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Those who assert that the insurgent movement has been "crushed" will find that it has been neither crushed nor hushed.

Surely, the Democrats have a right to feel joyful. All the news that has come out of Washington lately has been decidedly encouraging to the Democracy.

The cabinet was not, however, able to think of any suitable way to discipline the ninety-nine persons in every hundred who believe that Pinchot is right and Ballinger is wrong.

Mr. Pinchot, "the most useful man in the public service," has been deposed for telling some unpleasant truths. The "interests" which opposed Mr. Pinchot are great believers in secrecy.—Kansas City Star, Rep.

The fact that corporations and other business combinations nearly always find it possible to shift all fines and penalties upon the general public by means of a raise in prices, seems to foretell the coming of a time when business operations will to a large extent be under government control and direction. The most advanced step along this line is now being taken in England by Mr. Lloyd George and other leaders of the liberal party. Plutocracy there, as everywhere, is making a vigorous fight but in the long run the advancing spirit of popular right and Democracy will win. The day of privilege is surely waning towards its sunset and the day of the common man is nigh.

THE INSURGENTS.

We take the following from the Nebraska City Press, one of the many Republican papers of this state that has the courage and manhood to stand by the people of the west in securing their rights, and opposes Joe Cannon and the band of conspirators in the following strong terms:

It is stated in Washington that President Taft will join hands with Speaker Cannon in punishing the insurgents by taking away their patronage in their districts. We do not believe that the president will stoop to such acts. If he does it means that his successor will not be himself. The so-called insurgents represent their constituents and if the president or the speaker by any power they have take away the appointments that by right belong to them it will make the insurgents stronger than ever. Speaker Cannon and his outfit are not Republicans, they are grafters pure and simple; a disgrace to any party and not to be countenanced by the progressive Republicans of the west. We will either have our representatives treated with respect in congress or we will change the whole aspect of our national representation. We of the west believe that the people have a right to the resources of the country; we believe that our representatives should represent us instead of special interests; we will not have such miserable misfits as Cannon and Aldrich tell us that we are to be read out of the party. Cannon and Aldrich no more represent the Republican party than does W. J. Bryan. President Taft will listen to the call of the west or he will be without the support necessary to make a creditable record. Joseph Cannon is not only the greatest menace to the Republican party today but he is a menace to all that is good in government. His downfall will mean the first step towards making congress a real government of the people, which under his rule it is not.

"INSURGENTS" AND PATRONAGE TREAT.

It will not do to take too seriously the talk of some politicians at Washington regarding an alleged scheme

urged on the administration to "crush" the so-called Republican insurgents by completely ignoring them in the distribution of offices and other "good things."

That some hardened standpatter conceived the idea and jumped at it as something "brilliant" is possible; that it has been entertained for a moment by the president or by any member of his cabinet is wildly improbable.

To use patronage as a weapon in a struggle of convictions and ideas; to punish men who honestly believe certain things to be essential to Republican strength and success by withholding from them the leaves and fishes of patronage would be so petty and so silly that no administration could survive the ridicule, the scorn, the contempt that such scandalous tactics, such peanut politics would provoke. It would be an insult to the Taft administration even to warn it against such methods.

There is room for much honest and vigorous difference of opinion in any vital party that represents principles and aspires to serve the country. And when differences develop it is idle to ignore them and idler to stifle discussion of them. Legislation and policy are shaped by national need, by earnest public opinion, by necessary compromises and concessions of diverse interests. Parties and platforms march with the times, and there is nothing rigid, petrified about Republicanism or Democracy. Only intolerant men ignorant of all political history will be eager to read honest opponents out of their party to talk of humiliating and crushing them.

One must apologize for such common-places as these, but the gossip of the day in regard to the penalizing of Republican "heterodoxy" at the demand of the "regulars" possibly justifies recurrence to the A B C of political morality and sanity.—Chicago Record-Herald, Rep.

INSURGENCY GETS THE EXECUTIVE FROWN.

President Taft has a program of legislation which he hopes will be carried out by congress at its present session. He is relying upon the cooperation of Aldrich and Cannon and the followers of those two worthies to secure success for his plans. Perhaps they will not fail him.

The people have considerable confidence in the foresight of the president. It is certain, however, that their confidence in his foresight is not so great as it was before he accepted smilingly and praised rather extravagantly the tariff law which is now in effect. The president by those amiable actions compromised himself into a position in close proximity to the camp of lords of special privilege.

Perhaps he is there for a good purpose. Perhaps he has carried thither the light. Perhaps Aldrich and Cannon at this moment are sitting at his knees drinking in his precepts as to the beauty of unselfish public service. The Daily News trusts that such a pleasing picture is presented to anyone—say, Knox or Ballinger—who enjoys intimate relations with the chief executive.

However, it will be necessary to judge the influence of his homilies by the results achieved in congress through the actions of the Aldrich-Cannon coterie. If the results are good he president will deserve much praise and his bright-faced allies among the legislators will win the applause of the people. If the results are not good there will be a reckoning which will jar the foundations of standpatism wherever found.

In the meantime the public is informed from Washington that the insurgency of Cummins and La Fol-

lete and other western Republicans is frowned upon at the White house. The president has chosen his instruments and they are the instruments that in the past have served diligently the cause of the special interests. Now they are to toll for the people under the benign leadership of Mr. Taft.

The people eagerly await the working of the president's magic. However, they will not be satisfied with illusions. They will not accept as sufficient a few or many demonstrations which almost, but not quite, succeed. They want good, tangible legislation marking real progress. They are exceedingly weary of the kind which falls just a little short of accomplishing something.—Chicago News, Rep.

FROM THE BUSY WORLD.

Cardinal Satelli is dead in Rome. His demise marks the passing of a great figure in the Roman Catholic church, and one who was most popular in the United States. Expressions of grief over his death are universal in this country where he had served as Apostolic delegate for several years. No man at the vatican had a more profound knowledge of the status of the church in this country than he and no man had done more toward its advancement in every sense. His death is a loss of much magnitude to the church in America and it will be long before a fitting successor appears.

It is claimed a national law for the publicity of campaign contributions in presidential and congressional elections is to be passed by this congress. If ever there was a piece of useless legislation, it is this. All the laws in the world will not prevent men having interests at stake from interfering in the elections and when they can no longer do so publicly they will do so privately, laws or no laws. Many who advocate such laws do so from a pure, high ideal standpoint, others do so from a hypocritical pretense of morality which they do not have. The first are misguided theorists and the second class are rank knaves.

At Alton, Ill., yesterday, fifteen persons were hurt, six of them seriously in two coasting accidents. All told there have been fifteen accidents here on coasters during the week resulting in one death and a long list of injured. This demonstrates that those having charge of coasting carnivals and the like cannot exert too great care in the management of the same. Accidents happen under the best of conditions and a little negligence may be responsible for deaths or serious injury of many persons. Special precautions should be taken to keep teams off the course of the coasters and also to regulate the starting of the same.

Denver threatens to be "dry" at the next election as there is a widespread movement on foot in that city to shut the saloons up tight and the liquor interests are much alarmed at the outlook. The first closed Sunday in many years was yesterday when the saloon men themselves closed up tight to counteract the prohibition wave. It is proposed to cut down the district in which saloons may operate in the city and also to raise the annual license to \$1,500 per year. By these means it is hoped to counteract the prohibition wave. The fact that women vote in Denver complicates the situation and will afford a curious and interesting study of the final result.

This morning's dispatches from Washington show plainly that the greatest pressure is being exerted in the interest of "party harmony." The reactionaries have accomplished their purpose, they have succeeded in getting Forester Pinchot out and the way to seize the public forests, the water power of the country and the lands of the people is now open. Now for "party harmony." They have won in what they were after and the plan now is to make the "insurgents" fall in line and say they like it. Will it succeed? And if it does succeed will the people forget it next fall when

congressmen and legislatures are to be elected and be misled by some false issue which will be raised to obscure their political vision, and return once more to power Cannon and his satellites who have perpetrated this infamy.

By the victory of Friday George W. Norris becomes the greatest of leaders among the "insurgents" and a national figure. He has demonstrated that he possesses the attributes of a fine leader and one with a clear knowledge of winning tactics. He is a credit to the Fifth Nebraska district and deserves every honor that can be given him. It is said he may be a candidate for the senate to succeed Senator Burkett and if a Republican is to fill that place Norris is the one. He more truly represents the progressive policies of the times than any Republican yet suggested. Should he conclude not to enter the fight against Burkett then the voters of the Fifth Nebraska district should return him to fight Cannonism and Aldrichism to a royal finish. He is a fearless and independent statesman and a friend of the people.

As the Busy World forecast sometime ago President Taft last Friday summarily removed Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot and, in so doing, precipitated one of the greatest political fights in many years. Almost coincident with his action the house of representatives, under the leadership of Representative Norris of this state, passed a resolution taking away from Speaker Cannon the power of appointing the house members of a committee to investigate Secretary Ballinger. This action has stirred the speaker and the president up and they have vowed war upon the "insurgents." It is too early yet to forecast the outcome of the struggle but it seems inconceivable that the "insurgents" will be whipped into line. They have cast the die and must fight the battle out to a finish.

That the victory which the "insurgents," aided by the Democrats, won Friday by the narrow margin of three votes will stand, is improbable. The action of the standpat senate under Aldrich in adopting a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint investigating committee by Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon, as a substitute for the house resolution, clearly indicates that the Aldrich-Cannon-Taft combination knows it can win in the house and intends to do so. But it's victory will prove a costly one in the end. It will forerun the final overthrow and extinction of the machine in the fall elections and the crushing of the arbitrary power of the speaker. Even be the victory of the "insurgents" on Friday ever so barren of final results, it has been a hard blow to the men who are making the Republican party the tool of robbing and greedy interests and it's effects will be far-reaching.

At Liberal, Mo., Henry Dorman, a man 110 years old, has just died. The dispatch announcing his death does not state whether he drank, smoked or chewed but to fool the cranks, he ought to have done all three things.

The insurgent Republicans of the house held a session last night at which the gauntlet thrown down by the congressional committee was taken up and from now on there will be relentless war between the reactionaries who control the committee and the progressives. The latter are in the right and the country should and will approve their manly stand.

The highest amount of assessment for personal taxes in New York city is stated to be that of Mrs. Emma B. Kennedy, a woman, who has \$6,000,000 charged to her. Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Russell Sage are second with \$5,000,000 each, John D. Rockefeller is third with \$2,500,000. It looks at a distance as if the women were more honest than the men in turning in their property to the assessor.

The Chicago police acting on a tip given them by the keeper of a rooming house in that city have appre-

hended Roberta De Janon, the missing Philadelphia heiress, and the waiter Cohen with whom she eloped on December 29. Cohen who is 43 years of age claims to have treated the girl all right and in this he is corroborated by her. She is 17 years old. It would appear a man of Cohen's age should have had more sense than to be guilty of such a foolish piece of work if he did it to satisfy the girl's whim as he claims. He left a wife and family behind him.

According to Washington dispatches, the two senators from this state have agreed upon the new federal officials in this state. They include Marshal Warner to succeed himself and Frank S. Howell of Omaha as district attorney in place of Charles A. Goss. The dispatch states that Senator Burkett and Brown are not regarded as being insurgent enough to justify the president in rejecting their recommendations. Holy Smoke! We should think they were not insurgent enough for that. Anyone who can look at the record of these two men and call them insurgents must have indeed a brilliant imagination.

The great Homestake mining strike at Lead, S. D., is approaching a crucial stage. The management of the mines announce that they now intend to open the mines with 1,000 men who have signed up at a non-union scale. This probably is the forerunner of trouble as the union officials are all hurrying to that city in reference to the announcement. Many of the locked-out miners have left Lead but there is still enough on hand to make things rather unpleasant if they so make up their minds. It may be that the matter will pass off without trouble as the miners may have been starved into submission.

In St. Louis twelve ministers Sunday united in sermons denouncing the tendency of the stage toward immorality, denouncing the playhouse as a place where nakedness and nudity stood at the fore, the source of the divorce evil and all other forms of degeneracy. One minister created a sensation by taking the opposite stand and denouncing those who attacked the stage as "muck-rakers who seek notoriety." This brother evidently hit the nail on the head in most cases for the general idea which seems to underlie these sporadic attacks on the stage is to gain fleeting notice in the public prints. Yet at the same time there are unquestionably some plays on the American stage today which are actually nauseating. One in particular in Chicago has the crime of incest as its central theme, something adherent to any decent person. However, few sensational sermons have any effect upon the stage save to advertise the indecent end of it and the managers of the vulgar and obscene plays do not object to that. In fact they encourage it.

Now for the "fans." The official averages of the Western League are out and show that Harry Welch of the Omaha team led the league in batting with an average of .372 which is a high average. Sioux City led in club batting average .285 with Omaha second with .283. Omaha led an average of .956 in club fielding with Sioux City second with an average of .952. Melter of Des Moines led in percentage of games pitched and won, his percentage being .778, although he pitched but nine games. Olmstead of Denver was really the leading pitcher, having won 27 and lost 8 games, a percentage of .750. Zalusky of Denver with a clean fielding of 1,000 leads the catchers, although he played in but 12 games. Towne of Sioux City really leads the catchers with a fielding average of .986 in 100 games. Kane of Omaha with an average of .978 is the best first baseman, Fox of Omaha leads the second basemen with an average of .963, Shipke of Omaha leads the third basemen with an average of .949, Franks of Omaha is best shortstop average .954, and Hogriever of Lincoln with 1,000, Waldron of Lincoln with .998 and Green of Sioux City with an average of .984 lead the fielders. Now fight it out you fans.

The greatest theme in the papers Monday was the ferment at Wash-

ington. The Chicago Tribune pronounces the situation as a "famd, seething, swirling whirlpool," which threatens to engulf Taft and Cannon and it holds out small hopes of their riding the waves. The Tribune in fact, does not want Cannon to be saved but in it's blind Republican fanaticism, it wants to save Taft even after he has aligned himself squarely against every progressive idea the paper represents. That Taft should even have been expected to be anything more than he has developed to be, is inexplicable. His whole career has been marked by a blind subservency to the "interests" and that he should line up with them now is only the natural result of years of training.

WEeping WATER.

(Republican.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson on Monday, December 27, 1909, a son.

Miss Ellenora Domingo is visiting with her friend, Miss Anna Madsen, at Minden.

Miss Grace Lake was over from Murdock last week visiting Misses Stella Jewell and Mildred Butler.

Mrs. Jesse Davis has been quite sick for several days past, threatened with lung fever, but is now improving some.

Prof. R. W. Ellis returned to his academy work Tuesday morning, having spent his vacation and enjoyed the same in Endeavor, Wis.

On new years day, January 1, 1910, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hillman, a son. Nothing like starting the year right. May the youngster live long and be a blessing to his parents.

Mrs. Alex Spencer received a 'phone message from her brother Alex Patterson, at Newton, Ia., that their little son Kermit died December 29th. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had but recently moved to his old home. Many relatives and friends sympathize with them in their sorrow.

A petition signed by a large number of citizens has been circulated asking the state board of railroad commissioners to intercede in behalf of securing telephone service at the depot with our local exchange. Such service will be much appreciated if secured, and our depot force is so accommodating that they will gladly impart any information desired.

In Judge Barnes court last Friday, Dr. J. B. Hungate sued Josephine West for services rendered John West, a minor son, to the amount of \$75. Attorney C. E. Tefft represented Doctor Hungate and Attorney Matthey Gering represented Mrs. West. Judge Barnes rendered a judgment for the full amount claimed. The case will probably be appealed to the district court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Corley provided a splendid turkey dinner new year's day, and those who partook of the sumptuous repast were Mrs. J. K. Keltley of Syracuse, Mrs. Emma Kharas and two children of Omaha, Mrs. Elmer Worman, G. H. Olive and family, Mrs. E. V. Diefenbaugh, George Corley and Misses Anna Hubbard and Ethel Leyda. The afternoon was an enjoyable one, filled with musical selections and visiting.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain in the Plattsmouth postoffice uncalled for on this (January 10, 1910,) date, uncalled for, and unless called for within a reasonable length of time, they will be sent to the Dead Letter office at Washington. In calling for same please say "advertised:" Miss Helen Bye, Mrs. L. E. Bye, Miss Pearl Bye, Grace Boardman, Mrs. Walt Caldwell, Mrs. Albert Hospital, Olive Limback, Mrs. Oscar Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilcox, L. E. Bye, Novi Eurico, E. O. Hedvan, C. C. Harvey, W. H. Hook, Albert Hospital, W. W. Jessup, Lester Mason, Chas. Neal, J. J. Naughton, Wm. Oneal, W. Oneal, Wm. M. Tucker.

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