they would the smallpox. Might not some sort of memory work be enjoined upon loafers and thugs doing time in the prisons? It would be a help to them morally and physically as well as mentally. Suppose we make them memorize poems, speeches, and parts of the Bible, day after day, as a zest to the stone pile? It does good to had boys in school, as well as good boys, and it ought to do wonders with the prisoner. Goldwin Smith used to urge that there was nothing better for the physical life itself than a constant exercise of the mind, combined with and attention to the simple laws of health.

But most people look for sedatives rather than for exercise. Or they like to feel some very soft and elementary stirring of the intellect, such as arises in a study of the batting averages of Ty Cobb or Honus Wagner, in a visit to the vaudeville or picture show, in swapping stories, in bridge whist, in working out a racing chart or speculating on the day's stock market, in discussing the Easter fashions, in using other people's brains to do the work of their own. In fact many people aim to get through life with the minimum of cerebration, and when they die nobody would even think of weighing their brains.

CONSERVATIVES, NATIONALISTS, AND THE NAVY.

Rather late in the day our local Liberal contemporary says the Laurier Government and Bourassa naval policies are identical.—London Free Press.

A quibble of this kind will not cover up our contemporary's admission that it is a just law which says that Canada's navy shall not go to war without Canada's consent. The clause of the Laurier naval act to this effect was savagely attacked by the enemies of Laurier. The word "separatist" was flung at it from nearly every Conservative platform and journal in Ontario. The Free Press itself accused Laurier of high treason, because of this provision, which it now indorses, under the delusion that Mr. Bourassa favors it, too. We quote from the Free Press to show that we are not misrepresenting it.

"Mr. Bourassa is holding out for no navy without representation. That is, he would not have the Canadian navy engage in war without the consent of the Canadian people. The presumption is that with this consent given, he would have no quarrel. This should not be difficult of arrangement." "This should not be difficult of arrangement!" Oh, no; not with Bourassa. But with Laurier the same provision in his naval law was rank disloyalty. Bourassa assailed it with as much bitterness as his Ontario allies, but on different grounds. He assails it today in the current number of the Canadian Courier, as follows:

"To talk of a 'Canadian navy' is to deceive the people of Canada. Unless Canada declares her independence, there can be, in war time, no such thing as a Canadian navy. And the late Government so clearly understood it, that they fully agreed with the British Government that, in time of war, the Canadian navy should be merged into the Imperial fleet, and remain, for the whole duration of the war, under the absolute command of the British admiralty."

Mr. Bourassa knows that in the event of war no Canadian Government would refuse to put Canadian ships at the disposal of the British admiralty. Therefore he demands that "if" Canada is to have a navy—he does not advocate one—she must have representation in the councils of the Empire and a voice in shaping the issues of peace or war. Laurier was ready to build the navy and aid the mother country in the defence of the Empire before demanding a fundamental change in political relations. Mr. Bourassa in effect says that a system of Imperial Federation must precede any naval expenditure by Canada for the advantage of the Empire. But Mr. Bourassa would no more favor Imperial Federation than he favors a navy. The Conservative party is seeking a basis of agreement with him, and can always find one in a common antagonism to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, regardless of principle or consistency.

Kipling's merits as a politician are in inverse ratio to his merits as a poet.

That tangible token of esteem from East Middlesex Conservatives to Mr. Robert Sutherland, M. P., is unique in the real sense of the word.

The home rule bill takes the middle of the stage this week, just as the coal strike trips off. The mother of parliaments is still the most dramatic of them all.

Honor Law reviewed 150,000 men at Belfast and then advised them to break the law. What a lawless person Law would be if he were a British Liberal and an Irish Nationalist!

A reciprocity agreement with the West Indies has been negotiated at Ottawa in secret and will not be submitted to the people. There is nothing wrong in this procedure, but in the case of the Taft-Fielding agreement it was called an outrage.

The Minister of the Interior is trying to suppress the report of his special agent, Mr. Arthur Hawkes. Evidently it is not a brag of literature as welcome as that provided by Mr. Hawkes' facile pen in the anti-reciprocity campaign. If it is no closer to reason and fact it will not be missed, but its suppression by the Honorable Robert indicates it may be a good deal closer.

Roosevelt has been denouncing Canadian reciprocity in nearly every speech in the West. The American farmers have a notion that all the benefits of the agreement would have

gone to Canada, and Roosevelt is playing for their vote. The Canadian farmers who were told that all the benefits would go to the United States can better appreciate that fiction now.

MRS. PANKHURST IN PRISON.

[From House of Commons Proceedings.]
Sir F. Cawley (L., Prestwich) asked the Home Secretary in the House of Commons yesterday whether Mrs. Pankhurst was on her recent commitment to prison at first put in a cell half underground, in which drainage from the ground above flowed in the direction of her cell; whether there were cockroaches and other abominations in it; and if so, whether steps would be taken to prevent such conditions in future.

Mr. McKenna replied: "I have seen a statement to this effect in the press on the authority of a member of the Women's Social and Political Union, recently released from Holloway, and I need hardly inform the House that it is entirely untrue. (Cheers.) As, however, reckless statements of this kind are apt to be believed by persons unfamiliar with prison administration, I have had special inquiry made as to the location and character of the particular cell allotted to Mrs. Pankhurst. The floor level is six inches above the ground. Outside there is a level walk nine feet wide, and beyond that a grassy slope. The cell is perfectly dry, and by no means whatever can any surface water come within six feet of the wall of the building. No cockroaches have ever been seen or heard of. (Laughter.) I do not know what is meant by 'other abominations,' but whatever it is, it exists only in the imagination of the person who made the statement. The cell is bright, with a sunny aspect—(laughter)—and is perfectly ventilated."

Mr. King (L., North Somerset): Could there possibly be any mice in the cell?

No answer was given.

IN ERROR.

[Birmingham Age-Herald.]
"Dibble doesn't seem to know much about business matters."
"No?"
"When I told him to look me up in Broadstreet he asked me what number."

TOO TRUE.

[Puck.]
City—"Isn't it beautiful! All Nature is smiling today!"
Country—"She ain't smiling! She's laughin', laughin' at you easy marks who are out here buyin' lots!"

THE FLOWER.

[Herbert.]
How fresh, O Lord, how sweet and clean
Are thy returns! even as the flowers
In spring;
To which, besides their own demean,
The late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring.
Grief melts away
Like snow in May.
As if there were no such cold thing.

Who would have thought my shrivelled heart
Could have recovered greenness? It was gone
Quite underground; as flowers denart
To see their mother root, when they have blown
Where they together
All the hard weather,
Dead to the world, keep house unknown.

And now in age I bud again,
After so many deaths I live and write;
I once more smell the dew and rain,
And relish verdure—O my only light,
That I am he
On whom thy tempests fell all night.

MEMORIES.

[Chicago Journal.]
Poke bonnets.
Hearse plumes.
Railroad car stoves.
Detachable cuffs.
Carved meerschaum pipes.
Wristlets.
Niagara Falls transparencies.
Bell-ringers.
Ear-muffs.

VARYING VIEWS.

[McLaurieburgh Wilson, in New York Sun.]
Came a helpless little babe
To this world of good and ill;
Thinking of the cost of meat,
Thinking of the grocer's bill,
Cried his parents practical:
"Here's another mouth to fill!"
Thinking of the secret trust,
Joy which would want to miss,
Mindful of the moonlight nights,
Thinking of the stolen bliss:
"Here's another mouth to kiss."
Thinking of the flow of words
No device avails to balk
Shuddering at speeches long
Made in public life and walk,
Cried the person cynical:
"Here's another mouth to talk."

CAN'T STOP THEM.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
You may bust, you may scatter the trusts if you will;
But they'll keep on increasing their dividends still.

ABUSING EASTER.

[Hamilton Herald.]
Every good thing is liable to abuse.
Thus Easter, the holiest day of the Christian calendar, is regarded by many merely as an occasion for the display of new millinery.

LORD LISTER'S WILL.

[Springfield, Mass., Republican.]
An unusual example of modesty is that of Lord Lister who has left all his estate, valued at \$300,000, to charity. A clause in his will declares, "I don't wish that my name should be in any way associated with these presents." He further expresses his wish that his medals and manuscripts destroyed by the University of Edinburgh, to which he has left them, considers such action desirable at any time. Lord Lister's chief bequests are of \$100,000 to the Lister Institute of preventive medicine and \$50,000 each to four London hospitals.

BUT CAN HE?

[St. Thomas Journal.]
Hon. T. W. Crothers will now, perhaps, be good enough to tell farmers Bank-losers why he has taken no steps to carry out his promises that they would be fully reimbursed for their losses.

PUTNAM'S CORN EXTRACTOR

RIDS FEET OF CORNS

What any corn needs is the soothing influence of Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor, which in twenty-four hours lifts out every root, branch and stem of corns and warts. Just clear ridance to the old offenders—that's the way Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor acts. Refuse a substitute preparation for Putnam's Extractor, 25c. at druggists.

A Few Lines of Most Anything



Dad—Why, Willie, what's the matter?
Son (who has eaten too much jam)—I don't know, but I think I have inside information.

One man advertises the loss of a Jersey cow, hornless and with no tail. The animal, sensing the approach of fly time, has no doubt made for colder regions.

Continuing the quest of inspiration in the war columns, we find that a parrot has been lost. No doubt this rascal has been masquerading as that spring robin.

The county council's offer to pay 20 per cent of the cost of joint buildings would mean that on a \$500,000 building the city would pay \$400,000 and secure a free site. Undoubtedly a compromise will bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion.

That omnipresent director of trolley traffic, Mr. Richard Griffiths, has put his coon coat in the mothballs. This may be entered as Hopeful Sign No. 87.

Y-y-yes, I t-t-t-took them 0-0-off.
I t-thought that s-s-spring had come.
And n-n-now I'm r-r-rushing home from w-w-work,
T-t-to p-p-p-put 'em on, by g-g-g-gum!

If the city has any of that dynamite left it might be tried on the backbone of winter.

Is there not something of a suggestion in the presentation of a clock to a minister?

In the old days the clocks in churches always faced the pulpit.

New York is agitated by a "wages for wives" campaign. But when did the secretary ever decide what the president should be paid?

Young man wanted, partly outside, partly inside.—From the want ads. Why not advertise for a contortionist?

Lina Cavalieri to be led to the altar again. It will be Bob Chanler's turn to say: "Who's looney now?"

"You Great Big Beautiful Doll" is one of the campaign songs of President Taft.

All in favor of spring, hold up their hands.

Doctors are advising against the use of sulphur and molasses. Will nothing remain sacred?

Two cats with corkscrew tails were born in the west. They should have been born in Northern Ontario.

Always Had Them.

[Simcoe Reformer.]
There is a mad dog scare in Woodstock.—Fifty-Years-Ago-Column.

Decorating the Depot.

[Hensall Observer.]
The new station agent A. Case has relieved the monotony of the waiting room at the station by hanging prints of historic scenes along the walls.

Large Funerals Guaranteed.

[Hensall Observer.]
One or two of our businessmen have got into a chronic habit of grumbling, saying that Hensall is not what it used to be and such like. If those fellows feel like going to the graveyard their fellow citizens will only be too pleased to follow in the procession.

Lucky For the Tailor.

[Simcoe Reformer.]
The cruiser Vigilant has thirteen officers. They are to have thirteen new uniforms. Mr. W. A. Wimmer, merchant tailor of Port Dover, will make them. No doubt this is all very unlucky.

POISONED BY PAINT.

Brookville, April 10.—William James Driscoll, an infant of fifteen months, and son of Richard Driscoll, was accidentally poisoned yesterday. A green paint brush had been placed to soak in a can of coal oil and when the mother turned aside the child drank a quantity of the solution. Immediately the tot became ill, and in less than five minutes had died from shock.

ASSAULT SENTENCED.

Peterboro, April 10.—For criminally assaulting Mrs. Maggie Moore while she was alone in her home in Dumfries, Samuel Newall was sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary this morning by Judge Latchford, who is presiding at the spring assizes. The fact that prisoner is under medical attention saved him from the lash.

Colds Most Fatal At This Season

This is the time of year when colds seem to turn into pneumonia or quick consumption and to prove more generally fatal than at any other season. With many people one cold follows another during the winter months, until finally the human body becomes so run down that it can no longer resist the attack of the germs which cause lung trouble.

The best rule is to never allow a cold to get farther than the throat, and this you can do by the prompt use of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. Do not wait for chest colds and bronchitis to develop. Keep this well-known medicine at hand for use in case of emergency.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine loosens a cough, aids expectoration, and soothes and heals the irritated and inflamed membranes.

WATCH THE CHILD AND STOP CRIME

Warden Gilmour Says Home Life Will Make or Mar Children.

DEALING WITH DRUNKS

Is It Fair, He Asked, to Lock Up the Bread-Winner and Leave His Wife and Children to Starve?

Protect the children during early life and the effect on the reduction of delinquency will be marked, was the opinion expressed last evening at Colborne Street Methodist Church by Dr. J. T. Gilmour, ex-M.P.P., and warden of the Central Prison, Toronto, in speaking on "Crime: Its Cause and Its Cure."

It is estimated by criminologists that 15 per cent of convicts are really criminal at heart and that the remainder 85 of every hundred fall into error through heredity and home environment. Of first offences the great majority are registered between the ages of 16 and 21. Mental and moral stamina are lacking to a great degree in men who are acknowledged to be criminal.

Dr. Gilmour also raised the question of dealing with drunks and other petty offenders, asking: Is it fair to lock up the bread-winner of a family and leave his wife and children to starve?

The sentimental and the skeptic, the former seeing nothing but good in a criminal and the latter nothing but evil, are both unable to deal with the question, declared Dr. Gilmour.

Children and Crime.
Crime must be treated through the children. Neglect during childhood is the greatest source of difficulty, but the rules for their guidance set up in many instances by old maids and bachelors will not solve the question. A child seeks to emulate his parents in every particular, so it may be seen that environment has much to do with the after-life of a man or woman.

Man, he said, comes into the world not as a finally, but as a possibility. He is never great for what he is, but for what he may become; his greatest creature of circumstances, and to eliminate any tendency to crime his childhood must be protected.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Gilmour on motion of Ald. J. G. Richter.
Rev. D. N. McCamus, pastor of Colborne Street Church, and Sheriff Cameron, who takes an active interest in Children's Aid work, also spoke briefly.

the sheriff concurring with Dr. Gilmour's opinions as to child life. Fifty per cent of the cases of juvenile delinquency, said the sheriff, are committed by children who have lost either or both of their parents through death or incapacity. The system in New Zealand, whereby a widow is assisted by the state, could be adopted here for the improvement of the populace, as at present children are given a free hand and are left to play in the street while the mother works for the support of her family.

Mr. Roberts, organist, and Mr. Webster, soloist, contributed to the musical programme. Dr. Hodgins presided.

TURKEY IS DEFIANT NO PEACE IN SIGHT

Effort of the Powers to Bring About Mediation Not Likely to Succeed.

Constantinople, April 10.—It is stated in official quarters that the powers have agreed on a formula for approaching Turkey in the direction of peace, which will be delivered this week. It is understood that the formula will be the force of the conditions on which Turkey would be willing to end the war with Italy. On receipt of the Turkish reply the powers will decide whether mediation may be offered with any hope of success.

There is nothing to indicate that this move is likely to succeed, as Italy maintains her determination to insist on the annexation of Tripoli and Cyrenaica, to which Turkey is absolutely opposed.

In an interview Assim Bey, Turkish foreign minister, declared that Turkey declined to even discuss the peace terms laid down by Italy. The minister says further that the decree relating to the annexation of Tripoli must be torn up before parleys between Turkey and Italy are possible. "Countries," declares the foreign minister, "are not conquered by royal decrees of annexation."

With reference to Italy's threat to carry the war into European Turkey, Assim Bey says that Turkey lacks a navy, but has an army, and that Turkey as a nation has not yet begun to fight.

SENTENCE REDUCED

Instead of Going to Central, Young Man Gets Term at Guelph.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ailsa Craig, April 10.—Magistrate Smith has decided to reduce the sentence of George Bendell, who was recently committed to the Central Prison for six months, to a four months' term on the Guelph prison farm. Bendell operates a threshing outfit, and in order to give him a chance to

get to work as soon as possible and not lose any more than he could avoid, the sentence was reduced. Bendell was recently found guilty of stealing a quantity of meat from the barn of George Hordman, Arthur Williams, who was with him at the time, was given two months in the county jail. Bendell is 25 years of age and Williams 23.

DASHED TO DEATH AS HIS MOTHER LOOKED ON

Little Four-Year-Old Mitchell Lad Fell Into Gasoline Engine.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Mitchell, April 10.—The funeral of James Hodge, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orion Hodge, was held from the family residence near here this afternoon to the Presbyterian cemetery. The little fellow died from concussion of the brain as a result of being injured a couple of days ago by falling into a gasoline engine. The boy had been watching his father sharpen some tools in the barn at an emery wheel, when the gasoline engine was driving, and when his mother came in for a few minutes he playfully grabbed her dress and tried to pull her. He missed his footing and fell into the engine, and as it was running at a high speed, before he could be stopped he was terribly injured.

PURSE OF GOLD

Canon Davis, of Sarnia, Was Highly Honored By Congregation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, April 10.—Presentation to Rev. Canon Davis.

The annual vestry meeting of St. George's Church was held last evening. The warden, in presenting the financial statement for the year just closed, said he was gratified to be able to say that after paying all claims there was a balance on hand of \$130. The total income for the year was \$5,286.20, disbursements \$5,856.20. This was considered a most cheering and encouraging condition of affairs.

A very pleasing incident in the meeting was the reading of a congratulatory and complimentary address to the rector together with a purse containing \$100 in gold. He was congratulated on the good and faithful work done in the parish and asked to take a holiday and a well-earned rest.
The rector was surprised and most sincerely thanked the vestry and the congregation for their kindness to him on this and many other occasions. "Where one does his best," he said, "it is encouraging to know that his labor have been appreciated and it is an incentive to renewed energy."
The meeting closed after deciding the officers to be elected at adjourned meeting.