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"Be sure you are right and then go to bed."—Exchange.

"Harmon and harmony" is the campaign cry in Ohio among the democrats.

Hon. Frank R. Read, of Aurora, has announced as a candidate for Attorney General at the April primaries. He is a lawyer of ability and has many friends.

There never was a time in the history of Illinois when the republican party needed a good candidate for governor as much as now. Eight out of every ten republicans are looking for a place to light.

The Chicago Tribune says the republicans of Cook county should use "common sense" in selecting candidates for the primaries. Such advice coming from that source means that they must do as the Tribune says or it's not "common sense."

Senator Lorimer certainly made a good witness, but not for Deneen. It looks a great deal as if they were both trying their best to get together for political reasons, but the "trust" press wouldn't have it. It looks as if there was nothing labeled "not for publication." Everything goes. Let 'er go.

And now the insurgent, professional reformers, headed by Prof. Merriam, of Chicago, are after Governor Deneen and State Chairman Roy O. West, and intimate that they are fake reformers. It seems that the "professional" reformers think everybody who does not believe exactly as they do, are "fakes."

Ex-Mayor E. F. Dunne, of Chicago, announces his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor, by making an attack on the republican party for years back. Judge Dunne

ought to know that the only chance in the world to be elected governor of Illinois is by republican votes, and that his attack on the party is very poor judgment and still poorer politics.

The republicans out in Iowa are to run a business man for Governor, instead of a professional politician. That's just what Illinois needs—a man who will see that the legitimate business of the state, including the agricultural resources, are conserved under all circumstances. Nine out of ten republicans in Illinois are looking for just such a candidate right now.

The big daily newspapers are displaying their lack of confidence in the word of Ex-President Roosevelt. He has said that he would not be a candidate and at the same time the insurgent newspapers are talking of his withdrawing. We believe Col. Roosevelt withdrew four years ago for good, and while, like most good friends with minds of their own, President Taft and Col. Roosevelt, may not agree in all things, we expect the latter to be for his friend Taft for renomination when the right time comes.

Some of Mr. Taft's friends are so sure of his nomination and election that they are apt to inspire over confidence. They base their hopes and predictions on the belief that more democrats will vote for him than ever supported a republican nominee. If this prophesy becomes a reality there is little doubt as to who the next president will be. Indeed, Mr. Taft has proved a sane, thoughtful and efficient executive and should be given a chance to carry to fruition some of his most cherished ideas. — Elgin News.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is reported as favoring buying the telegraph companies in the United States and turning them over to the Postoffice department. Mr. Hitchcock has introduced reforms into the business end of the Postoffice department until today it is on a paying basis. It is safe to say that Mr. Hitchcock has made a study of the telegraph business and knows just what he is talking about. In a recommendation of this kind the safest man to trust is a business man who has proven his ability.

The Illinois State Teachers' Association adopted a resolution Thursday endorsing the plan of scientific farming and recommending the sending to each county from the state agricultural college, a trained farm demon-

strator to show how the soil can be preserved, and the crop production increased through scientific methods. It is a splendid idea which should be carried into effect. Farming is becoming more and more scientific and the soil must be treated in a scientific manner to get the best results. Slipshod farm methods can no longer prove profitable.

Governor Harmon, of Ohio, visited Illinois last week, and caused quite a commotion among the democrats. His address dealt principally with conditions in Ohio, the same as La Follette's do with Wisconsin. Harmon, however, seems to be a much more level headed, conservative man than La Follette. Harmon seems to be in the lead for the democratic nomination for President, but Bryan is against him, and seems to be supporting Speaker Clark. Wilson, of New Jersey seems to have many friends. There is every thing except harmony in the democrat's ranks. The democratic national convention will be held in Baltimore June 25, the week after the republican convention in Chicago.

Judge Fuller, member of congress from the Belvidere district, in discussing the Sherwood pension bill, said: "Mr. Chairman, we should let it be known as the settled policy of this country, the greatest upon the face of earth, as we often say—let it be known as a settled policy that now, hereafter, and forever we will see to it that the country's defenders are cared for in their last years and not permitted to suffer want. Let it be known that whenever the call may come for the young men of the land to rally to the defense of the flag, as they did from 1861 to 1863 and as thousands and thousands offered to do in the war with Spain—let it be known that whatever and wherever that flag leads those who offer their lives for this country, shall hereafter be the honored wards of the government, and that no loyal soldier of the republic, or those dependent upon him, shall ever suffer want. That policy as the settled policy of the government is worth more than all the battleships we shall ever build, than all the millions spent on forts and armaments. It is worth all it costs or ever will cost for the stability of this government."

VETERANS APPEAL TO THEIR SONS.

A copy of an interesting and important letter has been sent to The Columbus Evening Dispatch. The letter is written by H. M. Trimble, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to Newton J. Mc-

Guire, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and is an eloquent plea for "a mighty organization of willing hands, ready hearts and earnest souls, breathing, beating and throbbing with the life-blood of patriotism, to tell of the unwritten history handed down from sire to son; * * * to maintain, in vital force, the principles defended and established by the nation's heroes; * * * to teach Young America that he who strikes a blow at the flag of our country, strikes a blow at liberty."

Continuing, the Commander-in-Chief asks if the Sons of Veterans will not build this organization and assures them that their fathers believe that the time is now here when they ought so to do and, in the enterprise, will give them encouragement and moral support.

It is a timely suggestion, and the wonder is that it was not made years ago. The veterans of the Civil War are aging, and the failure of physical strength has already made the Memorial Day parade a more than ordinary pathetic spectacle. Some of the younger generation must take up the sad duty incident to the day, if it is not to be altogether neglected; and there are no more appropriate substitutes for the sires of 1861-5 than their sons. So, too, with the other duties referred to by the Commander-in-Chief. The thing ought to be done as suggested and the ranks of the Sons of Veterans should be lengthened to include every man who is eligible to admission.

BILLY SUNDAY'S 20 THINGS.

Evangelist "Billy" Sunday ended his six weeks' revival in Wichita Tuesday night. On the closing day a "free will offering" was collected, amounting to \$10,140. He made 5,245 converts. Just before leaving Wichita Mr. Sunday gave the Beacon this list of Twenty Things to Remember:

- 1. No man's character is any better than his word.
2. The man who starts out looking for trouble will not take a long journey.
3. You cannot tell the size of a man's character by the size of his tombstone.
4. You cannot tell by hearing a man yell amen just what he will do in a horse trade.
5. Everything that has set this world going Godward had its, beginning in prayer.
6. No man has ever moved this world an inch who didn't believe in something.
7. If you live to help others—others will live to help you.
8. The sun puts on mourning when a man and his wife quarrel.

- 9. Whenever you feel weak think how strong Christ is.
10. What God commands you to do he stands pledged to help you do.
11. There isn't any place in God's service for a coward.
12. Every life is a voice, speaking either for Christ or against him.
13. Size is not the only thing that reaches home base.
14. When a man treats his mule better than he does his wife the devil likes to hear him talk in church.
15. The surest way to make a boy worse is to tell him every day how bad he is.
16. A blow aimed at the devil sometimes hits a deacon square in the eye.
17. The slums is not the only place where the devil gets in his work.
18. If you hit the booze you can't hit the ball.
19. Don't knock the fellow who is climbing the ladder ahead of you.
20. Some day you will ride in the hearse at the head of the procession.

COST OF LIVING THE SAME AS FORTY YEARS AGO.

In the American Magazine a reader contributes a letter proving that the cost of living has not increased, but that the standard of living has. Things cost the same today, or less, than they did forty years ago. He writes:

"If I will do as my daddy did, get up in the morning, take my market basket and walk to the places where the same quality of food and vegetables as he bought, are still handled I will get them at the same price, but if I demand my steaks and chops brought to my door, handled from the day the animal was born in the most intelligent and scientific manner, fed and killed in up-to-date conditions, hauled to me in automobiles, wrapped in wax paper and delivered by a boy in a clean white apron, I have to pay for the labor involved.

"Again, as a boy in the early '80s, working as a clerk for \$5 per week in Philadelphia, I received 50 cents for supper money when we were required to work extra. Of course, I hunted up a 25-cent place to eat, so that the other quarter would buy some amusement or other. Today, for 25 cents, I can get a better meal in New York restaurants of the same class, the latter being much cleaner.

"In short, it is not the cost of living that has gone up, but the standard of living. And all the howling we country boys brought up on a dollar a day standard may do is useless so long as we try to make our now ten-dollar-a-day income pay for fifteen-dollar-a-day style.
"I tried housekeeping in London in

1904. Rented a furnished house in the southeast section, New Cross. Kept the same woman who had worked for the regular occupants. We tried to live on our regular New York Harlem-flat standard. The woman opened her eyes, so did we at the bill. Yes, living is cheaper in London, but only by the London living standard. So it is in New York, if we stick to the Squedunk standard.

"But the laboring man? A few years ago we had no such man in America. He does not exist today in certain parts of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois or Texas—or any other state. We hear a lot about his suffering on the east side. Go look where he came from. As a matter of fact, he doesn't know how to live any better than he does. He is living so much better than he did that he can hardly stand it. I, an American by eight or ten generations of residence here, went to school with the boys and girls of the same class; patches on my pants and boots were common, also on those of the other boys. My boy goes with the children of fathers who do not yet wear a hat and mothers to whom a shawl is still enough, and yet I look in vain for the patches on their pants or copper on toes of their shoes."

THAT REMINDS US

That the fellow who predicted a mild winter is a bum predictor.

That the noisy man does not cut much ice.

That the ice men cannot give us an excuse that there was shortage, when he raises the price next 4th of July.

That a man who is his own worst enemy generally blames the "bar-keep."

That it only takes a few days of real cold weather to discover a "coal shortage" and the price has to go up. Do you warm up to that?

That if some people slipped down on their own ice they would keep their sidewalks cleaner.

That if people who borrow their home paper would become regular subscribers, business would be better at this office.

That the oldest inhabitant has got a chance to compare that "good, old-fashioned" winter 40 or 50 years ago with this one.

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