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Teddy Bears the tale.

It looks as if President Taft would have to beat Champ Clark next November, and that looks easy.

Governor Deneen says "this campaign is not going to be one of flag wrapping." No, just rapping, that's all.

The Chicago Tribune says it will not take any part in the campaign for governor, and then takes a slap at some of the candidates.

We are free to acknowledge that we didn't know Teddy when we said he'd come out for his friend Taft. He may yet, however—after the convention.

The Roosevelt leaders claim everything in Illinois. According to their Tribune reports President Taft hasn't got a look-in. They may be like the democrats—claim everything and get nothing.

Do you belong to the "money trust," so-called. If you do you are to be investigated. We believe we would be able to stand an investigation, even by a democratic congress, if we had enough money to get into that kind of a trust.

L. L. Emerson is making a splendid canvass for state treasurer. He is a brother of the able editor of the Daily News-Herald, of Lincoln, Ill., Morris Emerson, and would make a splendid official. His name appears second on the list.

If Governor Deneen don't quit talking about the primary law and the \$20,000,000 water bonds, he'll beat himself out of the nomination. If there is anything the people don't want bad it is the bum primary and and to be assessed \$20,000,000 for nothing.

Ex-President Roosevelt has set at rest the question as to whether he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for president. He will accept, if nominated. This makes a bitter fight in the party and no one can tell the result. President Taft has made an excellent president and deserves to be re-nominated and re-elected.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the republican national committee in Chicago last week they all reported Taft very strong in Ohio, Indiana, New Jersey, Illinois, New York, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Kansas and many other states and in all the southern states. Taft at present has about 100 to 0 against the field.

It looks as if Ex-President Roosevelt had injured his chances for the presidency by his declaration regarding the recall of judges. The people of this country will never stand for such interference with the judiciary. The press comments were nearly unanimous against Roosevelt's declaration, and the sentiment has greatly changed.

The governorship race among the republicans in Illinois is a live one sure. Wayman, Brown, Deneen, Small, Yates, Jones and Davis are in the race. We will send the STAR and HERALD free to anyone for one year who can guess the final result April 9, and give the location of each candidate after the primary votes are counted. Guesses received up to April 8.

THE WIFE'S JOKES.

The Iowa woman who has secured a divorce on the ground that her husband refused to laugh at her jokes has established an important principle, says an exchange.

The right to joke is one of the inherent and inalienable rights inferentially embraced in the declaration of independence. It is a right that cannot be denied, unfortunately, even to the feeble-minded.

And the sacred right to joke carries with it the right to raise a laugh. A joke that falls upon unappreciative ears and cruelly rebounds from cold, hard faces is the saddest, flattest failure in all the world.

The Iowa woman was of a mirthful disposition and made jokes on all possible occasions. But when she produced a neat conundrum or cracked a joke at the dinner table her husband gave her a cold, unappreciative stare. After submitting to this humiliating treatment for years and seeing her best jokes utterly sacrificed, she appealed to the court for separation and got it.

The incident holds out a lesson for all husbands whose wives are of a humorous disposition.

All philosophers teach the benefits of humor in the home. All physicians agree upon the value of the laugh as an aid to digestion. There can be no question about the merits of a genial disposition at all times. The courts can do no better service to humanity than by conserving the dignity and rights of the joke.

TWO ANTI-THIRD TERM PLEDGES.

Executive Mansion, Washington, Nov. 8, 1904, 8:10 p. m.

The President has just made public this formal statement:

I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitutes my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be again a candidate for or accept another nomination for President.

I am determined to withdraw at the end of my second term. \* \* \* Gen. Washington set the example of retirement at the end of eight years. I shall follow it; and a few more precedents will oppose the obstacle of habit to anyone after a while who shall endeavor to extend his term.—Thomas Jefferson in his letter of acceptance of the nomination for a second term as President of the United States in February, 1804.

GOOD GOVERNMENT.

The first principles of government involves a submission to authority. Good government aims to keep the authority ideal. A representative government should present the easiest method of keeping the laws just. The great complaint of the present day is that a large proportion of the people are not law abiding. We find large corporate interests charged with violating law on one side, and labor unions dynamiting property and killing innocent people on the other. In addition to these there are Jack pots in legislature, rumors of buying legislators in a number of states, and the bribing of juries. All this is made possible because of the negligence of the people. The voters have all the machinery and power to correct this but lack the organization. When our

country's honor and pride were attacked from the outside we organized an army and made short work of the enemy. The enemy at home is a thousand times as dangerous and humiliating, trailing our honor in the dust, and foreign countries are saying, "We knew that representative government would be a failure."

A law breaker, be he a pork packer, an oil magnate, a Jack-potter, a legislative briber, a jury tamperer, a grafter, a ballot box stuffer, a dynamite murderer, is a mountain while a Spaniard was a molehill. We united against the lesser, will we unite and crush or overcome the greater? We do not need a new party to do this any more than we needed a new party to whip the Spaniards. That was done by democrats in democratic strongholds and the republicans in republican strongholds electing patriotic men who would unite in Washington and support the administration in a patriotic duty. Retribution was swift but not as swift as it would be if the people would get in earnest and fall to nominate the men whose reputations are tainted. If we had waited to organize a new party to whip the Spaniards, the Spaniards would yet be un-whipped. We now have millions of honest voters and a few dishonest. We have millions of honest laborers and a few dynamites. We have millions of honorable jurors and a few who will sell. We have thousands of honest, law loving manufacturers, and a few that are a law unto themselves. We have thousands of honorable men and a few grafters. The few in each case thrive because the thousands are negligent. The thousands of good divide and the few evil ones get positions of power. It is time that the people take up political matters just as they would any question. They should organize, get out and vote and in all cases when a number of good candidates would divide the strength so that a tainted candidate could get in, arrange to unite the better elements, elimination of candidates by agreement, arbitration or caucus. If the people would continually stand for good, there would only be good candidates. If the people would always stand for good, the candidates elected would know that they must be good or lose the next nomination. It is time the law abiding capitalist, the law abiding working men, the law abiding politicians were united and arrayed solidly against the law breaking capitalist, the law breaking working men, and the law breaking politicians.

In republican communities they ought to unite to be more effective through the republican party, and in democratic strongholds they should

use that party. If this was kept up a few years an ideal condition would come to the American Republic.—DeKalb Review.

THAT REMINDS US

That butter has gone up a cent.

That the baseball season is coming fast, and the following poem is quite applicable and hits a few of us: A peculiar man is the regular fan; He'll sit in the broiling hot sun Day in and day out and he'll holler and shout When the home team is scoring a run. But when they have lost and the game has been tossed, He's a sorrowful sight to see; With his hand in the air he will solemnly swear:

"No, never again FOR ME!" "Never again! Never again! Never again for me!" This game is too tough, I have had quite enough, And it's never again for me!" But he can't stay away and the very next day He'll be in the very same place. He fumes and he sweats, as he roots And cheers them along in the race! Misfortunes may frown, but you can't keep him down; He's as loyal as he can be. But he'll vow and declare, with his hand in the air: "No, never again for me!"

"Never again! Never again! Never again for me. I solemnly vow that I'm through with 'em now, And it's never again for me!" Only about 40 more days.

That as a man grows older he develops a tendency to become reconciled to any kind of weather that doesn't muss up the streets.

That as the snow came down eggs went up. Let us pray.

Tranquility of Liszt. Liszt was a sweet souled character. One day two of his friends, musicians, resolved to put the maestro into a passion. "Which one of his habits," they inquired, "would most seriously trouble him were he deprived of it?" "Perhaps," was the answer, "he would suffer most if deprived of a well made bed."

The two confederates, with a lous, bought over a servant to their designs. She was not, it was agreed, to make his bed for that night.

Liszt slept badly and the next morning simply said, "You have forgotten to make my bed."

For two days following she neglected making the bed, and on the third day the maestro simply said:

"I see that you have decided not to make my bed. Well, let it alone. I have come to accustom myself to it."—Cri de Paris.

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. 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. 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.

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.

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