

This paper has always claimed that at the proper time Ex-President Roosevelt will do what he can to renominate and re-elect Wm. H. Taft president. We may have another guess coming. Wait and see.

The total equalized value of property assessed in Illinois for the year 1911 is \$2,318,333,241, according to a statement issued by State Auditor McCullough. The total average assessed value per capita is \$411.11.

At a recent meeting of the County Central Committee of Champaign county, Senator Henry M. Dunlop, of Savoy, was strongly endorsed as a candidate for the republican nomination for lieutenant governor of Illinois. He has been in the state senate since 1892 and has a fine record.

One Wm. J. Bryan is causing about as much trouble in the democratic party as one man can. He has a long interview with Senator LaFollette and the democrats in Washington this week proved to have political fits. Bryan cuts a lot of figure for a man the candidates say is not in it.

One of the candidates for the republican nomination for governor says "nominate a man who can be elected." That's right. And that man should be Colonel Frank L. Smith. There would be no question of his election, and there would be no question of his making the best business governor the state ever had.

President Taft's statesmanship manner in ending the Russian treaty complications will preserve American self-respect and not offer insult or affront. It was the right thing to do, there was no playing to the galleries but it was done in a true American dignified and courteous way. The nation is much bigger for what Taft has done and looks bigger to Russia and the world.

and has brought self-respect to all. It demonstrates the greatness of the American Nation with a wise and conservative man at the head.—Plano News.

One of the funny features of the great (?) primary law is being tried out in Chicago. Holders of petitions have started in for a forty-five day vigil at the court house to be the first to file petitions to get on the top of the ticket. The same thing is being done at Springfield. What could be more ridiculous? The guards, or whatever they may be called, have been arrested, but they certainly are inside of the law and will undoubtedly win out. The republican newspaper men were certainly right when they passed a resolution asking that the law be amended so as not to go further than county officers, and that's too far.

The republicans and people generally gave LaFollette a respectful hearing in Illinois last week, and curiosity made the crowds reasonably large. The Senator has the reputation of being a fighter and the people have a weakness for fighters—no matter what they represent. The republicans of Illinois are progressive and conservative at the same time but not socialistic. The republicans of the nation are now carrying out many of the reforms which some of the so-called progressives advocate, but not with a brass band or creating a scare. President Taft is a lawyer of ability, a successful judge and diplomat, and is firm but, at the same time conservative, and the people are with him.

A glance at the newspapers columns is evidence that the old boys who fought to preserve the Union are falling like autumn leaves. If the Trust press of Chicago can own the United States senate for a period of five years they will have accomplished their purpose and robbed the old soldier of the just debt the nation owes him. Any legislation that fails to turn dollars to the till of the Tribune, Herald and News is classed by them as vicious legislation.—Ogle County Republican.

The initiative, referendum and recall take us back thousands of years to the wretched governmental machinery of the ancient world, before the discovery of the principle of representative government. We now have government by second thought. Shall we replace it by government of first impulse? A direct democracy would end in political chaos and a dictatorship.—President Schurman of Cornell University in a recent public address.

President Taft takes the public into

his confidence utterly. He tells us just what he hoped to do, just what he did, why he did it and the reasons for his successes and his failures. There is not a syllable of evasion, of concealment, of hypocrisy, of unjust accusation or unworthy extenuation in this whole remarkable document. It is the statement of a man speaking to other men; and we are tremendously proud of the man who made it and of the country that can produce such citizens and servants. Now what are we going to do with a man who has administered his office in this simple, noble, admirable spirit? Are we to turn him over to the carping, canting, self-seeking politicians who appear like pigmies in comparison? Are we to punish and degrade him because he refuses to be either a coward or a liar? Will the American people retire a man who thus exhibits all that is noblest in character and citizenship. We will not believe it. The country has use for such a man.—Savanna Times.

What a lot bigger the republican party is than any one man, no matter how great that one man may be, though it be Taft, Roosevelt or LaFollette. Any one of the three are republicans and all are honest, but with a wide difference in policy. The conservative would want Taft, the enthusiastic Roosevelt and the radical, LaFollette. Which are we to have and where would business and prosperity be the safest? Does Chicago and Governor Deneen actually own the great State of Illinois, body and breeches, politically backed by Tribune, Record Herald and News? Or will the republican voters of the State be allowed to name a man of their choice to govern the state for the coming four years? Why wait with bated breath for the announcement as to what the governor is going to do? There are several mighty good clean down state men for governor and it is our opinion that one of them will be nominated. The good honest, well meaning republicans, down the state, are getting awful tired of this Chicago dictation which is one of the elements that has tended to practically disorganize the republican party in the state.—Plano News.

BLOOMINGTON GETS BIG MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' Association will be held February 13th, 14th and 15th, 1912, at Bloomington. The meetings of this association in recent years have been very successful indeed, and it is expected that the meeting this year will in point of attendance surpass any previous affair of similar

nature. Good speakers will address the audiences at each session on the most important topics of the day relative to live stock and the live stock interests of the State.

On Wednesday evening February 14th will occur the annual banquet which is always a popular feature with the farmers who attend these meetings. On Thursday the 15th will be held the annual live stock judging contest. Last year between \$600 and \$700 in prizes were given away to the best judges of the various kinds of live stock in the numerous classes competing on "Judging day."

Those desiring full particulars should address, Sidney B. Smith, Secretary, Springfield, Illinois.

THE PRIMARY.

Attorney General William H. Stead issued an official statement covering the requirements which must be met in preparing for the long list of primaries and elections of 1912. The calendar of dates covers the filing petitions and the number of names required. Special emphasis is made in stating that petitions must be circulated within the political divisions for which the nominations are to be made by persons who live in such political divisions. Furthermore, the attorney general holds that any individual may sign as many petitions for candidates within his own party as he sees fit.

"There is no limit to the number of petitions for different candidates of his own party which he may sign," he declared. "He may sign the petitions of all the candidates of his party for all offices for which candidates are to be nominated."

DEFINES VOTER'S "PARTY STATUS."

Attorney General Stead also holds in plain language that "participation in the primaries of a purely local city or village political party, such as 'citizens,' 'independent,' or 'progressive,' is not considered voting with another political party within the meaning of the primary act. A voter may participate in the primary of a purely local city or village party without losing his right to participate in the primaries of his national and state party at the state and county primary."

The attorney general makes an important ruling in declaring that the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and Socialist parties are entitled of offices in each city and village in Illinois, and that where peculiarly local parties, such as the "progressive," "citizens," "independent," or "independent citizens," polled more than 2 per cent of the total vote cast in the last city or village election, the city or village officers must make provision for each of them to nominate candi-

dates this year under the direct primary law.

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF DATES. The official schedule of dates for the various functions provided by the direct primary law, as fixed by the findings of Attorney General Stead, follows:

DATES OF PRIMARIES.

Feb. 27.—For the nomination of candidates for city, village, and incorporated town offices to be voted for on April 2.

March 12.—For the nomination of candidates for city, village, or incorporated town offices to be voted for on April 16.

April 9.—For the nomination of candidates for state and county offices to be voted for on Nov. 5; advisory vote on United States senator; and for candidates for judicial offices to be voted for on June 3.

STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES.

Feb. 9.—First day for filing petitions.

March 7.—Last day for filing call of state and congressional conventions.

March 7.—Last day for meeting of the senatorial committee to fix and determine the number of candidates for representatives in the general assembly.

March 9.—Last day for filing petitions.

March 12.—Last day for filing copy of resolution of senatorial committee fixing the number of candidates for representative in the general assembly with the secretary of state.

March 15.—Last day for candidates to file withdrawal with the secretary of state.

March 20.—Last day for secretary of state to certify to the county clerk names of candidates for nomination.

March 28.—Last day for candidate to file withdrawal with the county clerk.

April 9.—General state and county primary.

Nov. 5.—General state and county election.

COMMITTEE AND CONVENTION CALENDAR.

April 15.—County convention.

April 17.—Congressional convention.

April 19.—State convention.

May 9.—Last day for state central and senatorial committee to meet for the purpose of organizing.

CALENDAR FOR CITIES AND VILLAGES

HOLDING PRIMARY ON FEB. 27.

Jan. 29.—First day for filing petitions.

Feb. 12.—Last day for filing petitions.

SILENT ON "ADVANCE GUARD."

"To file a petition," Attorney General Stead holds, "it is necessary that it be placed in the official custody of

the proper officer at the place where he transacts his official business."

The holding of the attorney general said nothing concerning the rights of persons to hold places in line at the various offices where petitions may be filed.

THAT REMINDS US

That the fellow who has been kicking for winter weather has probably got his by this time.

That your last winter's cap which had ear laps on it, came in handy. So did ours.

That political booms were frozen and haven't got well thawed out yet.

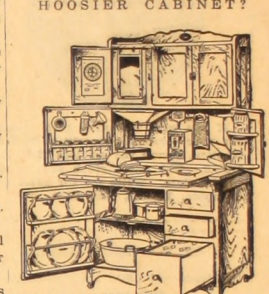
That the politicians in Illinois are having more trouble than married men. None of them seem to know just where they are at.

That if the democrats had sense enough to take advantage of a republican row they might win. But they are split up, worse than the republicans. The Sullivan-Harrison feud and a few other feuds are still feuding.

That the Washburn Leader says: "A liar isn't such a bad fellow if you know he is a liar and he knows you know."

That the late Joe Ryan, of Chicago, told some pretty good stories and generally about Irishmen. This is one: "Where wor ye last night, Clancy?" "I was up to Cassidy's wake." "Any won sober up there?" "O, Cassidy."

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