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June 14—next Friday—has been designated as "Flag Day." Remember your flags. There will be more people attend the convention in Chicago than ever attended a political convention anywhere. Gee! whiz! bang! Let 'er go Galliger!

It is said that Teddy's friends have arranged to have him come down through the Convention hall roof in a flying machine just at the opportune time, and stampede the convention. Maybe?

It seems that the Republican committee is using the same steam roller this year that Teddy taught them to use so well four years ago, when he nominated his friend Taft. Chickens do come home to roost.

In the death of Hon. James A. Rose, secretary of state, Illinois loses another old-time politician who was loved by the people and who had faith in him to the extent of nominating and electing him to the same office for sixteen years. No man will be missed more around Springfield than Mr. Rose.

This country has never seen such a political campaign as the present one. There has never been two or three candidates for the nomination for the presidency chasing each other around the country soliciting votes, and many of the people are disgusted. Both the republican candidates have said they will support the nominee and we hope they will.

Oregon Republican: The publisher of the Chicago Tribune, while on the witness stand in Washington this winter, testified that the Chicago Tribune was worth \$10,000,000 and that it could not be purchased for that price. It now develops that the Tribune pays

\$3,500 taxes, when in reality it should be about \$170,000 taxes.

Hon. "Tip" Doyle is now Secretary of State, having been named by Governor Deneen to fill a vacancy caused by the death of James A. Rose. Mr. Doyle has also been placed on the republican ticket to take the place of the regular nominee—Mr. Rose—by the state central committee. Mr. Doyle is an able man and will make a good official and a fast candidate for the party.

The great politicians of the republican party are gathering in Chicago to nominate a candidate for president the week of June 16. The struggle is a fierce one, and there are some politicians who will not be so great as they are today. It looks as if President Taft would be renominated. It is impossible to see how Mr. Roosevelt can be without winning all, or nearly all, the contests filed. A majority of the national committee are Taft men, but they can be relied upon to be fair, and whatever the result, every republican in the land should abide by it, and elect the nominee.

From all the big paper supply houses in Chicago and other large cities during the last month has come a notice of an advance in all paper stock, especially linen and bond papers used as stationery by merchants and business men. The advance amounts to quite a sum, and as a matter of course it will first affect the country newspaper man who is a buyer of these goods. The price of paper as a matter of fact has been going up for a long time, but the last advance tops the high mark, it would seem. But it seems in accordance with other things of today. Flour, sugar, meat, clothing, furniture—everything that is needed in or on the body, in the home, in the store, in the office, in the shop, on the farm—all have advanced in price. It is the age of advance they tell us—of progress—of push—of going ahead. But we have to pay for this progress, though it may be just as well after all, for those hard earned dollars can not be taken into the next world, they say, so they might as well be circulated here now while the general laws permit of their use.

On the 14th day of June, 1777, Congress enacted: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." The number of the stripes

having been increased by the admission of new states, the possibilities of the nation's future development dawned upon our fathers, the original thirteen stripes were unchangeably restored by act of Congress on April 4, 1818, when it was enacted: "That from and after the fourth day of July next, the Flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be twenty stars, white in a blue field, and that on the admission of a new State into the Union, one star be added to the Union of the Flag; . . . addition take effect on the fourth day of July next, succeeding such admission.

THE CONVERT. He said he hated motor cars And wished they all could be Marooned upon a lonely isle, Or sunk beneath the sea. He vowed a chauffeur ought to hang In chains from every limb, And reckoned that his faithful mare Was good enough for him. But, lo! one morning he awoke And found himself the heir To all his uncle's hoarded wealth, And straightaway sold the mare. He bought a little runabout, A sporty red machine, And clad in cap and goggles joined The guild of gasoline. He rides all day and half the night, He loves to toot the horn, And pass the horses on the road With looks of lofty scorn. "I tell you," he delights to say, "To travel fast and far For business and for pleasure, too, There's nothing like the car." —Minna Irving, in Leslie's.

A PROPER CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY. William Chauncy Landgon, connected with the recreation division of the Russell Sage foundation, has proposed a new form of celebrating the Fourth of July which gives promise of doing away with a great deal of the noise, the terror and the calamity which has come to mark the ordinary celebrations of that day. Moreover, the program offered by him will increase the interest, the dignity and the patriotic character of the day. The details of his suggestion are contained in a pamphlet of 56 pages. The general plan is to represent by pageants on some large open ground interesting incidents and events in the history of America. This is a simple statement of his program of music and pageants: Music.—The Red, White and Blue. I. Pageant.—The Approach of Liberty. (Symbolical).

Music.—Hail Columbia. II. Pageant.—The Declaration of Independence—1776. (Realistic). Music.—Hymn to Liberty. III. Pageant.—The Triumph of Freedom After the Revolution. (Procession). Music.—Yankee Doodle, Battle Hymn of the Republic and Dixie. IV. Pageant.—Between the Lines during the Civil War—1863. (Realistic). V. Pageant.—The Reunion of the Blue and the Gray. (Procession). Music.—Battle Hymn of the Republic, Dixie and The Swanee River. VI. Pageant.—The Struggle for a Better National Life—1912. (Realistic). Music.—America. VII. Pageant.—The Exaltation of America. (Symbolical). Music.—The Star-Spangled Banner.

It is easy for one with the least bit of imagination to see what a real patriotic celebration could be projected along these lines. Are there not communities in the State of Illinois which can act upon these suggestions? REACHING THE PEOPLE. One of the largest and best known manufacturing concerns in the country has addressed a letter on the subject of local advertising to dealers handling its line. The old idea with many local merchants was that advertising in the local papers was a means of bestowing charity on the editor, a sort of gratuity to help the paper along. This big manufacturing corporation cannot be suspected of any such philanthropic sentiment, and what it says about advertising must go as a pure business proposition—not an experiment, but something that can be depended upon to yield returns. The company referred to is the International Harvester Co. of America, and here are several paragraphs from the letter it has addressed to dealers all over the country. There are some good hints here for local merchants in all lines: "One of the best investments you can make is the purchase of advertising space in your local papers. Change the copy frequently and write into it as much of your own individual sales talk as the space will allow. Even if you already sell most of the implements used in your locality, it will pay you to buy newspaper space, because when used properly it creates new business. If you have active competition,

whether it be from dealers or catalogue houses, you can meet it most successfully by constant advertising in your local paper. "Remember our definition—anything that creates a favorable impression of your business is good advertising." Let us see how newspaper advertising creates a favorable impression of the dealers' business. "It brands you as a live dealer. Bright, newsy copy, well illustrated with cuts we can furnish, and displayed, acts as a spoken invitation to visit your sample rooms. There are many farmers within visiting distance of your place of business who know so little about gasoline engines, cream separators, manure spreaders, etc., that they are still trying to farm without them. You cannot take the time to see all these people, but you can talk to them every time the local paper is printed, and if you talk to them right, they will come in to see you. "The influence of good advertising grows with time. The longer you keep at it, the stronger the pull."

Pre-Nuptial Entertainments. Miss Jessie Miller, who was united in marriage Wednesday evening of this week, was the guest of honor at a number of pretty and delightful parties given by her friends recently. The afternoon of May 22, Mrs. C. J. Ahern gave a very enjoyable afternoon party, at her home, most of the time being spent in playing cards. May 25th, Mrs. Hazor Smith entertained a number of friends at a luncheon in Miss Miller's honor. Mrs. Frank L. Smith entertained May 29, for Miss Miller, giving a "Honeymoon" party, which was very unique and amusing.

One of the best clubbing offers ever made is the Star and Herald 1 year, the Prairie Farmer 3 years and Frank Mann's "Soil Book," all for \$2.00. Call at this office and see sample copies. Summer Tourist Fares. To New York, Boston, Atlantic City, Ontario, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New England, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Mexico, Utah, Montana and British Columbia. Tickets on sale June 1st to September 30, 1912. Return limit October 31, 1912. Liberal stop-overs allowed anywhere on going and return trip. Plan with the Chicago & Alton Ticket Agent for a summer trip. H. L. Drennen, Agent, Dwight, Ill.

Wedding at Livingston Hotel. A very happy wedding occurred in the parlors of the Livingston Hotel in Dwight, Ill., at High Noon Saturday, June 1st. The contracting parties were Mr. Robert H. Hopkins, of Chicago, and Miss Erma M. Stock, of Odell. They were attended by the groom's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Cooley, of Chicago. The impressive ring ceremony was used by the Rev. R. A. Brown, of the Methodist Church, of Dwight, in uniting them as husband and wife. After congratulations were extended an elegant four-course wedding dinner was served in the dining room. Thirty-two guests were seated with the bride and groom at table, including the father of the bride, Charles A. Stock, of Odell, and the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hopkins, of Chicago. Other relatives of the groom present were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mason, of Aurora, Ill., and Mrs. Martha C. Hopkins, of Yorkville, Ill. The bride's relatives included her grandmother, Mrs. Belle Stock, of Odell, Mrs. Florence Mace, of Denver, Col., Hon. I. B. Hammers, and Mr. Ernest Ray, of El Paso, Ill. The remaining guests were Hon. and Mrs. B. A. Gower, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hossock, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pernet, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Matilda Edmonds, the Misses Grace Metz, Irene Houchin and Marie Cosgrove, all of Odell; Mrs. F. J. Ast, of Angelo, Ind.; Miss Corinne Hoge, of Wenona, Ill.; Miss Alice Axelson, of Moline, Ill., and the Misses Alice Thayer and Inez Armstrong, of Chicago, and Miss E. Grace Brown, of Dwight. The bride is a young woman of excellent equipment for life's duties, being a graduate of the McKinley high school of El Paso, and the Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington, Ill. She is also a graduate of Battle Creek Sanitarium School of Domestic Science, and a student of the University of Illinois, at Champaign. The groom is a civil engineer of much skill and competency. He received the degree of B. S. from the Armour Institute of Technology in 1907, since when he has been employed in various places requiring much skill and trustworthiness. The happy couple will make their home in Chicago. The Daily Inter Ocean, Prairie Farmer, Worlds Events, and the Star and Herald, all six months, for only \$2.00. You will want the local as well as the metropolitan news during the next six months. Call and see us or send your subscription to this office.

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Employers' Liability and Compensation Insurance

The law relating to compensation for accidental injuries or death, applies to every employer in the state engaged in the building, maintaining or demolishing of any structure, or in any enterprise wherein molten metal or injurious gases or vapors or inflammable liquids are manufactured, used, generated, stored or conveyed in dangerous quantities, and any enterprise in which statutory requirements are now or shall hereafter be imposed, for the protection and safeguarding of the employees therein.

The scope of this law is so broad that it practically comprehends any case where the relation of employer and employee exists.

Any person entitled to payment under the Compensation provisions of this Act, from any employer, shall have the same preferential claim therefor against the property of the employer, as is now allowed by law for a claim by such person against such employer for unpaid wages or for personal services.

We have secured the representation of the FIDELITY and CASUALTY CO., of New York, and will be pleased to give you further information regarding the operation of the law, and to quote you rates on your risks.

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