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It is possible that the wily foreigners are sowing the seeds of dyspepsia in our fleet.

Mr. Dupont's presence in the republican headquarters' rooms threatens an explosion in several parts of the country.

"Of course the people rule," says Joseph G. Cannon. "And, continues 'Uncle Joe,' pointing to Nelson B. Aldrich, 'we are the people.'

It having been discovered that Mr. Rockefeller is of noble blood we begin to understand how and why he has been grand duke-ing us all these weary years.

Perhaps Mr. Hitchcock, chairman, wants Mr. Dupont, powder trust magnate, to help along with some schemes that will secure a smokeless campaign.

The fish wouldn't bite for Mr. Taft at Middle Bass Island, which fact may be a forerunner of disappointment concerning the outcome of the expected sucker vote.

Noting that a scientist says that trees can think, the Washington Herald offers proof in the shape of the weeping willow. Is the slippery elm the politician of the tree outfit?

As yet Mr. Taft has not told us what schedule he would "revise upwards." Possibly he is waiting until Treasurer Sheldon attends to some little matters, acting on a private tip.

A great many factories that closed during a panic that came under a republican administration are promising to open and run full time if another republican administration is put in power.

The republican managers are calling out all the party spellbinders, and are anxious also to secure the help of several practical men, if it can be done without attracting too much notice.

The society for the suppression of useless noises seems to have gotten in its work on the spellbinders who were wont to tell us that panics always came during democratic administrations.

Of course voluntary contributions from the people excite the risibilities of the fellows who have always been able to call on those who can, through the operation of tariff laws, levy forced contributions from the people.

"When Fifteen Banks Failed Under Cleveland it was Called a 'Panic' But When in 1907, Under a Republican Administration, Forty-Three Banks Stopped Payment They Called it a 'Holiday'"

The following dispatch was printed in the Chicago Record-Herald:

Washington, September 8.—The District of Columbia democrats serenaded the former standard bearer at his hotel. Responding to the ovation Judge Parker attacked President Roosevelt in a sensational manner in connection with the campaign contributions made to the republicans by E. H. Harriman four years ago.

"I wish I could say to you that the battle is over," said Judge Parker, "that there is nothing left for us to do but cast our ballots and prepare for the inauguration of Bryan. But it must not be forgotten that while our prospects are very good indeed, that we have a very live enemy to contend with. The republican party has the good fortune to have as its leader a man who is also the president of the United States and the most accomplished politician of modern days. We read in the newspapers that he is preparing to abandon Oyster Bay and journey to Washington about the 22d of September, that he may have his fingers upon the national pulse for the benefit of his party during the campaign. That is not to be lost sight of as a serious menace. He is resourceful—none more so.

"We have not forgotten that he was able to write a letter or two to one Harriman in 1904, and in one of the letters he suggested to Harriman that he wanted him to come down to Washington and after the campaign was over he would like to consult him about the railroad feature of his message. We have not forgotten either that he persuaded Harriman to come. What their conversation was we will never know, but as the result of the invitation to look over the message he raised \$625,000, and a half million was used in the City of New York during the two or three days preceding the election. Nor have we forgotten, my friends, that there were large contributions also in 1904, but we have learned since that there are both good and bad trusts. For myself I have never been able to ascertain where the line should be drawn to distinguish between good and bad trusts.

THE PEOPLE SEE IT

Hon. William J. Bryan, in a brief paragraph, yesterday exposed the whole effort put forth by William R. Hearst in this campaign. Asked by the reporters if he had anything to say about the Hearst speech of Labor Day in which the democratic candidate was bitterly assailed, Mr. Bryan said:

"I am fighting Mr. Taft. Mr. Taft or I will be elected. If Mr. Hearst will declare he is endeavoring to help elect Mr. Taft and Mr. Taft will endorse Mr. Hearst as a representative of republican ideas and Mr. Hearst's method of campaigning I will answer Mr. Hearst."

Mr. Hearst is endeavoring to elect Mr. Taft. That is his purpose in putting a ticket in the field. Neither Mr. Hearst nor Mr. Taft will acknowledge so disgraceful a bargain, but the people recognize it and Mr. Hearst will realize that fact fully on election day.—Buffalo (N. Y.) Times.



CALL FOR CLUB ORGANIZATION

The republican national convention voted down overwhelmingly publicity at any time of campaign contributions. The republican nominee for president is against publication until after the election. It is evident that the republican party intends to rely in this campaign, as in the past, on the favor-seeking interests with the hope of carrying the election by the methods usually employed. Public opinion is strongly against such methods. That this public sentiment may crystallize into an effective force, it is necessary for the people to organize.

All patriotic citizens, therefore, irrespective of party, who stand for the rule of the people and are against the corrupt or undue influence of money in elections, and to that end favor publicity of the larger campaign contributions

Some of the good trusts, or at least those that were not prosecuted, were liberal contributors in 1904.

"He has also an army of officeholders in the United States which he can use in this battle. Back in Cleveland and McKinley's times the number of officeholders was increased about 10,000 at an expense of \$6,000,000 a year, but under this great leader of the republicans it has been swelled 99,200 odd at an annual increase to the people of \$70,000,000.

"There is very much we must contend with on the part of the republican party and its leader, and we must bear in mind they have yet some good trusts to contribute in 1908. We must consider some of the difficulties they have. There is not an insurance company in New York that can or dare take any of the money belonging to the policyholders and use it for campaign purposes. We have a statute in New York now enacted under the pressure of the exposures that were made sending men to jail who take money out of corporation treasuries for political purposes, and if we had secured such a law from congress prohibiting them from contributing to the election of our president and congressmen, a statute that would send people to jail for using corporation funds for political purposes then we would have a very moderate campaign fund this year.

"It has been discovered that the republican party does not necessarily fill the dinner pail. It has been discovered by business men of this country that the republican party of this country is not essential to prosperity. They have seen during the time of good crops and with millions and millions pouring into this country from the sale of our crops that it was nevertheless possible for the republican party to have one of those panics which the democratic party has been so unfortunate to have fallen heir to on more than one occasion. Out in California a man said to me that back in 1893, when Cleveland was president, that when fifteen banks failed it was called a panic, but that in 1907, when forty-three banks stopped payment, they called it a holiday."

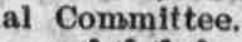
before the election, as demanded by the democratic platform, are urged to organize themselves immediately into campaign clubs for the presidential election.

All organizations in sympathy are expected to assist actively in this work. The chairman of the democratic state committee in each state is requested to have each county and precinct committeeman organize a campaign club in each precinct on or before the 15th day of September, and to call meetings immediately for that purpose. All existing organizations should meet at once and appoint campaign committees.

The names and addresses of all campaign organizations, their officers, and committeemen should be sent to John W. Tomlinson, Chairman committee on club organization, democratic national headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, so that certificates of enrollment, literature, etc., may be sent. No special form of organization or by-laws necessary.

Organize for Bryan and Kern and prosperity for all.

JOHN W. TOMLINSON, Chairman Committee Club Organization.
NORMAN E. MACK, Chairman Democratic National Committee.



IN GEORGIA

An Atlanta (Georgia) dispatch to the New York World says: "Thomas M. Blodgett, chairman of the republican state league of Georgia, which gained considerable notoriety in the struggle for the Georgia delegation to the republican national convention, has come out for Bryan and Kern. In an open letter he declares that the republican party no longer represents the principles of its founders and that the interests of the country demand the election of the democratic ticket. Blodgett denounces the steam-roller tactics at the republican national convention."