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Election of United States Senators by Popular Vote or by a Near Approach to This System—La Follette's Idea and Result of Their First Trial.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE.

many states party conventions have recently declared in favor of amendment of the constitution so as to permit of election of senators by popular vote. In the absence of constitutional authorization for such a method of election at the present time the party organizations in a number of states have adopted a plan which provides the nearest approach to popular election of senators that can be obtained without a change in the constitution.

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from various states during the progress of the political campaign this fall indicate that systems for giving the voters a greater share in the nomination of party candidates and especially in the choice of members of the United States senate are coming strongly into favor. In many states party conventions have recently declared in favor of amendment of the constitution so as to permit of election of senators by popular vote. In the absence of constitutional authorization for such a method of election at the present time the party organizations in a number of states have adopted a plan which provides the nearest approach to popular election of senators that can be obtained without a change in the constitution.

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Anatomy of an Oyster.

To discover the heart of an oyster the fold of flesh which oystermen call the "mantle" must be removed. This is fatal to the oyster, of course, but in the interest of science and for the benefit of the "curious" it is occasionally done. When the mantle has been removed the heart, shaped like a crescent or horned moon, is laid to the view. The oyster's heart is made up of two parts, just like that of a human being, one of which receives the blood from the gills, and the other drives it out through the arteries. The liver is found in the immediate vicinity of the heart and stomach and is a queer shaped little organ, which is supposed to perform all the functions of a blood filter. Every oyster has a mouth, a heart, a liver, a stomach and other necessary internal organs, including a set of cunningly devised intestines. The mouth is at the small end of the oyster's body, near the hinge of the shell. It is oval in shape, and, though not readily discovered by an unpracticed eye, it may be easily located by gently pushing a blunt bodkin or similar instrument along the folds of the surface of the body at the place mentioned. Connected with the mouth is the canal which the oyster uses in conveying food to the stomach, from whence it passes into the curious little set of netted and twisted intestines referred to.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Has the Wasp Affection?

A colony of wasps made a nest in the dark room of a studio last summer. At first the party who used the room did not relish their company, but for certain reasons he did not molest them. He paid no attention to the little buzzers, and they came and went at their own sweet will. After a time he began to study them and soon came to the conclusion that they were gradually becoming acquainted with him, his ways and his dark room. One day a stranger was seated on the window sill. The first wasp entering the room paid no attention to him, but made for the old crack in the wall. Then out came a big fat fellow who darted through the open window like a bullet. Within five minutes half a dozen wasps came with a rush at the stranger and two of them located him. But the writer has never been touched by his wasp colony.—Outing Magazine.

Raters, Sailabouts and Larks.

What is a rater, a sailabout, a lark, is a question commonly heard among those not familiar with yachts and technical racing terms. A rater is thirty-eight feet long and carries the double sails—sloop rig and jib. The half rater is thirty-two feet long, carries the same style sails as the rater and usually gets a five minute handicap in rater races. The sailabout carries a single large sail and is built on graceful lines, with rounded sides and ends, while the lark has square sides and ends and carries the single sail. Few larks are built now. Most of the yachts recently built have the double centerboard. The centerboard prevents drifting sidewise, and the single board is often entirely out of water during heavy winds; hence the use of the double board.

Ceylon Sharks.

Sharks infest the waters of Ceylon, and the pearl divers of that region are in deadly fear of these wolves of the deep. The divers are mostly Tamils and Moormen and display marvelous endurance and pluck. To protect themselves against the ever present danger to which the presence of the sharks exposes them the divers carry charms given them by recognized "shark binders" who receive a small government fee and a dozen oysters a day from each boat. Owing to the constant noise and splashing, the sharks are generally kept at a distance, and accidents are rare.

Famous King Og.

Og, the famous king of Bashan, mentioned in Deuteronomy, had a bedstead nine cubits long, or about sixteen and a half feet. It is doubtful whether Og himself was of the full length of his bedstead. Many bones of reputed giants have been found in different countries of the world, and uninformed people hastily concluded that the men to whom these bones were supposed to have belonged must have been from fifteen to thirty feet in height. All such remains have been proved to be those of the gigantic animals existing in a former era of the world's history.

The Study of Poetry.

Never before was there so much study of poetry and the drama. This is due to the modern extension of education and to the spread of reading matter among the masses. Poetry is not the fashion of an hour; it is an eternal need of the soul—a need that increases with the increase of intellectual light.—Edward Markham in Success Magazine.

Judicial Wit.

"Her Christian name is Handel," explained a witness at West Ham, "but she didn't like it and took up Annie instead."

"Most people," observed the magistrate, "prefer a handle to their names."

Which, considered judicially, would appear a brilliant sally.—London Tribune.

Facial.

"Don't you think her face rather too thin?"

"Well, I don't know. I can't see any place where it's worn through. Can you?"—Puck.

Facial.

The river Orinoco has more tributaries than any other river. The total number is put at 2,500, including 436 large streams.

Petroleum.

The first mention of petroleum in America was made by Father De la Roche d'Allen, a Franciscan, in 1629. It may be a surprise to many people to know that both the product itself and the names petrol and petroleum were familiar at least as far back as the middle of the fourteenth century. In the Sloane manuscript (fifteenth century) mention is made both of rock oil and of the correct derivation of the name, which is mediaeval Latin and of course has nothing to do with Peter: "Petroleum, oleum est factum de petra. Gallice, petroille." ("Petroleum is an oil made from rock—in French, petroille.") The property of drawing fire had struck the imagination long before the work quoted in "Nature" was published. In 1596 Lodge used it in a metaphor: "As the clay petrol draweth fire, so the looks do gather affection." The word petrol (or petrole) disappeared from English and did not return until the days of the motor car industry, when it was reintroduced from the French in the sense of refined petroleum.

Duels With Pistols.

Discussing pistols as dueling weapons, the Paris Figaro sought the views of a man who had the reputation of an expert on the field of honor. He at once began to rail at duels with pistols. He could not bear even to speak of them. The fact was that he had once himself at an encounter of that kind received a ball in the shoulder.

"Then you disapprove of them simply because you were defeated?"

"Why, I was not defeated."

"What?"

"No; I was a second. You may well believe that I promised myself never to mix again in affairs of that sort. However, one day I had to accompany a friend on the field. He had asked it of me as a personal favor. I could not refuse. But I insisted upon one condition."

"What was that?"

"That I should climb a tree during the firing."

"A good scheme."

"You think so? Well, I was wounded again. My friend fired in the air!"

Soldiers in Battle.

"It is important to be cool and self possessed at the beginning of a fight," writes one who has commanded men in battle. "As soon as the first shot is fired men become serious and go into action with a calmness which is most impressive. High explosive shells, with their deafening noise, make the most impression on young and unseasoned soldiers, while shrapnel affects the old soldiers the most. Those who imagine that it is possible to see a heroic look on men's faces at a decisive moment are completely mistaken. Their faces are pale and have a hard look about them. The struggle which is going on within betrays itself by the nervous haste of their firing."

Mosquitoless Cities.

Over in Europe there are many happy towns where the note of the mosquito is never heard and the inhabitants don't care a snap about the pennyroyal market. But in America the cities which can claim to be mosquitoless would not run up to a dozen. Denver is one of them, and, strange to say, Grand Rapids, Mich., only a short way from the great Gohennas of Lake Superior, is another. The explanation is that the city is built on hillocks of drift sand so deep and so finely pulverized that they absorb moisture like tissue paper. Stagnant water does not get a ghost of a chance to accumulate, and mosquitoes have carried their cargo of microbes to more congenial markets.—Health Culture.

Golf and the Liver.

Golf is the greatest of all games. It is the only recreation that is at one and the same time health giving and a complete preoccupation without being unduly physically exhaustive. But I am profoundly convinced that it is far better for a man's liver that he should play a poor game than a good one. I know from personal experience that it is far better for the liver to play a really bad game. Nothing stirs up the liver like the irritation, the excitements and the paroxysms of a really bad game.—London Graphic.

The Dog and the Stick.

Professor Wilhelm Wundt, the famous German psychologist, tells of teaching a dog to jump over a stick. One day the professor commanded his dog to jump, but held out no stick. At first the dog seemed surprised, and on repeated ordering to jump he barked. At last he sprang into the air and barked very vigorously, as if to complain of the absurd and ridiculous command to jump when no stick was held out.

Man's Debasement Influence.

"This African explorer whose experiences are being published in some of the papers says parrots are delicious eating. I always thought they were very tough."

"But he refers to wild parrots. It's their association with men that makes most parrots tough."—Philadelphia Press.

Two Sides of a Word.

Miss Sharpe—I've paid this bill once, Baker—Indeed, ma'am, I'm very sorry that I didn't recollect it. Miss Sharpe—I dare say that you are sorry that you didn't recollect it, but I'll take care of that.

The Good One.

"There is but one good wife in this town," said a clergyman in the course of his sermon—the congregation looked expectant—"and every married man thinks he's got her," added the minister.

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ers decided on instructing the next legislature, should it be Republican, to send him back to the senate.

In Ohio the question was brought to the front by Representative Theodore E. Burton.

The recent Republican state convention adopted a declaration favoring nomination of candidates for state offices at the primaries. It said in respect to senatorial elections:

Until otherwise provided by law, when a United States senator is to be chosen notice shall be given to the Republicans of the state that the delegates to the state convention, in addition to making other nominations, shall indorse a candidate for United States senator so that at the primaries the Republican electors of the state in the selection of delegates to the state convention may have opportunity to express their preference as to candidates for that office.

This is not as radical a plank as was favored by Congressman Burton.

In Wisconsin the direct nomination idea was for years a pet feature of the scheme of reforms urged by Senator La Follette. As governor he advocated this plan in season and out of season, claiming that doing away with conventions, nominating party candidates for state offices and for membership in the house of representatives by direct vote

at the primaries and instructing the legislature by the same plan whom to select as senators would abolish bossism, minimize the evils of corruption interference in politics and make all elections more truly represent the voice of the people. He was a pioneer in the advocacy of this plan and fought for it for years before he could get it embodied in the statute law of the state. Curiously enough, when the plan became law and was tried for the first time in a gubernatorial canvass the result was contrary to Senator La Follette's preferences. In the primaries recently held he advocated the nomination for governor of I. L. Lenroot. The latter's chief opponent for the nomination was the present governor, James O. Davidson, and he it was who won.

