

ing poem, "The Origin of the Harp," was written by Moore:

'Tis believed that this harp, which I wake now for thee,
Was a Syren of old, who sung under the sea;
And who often at eve, thro' the bright waters roved,
To meet, on the green shore, a youth whom she loved.
But she loved him in vain, for he left her to weep,
And in tears all the night, her gold tresses to steep;
Till heaven looked with pity on true love so warm,
And changed to this soft Harp the sea maiden's form.
Still her bosom rose fair—still her cheeks smiled the same—
While her sea beauties gracefully formed the light frame;
And her hair, as, let loose, o'er her white arm it fell,
Was changed to bright chords uttering melody's spell.
Hence it came, that this soft harp so long hath been known
To mingle love's language with sorrow's sad tone;
Till thou didst divide them, and

To speak love when I'm near thee, and grief when away.

—Moore.

This instrument is also claimed by the Welsh people, they one time having laws regarding the harp. A slave was not allowed to touch the harp for any reason. It was also exempt from seizure and debt. One of these laws said three things were necessary to a gentleman—his harp, his cloak, his chess board.

The harp was also a favorite instrument with the Saxons and Danes. History tells of the songs sung accompanied by it, for the victory gained by Athelstan in 938, and upon the death of Edgar in 975. Alfred, too, was a harpist. The harp was a favorite instrument for ages under the British, Saxon and Norman kings. In the account of the coronation of Henry V. in 1413 the only musical instruments described are harps. In the thirteenth century the harp of twenty-five strings was in use in France. A mechanical appliance for producing semitones was invented by a man named Hochbeucker in 1720, but not until 1810 were the double action harps invented. This style harp is known to many as the pedal harp. Since that time many improvements have been made in the mechanism and general construction of the harp, thus bringing it to a higher and broader artistic standard musically. The modern harp, with its graceful lines and richly carved base and head, is a delightful model of beauty.

The harp is not a difficult instrument to learn. When one is properly presented to the harp, familiarity does not breed contempt, nor does the discovery of its simplicity make it less beautiful.

The lack of familiarity with the harp has permitted it to be understood and enjoyed by the minority rather than the majority. The harp not being a commodity of commercial value to the energetic financier, has naturally retained its time honored position in the realm of art and poetry. Some of the advantages which make it easy to learn are that all scales are alike in the system of fingering, also most chords and their inversions in the various keys. The agreeable tone quality of the harp makes it a desirable companion, and its study a pleasant occupation. The same amount of time devoted to the harp that is placed on other instruments will accomplish more advanced and pleasant results and less annoyance to home and neighbors.

In 1789 James Bruce, the celebrated traveler, said of the harp: "It is the favorite of the fair sex, and nothing should be spared to make it beautiful, for it should be a principal object of mankind to attach them by every means to music, as it is the only amusement that may be enjoyed to excess and the heart remains virtuous and uncorrupted."

MR. ROOSEVELT TO JUDGE PARKER

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paid, if elected, I shall go into the presidency unhampered by any pledge, promise or understanding of any kind save my promise made openly to the American people, that so far as in my power lies I shall see to it that every man has a square deal, no less and no more.
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

CONGRESS PURGED OF MACHINE MEN

The country is to be congratulated not only on the fact that the forthcoming congress will not be dominated by the Cannon and Aldrich combination, but also that most of the disciples of their school of politics are likely to be kept at home. To date forty-six members of the present house of representatives have

either prudently declined to seek another nomination or have been defeated in the primaries.

Also eight senators have given up the fight.

Everywhere the tide of popular feeling is running strong against the machine men of both parties, and to stand high in the hierarchy of the "organization" has proved a burden and a weakness to those who have sought the suffrage of their neighbors.

Democrats as well as republicans, the Cannonites of Georgia as well as those of Kansas, have found the face of the people set against them.

In the list of the "organization men" who have been disappointed in their hopes of renomination are such master machinists as these:

Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations; Boutell of Illinois, chairman of the committee on naval expenditures; Scott of Kansas, chairman of the committee on agriculture; Miller of Kansas, chairman of elections committee; Reeder of Kansas, chairman of committee on irrigation of arid lands; Hull of Iowa, chairman of committee on military affairs, with other members of important commit-

tees, making in sum the vitals of the Cannon organization.

With a senate emptied of Aldrich, Hale, Burrows and some other stand-patters of the strict sect, the new congress is, on the whole, bound to present to the country a fresh and exhilarating aspect.

That the impending election promises nothing less than a political revolution against the machine is dramatically emphasized by the fact that the personality of Mr. Cannon, who had been counted on as the prince of campaigners, has become a grave embarrassment to the republican congressional campaign committee.

In their business of vote getting, their chief problem at the present moment is to efface the strident speaker of the house and wax the ears of the voters, that they may not hear his voice.—Chicago American.

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