

president might name as best fitted, in his opinion, to carry out those policies. In plain English, for Secretary Taft.

Mr. Hitchcock made his trip. He corralled delegates—that is, set up the pins. He openly declared he wanted delegates for the president. He found his work easy. All the south, not the officeholders alone, but pretty much everyone, is enthusiastic over the president. Mr. Hitchcock said little or nothing about Taft. He talked Roosevelt. He found that name a talisman. It worked like magic. Mr. Hitchcock himself became enthusiastic. He saw that the south was afire for Roosevelt. He came to believe that the people would demand another term for the president, and that the president would be forced to yield; he believes so to this day.

So, instead of adhering strictly to his instructions, which were to boom the president's policies, Mr. Hitchcock boomed the president himself and the third term.

When the national committee met here a fortnight ago President Roosevelt was for the first time made aware of the extent to which his name had been used in the south as a candidate for another nomination. The southerners naturally supposed, from Hitchcock's talk, the president wanted another term and was working for one. It was true the president had authorized Hitchcock to speak for him, but the emissary had exceeded his instructions and the distinction between the two things made all the difference in the world. It made so much difference that the president finally decided to reiterate his declaration that he was not a candidate. He could not afford to have his sincerity and his loyalty to Taft open to the suspicion which would be natural if that sort of thing were permitted to stand.

Just after the meeting of the national committee various reports were put in circulation by friends of the president that Mr. Cortelyou had been mixing in the southern game. He was accused of undermining Taft through his influence with Hitchcock. He had been the villain of the play, the conspirator, using the president's name to get delegates on the quiet for himself. Mr. Cortelyou was not guilty. He had done a little political work in the south, or others had for him, but it was a bagatelle. The secretary of the treasury was not using the power of his office to control delegations. Besides, Hitchcock was loyal to the president and working under the president's orders. But so much uproar was made over Cortelyou's alleged pernicious political activity that the president himself spoke to the secretary about it. The stories were repeated and magnified, till last night, unable to endure it any longer, Mr. Cortelyou made a public statement in his own defense.

NAMES BY CONTRARIES

To call a day when nobody works "Labor Day" is an example of the American tendency to name things on the lucus-a-nony principle. A policy which obliges nearly every one to protect himself is called protection. Corporations which universally awaken suspicion are trusts. The most heinous of taxes is a duty, and property which may lose its value in an hour is a security. Walking delegates either sit still in bar rooms or drive about in cabs. Waists are worn on the back and shoulders. Soda water is sold in dry goods stores, and the logician may get general notions at the bargain counter.

Glasses standing on a table are tumblers.

In the naming of places this perversity is still more apparent. If a town is called Centreville, it is sure to be on the border of a state or if there is a hotel there, it will accommodate but six guests. American Indians do not come from India. A California stream which occasionally drowns a herd of cattle and washes away a railroad bridge is named Dry river. Many a low-lying town is Mount Vernon. The thriving village of Nearby is in the wilds of Mississippi. At Medicine Hat, no medicine is to be found and no hat. St. Louis and San Francisco, named after holy men, are admitted to be the wickedest cities in America. Kansas City is in Missouri and Iowa county nowhere near Iowa. South Bend is on a north bend of the St. Jo. river. In New York, South street is on the East river, West street is on the North river. At some points in order to reach the subway you must take an elevator. The West End of Long Branch is southeast of the village, and the latter is a mile from the short branch of the Shrewsbury, after which it is named.

Wise persons avoid country hotels bearing such names as Bellevue, Bay View, Grand View, knowing that their windows open on potato fields and graveyards. A favorite custom of early settlers was to cut down all the trees, put up a few houses in the style of a simplified beehive, and a church with a gold ball on the spire; and to their creation they would give some name suggesting sylvan beauty, such as Woodbridge or Willowbrook, though there was no water near, or Oakdale and Forest Manse because there were no trees. The capital of Pennsylvania is probably named after the friend of Mrs. Gamp. No one would be so foolish as to suppose that Pleasantville or Paradise was anything but a suburban slum. Probably the mayor of the former calls his treeless place "The Evergreens," while the parsonage surrounded by ailanthus trees is "Hemlock Villa."

Ecclesiastical bodies are also erratic in the matter of names. Of course, Presbyterian elders in these days are the youngest and most active men in the congregation. Protestant Episcopalians wish to be called American Catholics. The least formal of religious bodies is Methodist. Latter Day Saints are polygamous. In the newspaper world, the Squodunk Independent is owned by the Turnpike company, and the Palladium is edited by a coward. Likewise in politics, the chief executive is one who assumes the functions of Judge and Legislature, while those who travel about making speeches constitute the cabinet. In Chicago, luncheon is eaten after the theatre, and fashionable people in Boston dine at the New York lunch hour. In Richmond, Va., and in Natchez, necklaces worn with high-neck gowns are "opera chains." At the inland town of Seaview, knickerbockers are called "knee pants." In the south, no one throws stones; he "heaves rocks." Men who train dogs to walk on their hind legs are professors. Any one who wears gold braid and has heard a governor make a speech becomes a colonel. As a people, we dislike ostentatious language, and cover the shrinking form of truth with a veil of wrong names.—New York Evening Post.

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