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The "Big Moose" party has not been turned loose yet. Let 'er go!

Governor Cole Bleese, of South Carolina, has been accused of being a grafter, and he is hot. His name sounds cool.

Speaking of bosses, the candidate who talks the loudest against boss rule is the biggest boss of all when he gets a chance.

"Believe me," said the forty year old philosopher, "I have heard much such chatter in other days only to note that in the fall the republicans piled up the usual majorities."

Four years ago we heard every morning that "Mr. Parker had taken an early plunge in the Hudson," and now it is "Wilson is receiving in his cottage at Seagirt, N. J." Well, what of it?

The decision of Governor Deneen and all the state candidates recently nominated at the primary, to stand by the republican ticket and President Taft, is creditable to them, and the only thing for all republicans to do.

The presidential candidates of the republican and democratic parties will be officially notified of their nomination next week. Both candidates will accept, without doubt, and in their responses will sound the key-notes of their campaigns.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Never yet has the republican party consented to wear any man's collar or agreed to look upon him as indispensable. The party will stick to its high mission, and egotists may make the most of it.

The republican editors of the 24th Congressional District of Illinois recently met in Shawneetown, and with two exceptions voted against a third

party. The country republican press of the state generally stand for the party at all times and is the backbone of the party in Illinois.

Postmaster General Hitchcock estimates that swindlers got about \$120,000,000 a year out of the people of this country. Probably the one greatest fraud is mining stock, but there are crooks in all business. It looks as if the old saying that "a sucker is born every minute" will have to be increased.

The State Bankers' Association, through a committee appointed for that purpose, has adopted a proposed law for private bankers. The proposed law is stringent. The chairman of the committee is Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, and one of the members is John J. Doherty, cashier of the First National Bank of Dwight.

It might be hard to say just where the boys are who will be holding the big jobs and drawing the big salaries twenty years from now. But it is pretty safe to say that they are not loafing around the street corners, spending their spare cash in places of cheap amusement and dreaming of getting rich without working for the money.

The Washington Star says that President Taft has given the country good service. Embarrassed at times by conditions for which he has not been responsible, he has been courageous, conscientious, progressive and patriotic. The party in convention has named him as its standard bearer, and has thereby stood by its own record as he has made and exemplified it.

It can already be felt that before the next election there will be a slump in the vote to President Taft. The "tariff for revenue only" plan of the democrats has injured the Wilson campaign, and the conservative people of the country will not vote for a third party ticket and run the risk of putting the country under the same conditions it was with the Wilson tariff bill under President Cleveland.

Do the farmers realize who made their \$40 per acre land worth \$150 to \$200 per acre? Do they know why steers are now selling at \$9.00, corn at 75 cents and their trips to town are made in their own \$3,000 machines? Do the mechanics know why they get steady work and 90 cents per hour? It was because William McKinley was elected President on a Protection platform.

Bloomington Pantagraph: It is time

for sober reflection and calm judgment. If Roosevelt had been nominated at Chicago, the Taft men would have had a bitter dose to swallow, but they would have swallowed it like true republicans. It is for the Roosevelt republicans to reflect on the duty they owe the great party under whose administration we are now living and prospering and whose wise rule appeals for a further lease of power.

President Taft has never been a politician in the accepted meaning of the word. He has been a calm, careful man and in his action has had in mind the future welfare and business prosperity of the country. His acts have not always been approved by the people but time will demonstrate that he has acted advisedly and that he forejudged even better than those who have thought he was wrong.—Rock Island Union.

Ex-Senator Wm. Lorimer was given a large and enthusiastic reception by thousands of his friends upon his arrival from Washington this week in Chicago, after having been expelled from the United States senate. The resolution expelling Lorimer declared he had never been legally elected, and no one has accused Lorimer of being in any manner connected personally with any fraud connected with the legislature which thought they elected him.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The notion that none but delegates whose seats were not contested should vote on the question of the temporary organization of the convention was preposterous for the simple reason that if such a rule prevailed each side could start contests against every delegate on the other side and thus a convention would be reduced to an absurdity. No such rule could ever prevail, unless anarchy were deliberately sought.

The assertion that Mr. Roosevelt's supporters formed the "honest majority" of the republican convention is utterly untrue. Even if they had won in those contests about which they say no honest man could differ they would not have had a majority in the convention to nominate Mr. Roosevelt. They would have been compelled either by money or other inducements to detach from their allegiance delegates instructed for Taft and morally bound to him. They might perhaps have deadlocked the convention if their claims had been conceded, but only by the dishonorable expedient of picking off here and there members of the Taft delega-

tions could they have nominated their own candidate.

A few careless automobile drivers have made some people in the country "sore" against all automobiles, but there is no more reason for it than that they should be prejudiced against all who drive in a buggy just because occasionally some fool gets hold of a horse. Most of the auto drivers who cause trouble come from the cities. The home people who have machines are friends and neighbors, nine out of ten of whom are just as anxious to avoid and prevent accidents as anyone else. Common courtesy and horse sense by both auto drivers and those who drive teams is all that is necessary. Some drivers of horses can be just as unreasonable and stubborn as some auto drivers might be.

WHY A NEW PARTY?

One of the developments of both national conventions was the frequent expression of a small but very noisy minority in favor of the immediate and utter destruction of both old political parties and the formation of new ones for reasons which the reckless speakers were unable to make clear to the comprehension of their hearers. These wild and irresponsible harangues always will be heard as long as political parties continue to exist.

Since the conventions completed their work the echoes of the destructive ideas have continued to disturb political circles in constantly diminishing volume. In a few weeks they will cease altogether. No sensible reason can be advanced for the destruction of either the republican or the democratic party. Nothing can be gained by the organization of new parties that cannot be gained at less expenditure through the old parties. Much of the good that is in the old parties will be sacrificed by undertaking to improve upon them by destructive processes.

When storms made necessary the repair of the state house dome the people of the state did not demand the destruction of the building. They called for its repair. They do not want the building torn down when the boilers in the electric light plant need cleaning, or the grass upon the lawn needs cutting, or the furniture wears out. When a department outgrows its quarters it is removed to some more commodious apartment and locations are shifted about to provide for the new conditions.

So it is with the constantly changing conditions which political parties are called upon to meet. They must be modified in various ways to pro-

vide for meeting new requirements sure to arise. New parties will be confronted with the same necessities from time to time just as certainly as the old ones.

First and foremost in the demand for new parties is found the unsuccessful candidate. He has nothing to lose and the hope of possible personal gain to lead him on. Another active promoter of any new party movement is sure to be the would-be party leader who has not won the prominence and recognition which his ambition craves. He is always conspicuous when any suggestion is made for the organization of a new party. Last, but not least in importance, comes the stay-at-home voter who never is satisfied with the result of the primary in which he did not participate or in the result of the election.

The political ills which most men complain of may be laid principally at the door of the voter who does not do his duty in the primaries. He is the last to take a hand in righting the wrongs against which all complain and the first and loudest in proclaiming his dissatisfaction with the situation.

New parties will not be free from these conditions. New parties when formed will be, after all, but the same old parties composed of the same individuals co-operating under other names. Whenever joint political action is dependent upon the weakness of human nature it will develop the same old lines of trouble. Any new parties that may be formed for the correction of incidental ills will be afflicted with all the old troubles and many new ones because the objectionable influences which old parties have rid themselves of will fasten themselves upon the new ones until they shall be again driven out.

It is better to repair the old party a little at a time and retain what good there is in it than to waste all the tremendous outlay it represents in the vain hope of creating a better one by destroying it.—Ex.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the post-office at Dwight, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, unclaimed July 25, 1912.

If not delivered will be sent to dead letter office August 8, 1912.

- Eldudy, H. Fernine, Norah (post card) Jones, Wm. (post card) Lodge, Alfred

To obtain any of the above letters call for advertised letters, giving date of list.

WM. G. DUSTIN, Postmaster.

THAT REMINDS US—

That some weeks we are not reminded of anything.

That a "Bull Moose" broke loose in town recently, but he's gone, again.

That we've got sand on Franklin street. The parking is nearly all done. There is some non-residence property which needs attention. Everybody fix up.

That it's too hot for politics—or love.

That the East Mazon Avenue people will have it on the West Mazon people as far as paving is concerned.

That rumor has it that there will be a lot more paving done next year. Why not? It comes high but we must have it—just to watch the "quality" in their machines.

That the auto speeding on Franklin street will come to some bad end. Some of the chauffeurs should be examined for sanity.

That the Freeport Standard says "St. Louis society girls are wearing men's silk hose and garters." G, but some of these editors are wise guys!

That "Motorcycle Mike" is abroad in Dwight.

Wanted.

We want more boys, girls, men and women at our Sunday services: Sabbath School at 9:30; morning sermon, 10:45; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30. You are urged to attend.—First Methodist Episcopal Church.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Leonard Hoffman, Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Leonard Hoffman, late of Dwight, in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Livingston County, at the Court House in Pontiac, at the September Term on the first Monday in September next, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of July, A. D. 1912.

CHRISTINE HOFFMAN, Executrix.

C. J. AHERN, Attorney. 29-3w

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