

is not a progressive and that he is favored by Morgan and Hill, he has a right to use his influence to prevent Harmon's nomination. Mr. Bryan does not refuse to go if Woodrow Wilson or Champ Clark is the preference of the democratic voters. He thinks they represent progressive democracy. He is not dictating who shall be nominated, but reserves to himself the right to go with his hands untied, provided that Harmon gets more votes in Nebraska than either Wilson or Clark.

#### FOR TWENTY YEARS

Fairbury (Neb.) Journal: Mr. Bryan says he has been trying for twenty years to make a democrat out of Hitchcock, and considering Hitchcock's natural aristocratic tendencies and social environment, he has until recently, been very hopeful of success. This is a hard thrust at Nebraska's junior senator but a true one. Senator Hitchcock will be looking for a place to land very shortly, in our humble judgment.

#### MR. MOORE OF OHIO

Editorial in Waverly (Ohio) Democrat: The open letter addressed last week to W. J. Bryan by Ed. Moore, Harmon's Ohio manager and job-holder, is not only an insult to Mr. Bryan but also an insult to the intelligence and honesty of purpose of the millions of loyal democrats who have been sincere supporters and admirers of the great Nebraskan. This year as in 1896 and 1900, when Harmon was bolting Bryan as the democratic candidate for president, the meanest things, both in words and acts, against Bryan and other real democratic leaders do not come from republicans, as one would expect, but from alleged democrats who have been seduced from allegiance to true democratic principles by the corrupt influences of public patronage or Wall street corporations.

Who is this man Moore that dares to impugn the motives of the loyal democracy of the state and nation? In 1908 when Harmon was first nominated for governor, he refused his support because of Harmon's reactionary tendencies and corporation connections. He was chairman of the convention in Columbus and did his very best on that occasion to defeat Harmon's nomination, loudly declaring his selection would be a mistake.

Again in 1910, after Harmon's second nomination, his attitude was the same up to ten days prior to the election and until emissaries of the governor had paid him secret visits. What mysterious influence brought about his sudden conversion? Was it the promise of appointment to the office of insurance commissioner, the office he now holds? Anyway, the appointment followed, and what is more reprehensible the salary was increased from four thousand to six thousand dollars, the increase coming through the efforts of Governor Harmon. There was nothing to warrant this fifty per cent increase. No one claims that Moore was better qualified for the duties of the office than either Judge Lemert or Vorys, his two immediate predecessors. Furthermore, his predecessors gave their full time and attention to the office, while Moore is giving his full time and attention to the management of Harmon's presidential boom and to villifying true-blue democrats. When Vorys became a Taft manager four years ago he had the decency to resign, and had he attempted to remain no one doubts that the then republican governor would have summarily removed him. But not Moore, and not Harmon. Every official salary and every official's energies are diverted from public duties and bent to the advancement of the presi-

dential aspirations of Governor Harmon. Men holding positions under his administrations are told to get out and "get busy" or look for another job. It is a disgraceful condition that has had no counter-part in Ohio except in the days of Mark Hanna.

How long will the democrats of Ohio stand for the subversion of a public trust? The presidential preference primary to be held May 21, will give them the opportunity to express themselves. This primary will show to the democrats of other states whether or not the democrats of Ohio are true to the principles of the democratic party or devotees at the shrine of Harmon and corporation interests.

#### FORMAL PROTEST

Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer: Columbus, Ohio, April 8.—Formal protest has been made by Henry Kampf, of Piqua, former secretary of the democratic state central committee, against the abuse of the functions of the democratic state press bureau. This organization is kept up by contributions by democrats in both private and public life, and its mission is to advise democratic editors of political conditions for the general benefit of the party.

On Saturday an article was sent to it accusing Harvey C. Garber, John J. Lentz and William W. Durbin, members of the progressive element, and John R. McLean of sending out a two-column plate article in which Governor Harmon's record as a reactionary was exposed. Mr. Kampf asserts that this is false and that none of them contributed a cent toward the expense.

It was his idea alone and was suggested by the article of William J. Bryan along similar lines. It occurred to Mr. Kampf that the democrats of the rural districts should know just how Mr. Bryan felt toward the Harmon candidacy. Being a candidate for national delegate from the Seventh district, and wishing to inform the democratic voters of his position, he himself made the arrangement with a news agency in this city for furnishing the plates.

None of the persons named in the democratic press bureau circular had the slightest knowledge of his intentions, and the publication came to them as a surprise.

Mr. Kampf is one of those who raised funds for the state press bureau in Miami county, and he feels that it is an imposition upon democrats who advanced funds to have the organization used in this fashion. He charges the persons responsible for issuing the misstatement of last Saturday with putting out a deliberate untruth.

#### SIXTEEN SONS

Special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer: Washington, April 5.—Representative W. B. Francis, of Martin's Ferry, has asked the committee on invalid pensions, of which General Sherwood is chairman, to give immediate consideration to the bill which he has introduced granting a pension of \$100 a month to Mrs. Sarah Brandon, of Jacobsburg, Belmont county, Ohio.

Mrs. Brandon's case is one of the most remarkable which has come to the attention of the pension committee. Her first husband was Charles Brandon, a soldier of the Mexican war, by whom she had 22 children. Upon his death she married William Sweeney, who had 11 children, thus making their combined family consist of 33 children.

Sixteen of Mrs. Brandon's sons enlisted in various regiments, chiefly from Ohio, and one son, John Brandon, Company F, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteers, died in Andersonville prison. He was her chief support,

## To Nominate Harmon Would Mean Defeat

Ohio State Register, Joseph H. Harper, Editor: The Progressive Democratic League of Ohio at a meeting held in Columbus recently, enthusiastically adopted resolutions indorsing the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson for the democratic presidential nomination.

It is not likely, in view of this action that any other candidate now in the field for the nomination will enter the fight in Ohio to contest with Governor Harmon for the delegation from this state.

Mr. Bryan has announced that some time in April he will campaign this state against the candidacy of Governor Harmon. He has declared that he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination and that he is urging the nomination of no particular individual, but that he is unalterably opposed to the candidacy of Governor Harmon because of his political record and his business affiliations.

There is no denying the fact that the candidacy of Judson Harmon for the presidency and the action of the governor and his adherents in their efforts to obtain Ohio's delegation, threatens to split the party in Ohio wide open and make success of the state ticket at the polls this fall impossible.

The attitude of Governor Harmon and his friends in attempting to force his nomination on the party, threatens, also, a much more grave disaster—the dividing of the party in the nation and bringing about a repetition of the disaster of 1904.

It does seem that with the large number of good men in the field, either active or receptive candidates for the democratic presidential nomination, that the party is simply inviting disaster in the nomination of Governor Harmon.

Governor Harmon, in the memorable campaign of 1896, opposed the democratic party, and in the campaign of 1900, he was, if not openly opposed to it, doing nothing for the party.

In his campaign for governor he stood squarely upon a platform which declared in no unmistakable terms for the initiative and referendum. After he was elected to office by the people, in his speech before the constitutional convention he repudiates that plank. In his public utterances he has shown himself to be entirely out of harmony with the cardinal principles of democracy as expressed in national and state platforms of the party.

The democratic voters of the state should not fail to recognize that if Harmon is the nominee of the national convention either a new platform must be framed for him to stand upon or he will not—can not—be in harmony with his party.

In either event it means the alienation of a very large number of democratic voters, who will support progressive principles and progressive candidates. The people have long since learned in the severe school of experience that platforms mean nothing with candidates who oppose them, and that laws are worthless with an executive who refuses to enforce them.

and it is on account of his death that she now draws \$12 a month pension.

Mrs. Brandon is now 114 years of age, according to the authenticated records, is in feeble health and poor circumstances. She is almost helpless and requires the assistance of an attendant. Under ordinary circumstances the rule of the committee would not allow the amount asked for in the Francis bill, but as the case is remarkable appeals have been

The voters of Ohio should recognize in the presidential preference primary, if one is held on May 31st, that, gratifying as it would be to our pride, there is a far more important victory for Ohio democrats than the mere nomination of an Ohio man.

For sixteen long years, barren of success, the democratic party has been battling for principles which the nation is just now ready and anxious to adopt. Principles which the republican party is anxious to appropriate and which it will appropriate if the democrats turn back and nominate a man who has always opposed those principles, ever to the extent of deserting his party in its hour of need.

Judson Harmon is one of the big men of this nation, but he is not in sympathy with the people and not in harmony with present democratic doctrines.

Democrats, anxious to win should not be blind to the fact that no party can succeed by surrendering principle and going before the people on a platform for office only.

Judson Harmon for governor of Ohio is entirely different from Judson Harmon as the candidate for president.

His nomination would mean the antagonism of every reform force in the nation and would postpone democratic success indefinitely.

Conceding Judson Harmon's ability, democracy could never reconcile his candidacy for president with the principles fought for during the last sixteen years.

To nominate Harmon would mean that the democratic party would be in an attitude of defending itself from the attacks of the opposition and from attacks of the party voters.

There are too many good men in the field from whom a candidate can be selected to justify the taking of such a step and the party voters in Ohio should be big enough to lay aside home pride and vote for the man who best represents democratic principles because those principles will win the battle of 1912. If the democratic party makes the fatal blunder of discarding those principles either in the platform adopted, or in the candidate named, the republican party will again steal our clothing and leave us naked before the nation.

Every democrat who votes for Harmon, absolutely by that act, repudiates everything he has voted for during the last sixteen years.

No democratic voter, who has supported the party in its grand struggle forward during the last sixteen years can support Judson Harmon for the presidential nomination and be consistent.

Judson Harmon is not inconsistent. He has been either actively or quietly opposed to the party at every step of its long struggle for the people, and is opposed to its latest declaration of principles and says so. He has refused and still refuses to come with the democratic party.

Can the party go to him, maintain the respect of the voters and win a glorious victory?

Does it deserve to win under such conditions?

made for a liberal allowance in this instance. General Sherwood's committee has the matter under consideration, and while the amount of gratuity has not been fixed the bill will soon be reported and passed.

A group picture of Mrs. Brandon's 16 sons who entered the union army now hangs in the statehouse at Columbus as an exhibit representing the greatest number of soldiers from one family to enlist from any state.