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MR. PRESTON B. SPRING,

A Talbot Independent Democrat, Scores the Poe Amendment.

The Poe amendment seems to me such an outrageous measure that I can see no reason for its passage by the Legislature except the absolute domination of that body by a corrupt and autocratic ring which cares for nothing except the perpetuation of its own power.

It was conceived in fraud; to be successful, must be carried out by fraud, and would be a constant temptation to the officers of registration to commit fraud. These conditions should condemn it to every decent citizen.

As to minor details, the fact that it makes no difference between him who can read and him who cannot shows the deception of calling it an educational qualification; and the further tact that our naturalized citizens, and their descendants, and all persons, white or black, coming of age after 1906 must have the same "understanding" as the registration officers shows that the promise which the ring is constantly making "that every white man shall have a vote" can be kept only if the said officers are ready in advance to break their oath.

As regards the effect on our negro population, it will be most unfortunate—encouraging those who, with a smattering of "book learning," do the dirty work for the politicians of either side, making enough dishonest money about election time to enable them to shirk honest work the rest of the year, posing as leaders among the credulous of their race, and forming a most dangerous element in our midst. Such worthless darkies will be persona grata to a board of registration, while the negro who owns a little piece of land, pays his taxes, works for himself and his neighboring farmer, and from whose ranks must be drawn the best workers of our farms, would be without the right brand of "understanding," though a most desirable citizen in every other respect.

It is significant that no Southern State (where the negro vote is so large) gives any such power to the registration board, and in most cases the payment of a certain small tax carries the right to registration.

To conclude, the "disfranchising amendment" is, in my judgment, nothing but an effort to perpetuate ring rule in Maryland.

Any evils in the body politic can be corrected in 1907 by a Constitutional convention.

CONSUMPTION AND ALCOHOL

A Very Potent Factor in the Distribution of the Disease.

The relationship of alcohol and consumption was discussed at the last meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, which took place in London. The belief advanced by so many famous surgeons that intemperance is an active agent in the spread of consumption has found a powerful supporter in Sir William Broadbent. He declared that deficient food, overwork, stuffy rooms and alcoholic excess were the principal factors in the progress of the disease. And then, in impressive tones, he emphasized his belief that the greatest and most potent of these was alcoholic excess

Expectoration, he continued, caused its spread more than anything. If the whole of the expectoration could be destroyed at one moment the disease would be stamped out. Spitting must be stopped by public opinion and by punishment. Wherever cases of consumption were known the authorities should be notified, and the dwellings disinfected.

In 1902, he said, the disease claimed 50,000 victims, as against 57,000 in 1892 and 67,000 in 1883. This reduction had been brought about in spite of the increase in population and the overcrowding in cities.

With his present supply of battleships Uncle Sam is not sounding the loud bellow for war, but he can butt in ahead of anybody when peace is in the game.—St. Louis Republic.

WHAT MIGHT BE.

If everyone were kind and sweet,
And every one were jolly;
If every heart with gladness beat,
And none were melancholy;
If none should murmur or complain,
And everyone should labor
In useful work, and each were fain
To help and cheer his neighbor,—
Then what a blessed world 'twould be,
For you and me, just you and me!

And if, perhaps, we both should try
That glorious time to hurry;
If you and I, just you and I,
Should smile and never worry;
If we should grow, just you and I,
Kinder and sweeter hearted,—
Perhaps in some near by-and-by
That good time might get started:
Then what a blessed world 'twould be,
For you and me, just you and me!

—THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

AN UNCOMMON ATTENTION.

Vice President Fairbanks "Subs" for the President.

President Roosevelt has solved the question of what we shall do with our vice presidents, or at least the present one. He uses him as a substitute to appear at fairs, expositions, banquets and other functions where the President is invited to make speeches. The latest task of this kind assigned to Mr. Fairbanks is to go to Portland, Oregon, and open the Lewis and Clarke Exposition with a speech on June 1.

The Westerners had been hoping that Mr. Roosevelt would be able to accept their invitation formally to open the big fair, but when the latter found he could not go he asked his substitute, the Vice President, to go. Mr. Fairbanks has just finished a "subbing' detail at the International Railway Congress He came on to Washington to take the President's place at the receptions and dinners of this gathering.

To this extent, therefore, the Vice President has been recognized by the President more than any similar official for the past 40 or 50 years. During much of the time specified there has been no vice president. Only one such official in late years has been called in consultation or considered a part of the administration, and that was Vice President Hobart, during McKinley's administration. He was consulted by President McKinley as much as a Cabinet member. He was also consulted by senators more than any other vice president. But he was never called upon to act in place of the President as Vice President Fairbanks has on numerous occasions.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Coyotes Increasing in Kansas.

Sedgwick county pays $1 for each coyote scalp that is brought to the county clerk's office at the court house. The scalp is a circular piece of skin taken from the head of the animal, with both of the ears attached. The ears must be intact or the scalp is worthless.

A strange fact is that the receipts from these scalps are increasing, showing that the animals are successfully combating the march of civilization. They are still fighting for existence, and are ever increasing their number yearly, in spite of the price on their heads.

Most of the scalps brought in are taken from the young ones that are caught in the spring during the plowing season. They are plowed up and found in old hay or straw stacks It seldom happens that an old one is caught, for they can run like a dog, and if the poor dog is so unfortunate as to catch the coyote, he won't try to catch another one soon.—The Wichita Beacon.

Fishing with Wheels.

A curious plan for catching fish is used in the River Columbia. A number of wheels are set up in the middle of the stream, which as they turn round catch up the fish and cast them into troughs by the river banks. As much as five tons weight of fish a day has thus been taken.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

COST OF COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Figures, as Given by Ralph D. Paine, Are Stupendous.

In order to place eleven young men of Yale in the field against Princeton and Harvard last autumn $26,996.06 was spent, or more than two thousand dollars a head. To fit eight youths to row against Harvard, a test of twenty minutes, cost Yale $16,626.85, or two thousand dollars a head, not counting the coxswain. This is boat-racing at a cost of the best part of a thousand dollars a minute.

The football men were equipped with the greatest possible care. Their shoes alone cost $1189, a bill for foot-gear which would indicate to the rank outsider that a team of centipedes were in training. Uniforms and the armor of the foot ball warrior cost $3,735.52, or nearly a hundred dollars for each of the squad. Hotel bills and meals away from the training table cost the Yale treasury $5,360.42. Carriage hire involved an outlay of $794. The baseball squad required $2,378.13 worth of merchandise and sporting goods, or about one hundred dollars' worth of uniforms and shoes per man.

Twenty years ago Yale football cost $2,792.36, and there were great elevens even in those days. Today this would not pay for uniforms and other wearing gear.—Outing.

In the Machinery Building at the Lewis and Clark Fair a spool of wire about the size of an ordinary spool of thread has attracted considerable attention because of the legend on the card beneath it. This states that the wire is one-thousandth of an inch thick, one-third the thickness of human hair, and that a pound of such wire would be 64 miles long. A pound of the wire is worth $40.

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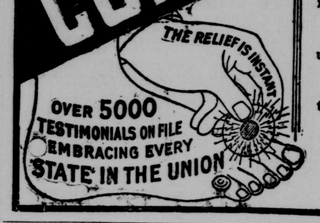
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