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The Tribune is taking Tribune polls again. Everybody knows what that means.

There is no question about politics in Illinois getting warm. Did you notice it?

The alleged Progressive convention at Springfield must have got cold feet, and didn't endorse anyone.

When Roosevelt comes out in support of his friend Taft some of the boys will have parted with a lot of big round dollars.

The question of government ownership largely depends upon what the government is willing to pay for the other fellow's business.

A North Carolina high school debating society discussed the question, "Is soap a necessity or a luxury?" and the luxury end of it won.—Greenville News.

The Chicago Tribune announces that Roosevelt is not a candidate for president, but if everybody is for him he might be sometime. Just a little indefinite.

A Long Island girl was so popular and had so many beaux that she danced herself to death—a lesson Miss Democracy should take to heart.—Washington Post.

Ex-President Roosevelt says that he would not shirk a duty if the sentiment is "overwhelmingly" for him, and he is to be the sole judge of when he is "overwhelmed."

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Illinois Live Stock Breeders Association will be held in Bloomington Feb. 13-15. The program arranged is a fine one and includes lectures by prominent breeders and feeders. For copies of complete program, etc., ad-

dress Sidney B. Smith, Secretary, Springfield, Ill.

De Kalb county in this state has taken an advanced step along the lines of progressive farming. An expert will be employed permanently to visit farms and instruct owners and renters how to increase crops and at the same time not impoverish the land. The farmers and their friends of that county are raising a fund for this purpose. They have decided that land is too high priced not to use it so they can get the best results.

Failure has come to the Success Magazine, which has been published for ten years, with New York as its seat of publication. Two years ago in the hope of warding off prospective financial disaster, the Success was taken over by the National Post Co., but the plan only offered a short lease of life and the publication now goes the way of numerous others that have found muckraking unprofitable in the end. Apparently the era of muckraking is coming to its end, Hamptons and the Columbian being two of the most notable of this class to pass out because of their methods of sensation and muckraking.

WELL SPOKEN.

That was an exceptionally happy characterization of Secretary Nagel's, made before the republican editors at Kansas City, when the question of President Taft's record was under discussion.

"William H. Taft has stood before the country thinking aloud," was the way Mr. Nagel put it.

It becomes more and more apparent that opposition to President Taft is coming from the petty-minded, who are obsessed by the schemes of politics, rather than concerned with the integrity of men and the affections of the public.

To "think aloud" is clearly not a discreet practice for a politician, unless he instinctively thinks along biased lines. President Taft has thought aloud to the chagrin of the rings of every kind. He has antagonized the stand-patters, who would have renounced him long ago but for the fact that it is an ancient practice to "stand pat" on the second term idea. He has disappointed the "Progressives" and the "Insurgents" because he has been too bland and too soberminded to ally himself with agitators who magnify side issues.

Under extremely difficult circumstances he has remained true to his own beliefs and to his temperament. He has manifested a robust scorn for mere popularity, thereby bringing down upon his head, from many quar-

ters, the profound, unconscious compliment that he is "not a politician." Secretary Nagel predicts that after the four-flushers and the four-flushing are no longer a conspicuous element in the problem, President Taft will be seen to possess greater strength than any of the cheer-getters. Thus he takes account of the fundamental quality in the American people which holds the politicians under suspicion, and which delights to honor men who have the virtues of stability, and candor, and honesty.—St. Louis Times.

FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENTS.

Washington was a planter. Monroe, Johnson and Roosevelt classed as politicians when elected to office. William Henry Harrison, Taylor and Grant came out of the army. The other nineteen presidents were lawyers.

But Washington had been a surveyor, Gen. Harrison had studied medicine, Fillmore and Johnson were at one time tailors, Lincoln had been a farmer and Grant was once a tanner. Garfield was the first president to have his mother among his inauguration day hearers.

William Henry Harrison was the oldest president at inauguration—88 years; Roosevelt was the youngest—42 years. Grant, Cleveland, Pierce and Polk passed their fiftieth birthdays in office. Jackson retired within fifty days of 70 years. John Adams, dying in his ninety-first year, was the oldest of ex-presidents.

Under Polk four ex-presidents were living—Adams, Jackson, Van Buren and Tyler. Under Buchanan were Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore and Pierce. Lincoln's first term saw Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan still alive and out of office. Since Grant's first term there have been never more than two former presidents living. And now we have only Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Cleveland had the distinction, unique among presidents, of having his two terms separated by another's administration. He was therefore, really the only ex-president to be elected president.

Grant, elected as a republican in 1868 and again in 1872, had never had anything to do with the party that elevated him. Indeed, before entering the army he voted for a proslavery democrat.

Of the eleven presidents, beginning with Lincoln in 1861, all save Cleveland, a modern democrat, have been republicans. Before Lincoln the list includes two federalists (Washington and Adams), four old-line republicans, six old-line democrats, three whigs.

Roosevelt was the first president born in a large city.

LIGHT IN DARKEST IOWA.

From this distance Iowa often seems about as deeply shrouded in the gloom of the insurgent reaction from civilization to Socialism as Wisconsin itself, says the Inter Ocean. We have had that impression at times. But here is evidence that we were mistaken. It is a pamphlet which the Constitutional Government club of Ottumwa is widely circulating.

The very name of this organization is an appeal to American patriotism and common sense and a challenge to socialistic revolutionists. And if Senator Cummins had the courage of Senator La Follette—which he hasn't—the club's motto would move him to set the Iowa prairies blazing with oratorical fireworks. Here is the motto:

OF ALL THAT'S GOOD IN GOVERNMENT THE REPUBLIC OF OUR FATHERS HAS THE BEST.

If that is not high heresy to the Insurgent gospel and high treason to socialistic reform we would like to know what it is. And these intemperate denizens of Ottumwa proceed to rub it in by putting forth over the signatures of upward of a hundred of them, including the present and several former mayors and the leading business and professional men of the city, a charter platform which contains such statements as these:

We have united as an organization whose object is to preserve representative government as ordained under the Constitution. We do not renounce our affiliation with any political party of which we may now be members.

The Initiative, Referendum and Recall as advocated in certain quarters would work radical change in the theory and structure of Constitutional Government. We believe the triumph of this propaganda would result in the overthrow of orderly liberty.

In obedience to a sense of patriotic duty we pledge our influence and efforts to turn back this Socialistic tide which threatens to submerge our land. And we call on patriotic citizens everywhere to appeal to that loyalty to the Republic of the Fathers which has preserved it to our time.

And not content with such provocative utterances as that, these Iowans add to it a series of entirely truthful and therefore most irritating extracts from Socialist text-books and writers, showing what Socialism really means and is, and that it seeks not

alone the destruction of "malefactors of great wealth," but classes as thieves or receivers of stolen property everybody who has more of this world's goods than any less industrious neighbor thinks he could "honestly earn." But the efforts of these Iowa missionaries of a return to patriotism and affection for American institutions are not by any means wholly critical. They adorn their exposition of the truth about Socialism with such pointed appeals to the old and sound American spirit as these:

Once it was fashionable to praise our free institutions; why not revive this good old custom?

Set your Initiative working on something good for the Old Flag. Put more faith in E Pluribus Unum and less in the Referendum. Recall the mean things you have said about Uncle Sam.

See that your party platform stands squarely for Constitutional Government and against the Initiative, Referendum and Recall.

Discuss this subject; don't let the place-hunting politician choke you off.

When your people gather in any capacity, have a talk made about the Stars and Stripes, and a good word offered for the best Government on earth.

Ask your newspaper to give more space to good things about the Republic of Washington, and less to the mouthings of the Sore-head and the Socialist.

The formation of similar clubs everywhere is suggested. That looks like a good idea. We have been talking a lot of late years about how bad our government is and how distressing are its failures. Let us talk a while about how good it is and how splendid are its successes!

THAT REMINDS US

That a woman left her baby in a cab in front of a store. A policeman came along and supposing it had been abandoned, wheeled it to the station. A boy yelled at the policeman: "What's the kid done?"

That some of our little boys at school are like a cucumber—do their best fighting when down.

That a woman here in town was asked "Does your husband stay at home evenings?" "Yes," she says, "when he's sick and a few evenings after New Year's."

That the paving brick look pretty good piled up along the street, but will look better in the middle of the street.

That we saw a big man fall down

last week, and the things he said while going down and subsequently, were not intended for a Sunday school class, and probably what he thought was worse.

That one "middle of the road" party is very large. He weighed 200.

That the male high school basketball outfit should get someone who knows the game to manage them, so they can win a game at least once in a season. They are simply ———— Fill this in to suit yourself.

That some paper says that "the office seeker who could stand on his head the longer" should be on the head of the ticket. That's about as much sense as there is in the primary bill.

That the voter will be kept busy attending primaries and conventions this spring. Read the dates in this paper.

Eastern Star Installation.

On Friday evening, the O. E. S. installed their newly elected officers.

Mrs. Hattie Fox, Past W. M., acted as installing officer, and Miss Susie Fox, Marshal.

The following officers were installed:

- Mrs. Rosendall, Worthy Matron.
 - V. S. Wright, Worthy Patron.
 - Mrs. Homer Bateman, Asso. Matron.
 - Miss Stella Baker, Conductress.
 - Mrs. Etta Brown, Asso. Cond.
 - Mrs. Maud Wilkinson, Secretary.
 - Miss Tillie Pettett, Treasurer.
 - Miss Edith Welch, Organist.
 - Ada, Mrs. Julius Wright.
 - Ruth, Mrs. Louis Davis.
 - Esther, Mrs. Hattie Fox.
 - Martha, Mrs. Erickson.
 - Electa, Miss Aldine Duckett.
 - Warder, Homer Bateman.
 - Sentinel, George Peterson.
- A fine lunch consisting of
Bread and Butter Sandwiches
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes
Fruit Salads Pickles
Coffee
Ice Cream Cake
was served, and greatly enjoyed by those present, who numbered thirty.
- To Mothers in This Town.
Children who are delicate, feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, and are recommended for complaining children. A pleasant remedy for worms. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 4-3w

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