

## SENATOR CULBERSON OF TEXAS

The Washington Post of February 21 publishes the following interview: "I believe if the democrats would nominate a man like Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas, to head their ticket next year, they would have a first-class chance of electing him," said J. C. Rich, of Mobile, Ala., at the Raleigh. "Senator Culberson represents the conservative element of the democratic party," he continued, "and although it is generally believed that no southern man can be elected president, I am of the opinion that with a man like Culberson to head the ticket we would have an excellent chance of winning."

"Bryan is impossible. He would get fewer votes in the south than any other man the democrats could nominate. I have been a democrat all my life, but I have refrained steadily from voting for Bryan. He is altogether

too radical. I believe that the city of Mobile, Ala., is more representative of true democracy than any other city in the country, and I know of hundreds of democrats there that refused to vote for Bryan who would gladly cast their votes for Mr. Culberson."

"His father, who was in the house of representatives years ago, was the best lawyer, perhaps, that ever sat in that body. I know this is a strong statement, but I believe a better lawyer never lived than Senator Culberson's father. He was a native of Alabama, and no man in that state was more highly regarded. His son, Senator Culberson, I do not know personally, but he is very much of the same sort that his father was, I believe—safe, conservative, and sound—the one man in the democratic party that, in my opinion, would have a good chance of being elected president."

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"I am not alone in this opinion. I have heard his name mentioned in many different cities and on railroad trains, and I really believe that a sentiment is crystallizing in his favor among the conservative democrats. Stranger things have happened than would be the nomination of Mr. Culberson."

Mr. Rich is one of the most prominent attorneys in the south. When he was twenty-seven years old he was elected mayor of Mobile, but he did not aspire to higher political honors. For twenty years he has been practicing law, and is now counsel for two large southern railways."

### HOLLOW GLASS BRICKS

The demand for hollow bricks and building blocks for house construction has induced glass manufacturers to put hollow glass bricks on the market, and they promise to be used extensively for novel and artistic effects. The first glass bricks being solid proved a failure on account of their cost, but the hollow glass bricks can be made at much less expense. They are lighter and stronger than clay bricks and are such excellent non-conductors that walls built of them are proof against dampness, sound, heat and cold. The bricks are sealed hermetically when hot and are placed in walls with a colorless mortar made of special glass. The bonding strength of the glass mortar is almost as great as the bricks themselves.—Building Management.

### HIRAM HIGGIN'S GAIT

At a recent gathering in Baltimore two men from different sections of the country were discussing the capabilities of "nervous, restless Americans" for being most slow and deliberate. The Marylander claimed the palm of slowness for the inhabitants of the eastern shore of his state.

"It is a saying hereabouts," said he, "that if oysters had been created with legs, the people of the eastern shore would all have starved to death."

"The folks around Mt. Monadnock have a saying that beats yours," remarked a Vermont man. "Of one man up there it used to be observed that if you were to give Hiram Higgins 40 yards start, stock-still would catch him!"—Harper's Weekly.

### EMPIRE BUILDERS

In 1892 Japan had thirty-one industrial schools. Now it has 1,954. This throws some light on the way the little brown race is trying to build an empire.—Springfield Union.

### WHERE THERE IS NO ACTIVITY

"Morse buys more steamships" is nowadays a familiar announcement in the New York newspapers—reference being made to Charles W. Morse and his syndicating operations. There is certainly great activity in bringing coastwise steamships into monopolistic combinations, but who hears of any great activity in providing stronger and safer ships for people to travel in?—Springfield Republican.

## Washington News

The bill prohibiting the marriage of whites and negroes or Mongolians, introduced by Representative Byrd, of Mississippi, has been ordered favorably reported by the house committee on District of Columbia.

Dalzell of Pennsylvania paved the way in the house for the ship subsidy bill by a resolution providing that debate be limited to five hours and that the vote be taken Friday, March 1, at 3 o'clock p. m. The Associated Press says: "The rule was agreed upon unexpectedly by the rules committee at a meeting held after the visit of Secretary Root to the capitol, and it was very generally understood that the administration was responsible for the committee's action."

Senator Beveridge lost his fight in the senate when he sought to put the cost of meat inspection on the packers.

The United States supreme court held that Nebraska railroads must pay their taxes.

President Roosevelt has nominated to be United States judge for the southern district of Nebraska T. C. Munger, of Lincoln.

Secretary Shaw who will retire from the treasury and become president of the Carnegie Trust company, New York, has issued a statement in which he says that while he will do business in New York, he will "continue to reside" in Iowa. This is interpreted by politicians to mean that Mr. Shaw will keep his presidential lightning rod in good repair but considerable laughter is heard from Iowa.

John F. Stevens, engineer of the Panama canal, has resigned, and it is announced that the work will be placed under the direction of an army engineer. The Washington dispatch says: "The chairman and engineer-in-chief of the commission will be Major G. W. Gaillard and Major William L. Sibert, to rank in the order named. Senator Joseph C. Blackburn of Kentucky, who retires from the United States senate on March 4, is to be made a member of the reorganized commission. The nominations of the present commissioners now pending before the senate include Messrs. Shonts, Stevens, Haines, Endicott, Herrod, Gorgas and Jackson Smith. Their confirmation is desired in order to remove all doubts as to the legality of certain acts they have performed in connection with the making of contracts. The retirement of Messrs. Shonts and Stevens will leave but two vacancies, so that there will be two more retirements necessary to make way for the three army officers and Senator Blackburn. The president is determined that the work on the canal shall proceed continuously and the temporary "dislocations" caused by the resignations of higher officials will not be allowed to interfere with progress."

Three appropriation bills passed by the senate aggregated \$365,000,000.

The Santo Domingo treaty was ratified by the senate by a vote of 43 to 19.

Senator Culberson offered to the Philippine agriculture bill an amendment declaring the intention of the United States to abandon the island as soon as a stable independent government should be established. It was defeated.

The Aldrich currency bill which passed the senate by a vote of 43 to 14 authorizes the issuance of ten dollar gold certificates to the end that the

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