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Who do you think you are going to support for governor at the primaries? Yes, so do we.

With usual modesty Chicago has only three candidates for the republican nomination for governor. Anything else.

Can anyone tell what the prejudice against third term presidents will have in Illinois against third term governors?

The postoffice and banks didn't close groundhog day, but they will twice in February—the 12th and 22nd—Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays.

At the pre-primary convention in Chicago last Saturday the Lorimer people were not represented, and also not represented in the ticket chosen. Harmony with a meat axe.

Governor Deneen, after flirting with the senatorship for a few months, evidently got cold feet, and scared of your "Uncle Shelby," and decided to be a candidate for governor.

The Lincoln League people will hold a convention in Springfield Lincoln Day, Feb. 12. They claim it will be a record breaker and that they will recommend a ticket which will win at the primaries.

The "dictograph" had its inning in the Senator Lorimer hearing in Washington last week. It is said that quite a number of senators began to wonder if there was one present at any of their ante-election conferences.

The so-called republican convention in Chicago last week demanded that all districts in Illinois vote on the question of president. Demanded, mind you. What business have they to demand anything—under the present bum primary law.

The democrats in Illinois are certainly having their troubles. They now have several candidates for governor and they are fighting each other. If we were to guess we would say that the winner will be Dunne, Aleschuler or Caldwell, and that Roger Sullivan will be the boss as usual. Watch Roger.

President Taft's request that his supporters refrain from criticizing Col. Roosevelt shows the greatness of the man. The president has declared that no matter what attitude Roosevelt may assume he wants it understood that he has no grievance with the former president. As the recognized head of the republican party the president has given a harmony hint that deserves careful consideration.

The democratic congress is trying to tie up appropriations for postoffices and other buildings which have already been voted by congress. That is a fair sample of the business ability of that party. There are places in Illinois which have been voted a new postoffice building two years ago, and they will now have to wait for another two years to get the money. If private business was transacted like that it would be a failure.

The New York World, an independent democratic paper, demands a square deal for President Taft. As for Senator LaFollette the president has no just grievance against him, according to the World, since the senator is fighting him in the open, but it does not say as much for Col. Roosevelt. The World says: "If Mr. Roosevelt is a candidate for president he ought to say so. If he would accept the republican nomination for president he ought to say so. If he is Mr. Taft's rival he ought to say so. He should be as courageous as Senator LaFollette."

Postmaster General Hitchcock is much pleased with the outcome of the postal savings banks measure. Though in operation but so short a time it is demonstrated that it is no longer an experiment but a success. Already the banks have received \$15,000,000 and the deposits amount to about \$1,000,000 a week, which surpasses the expectations of the most optimistic. A curious and interesting condition is the fact that this large sum must be from persons not patronizing the old-fashioned savings banks for their deposits are not lessened. The fear that their business would be injured by the introduction of Uncle Sam's banks proves to be groundless.

Freeport Journal: The Chicago pa-

pers have long wanted to run the politics of Chicago and the state and the methods to which they have stooped to obtain desired results have not always been dignified and worthy of good journalism. Truth is a figurative word in the so-called "trust" press of Chicago. This has been demonstrated again and again, there never being a particle of hesitancy in printing something which will further their own interests. The Hearst papers have always had the reputation for yellow journalism but exaggeration of news is not nearly the crime that is the printing of stories without foundation for political purposes. Many people shape their opinions according to the paper they read, and if they are given wrong impressions for the newspaper's advantage they will soon lose confidence in the publication. The Chicago papers have toyed with this confidence of the people until they are unworthy of influence.

The question of the republican nomination for governor in Illinois is now up to the people and they should all express themselves at the primary, April 9. Col. Frank L. Smith finally decided he did not care to enter into a squabble for the nomination. He and his many friends tried every way to bring about harmony in the party but without avail, and at the present time and from now until April the factions in the party will war to the knife, and then they will have six months to get over the squabble, and elect the ticket. There are at present in the race seven candidates: Jones, of Chicago, the so-called insurgent and progressive; Wayman, of Chicago, present state's attorney; Deneen, of Chicago, present governor, out for a third term; Yates, of Springfield, former governor; Brown, of Vandalia; Hurburgh, of Galesburg, a state senator; Small, of Kankakee, the Lincoln League candidate. They are all good men and a good bunch to pick from. The recent convention in Chicago endorsed Deneen, and the other candidates have been endorsed by their friends in different localities. Of course Deneen is in and has the advantage and will be hard to beat for the nomination. It will be a fight to a finish and may the best man win.

GOOD ENOUGH PLATFORM.

Our record at Washington is good and we are entitled to the next four years of administration. We are progressive in the sense that we are making progress all the time. But we are not progressive if that means the overturning of the Constitution, and all the guarantees of life, liberty and prosperity, and all the checks on the momentary passions of the people.

The President at Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 30.

Here is a platform on which all thinking and loyal Americans can stand with Mr. Taft. And Mr. Taft's indirect pledge of fidelity to the Constitution as it is, with all its safeguards of life, liberty and property against momentary passions, arouses in such Americans a new interest in Mr. Taft's political fortunes, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Mr. Taft also declared his entire confidence in Republican success next November, because of his "real faith in the intelligence and discrimination of the American people." Yet even the highest intelligence may be mis-guided, as Mr. Taft admitted when he ascribed the reverse of 1910 not to the fault of the republican party but to dissatisfaction within its ranks and thus characterized the breeders of discontent.

Who are the persons going up and down the land distributing these views? Whose lungs have been used for years in condemnation and denunciation? Were they Regular Republicans? Haven't they all been shooting at the old republican party and the administration? Now I think we are getting to the point when we are to get our innings. We'll not deal in prophecies, nor in unfounded denunciations, but with facts. Let us have a fair hearing and a square deal, and brush aside the fogs of denunciation.

We congratulate Mr. Taft on his awakening to the truth that the insurgents are foes with whom there can be no truce. Let Mr. Taft cease turning the other cheek, and give blow for blow. Let Mr. Taft keep on speaking words of truth, soberness and unbending loyalty to the orderly freedom of our fathers. He will soon see how indifference is awakened to resolution and tolerance is strengthened into confidence.

He has begun well. Let him go on.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A few friends of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Perry pleasantly surprised them at their home Wednesday evening, the occasion being Mr. Perry's birthday. The evening was enjoyably spent in playing cards and talking over old times.

At a late hour a very delicious two-course luncheon was served, after which the guests departed for home wishing Mr. Perry many more happy birthdays.

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THAT REMINDS US

That the "groundhog" is an uncertain cuss.

That speaking about furs, the following might be worse: "Little boy," asked the well-meaning reformer, "is that your mamma over yonder with the beautiful set of furs?" "Yes, sir," answered the bright lad. "Well, do you know what poor animal it was that had to suffer in order that your mamma might have those furs?" "Yes, sir—my papa."

That some mayors are different from others, as the following will show: "What are they moving the church for?" "Well, stranger, I'm Mayor of these diggin's, an' I'm fer law enforcement. We've got an ordinance what says no saloon shall be nearer than 300 feet from a church. I gave 'em three days to move the church."

That speaking of chickens the following is "O. K'd": "When I was a boy," says John, "there were 17 of us at home. And being so many we had to eat at two tables. And it was always my luck to have to eat at the second table. And do you know I was 16 years old before I knew a chicken had anything but a neck?"

That a woman here in Dwight said to a friend: "Your husband wears his hair short, doesn't he?" "Yes, the coward." What could she mean?

That it is now proposed to organize a Yacht Club. All those interested are requested to meet at Strufe's pond Monday evening.

Ulrich-Peterson Marriage.

A very pretty wedding took place at the German Lutheran church here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when Henry Ulrich and Mattie Peterson, both of Campus, were united in marriage, Rev. O. J. Kisteman officiating.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk embroidered point lace over white messaline, and the groom wore the conventional black.

They were attended by Miss Clara Peterson, a sister of the bride, and Mr. Louis Ulrich, a brother of the groom. The bridesmaid wore a draped dress of pale blue messaline.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich left on the Alton for the east. They will be home to their many friends two miles southwest of Campus after March 1st.

Can you beat this? The Prairie Farmer 3 years, Frank Mann's "Soil Book," and Star and Herald 1 year, all for \$2.00.

ROAD ITEMS.

No man, afoot, in a buggy or in an automobile has more right to the road than another.

Courtesy gives the team with a load the favor of the best track. Courtesy should give the auto the favor of best track, when meeting a team with buggy or light load.

Discourage the road hog.

Roads are for general utility, business and pleasure, not for sport or speeding.

Encourage the use of the road grader.

After a rain use one track, leave the other to dry, leaving a good, smooth track when dry.

The Dwight Motor Club recently formed has for one of its objects the betterment of good roads. Will they do so? How will they do it? "By their fruits ye shall know them."

A farmer living on East Mazon avenue offered to put six horses on the road grader to pull off the shoulders on road east of town. Thanks, Mr. Farmer.

Playhouse Burns Down.

The fire bell sounded Monday morning at 10:15 o'clock and the fire company were called to a building that was used by the Barry children as a play house, which was located right back of their residence. The children were in the playhouse and had a fire in the stove, and it is possible that the stove became overheated and set the building on fire. The building was a mass of flames when the fire company arrived, and as the water mains were frozen, no water could be thrown and nothing could be done except to watch the building burn to the ground.

It seems as though something should be done in winter to keep the water mains from freezing, as in a case like Monday morning a residence would have gone the same way and nobody could have stopped it.

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