

Only forty persons attended a Bull Moose convention in Detroit. This sample shows how the new party is sweeping the country.

Mr. Perkins has contributed \$15,000 to the Roosevelt campaign fund. When will the colonel write and file a letter saying that he didn't want it?

The country is prosperous today and the people are not going to take any chance with another political party.—new or old.—Albia (Ia.) Union.

It will be pretty hard for the democratic newspapers and spellbinders to make Illinois farmers believe they should, for their own best interests, vote the democratic ticket.—Canton Register.

Had Col. Roosevelt been candidate for the Progressive nomination for governor of New York no power on earth could have induced him to withdraw in favor of Oscar Straus or any body else.

And did it ever occur to you that none, not even the most radical progressive, ever suggested that the republican party had outlived its usefulness until after it failed to nominate Col. Roosevelt at the June convention in Chicago?

President Taft was eminently right when he said in his speech at Columbus, Ohio, that "the mass of the people believe in progress, but they are of the opinion that progress should go slow and certain and under the guidance of the constitution."

A millionaire over in the military tract is going to spend fifty thousand dollars to run out an old established paper. He would do more good with his money and come as near accomplishing his purpose by endowing a hospital. When a paper is established just to run out some other pa-

per it generally winds up in the receiver's hands.—Springfield State Register.

The business man will stop to answer this question before he casts his vote in November, "Was my business ever in better condition than it is now? and his only answer can be, "Never." The business man is anxious for continued prosperity, and is anxious that Taft be retained as executive for four more years. Prosperity has abounded in all corners, and the thinking man will hesitate before he votes for a change.

The hosts who did battle for King Theodore at Armageddon have broken ranks and are returning by ones and twos into the camp of the republicans. Many ordinarily level-headed men were carried off their feet by the excitement of the Roosevelt furore, but reason is returning, they have seen the error of their ways, and have decided to ally themselves, as in the past, with the Grand Old Party. Some of them have been asking themselves: "Why should I vote for Teddy, when every vote thus cast means a vote for Wilson?" and echo answers: Why?

But the democrats do not see through a glass darkly. They know their only chance of electing Wilson is for Roosevelt to get votes from Taft, and so they nurse along the bull mooses, because a vote for Roosevelt is a half vote for Wilson. But these same democrats are not blind to the fact that the election is two months away and they are afraid the one man party will not hold together till the end of the campaign. The fears of our democratic friends are encouraging to republicans who are beginning to see that the Roosevelt following is weakening since he declares himself no longer a republican.

A letter from J. Rush Walker, of Walnut Grove, Minn., formerly of Osvego, shows some conditions that exist in his state. He is of the opinion that the Roosevelt boom is subsiding. Here is what he says: "We have great crops here—Wheat, 30 bushels; oats, 100 bushels; barley, 50 bushels; rye, 40 bushels; and prospects of 50 bushels of corn to the acre; hay in large quantities, all grown under a republican administration, which always means prosperity. The outlook for Taft was bad here a month ago but it is growing better every day. The people are coming back to their first love, the republican party. Stick to it, comrade, it is the only thing to do."

When the preferential primary was held last April it is true that Mr. Roosevelt carried this county by a nearly three to one majority over Mr. Taft but Mr. Roosevelt was appealing to the voters then as a republican and he was voted for as a republican. It is different now. Mr. Roosevelt has declared himself divorced from the party and no longer a republican. To be plain, Mr. Roosevelt bolted from the party that has given him all the political honor he has ever received. What is the sequel? Only this. Every republican that votes for Mr. Roosevelt next November must also be a bolter from the party of Lincoln, Grant and Logan, the only party that has ever brought prosperity to our country.—Vandalla Union.

A subscriber wants to know why an English suit of clothes costs \$15 in England and \$25 in the United States. Just the difference in the tariff, brother, and that \$10 represents the difference between the cost of labor in England and America. If you want your son or daughter to work for from \$2 to \$5 per week you might get your \$10 or \$15 suit of clothes in America, or would you prefer on the other hand to pay \$20 or \$25 and give them a wage of \$10 or \$12 per week? That is just about the size of it. It is all a question of wages; and if you are going to cut out protection for the grower and manufacturer in this country, the high prices you have been receiving as a farmer would vanish like hot cakes on a frosty morning.

"I do not know how many republicans there are probably within the sound of my voice," said Gov. Woodrow Wilson in his first speech at Williams Grove, Penn., "but I want to say that I entirely respect, though I do not at all understand, their reverence for the doctrine of protection." But the farmers all know and understand why they are in favor of the doctrine of Protection. It has doubled the price of their farm lands, and almost doubled the price of everything grown upon the farms, and has made good time for the farmers, and for everybody else. The farmers are in favor of the good old republican doctrine of protection to American labor and American wages to Americans because it makes good times. They will not vote for Woodrow Wilson, and the democratic doctrine of a low tariff for revenue only without protection of any kind while they remember the hard times and low prices during the last democratic administration. The farmers have had enough of democratic hard times and low prices, and the farmers will not vote

to call the democrats back to power in the nation while they remember what the democrats did to the tariff the last time the democrats were in power. The farmers know why they are in favor of the doctrine of protection.—Exchange.

SWEEPING THE COUNTRY.

Persons of an impulsive temperament who think the country is on fire for some particular individual have an exaggerated idea of the extent to which the main body of American voters can be rushed off their feet or induced to cast a ballot without sober consideration. The average citizen is accustomed to weigh a course of action calmly in politics as well as in business, and deals with facts on a reasonable basis. A new party is apt to be disappointed when the votes are counted, and not alone because it has failed. It may be, and often is, responsible for the success of a party it had no desire to help. It gets neither its first or second choice, but brings about a result it least wanted. The party that swept the country, after a fashion, in 1910 was presented with its victory by the absence of the opposition at the polls.

It must be clear now to Col. Roosevelt's party that it will no more sweep the country than it swept Vermont. Its vote there was not in proportion to its noise and false confidence. The regular republicans in the state carried everything as usual, even though the majority was reduced by a needless and illogical bolt. Virtually, the third party helps Wilson, and it would be less effective in this direction if it supported him openly. Taft or Wilson will be the president unless there is a failure to elect at the polls, a contingency that need not be considered at this time. A vote for Roosevelt is a re-enforcement for Wilson and must be viewed from this practical standpoint.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

HOW THE FUNKS HAVE FARED.

Of all the men in the state of Illinois who should have shown gratitude and appreciation of what the republican party has done for him and his and remained loyal to the party, Frank H. Funk, of McLean county, candidate of the Bull Moose party for governor, is one. The records show that no family in the state has been more frequently honored by the republican party than the Funk family and for one of its members, who has himself been highly honored by the party, to go out over the state and attempt to disrupt the republican party and substitute for it the good Lord only knows what, is certainly the height of ingratitude.

But what does the record show? Here is some Funk family history boiled down.

Isaac Funk, the grandfather of Candidate Funk, was elected as a state senator by the republicans in 1862 and served until his death in 1865. Candidate Funk's uncle, George W. Funk, was elected to the legislature in 1870 by the republicans. Another uncle, Lafayette Funk, was elected as a representative in 1882, and to the state senate in 1884, both times by republicans. Another uncle, Duncan M. Funk, was elected a member of the Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second general assemblies, all by the republicans. Candidate Funk's father, Benjamin F. Funk, was elected to the Fifty-third congress and seven times as mayor of Bloomington, all by republicans. F. M. Funk, another uncle, was elected several times a member of the school board of Bloomington by the republicans. Another uncle, L. H. Kerriek, was elected a trustee of the state university by the republicans of Illinois.

About six years ago Candidate Funk made his first appeal to the republicans of his township and was elected a member of the board of supervisors of McLean township. About that time he was appointed by Gov. Deneen as a member at large of the republican state central committee, succeeding Hon. James S. Neville, deceased. Two years later, in 1908, he was nominated and elected state senator by the republicans of McLean and Ford counties and on April 9, 1912, he was again nominated for state senator by the republicans of that district at the same time and under the same primary that nominated Gov. Deneen and the other republican state nominees.

These statements are a part of the public records of McLean county and can be verified by anyone. They prove that surely the republican party has been good to the Funk family. It was good enough for the sires and should have been good enough for the son, had not his ambition been tempted by disgruntled leaders.

The republicans of McLean county have delighted in honoring the name of Funk in the past, but when the time comes that the old party, which was loved by his ancestors is not good enough for the young ex-senator, he will find that he has undertaken a monstrous job to start moose horns on a majority of the republicans of big, prosperous, republican McLean county.—Rockford Register-Gazette.

Do you subscribe for this paper? If not, get busy and do so and keep up with the procession.

THAT REMINDS US—

That the speeches of the Progressives at the rally held here last Wednesday evening remind us of a paragraph from Emerson's Essay on Nature, as follows: "Great causes are never tried on their merits; but the cause is reduced to particulars to suit the size of the partisans and the contention is ever hottest on minor matters."

Daily Thought.

"In this world one must be a little too kind in order to be kind enough."—Marivaux.

Sheriff Patterson was called to Culom Wednesday morning in response to a telephone message stating that a horse had been stolen from the pasture on the farm of William Branz. The horse was a bay mare, seven years old and weighing 1,450 pounds, with a white strip on its forehead and thin in flesh.

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