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Mrs. Schellenberger, wife of the mayor of Philadelphia, one of the prominent suffragettes at the Chicago meeting, said in the course of her address: "Let us wear dresses in which we are able to walk to the polls to vote." Quite a scheme.

The State Auditor Brady mixup is still mixed, and it's certainly a bad one, and it is quite certain that Mr. Brady will not be a candidate for office again right away. What a change in that great office of State Auditor since that tried and true grand old veteran Colonel McCullough left it.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is returning home from Spain where he attended the wedding of Miss Belle Wyatt Willard, daughter of the American Ambassador to Spain, and his son, Kermit, who accompanied him on his African and South American trips. While his son was married abroad he married an American girl. The Roosevelt family surely are pretty good Americans.

The Henry Republican issued a very fine illustrated historical edition last week. It was an observance of the sixtieth anniversary of that city's birthday. As well as historical it contained a review of business, social and political life. It contained thirty-two pages and is certainly very creditable to the editors and publishers. The issue also celebrated the sixty-second anniversary of the publication of that paper.

Livingston county ranks fifth in the very richest counties in value of products in the United States. The total is \$11,377,300. Los Angeles county, California, is first with a valuation of \$14,720,900; Lancaster county, Pa., second with \$13,059,600; McLean county, Ill., \$12,811,500; Whitman county, Washington, \$12,540,700; Livingston next, and Iroquois and LaSalle next with \$11,377,300, and \$10,222,200. Our congressional district is the richest in the world, which is something for us all to be proud of. Great country we live in.

Hon. John A. Sterling, of Bloomington, announced his candidacy for congress in a recent issue of the Pantagraph. He served ten years from the present district, but went down under the avalanche which struck the Republican party. The district is Republican by a large majority, and under the present circumstances all party people realize that any Republican nominated in the district, provided, of course, he is an able business man, would be elected by a large plurality. We have not heard of any other candidates so far.

Now that the suffrage law passed by the last legislature has been declared constitutional, the matter of saloons voted out at the recent election is settled for the time being. The fight by the wet people will be for members of the next legislature who will repeal the law. There are lots of prosecutions under way throughout the state and in Bloomington alone there are over 130 cases. The law, we understand, is very severe, and the second offense means a jail sentence. Those who sell liquor without license know the law and violate it with their eyes open, and of course are prepared to meet the punishment. There isn't anything in butting one's head up against the stone wall of law.

The refusal of President Wilson to speak at the Memorial Day observance at Arlington Heights for the living and dead veterans of the Union Army has caused comment far and near. It is quite probable that the President was busy at the time, and he could not be expected to have much interest in such observance, as all his family were southerners and his father was a southern soldier or chaplain. His refusal would not have caused comment if it had ended there, but it seems that when he heard that the Hon. Champ Clark, speaker of the house, had accepted, the president immediately reversed his decision and accepted, letting politics control. Under the circumstances the president was not very warmly received by the veterans. Could you blame them?

The President has won out in his fight for tolls in the Panama Canal. The bill was amended so that its passage would not waive any treaty rights. The vote was not confined to party as many Republicans voted for it and vice versa. There is a great difference of opinion among the people. We believe the majority was against the bill and for the freedom of American coastwise shipping, and others made the excuse that they thought that would create a trust, as it were. It is a law now, and is directly

contrary to the platforms of both Republican and Democratic platforms, and also the third party. There is no law, however, against people changing their minds. If there was nearly all of us would be tangled up in it. There is one thing certain it won't amount to anything either way as far as we are personally concerned. We wouldn't even know that we had paid about \$500,000,000 for the canal if we didn't see it in the newspapers once in a while.

The Odell Gazette and Reporter has suspended publication, on account, we understand, of the editor-owner claiming he could not make a living. The proprietor, C. A. Stock, is well known in Dwight and is a fair newspaper man but he is peculiarly and unfortunately constituted and does not make friends. He moved from Dwight to Odell and run what he termed an independent newspaper, but "straddled," as it were, and was republican, democratic, populist, prohibitionist and finally during the last campaign was a wild and woolly third party man. He caters to himself more than to the people with whom he is looking for support. The business men of Odell, we believe, would support a newspaper which supported them, and one which worked for the interest of Odell and its good people. The people there, we believe, would support a man who represented them locally, no matter what his politics was, providing he was honest in his support and did not abuse others, and published the news of all parties and especially the local news of the town and surrounding country.

BUSINESS MEN IN POLITICS.

The following resolution, urging upon business men a larger participation in national affairs, was unanimously adopted by The American Protective Tariff League at the annual meeting of 1914, held on January 15: Resolved, That it is in the power and certainly within the rights of American business men to exert a potential influence in American politics. Business has rights which politicians are bound to respect. To the end that these rights shall be respected The American Protective Tariff League recommends and urges a larger participation in political affairs by business men. It is important that they shall exert increased influence in public affairs. More business men in politics are needed for the congressional, state and presidential campaigns of 1914 and 1916, if the public business is to be conducted with intelligent and sane regard for the business needs and the prosperity of the country.

BEER SHIPMENTS RETURNED.

Recently a shipment of liquor from a Danville saloon keeper to a Weldon citizen was received here by express and Agent B. W. Tilbury promptly shipped it back on the next train at which the said Weldon party waxed exceedingly wroth, claiming his constitutional rights were being trampled upon; but all that Agent Tilbury could do was to cite the thirsty citizen to the recently enacted ordinance, which prohibits such liquor shipments into local option territory, and provides for a heavy fine for such violation of the law.

Since then, many of the wet element have declared they would test the law; but so far it has not been done.

Last Thursday another shipment was made from Lincoln, and it, too, was shipped back on the next train. The companies have issued bulletins to all their Illinois agents warning them to not receive such shipments when prohibited by ordinance; but occasionally an agent forgets his instructions.

It is claimed by the cities that have passed similar laws, that the law is constitutional, and Mr. Tilbury will continue to turn down such shipments until the law is changed.—Weldon Record.

PENROSE AND PENNSYLVANIA.

"The Register-Gazette does not care to appear as the particular champion or defender of Senator Boise Penrose, of Pennsylvania, yet it is forced to reach the same conclusion that has been reached by a good many other unprejudiced people, that there must be something good and magnetic about any man who can go out in the great and intelligent state of Pennsylvania and receive a majority vote of 175,000 for the nomination for United States senator, \$5,000 of this majority being cast in the good old quaker city of Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence of this nation was signed.

Mr. Penrose, in his political career, doubtless has made mistakes, just like every other leader in politics is certain to make mistakes, for no man is infallible, but surely his neighbors ought to know more about the man that we out here in Illinois can know about him at long range and apparently a good many of his neighbors are satisfied with him and think he is all right.

Col. Roosevelt, during his long term in the presidency, thought Mr. Penrose was all right, for he was always one of his most trusted lieutenants in the state of Pennsylvania. He became very bad in the eyes of some people when he supported Mr. Taft

and the Republican party ticket in the campaign of 1912. With the steel and other industries closed all over Pennsylvania this apparently is now regarded by many of the voters of the Keystone state as much less a crime than it was two years ago.—Rockford Register-Gazette.

LIVINGSTON FARMERS' TRIP.

Two days' traveling through the country in automobiles, visiting farms and seeing the things that have proven practical on those places, is what over one hundred farmers of Livingston county did last week Tuesday and Wednesday, says the Pantagraph.

Roy C. Bishop, Livingston county agricultural agent, led twenty-three automobiles from that county, holding over one hundred farmers, across country to Rochelle in Ogle county. "It is the largest agricultural demonstration ever held in the United States," said A. G. Smith, state leader of agricultural advisers. Close to three hundred miles of traveling, seeing the crops and farm homes, visiting those places and talking about them, was what the farmers did, and the expression of one land owner was that he "would not have missed the trip for one hundred dollars."

Seeing the practical things being actually done on the farm is what counts. That was the reason of the trip. Starting at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning the party went north from Pontiac, going through Odell, Dwight, Gardner and on to Joliet. The party was to meet F. C. Grannis with a bunch of his farmers at that place, but Mr. Grannis went ahead and was not seen until that evening. Mr. Grannis is the agricultural adviser of Will county. From Joliet the party left for Aurora. J. E. Readhimer, agricultural adviser of Kane county, met the tourists there and led them through the county visiting farms. One of the interesting things seen in that county was the largest silo in the state and it is of solid concrete.

When Mr. Readhimer had shown his county to the Livingston county men he left the party and the tourists started for DeKalb. That is the home of W. G. Eckhart, agricultural adviser of that county.

The work of all these agricultural agents could be seen along the roads. One of them told us that his county had 3,000 acres of alfalfa in it this year. At DeKalb the county farm was visited. It is being made a fine place. The DeKalb Normal school was visited and its grounds right now are prettier than any other time of the year.

From DeKalb the party left for Rochelle, where they put up for the night. By that time the party had

grown to over one hundred and fifty people and fifty automobiles started out the next morning. A band concert was held at Rochelle that night especially for the farmers. Then the farmers sat down on the hotel steps and talked of what had been seen during the day. Those roads made a big hit with the farmers. There are a great many hard roads there and most always a main road that is in fine shape from one town to another. Fifty machines started for the sweet clover fields the next morning. W. P. Graham is the largest sweet clover grower in the United States and that crop was the main attraction of the trip.

Half of Wednesday morning was spent in the neighborhood of Rochelle and then the party began to break up. The greater part of the men went to Starved Rock for a visit, for farmers like pleasure, too. It certainly is remarkable that so many farmers would follow a county agent so far and for two days in the busy season, but all of them seemed pleased with what they saw and any time they did not understand they asked questions. Most every town in Livingston county was represented on the trip. Farmers from Odell, Dwight, Pontiac, Forrest, Fairbury, Emington, Cornell, Chenoa, Streator, Ancona, Dana, Campus, Chatsworth and others.

THAT REMINDS US—

That sometimes the boy, no matter what his advantages, gets there with both feet, hands and all. The following is taken from the back of a business card: A preacher hired a boy to row him on the Mississippi. He asked the boy if he could read and he said no. "Then there is a quarter of your life gone." "Can you write?" "No, sir." Then there is another quarter of your life gone. Have you ever had any religious training? "No, sir." "Then there are three-quarters of your life gone." Just then the boat struck a snag and it began to fill rapidly. The boy asked the preacher if he could swim, and he said no. "Then all four quarters of your life are gone."

That it seems that the third week in August is the most acceptable all around for "Home Coming Week." It is time now to plan to be home, and invite your relatives and friends to be here, and please give this paper the information you get. It will be a grand success if you will do just a little to boost it along.

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