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President Taft is an easy mark for all the political schemers in the Republican party.

This time next year the political pot in South Carolina will be boiling at a rapid rate and the fur will be flying.

The scandal being developed among government officials is an indication of the loose way things are being run by the Republicans.

The Lorimer investigation has disclosed some rich revelations, and gives the public an idea how big business bought up the legislatures of some of the States.

Out of respect to its founder Clemson College will remain pretty much as it is during Senator Tillman's lifetime. What he says about it has great weight with the people, as it should have.

It is predicted in Washington that the passage of the Reciprocity bill will be followed by the passage of a measure reducing the duty on wool, and that Taft's veto of it will make political capital for the Democrats.

President Taft is further embarrassed by the investigations regarding the plot to retire Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert, and the negligence of Attorney General Wickert in the prosecution of Alaska land frauds.

In the Democratic symposium on presidential preferences, printed by Crit. Woodrow Wilson lead the poll, receiving over four times as many votes as all the other candidates together. Champ Clark and Gov. Harmon stood about equal.

The food poisoners of this country can find no better way of committing business suicide than by continuing to make war on men like Dr. Wiley. But we do not believe that President Taft will make such a political blunder as the removal of Wiley would be.

President Taft praises the Democrats for passing the Reciprocity Bill. That is good as far as it goes, but if the President really wants to reciprocate and show his appreciation he should help the Democrats pass the bills they may introduce in Congress to reform the tariff.

A Pennsylvania Dutchman speaks of Woodrow Wilson as "a native of 'Dixie,' beloved by the 'Yankee,' and trusted and esteemed by the cowboy of the West, a scholar, a lawyer, a professor, a college president, an upright politician, a Demagogue, already heralded as the 'safe and sane' presidential candidate."

That fourteen and a half million bale crop estimate seems to have been made by some fakir connected with the Agricultural Department at Washington in the interest of cotton speculators. It seems to us that it is about time the so-called Agricultural Department should be run for the benefit of the farmers and not against them. The fakir that made that estimate should be kicked out at once.

Capt. W. E. Gonzales, Editor of The State, was painfully injured on last Saturday by his automobile running into some wire that careless workmen had stretched across the road near Fountain Inn in Greenville County. He was taken to the hospital at Greenville and given attention, and will be out in a few days. We congratulate him on his fortunate escape. The accident, while bad enough, could have been a great deal worse.

In describing the reunion of Confederate and Federal veterans on the battlefield of Manassas, the Associated Press says the second battle of Manassas was a drawn battle. This is a mistake. Pope, the Federal commander, was disastrously defeated by Lee. The Confederates captured 9,000 prisoners, 30,000 small arms and thirty cannon. Pope and his defeated army fled to Washington in a demoralized condition, leaving behind them millions of dollars worth of stores of all kinds for the Confederates.

We tender our heartfelt sympathy to Col. E. H. Aull, of the Newberry Herald and News, as he sits in the deep black shadow of the greatest sorrow that will ever befall him in this life, the death of his accomplished and devoted wife, who passed away on last Saturday. Mrs. Aull was a most gracious and charming woman, and her death caused great sorrow to many all over South Carolina, who knew and loved her for her many noble qualities. She has gone to the beautiful home above, but the influence of her pure life will continue to uplift and help all who were touched by it while she lingered with us.

Where He Stands.

In the sense of seeking the nomination for President at the hands of the Democratic party, Speaker Champ Clark is not a candidate, but, of course, if his name is presented to the convention, as it is bound to be by his friends and admirers, and he receives the nomination, he will accept the honor, and do all he can to lead the Democratic hosts to victory. The following extract from a circular sent out by Speaker Clark to all the Democratic newspapers of the country from Washington early in July fully explains his position in regard to the nomination:

The truth is that I am not a candidate for President, have never broached the subject to any living being, and have no press bureau. Many good Democrats have been kind enough to speak of me in connection with the Presidency, for which I am grateful. It is a high compliment. The Democrats gave me the most important office that they had to give. Upon the performance of this House, will depend whether we win or lose in the next election. Therefore the highest duty that I can perform is to stay right here and do anything in my power to make a record upon which we can win. I am not going to neglect that duty to go gallivanting around the country in pursuit of another office, and at the same time I am not going to decline a nomination that has not been tendered me.

This circular, which The Times and Democrat received in common with all other Democratic newspapers in the country, puts Speaker Clark on high ground, but it is just where those who know the Speaker expected him to stand. Of course, the circular is in no sense a private communication. While it was addressed to the Editor of The Times and Democrat, it was in fact intended for all the people as the Speaker is anxious for all to know exactly his position in regard to the Democratic nomination for President. The Speaker is a warm personal friend of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and should he be nominated for President, he would have the enthusiastic support of the Great Commoner, as well as all other true blue Democrats.

Must Live at Home.

The Charleston Post, quoting from government figures, states that within a twelve-month the people of this state have sent out of the State for horses and mules \$11,550,000; for bacon, \$13,000,000; for dairy products, \$12,000,000; for flour, \$20,000,000 and for commercial foodstuffs, including hay, \$4,000,000. The Post correctly deems these statistics disheartening. But, as the Charlotte Observer points out, there is good ground for encouragement none the less.

The Observer goes on to say that "it is not at all probable that South Carolina will ever again send out as much for these particular products. The corn-club movement, the girls' tomato clubs, the excellent pig club idea which is destined to spread from Greenville county to many others are all unmistakable indications that the farmer is beginning to apply what he is learning about the advantage of making his living on his own ground instead of raising cotton enough to purchase it from the nearest store."

We think the Observer's prediction is a safe one, as our farmers are learning the important lesson that it is cheaper to live at home, and more of them are doing so now than ever before. We agree with the Observer that "there is not a single item in the above list that a farmer in either Carolina cannot raise cheaper than he can buy, provided only that he use intelligence about the raising. If all the necessary data were at hand we believe that it would be found that the entire demand in both Carolinas for the commodities listed could be satisfied with home-grown products without at all eliminating cotton from the fields."

Suicide in This Country.

The suicide rate of American cities during the year 1910 decreased to 19.7 per 100,000 against an average of 21 for 1909 and 21.8 for 1908. The highest suicide rate was in the West, San Francisco leading the list with 176 of 42.2 per 100,000. Seattle had seventy-two suicides of 30.4 for every 100,000 population. Portland, Oregon, showed 53 suicides or 25.6 for every 100,000 inhabitants. Los Angeles had ninety-nine suicides, or 31 for every 100,000 population, while Sacramento and Oakland showed fifteen and forty-eight respectively, or an average of 33.6 and 32 to every 100,000 inhabitants. Denver has sixty-eight suicides, or 31.9 to every 100,000 persons.

Strangely enough, New York's suicide rate is comparatively low, only 523 persons killing themselves in Manhattan and the Bronx, or 18.9 for every 100,000.

Gloucester, Mass., and Newport, R. I., had no suicides in 1910, and most New England cities showed a low rate of self-destruction.

It is gratifying to note that the rate in the South was lower than in any other section of the country, says the Augusta Herald, from which newspaper we copy the above. Come to think of it, why should any one in the South commit suicide.

Predicts Democratic Victory.

Congressman Victor Berger, the only Socialist in Congress, discussing politics with his party followers in Milwaukee, predicts the election of several Socialists to the next Congress. These will come from Columbus, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities with two from New York. He also said that the Democrats never had a better chance to win, and will not have to do much to do so. He thinks that if the Democrats stand for making themselves a tail to the insurgent kite

they will be defeated, but if they stand out for reciprocity and then take up the wool schedule they will win sure. The views of Mr. Berger are interesting only as showing that from an impartial standpoint, that is neither Republican or Democrat, the Democrats have the best chance in the election next year.

Power of the Farmer.

In several of his recent speeches, President Taft has addressed himself directly to the farmers of the United States. What more natural? asks Grit. As Grit says the farmers of the United States produce this country's greatest wealth. They are in a position to make Presidents. More men are engaged in agriculture in this country than in any other industry. The farmers are the backbone of the nation. They profit well when crops are good and take the brunt of hard times when crops are poor. They are thinkers. When the President addresses them they take notice. Some agree with him; others disagree. Politically or economically, the farmers of the United States cannot be driven willy-nilly as they drive their flocks. They think, and that is why the President of the United States singles them out to address more often than he does men engaged in any other occupation. In other words, the farmers of the United States wield the political balance of power in this country.

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