

legislature was an appropriation to pay for the troops supporting Peabody's military despotism. There was never a particle of doubt among them that it would be done without any trouble. The corporations put up the money to pay the troops and the legislature was expected to tax it out of the people. A bill was introduced to issue \$800,000 of bonds to raise the money, but the boodlers got into a quarrel among themselves the last day of the session which came near being a riot and the legislature adjourned in an uproar such as was never seen before, without passing the bill. The corporations are left with their thumbs in their mouths. But they are going to get their money all the same. New freight rates have been put in. One of them is described by the victim as follows:

The freight on the carload of machinery for the Wool River Zinc company that arrived from Denver yesterday is \$773.32. The freight weighs 58,200 pounds.

"The distance from Denver to Halley being 717 miles, the charge on this carload of mining machinery exceeds that upon private passenger cars, which is \$1 a mile, or \$717 from Denver to Halley.

The railway agent at Halley says that the rate on mining machinery from Denver—717 miles—is \$1.27 per 100 pounds in car lots. This is upon such indestructible freight as steel rails, for instance, of which there were six tons in the car referred to. Upon other machinery that was in the same car the rates run up to \$3 on 100 pounds.

The rate upon mining machinery from New York to Halley—2,215 miles—is \$1.94-1.2 per 100 pounds. From Chicago—1,344 miles—it is \$1.72.

The people of Colorado have found out, as they will sooner or later find out everywhere, that as long as the ownership of railroads are in private hands, the people will have to pay what the roads demand.

An Ohio Editor Hopeful

An Ohio democratic editor has come to the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt, at the end of his new term, will be just about as popular with his party as Grover Cleveland was with the democrats at the end of his second term. This editor also declares that if President Roosevelt's acts keep pace with his professions and promises, there is little doubt that his administration will result in not only a great revival of democracy as well. This same editor asserts that the corporation element of the republican party will dominate the next national republican convention and the radical element must either submit or get aboard the democratic bandwagon.

Of course, Mr. Roosevelt may be unpopular with his party at the end of his new term, but we fail to see where the democratic party offers a single plank that the radical element of the republican party could conscientiously endorse. We are not inclined to think that republicans would turn the guns on each other in 1908; neither is there the slightest possibility of the democratic party receiving recruits from the so-called republican scattered forces. Republicans have enough sense to fight the party of negation in every political campaign instead of quarreling among themselves.

Not Represented

It is amusing to read democratic editorials regarding the president's position towards the south. One demoterson school declares that Mr. Roosevelt school declares that Mr. Roosevelt has appointed too many southern men for various offices.

While this is undoubtedly an excellent sample of democratic logic, we call attention to the fact that the eleven states which seceded from the union and which now constitutes one-fourth of the total number of American commonwealths, not one of them is represented in the president's cabinet, so that the confederacy of forty-four years ago is without formal representation in the executive department of the government.

The Deadlock Problem

When the deadlock in the Missouri legislature was broken the republican editors rejoiced. They declared that deadlocks were a curse to any organization; they further declared that the republican party stood for any law that would practically eliminate those political curses.

We know that William Warner was elected senator after much confusion and wire pulling.

Of course our contemporaries rejoiced—wrote columns of editorials in praise of the work done by their party leaders.

Now that Delaware has failed to elect a United States senator, the republican editors keep their mouths shut—utter not a word in condemnation of the deadlock. "Gas Addicks" has failed to get himself elected—made several attempts to prevent the election of any one else to the post he so covets. As Mr. Addicks is a republican of the Hanna-Quay school it is not a wonder that he has failed to get himself elected. The people want no such man in the upper house of congress; neither would they think of considering his candidacy. It is now up to republicans to solve the deadlock problem.

More Grafters Discovered

B. S. T. Hoyt of Pittsburg has employed Attorney Russell B. Harrison of Indianapolis to lay before President Roosevelt facts calling for an investigation of the postal department's lack of action against the get-rich-quick scheme. Hoyt complained to the department against the swindle last July and claims his complaint was ignored. Others have made similar charges.

It is said that the Storey Cotton company, the Provident Investment company, Frank C. Marvin, alias Judge Franklin Stone, former Brooklyn lawyer and later society swell in Philadelphia, and Stanley Francis are implicated in a scandal to use the mails to defraud and to ruin financially other business concerns.

Stanley Francis, the chief swindler, has been arrested in Philadelphia by a postal inspector and held in \$100,000 bail by United States Commissioner Craig. Marvin is on his way to Europe.

It seems that the nation is honey-combed with graft, scandals, frauds and corruption of every kind. As these companies are guilty of defrauding the government and that Hoyt complained to the postal department regarding the existence of such a scheme, there is practically no chance whatever for the postal department to make a logical reply to Mr. Hoyt. It looks as if the postal department is permitting these nefarious schemes to exist when it ignored Hoyt's complaint.

Another Queer Appointment

Truman H. Newberry of Michigan has been appointed assistant secretary of the navy to succeed Charles H. Darling who resigned some time ago. Mr. Newberry is a son of former Congressman John Newberry, who for many years was the head of the firm of Newberry & McMillian.

In politics Mr. Newberry is a republican of the Hanna-Quay school. He was vigorously opposed to direct nominations in the recent state campaign. He is a firm believer in the republican stand-pat policy and would not under any circumstances be found in democratic company.

In the recent campaign Mr. Newberry (a millionaire) entered the congressional race for the republican nomination for congress, but was overwhelmingly defeated by Hon. Edwin Denby who now represents the first district in congress.

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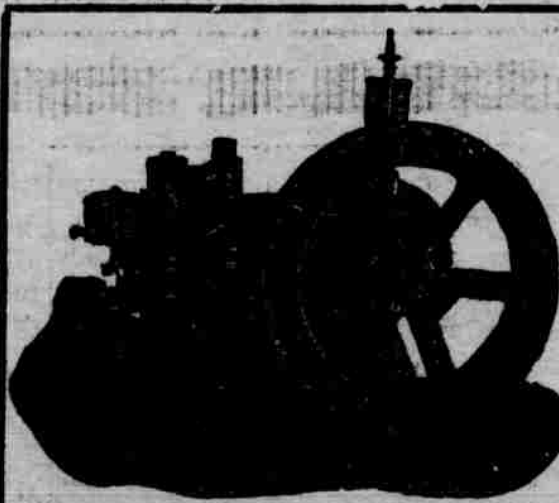
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