...ECEIVE STATE CHAIRMAN

At a meeting of the State Committee of the National Progressive Party in New York, last week Friday, Hon. Theodore Douglas Robinson, of Herkimer, was chosen Chairman of the State Committee to succeed Judge W. H. Hotchkiss, who resigned.

Judge Hotchkiss' remarkable record of achievement in organizing the Progressive party of New York as he did during the late campaign is one showing such exceptional ability that it is a matter of regret to all members of the party that he feels business requires him to lay down the work he has so splendidly inaugurated. But with that regret every Progressive in this part of the state feels a profound sense of satisfaction that the chairmanship, when given up by Judge Hotchkiss, may be awarded to such an able successor as Mr. Robinson.

As an organizer Mr. Robinson has already demonstrated his ability in his home county where he was able to unseat the powerful Republican machine and win a clean-cut victory in a district perhaps more thoroughly boss-ridden than any other in central New York. Of the fighting Roosevelt blood it is noteworthy that the suggestion of his candidacy for the chairmanship did not come from his distinguished relative but that Col. Roosevelt had it urged to approve the suggestion. The Colonel at first opposed it, not from any fear of Mr. Robinson's ability, but for fear that the cry of "Nepotism" might be raised. It is only when he became convinced that the sentiment in favor of Mr. Robinson's accession to the chairmanship was based on Mr. Robinson's own personality and achievements that he came to approve his candidacy.

Mr. Robinson has behind him the endorsement and approval of Chairman Hotchkiss, Ex-Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff of Kings, Chairman Bonheur, of New York County, Virgil Kellogg of Jefferson, Chauncey Hamlin of Buffalo, and scores of other Progressive leaders from every part of the state. If he is chosen Chairman at the meeting in New York tomorrow, the selection will give to the party a game fighter as its leader and one of the cleanest as well as one of the most acute politicians of the younger generation in the state.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

"Trimming the church" used to be a joyous and jolly proposition. Wherever evergreens of any kind were handy, the young people would range the woods for miles around. The jolly laughter of the pickers would resound under the cathedral aisles of the forest. The crisp air of December stimulated merriment, and no one thought it was work.

Then after the evergreen had been gathered into the vestry, jolly times the young people would have tying the wreaths and knotting rope. No one ever called that work either.

In the city to-day, the regulation Christmas greens have mostly been bought at florists', with good money from widows' mite boxes.

Many churches may still be able to get volunteer workers to climb the ladders. But in many others, it has all gone over to the care of professionals. All this costs money, and is simply one of the innumerable changes in habits and manners that largely account for the modern cost of living.

Furthermore, what has become of that old spirit of devotion with which the fathers and mothers used to rise early and toil late to promote the welfare of a beloved church organization?

The grandfather would attend church three times a Sunday, teach Sunday School classes on turbulent boys, spend several hours a week in prayer meetings, sing hymns, and give his wholehearted support to the salaries of the minister, the sexton, the janitor, and the choir. The grandmother would be busy on the church sewing circle, and would be followed with her husband and family in the church pew. Now, the grandfather and grandmother are dead, and their children, who can well afford to do all that their parents did, are born tired, carrying with them a curse from both races, and big best gifts of neither.

An expert on the breeding of cattle was once asked the question as to why it is that mongrel animals are not valued among breeders of fancy stock. He gave this significant reply:

That when there is a union of two very diverse stocks, the progeny seems to lose all the good traits acquired in the recent history of each race, and to retain only those traits common to both races in their original infancy.

Take the breeding of two dogs of widely different stocks, he said, and the offspring will retain only the qualities held by the common ancestor, the wolf. The mongrel dog thus inherits a wolfish nature, and cannot usually be kept from killing sheep.

The first progeny from the crossing of two different strains often retains some striking repetition of good qualities of the immediate ancestor, continue this expert. Afterward these qualities rapidly disappear, and the breed sinks into the ordinary mongrel, subject to the kicks and curses of all men.

According to students of eugenics, the same principles govern the union of two such widely separated races as the Caucasian and the negro. The negro will advance, just as all other races have advanced, only by an evolution of his own good qualities. Every contact with the looser section of the white race but tends to destroy what has already been painfully built up.

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One of the reasons why advertising has enlarged so much during recent years is that alert sellers of merchandise realize that a business to succeed must carry an atmosphere of success about it.

The man who walks up to a business office in soiled clothes, with his face unshorn and his boots dirty, may have good qualifications for the job for which he asks. But the chances are that he gets turned down simply on his appearance. He looks as if he had been a failure in what he had previously undertaken. This may seem a superficial way for an employer of labor to judge of an applicant. But he simply has to judge of a man's true nature by such exterior signs as he can detect and usually these tell the story correctly i.

The public judges of a merchant's character, of his enterprise and reliability, by similar exterior signs. First and foremost they consider his disposition to tell about his goods by advertising.

They feel that the man who does not advertise is not in the game, if indeed they think of him at all. They think that he does not have the enterprise to keep up with the ordinary methods by which a merchant serves the public efficiently.

They question too, whether his goods are of such standard character that he can afford to guarantee their quality and good value through the publicity of advertising. It looks too, as if they were being sold at prices that could not be made attractive to the buyer if publicly described.

A good sized advertisement, big enough to look as if the firm were on the map and in the game, has just the effect on a business that is given to a man wearing good clothes and presenting a brisk, alert and wide awake manner. It indicates prosperity, and suggests that a merchant has a record of having given satisfaction to the public.

THE "DE LUXE" BOOK FRAUDS

Books are supposed to stand for truth, enlightenment, the clear vision, for science, knowledge, and ideals. Actually, however, there is no department of business in which there are more fakes and shams. Even if the frauds charged against the "De Luxe" agents amount to $15,000,000, as is claimed, they are but a culmination of methods that have been proceeding for years.

To the philosophic mind, it seems somewhat upsetting that the golden words of a great writer has said, the things that are going to live while centuries drop into the waste basket, are on sale at any bookstore for a dollar. But when cunning manipulators of leather and ink get to work, and surround this golden truth with such rays as crushed levant and hand tooling, appealing to the eye rather than the mind, the dollar book presto sells for a hundred or a thousand.

The funny thing about it is that wealthy people often think they acquire a reputation for being literary in buying these typographical toys. A book collector once remarked to a famous book binder, that a certain volume he had paid a fancy price for did not shut up properly.

"Gracious, man," replied the artist, "you don't mean to say you've been reading it?"

Selling fancy books to wealthy people has been one of the easiest grafts in the whole game of the underworld, for the reason that not one man in a million is any judge of the delicate craftsmanship involved in fine book binding. A New York woman brought suit some time before the recent exposure, and charged that she had paid $6,000 for a set of Roosevelt's works, in which the actual book work was not worth over $1,500. She asserted that the book makers had bought handsome but well known editions of these works, cut up the volumes, put on new covers, title pages, and showy illustrations, and sold them at a 400 per cent. profit.

The lesson for the ordinary man is When you want a book go to the nearest bookstore and pay the market price. Don't let them soak you as a double or a triple fold price to pay for the time of the man who goes around persuading people to buy things that they don't want.

MIXED RACES

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[illegible] and his voice was inaudible. I explained to him that I wanted to do and he said he could manage it, so I promptly engaged him, and the following afternoon found me again at the mansion. Here, in spite of almost insurmountable difficulties, I secured several good photographs. No sooner had I taken my camera out of its case than I was literally hemmed in by a crowd of curious people, and before the photograph could be taken these had to be kept back and the traffic stopped on either side of the subject being photographed. The difficulties involved may possibly be imagined, certainly not described. Once a native policeman came to my aid, thrashing right and left with a rope end. The ubiquitous small boy, who wears nothing but an abbreviated cotton gown, went off howling. When the photograph had been taken, everybody wanted baksheesh, and my dragoman had to fight off all those not entitled to a fee. I was glad to pay the men who frequently volunteered to keep the crowds back.—Christian Herald.

Just For a Change.

The great celebrity was seriously ill, and the attending physicians had diagnosed his case as appendicitis. They so informed him.

"Very well," he replied calmly. "I have only one request to make. I presume an operation is inevitable?"

"It is," they told him.

"That being so," the greatman went on, in the same calm manner, "please arrange to operate on me from below. It is my desire, when the time comes to operate, that I be rigged up securely in some hammock-like arrangement and that the surgeons work upon me as I swing suspended over their heads."

"His mind is wandering," whispered the attendants.

"Not so," corrected the patient, "not at all. I wish merely to give the newspapers a chance to say something else than that I am 'under the knife.'"—Brooklyn Times.

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VARS has commenced to handle Oysters, and you all know that means

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Cannon's Christmas Bargains

A store full of Appropriate Gift Things for every member of the family, and offered at prices that will make the Christmas giving doubly pleasing.

BUY HER A FUR

New pieces—Muff, Shawls and Sets in all the latest skins and shapes. Black Coney Sets, $2.75.
Black Opposum Muffs $2.95.
Hudson Lynx and Fox in new shapes.
Childrens' Sets, $1.00 and up.
Misses Sets, $2.00 and up.

COATS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SALE

Several new and distinct styles in Ladies' Coats, bought at price concessions which means a considerable saving to you. $12.50 buys a beautiful coat that formerly we should get $18 for. $15 for $20 coats. $10 for $15 coats.

Childrens' Coats marked at lower prices for Christmas selling Baby Coats $1.49 and up. Childs and Misses Coats $2 and up.

This seasons styles are sensible, and if you've an idea of getting a coat for a lady or child, drop in and see what we have to offer.

UMBRELLAS ALWAYS WELCOME

Everybody likes a new umbrella. Christmas Umbrellas for men $1, $1.50 and up to $5.00.
Ladies' Umbrellas—Christmas styles—$1, $1.50 and up to $3.

MESSALINE PETTICOATS

All the right colors, plain and changeable. Just see what $1.95 buys.

HOLIDAY BAGS

Spendid, assortment, stunning styles. $1 buys a beauty, others up to $2.50. Girl's Bags 25c to 50c.

NEW NECKWEAR

Gorgeous styles and hardly two alike—must be seen to be appreciated. Every lady would like one or two from this assortment, 25, 50 and 75c.

LADIES SHOES

A new lot of late-season styles. A Patent Leather or Gun Metal at $2.
An unusual assortment at $3.

CHRISTMAS GLOVES

Gloves for everybody! Golf Knit Gloves for men, women and children all colors 25 and 50c. Women's Kid Gloves, in glace, heavy cape and Mocha $1, $1.25 and $1.50, all colors.
Mens' Kid Gloves $1, $1.25 and $1.50.

MENS FUR CAPS

To encourage early buying we wll make a reduction of $1 on every Fur cap for a few days only.

THIS IS SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

Only ten more Shopping Days

THE STORE WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

A. M. BURROWS' SONS

Rust Craft Novelties

This store is brim full of suggestions for Christmas. Never before in its history has it gathered together such a stock of Christmas Merchandise. This means you have an endless assortment of gifts to choose from at prices which cannot help but make your Christmas shopping a pleasure. Why choose the troublous gift when it gives so much more pleasure to both giver and recipient to have the Christmas package contain something dainty and practical. Below we offer a few suggestions which may aid you in Christmas shopping.

Dresses

It would be difficult to find more charming Gowns than here. The workmanship is of the best; the shades of tan, blue and brown, most pleasing. Materials are Messaline and Serge, Price $7.00—$10.00.

If you cannot be sure of pleasing with a ready made Gown, you have a splendid assortment of Dress Goods to select from. Taffeta Silk, serviceable and beautiful in shades of tan, maroon, navy and white, per yard, 75 cents to $1.00.

Serges and Cashmiers in tan, wine, navy, brown and black, 50c to $1.25.

Silks in newest stripes. 50c to $1.00.

Plain Messaline for the party Gowns in latest shades, 75c.

Petticoats Make Pleasing Gifts

Silk Charmeuse Petticoats, accordian pleated flounce, in solid and changeable colors, $1.95, $2.50, $3.00, $4.00.

Practical Petticoats in black, with self-adjusting top. Kloesit. $1.00, $1.25.

Empire style long Kimonas, new dainty colors, $2.50.

Furs

Our Furs are critically selected and marked at prices consistent only with their high standard. Sets $4.00 to $20.00. Muffs, $1.75 to $9.00.
Women's Fur Coats, Pony skin, excellent value.
Men's Fur Coats, $22.00—$28.00.
Men's Fur Caps, $2.50—$3.00.

Gift Gloves

English Walking Gloves for women, all shades of tan, $1.00.
Reindeer Gloves, for women, grey, black, chamois, 50c.
Kid Gloves for evening wear, white, $1.90,—$2.00.
Kid Gloves for street wear, $1.00—$1.50.
Street Gloves for men, all shades of tan, $1.00 and $1.50.

Christmas Neckwear

New Robspiere Collars, some trimmed with velvet, others with shadow lace. 25c—50c.
Swiss embroidered Jabots—3 tab style, 25c—50c.
Crepe-de-chine and Chiffon Scarfs, 25c to $2.50.
Dainty Bows in every shade. 25c.

Put Your Name Down for a Cloth-Craft Suit or Overcoat

Don't forget yourself when you make up your list of Christmas purchases. You owe yourself a present. Why not make sure of getting something you want by treating yourself to a CLOTH CRAFT Suit or Overcoat.

Cloth Craft Clothes with a binding guarantee of pure wool, lasting shape and service, cost you only $20 to $25.—No more than take-a-chance clothes. They're made right, fit right, look right and STAY RIGHT.

REGAL SHOES do their own talking. You know what they are. So does every body. Many different styles to be found in our stock. $4.00, $4.50.

Men's Furnishings

For a Christmas gift to a man, there is nothing more useful or appropriate than a BATH ROBE, HOUSE ROBE or SMOKING JACKET. We have some beautiful ones and you had better come early if you want to get the pick of the assortment.

Men's fine Silk Suspenders with stitched leather ends. Each pair in fancy boxes, 25 and 50 cents.

Men's Garter Sets, put up in fancy boxes, 25 cents.

Men's fine Silk Knitted Four-in-hand Ties, accordian, plain colors or striped, 50 cents.

Children's Silk Four-in-hand Ties, narrow, reversible or open ends, 25 and 50 cents.

Men's Negligee Shirts, made of fine quality madras, with attached cuffs, neat patterns, $1.00 and $1.50.

Men's Slippers, felt and leather, 85 cents to $1.25.

Men's Flannel Shirts in stripes and plain colors, $1.00 to $2.00.

Men's Fine Madras Pajamas, all made of fine quality woven madras, trimmed with silk fringe. Price $3.00 and $3.50.

Men's Silk Hose in different colors with silk Tie to match; put up in fancy box, 50 cents.

Christmas Novelties

Bring Mesh Bags, 50c.
Combs, 50c.
Sets in all colors, 25c—50c.
Barrettes, Belt Pins, Hair Bands, Barrettes, Back and Side Combs in tortoise, amber and grey, 25c to $1.00.

Hankerchiefs Make Splendid Gifts

Children's plain white Handkerchiefs with neat colored borders, box of three, 15 cents.

Women's Pure White Irish Linen Handkerchiefs with embroidered initial, each 25 cents.

Women's Handkerchiefs with dainty embroidered sides, 15 to 25c.

Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs in a beautiful assortment of Valenciennes, Princess and Irish, each 25 cents.

Men's best quality Linen Handkerchiefs with initial, 15 to 25c.

Men's English colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, 25 to 50c.

Splendid lot of Silk Handkerchiefs, Price 25c to $1.00.

Christmas Shoes

The J. & K. Shoes. The Shoe with Style, Comfort and Wear

FOR EVENING WEAR:
Velvet, Cravanet and Patent Leather, $3.50.

FOR STREET WEAR:
Buckskin, Gun Metal and Dull Kid, $3.50—$4.00.

The "Comfy" Slipper in different colors is the indispensible bedroom slipper for winter. $1.50—$2.00.

Silk Stockings in tan, black, white 50c to $1.00.

Rugs for Christmas Gifts

It may be your custom to make the home a Christmas gift. Nothing will give more pleasure to all than a Rug. We have this year the strongest line we have ever carried.

Smith Axminster Rugs, 27 in x 52 in,	$2.25.
Smith Axminster Rugs, 36 in x 60 in,	$3.00.
Smith Axminster Rugs 36 in x 72 in,	$3.50.
Smith Axminster Rugs, 9 ft x 12 ft,	$18.00, to $20.00.
Nopperhan Tapestry Rugs, 9 ft x 12 ft,	$13.50 to $15.00.

Suit Cases

Canvas Bound Cases,	$1.00 to $3.50
Ratan Cases,	$1.25 to $3.00
Leather Cases,	$4.00 to $7.50

Hand Bags

Canvas Bound,	$1.00 to $3.00
Black Walrus,	$5.00 to $8.00
Tan and Black Leather,	$4.00 to $7.50

Gift Umbrellas

The most attractive Umbrella we have ever offered at Christmas time Men's and Women's silk and linen Umbrellas, fancy, carved, mission pearl, gold plated and removable handles. Prices ranging from $1.00 to $3.50.

Corsets

THE NEMO AND J. C. C. CORSET with these two lines we are sure to suit the most fastidiously dressed women. Price $[illegible]

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