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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

A hunter was killed in the Maine woods the other day. That ceased long ago to be heroic.

A Chicago woman advertises herself as a "bat doctor." Must give her patrons dope on the latest styles.

A judge has held that a parlor is a proper place for courting. Evidently he never lived in a boarding house.

Elderly man facing a long term for forgery blames an artist's model for his downfall. A model excuse, anyway.

President Elliot of Harvard advises freshmen to marry early. They'll have to if they marry while they're freshmen.

A Fond du Lac judge holds that a woman may slap her mother-in-law. Sure she can, if she wants to run the chance.

One Boston girl has learned to use by auto-suggestion. This method of seeing is not recommended to poker players.

They still persist in calling Thanksgiving "Turkey day." You don't hear anybody calling Christmas "Goose day," do you?

A New York prisoner explained that he gets thirsty every time the moon changes, which is as good an excuse as most men give.

A noted German editor is coming over here to learn all about American newspapers. He'll have a long time to spend in studying.

Official returns show that 40,000 Corsets have been shipped from London to New York. That Corset must have worked day and night.

An Englishman has developed a stingless honeybee that is a better worker than the bee that stings. Hurry with the kickless mule.

One may openly confess an unwholesome curiosity as to what the woman conductors of Philadelphia will say when the trolley slips off the wire.

A designer says that \$3.48 is enough for a dress for a young girl. It may be enough for the dress, but it wouldn't convince the wearer.

A Philadelphia woman has been declared insane because she "talks incessantly." But how does this distinguish her from the normal?

A Chicago waiter has been arrested charged with hanging about cemeteries and attempting to flirt with the women and girls. A grave offense.

A woman has sued her husband for divorce because he insisted on playing checkers all the time. Couldn't stand his checkered career, evidently.

"A spade is not an implement of wealth," remarks a Pennsylvania labor leader. Still, money, the root of evil, can only be obtained by digging.

A Washington cow ate a bunch of dynamite and then laid down and died. Had she survived her meal, she'd probably have given nitroglycerin.

Have you ever noticed how nice looking and intelligent the women are who have taken to wearing sensible heels on their shoes? Of course you have!

A Gothamite frightened his wife so badly with toy pistol that she beat him up and had him arrested. Perhaps she was afraid he didn't know it was loaded.

Medicine is now placed in candy for the benefit of the little ones. In days gone by the youngster had a choice of standing for his castor oil or a thrashing.

A baby in Los Angeles ate a draft for \$300. Health experts will be pleased, though probably puzzled, to learn that the baby survived this unwholesome rich diet.

An English duke who is in his ninety-second year hurt himself lately by falling from his car. These sportsmen are still giving the laugh to the Darwin theory.

It is a well known fact that those who are in the habit of eating raw onions are in the habit of being in the habit of eating raw onions.

VOTE DOWN THE TAX DODGERS.

Not long ago a couple living in a small county in the northern part of Illinois visited Springfield to get requisition papers for a man who had burglarized their home and who had been arrested in New York. It was charged that the thief had taken \$11,000 worth of diamonds belonging to the couple.

Some one in the state house, just for amusement, looked up the records and found that \$11,000 was several hundred dollars above the sworn cash value of all diamonds and jewelry reported for that whole county the year before. Were these people who wanted the requisition papers acting on the principle that it takes a thief to catch a thief?

The voters of Illinois have it in their power to regulate this ridiculous state of affairs. The tax system of Illinois is sadly run down and entirely out of date. The non-partisan commission appointed two or three years ago to make a complete investigation reported that the state should feel disgraced that it was required to work under such a worn out system. The commission recommended some wise changes but the legislature refused to listen to the advice and did nothing.

Now the question is up to the people again. To every voter who enters the booth next Tuesday will be given a slip of paper containing three questions of public policy. The first one is whether the next legislature shall frame an amendment to the state constitution allowing a change to be made in the system of taxation. By marking a cross in the blank space opposite "yes" on this proposition the voter will signify to the lawmakers that he is tired of this miserable sub-

terfuge and that he believes in making taxation just and equitable.

Illinois is far behind states of her class. With more than 61 per cent of the population of New York she raises less than 32 per cent of New York's revenues. Illinois has more than 73 per cent of Pennsylvania's population but raises only 41 per cent as much money. Massachusetts with less population gets more money to carry on the state work.

A vote for an amendment to the constitution next Tuesday means a vote to abolish such a condition as that related in the first paragraph. Property will be passed around in far more even quantities if tax dodgers are voted down.

A GENUINE SERVICE.

"I believe," says an old subscriber, "that every time The Youth's Companion enters a home it does that home a genuine service." That describes the purpose of the publishers exactly. The paper is not filled with mischievous or idle thoughts to fill an idle hour. It provides healthy pastime, recreation that builds up. It is to the minds of eager and impressionable young people what sound athletics are to their bodies.

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These Fish Build Nests.

The Paradise fish, which incidentally is clothed in the prison garment of black and white stripes, and the Indian fighting fish are nest builders. They build nests among the mosses and grasses for their eggs. The male fishes of these species take charge of the babies, and the females have nothing to do with their babies.

Tag, Rag and Bobtail.

From tagg or tag—a doe in the second year of her age; rag, a herd of deer at rutting time; bobtail, a fawn just after it has been weaned, and the phrase means an indiscriminate collection of sheep or deer.

Small Chance for Him.

A Brooklyn man's wife has eighteen rocking chairs. There's one man who doesn't dare to sneak into the house late at night.

Congressman Ira C. Copley of Aurora, Illinois

CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1912

HIS PLATFORM.

I believe in public regulation and control, by properly constituted authorities, of all public service corporations—railway, traction, telegraph, telephone, electric light, gas and all others. I believe that the public is entitled to know that it gets a fair standard of service, and at a fair price, and that the corporation makes a fair business profit. I feel that the PUBLIC IS ALSO ENTITLED TO ASSURANCE THAT ITS LIFE, HEALTH AND PROPERTY ARE SAFE GUARDED IN THE UTMOST UTILITY. I believe that the public and employees of the company are entitled to know that every possible safeguard is thrown about the life and health of the employes. I believe in a fair working out of Employer's Liability.

I believe in putting the burden of TAXATION ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAN BEST AFFORD TO BEAR IT, and who get the most benefit from the stability which this government of ours affords to income and capital. I believe in an Income Tax exempting moderate incomes, and one in which the ratio of taxation—when the income is enjoyed by a private individual—increases as the income itself increases in size. I believe in an inheritance Tax exempting moderate inheritances, but one in which the ratio of taxation increases as the size of the inheritance itself increases.

Republican Nominee at the April Primaries by a Majority of 6,900



Progressives Have Since Endorsed Him as Their Candidate

HIS PLATFORM.

I believe in the conservation of all the national and state resources for the benefit of all the people.

I BELIEVE IN PROTECTION, BUT I BELIEVE IN PROTECTION THAT REDUCES, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE COST OF THE NECESSARY ARTICLES THAT ARE CONSUMED BY THE POOR PEOPLE AND, IF ADDITIONAL REVENUE IS TO BE RAISED FROM THIS SOURCE, THAT THE TAX ON THE LUXURIES AT ARE ENJOYED BY THE RICHER PEOPLE BE MADE TO STAND SUCH INCREASES, as far as possible. I believe in the principle advocated by President Taft when he caused the present Tariff Commission to be established. After this body has had an opportunity to gather its facts, his country, for the first time, will be able to approach tariff legislation from a fair and scientific standpoint and, for the first time, the schedules will be framed in the interest of the ultimate consumer, as well as in the interest of the producers. Heretofore no one has ever been heard on a tariff schedule excepting the producer.

To sum up my platform in one sentence, I AM A "PROGRESSIVE" REPUBLICAN AND BELIEVE IN THE POLICIES OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, NAMELY, "A SQUARE DEAL FOR EVERYBODY."

To Voters of the Eleventh Congressional District:

I have been twice nominated and once elected by you on the above platform and I am again a candidate for your suffrage without a single change of principle.

I call your attention to the fact, that every plank of my platform promulgated four years ago as an epitome of my progressive Republican principles, is now embodied in the platform of the new Progressive Party, of which Theodore Roosevelt is nominee for president.

The primary vote of this district and the primary vote of this whole country, wherever primaries were held, bears witness to the fact that Theodore Roosevelt was the nominee of the Republican voters for president and the principles advocated by Theodore Roosevelt are the principles of a great majority of the voters of this country. As a delegate to the Republican convention in Chicago it is my judgment that the will of the people was overridden and the nomination of Mr. Taft by the convention was accomplished by delegates illegally seated.

I am enthusiastically supporting Theodore Roosevelt for president and if I am returned to congress will advocate and support the principles enunciated in his platform. The voters of this district know exactly where I stand and I submit my cause to them in the November election.

Ira C. Copley

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