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**WORK OF CONGRESS.**  
**Will React on Republicans**

**Senate Majority Surrenders to Forces of Plutocracy—La Follette's Brave Fight Ineffective—Wisconsin May Swing to the Democracy—Fairbanks True to the Trusts.**

By WILLIS J. ABBOT.  
 Perhaps it was because this has been a fighting and a singularly ill tempered congress that it closed its first session with a burst of hilarity and nonpartisan good fellowship such as has never before been witnessed in the house of representatives. There were songs, processions, wild dances on the part of distinguished statesmen, general eulogy of Spenser Cannon even from that side of the chamber which has been denouncing him as an autocrat—as, of course, he is—songs by members of the press gallery and songs in return from the floor directed toward the press gallery. One incident unparalleled in the history of congress was what might be called a battle of the pictures. A big photograph of the speaker attached to a broom was borne into the hall at the head of a procession of members of both political faiths, who joined in singing verses in his eulogy. Thereupon a militant Democrat, Hefflin of Alabama, looking upon Uncle Joe as a receptive presidential candidate, discovered a portrait of Mr. Bryan in the Democratic cloakroom, attached it to a broom and, at the head of a procession of Democrats, brought it into the chamber. A struggle ensued between the two factions, each striving to hold the portrait of its champion the higher. It was settled finally by a Republican tossing the Cannon picture into the press gallery, whence it was proudly displayed. The Democrats tried to do the same thing with the Bryan picture, but missed their aim, and it fell to the speaker's desk, narrowly missing his head. As it was heavily framed it might have led to a serious accident.

The scene must have been a curious one to people not familiar with the facility with which an American legislative body can turn from serious business to horseplay and back again. Every five or ten minutes a messenger from the senate would appear in the center aisle to announce the passage of a bill, and at the top of the speaker's gavel perfect order would be restored, only to have pandemonium break out again the moment the business was ended. The speaker seemed to enjoy it as much as any one, but asked the press associations to send out little concerning it, because, as he put it, "the boys on the floor and the boys in the press gallery understand this sort of thing, but there is the diplomatic gallery crowded with representatives of foreign legations, and what they must think of this sort of frolic stumps me."

**The Last Hours of the Senate.**  
 There was less good humor and more dignity in the senate as its session drew to a close. The attempt of Senator La Follette to defeat the currency bill by talking it to death left a good deal of bitterness at that end of the capitol. It was a gallant fight that the Republican insurgent made, and I am inclined to apprehend that some western and southwestern Democratic senators are likely to suffer among their constituents for leaving him to make it almost unaided. Beginning at 12:30 p. m., he talked continuously until after 7 o'clock the next morning, breaking thereby the record for long distance oratory. There have been other filibusters who occupied the floor for a longer space of time, but that was by aid of the device of sending long documents to the clerk's desk to be read, during which time the speaker had an opportunity to rest. It was in this way that Senator Tom Carter talked the river and harbor bill out of existence and Senator Carmack in a later congress, slaughtered the ship subsidy bill. But this year a rule was passed in prohibiting this practice, and all quotations which La Follette desired added to his speech had to be read by him. The fact that he has been for nearly two months a sick man made his performance all the more extraordinary. His only aid came from Senator Stone of Missouri and from Senator Gore of Oklahoma. The latter's speech was in no sense a filibustering device, though, delivered at the time it was, it aided the effort to talk down the currency bill. It was, in fact, one of the ablest speeches delivered in the senate this session, touching upon all present day issues of Democracy, and will make one of the best campaign documents the Democratic national committee can circulate.

It is not probable that even had the Democrats as a whole joined La Follette, Stone and Gore the bill could have been beaten. A filibuster can only be completely successful when the day of adjournment is arbitrarily fixed, as in the case of the short sessions of congress. There was absolutely nothing to prevent this congress sitting until next December unless it were the anxiety of senators to get to the Chicago convention. But a hard fight might have compelled the amendment of a radically vicious bill and perhaps the concession by the Republicans of the publicity bill, upon which the Democrats are a unit.

There was a certain pathos in the incident that terminated the filibuster. Senator Gore is blind. It had been arranged that when he ended his speech

Senator Stone should take up the fight once more. The Missouri senator had stepped out of the chamber for a few moments, and Senator Gore, not being warned and being, of course, unable to detect his absence, brought his senarika to an end. The instant he put down Aldrich sprang to his feet, secured the floor and demanded that voting begin.

**Some Possible Political Effects.**  
 The day after La Follette's defeat in this fight Washington was buzzing with speculation as to whether the bitterness which he manifested would result in his openly abandoning the Republican party. This I do not believe, although I agree with the very generally expressed opinion that the treatment of the Wisconsin senator by the other Republicans in the senate and by the vice president will go a long way toward making Wisconsin a doubtful state this year. As a presiding officer Mr. Fairbanks adopted tactics that would make the late Tom Reed and the present Joe Cannon wonder at their own moderation. The only senator on the floor whom he seemed able to see was Aldrich, and he responded to the arguments and even to the gestures of that somewhat notorious legislative agent of the trusts, monopolies and plutocratic forces with a docility that was amazing. He invented precedents and shattered old ones. Perhaps the senate never saw one of its members so thoroughly incensed as was Senator Heyburn of Idaho at the cavalier fashion in which he was treated. The remark was current that if Fairbanks should be renominated for vice president he would need to look out for the Idaho vote.

**The Chicago Contests.**  
 Secretary Dover of the Republican national committee reports that there are more than 200 contested seats for the Chicago convention. It is to be kept in mind that primarily these contests are to be settled by the present national committee, which is notoriously hostile to Taft. This committee will make up the preliminary roll of the convention, and these 200 seats may give the anti-Taft people control of its organization. In passing upon credentials politicians are peculiarly cold blooded. Questions of justice seldom enter into consideration. All the hopes of the anti-Taft people center upon these 200 seats. For my own part, I do not believe that Taft can now be beaten, and I am decidedly inclined to the opinion that the man who should beat him would have a sorrowful time in the campaign unless that man should be Roosevelt himself, and through a specially favored White House correspondent the president has put out another announcement of his purpose not to run.

**Democratic Progress.**  
 The result of the Texas, New Hampshire, West Virginia, New Mexico and Arizona conventions added sixty-two instructed delegates to the Bryan column and eight delegates from New Hampshire who are not instructed, but who are all avowed advocates of the nomination of the Nebraska. The name of no other candidate was mentioned in any of these conventions. This gives Mr. Bryan 553 absolutely instructed votes. Furthermore, out of the fourteen votes of Connecticut at least six are for him. In Florida there has been some misunderstanding not readily explainable at this distance. The vote in that state is by direct primaries and not by a convention, and it was supposed that the delegates had been chosen and all were for Bryan. But it appears that owing to some informality or irregularity in the procedure new primaries must be held in six districts. There is no expectation, however, that the reported result will be changed. Seven out of the eight Rhode Island votes are his and twelve votes from Maine. In brief, the friends of Mr. Bryan may rely today upon 596 votes to Denver, much more than a majority, enabling even should there be unexpected reverses later, the Bryan men to organize the convention.

But there is no reason to anticipate reverses. The daily report of the action of country conventions indicate that there will be little serious hostility to him in the convention of the Old Dominion. For some time there was a rather general opinion that Louisiana might send an anti-Bryan delegation, but Congressman Favrot, who returned to that state recently, said that word had come to him that not only would the delegation be favorable, but that it would be easy to secure instructions. Congressman Pujo, who has not been favorable to Mr. Bryan, only the other day gave up the fight and conceded his state. It has been an interesting feature of the discussion, particularly here in Washington, that so many of the "leaders" have been somewhat opposed to this nomination, but that all concede that it is demanded by their constituents.

**The Rival Candidates.**  
 There has been no change in the extent of the support of either Judge Gray or Governor Johnson. Judge Gray's friends are making a canvass for him which somewhat resembles his own character, calm, dignified and honorable. Governor Johnson is in danger of suffering from the misdirected zeal of his spokesmen. For example, the proclamation put forth from his headquarters in Chicago that the plan of the men who are leading Bryan delegations to Denver was to nominate him there and defeat him at the polls in order to be permanently rid of him does not come with good grace from a supposedly Democratic source. Every Democrat of lawful age has a right to aspire to a presidential nomination, but it is one thing to make a canvass for a candidate and another to devote all your political energies to the effort to destroy another candidate.

Washington, D. C.

**RANDOM NOTES**  
 BY UNCLE GEORGE

¶ An Angora subscriber dropped into The Herald office Saturday and soberly stated that Angora is destined to become the "future great city" of Western Nebraska. The townsite is now inhabited principally by goats, gophers and snakes, but our friend says it is to be platted and town lots put upon the hungry market; and he predicts that new railroads and business blocks will soon displace the original "proprietors" of the soil. To our suggestion that the "future great city" should be renamed Bucktown, he shook his billygoat whiskers violently and roared "by cripes there was an Angora long before a goat was seen here."

¶ The Directoire gown has come to town. Like the Prodigal son I ween, For everywhere they wear this gown The fatted [padded] calf is seen.

¶ A press dispatch says that Congressman Kinkaid has made arrangements to have a road expert sent out by the department of agriculture into the Sixth district this summer to instruct farmer organizations and county commissioners in the art of road building on sand surfaces. Moses probably contemplates campaigning in an auto and wants his pathway made smooth. He's a sly old fox.

¶ Two weeks after your Uncle George suggested a big Fourth of July celebration at Alliance, and after a committee of public-spirited citizens had taken the matter up, the Semi-Times joins the procession. The Times is behind the times this time.

¶ Sells & Floto's circus and menagerie will exhibit at Alliance on Friday, June 19. Take your children and give them a lesson in natural history. If you are not blessed with children, borrow a few from your more fortunate neighbors. The way to be happy yourself is to do something to make others happy. Selfishness kills happiness.

¶ It is said that our temperance reformers are now considering the advisability of prohibiting high balls at the baseball park.

¶ The Alliance "Ark" has gone out of business, but Noah is still on deck.

¶ A near-by poolroom window is ornamented with the sign, "Alliance Smoke House," but this does not necessarily imply that all therein are "hams."

¶ Cheyenne county was named in honor of an Indian maiden called "Shy Ann." But the county has outgrown the name. Now she is nursing a case of swelled head and wants to split into two counties.

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There was a young man in Box Butte Who owned a nobby dress suite, But he fell in the mud, With a dull, sickening thud, And now his dress suite is a burr.

¶ A Frenchman interested in aeronautics, has offered the Wright brothers, American inventors of an airship, one hundred thousand dollars for two successful flights of fifty kilometers each (31,086 miles) in one week. We can't tell whether, the Wright boys' ship can fly, but if you'll go into your own backyard you will find a tomato can. ("Spect we'll get 'canned' for this.")

¶ A second hand store is to be opened on Box Butte ave. Doubtless there will be lively time there when the second hand gets to running. Watch it start!

¶ Oh, he ain't much—he shaves himself," said one giddy thing to another on the corner of Box Butte and Wyoming the other night. Is a young man who shaves himself too "close" or too "smooth" to be worked for ice cream and show tickets?

¶ A desperado known as "Dutch" run a muck at Ambrose, N. D., the other day, wounded the editor of the local paper and killed the keeper of the "blind pig." The residents of the town did not resent the injury to the editor—who sometime gently roasted them for their faults and misdeeds—but they looked upon the removal of the "blind pigger" "from their midst" as a public calamity, so they hastily organized a vigilance committee and shot "Dutch" so full of holes that he couldn't hold an inquest. "Shooting up the town" is going out with gambling and saloons. Thus, one by one, our "dearest" liberties are being throttled.

¶ Mr. Bryan need not expect any votes from Gering. The name of the town appears in the Commoner's schedule of the late tour of the Commoner's editor as Deering, thus wiping the capital of Scotts Bluff county off the map. Alas and alack!

¶ Albert Shaw has been superseded as postmaster of Deadwood by a man named Grimshaw. The change seems slight, but Shaw considers it a grim joke on him.

**BACKWARD SPRING POEM**  
 Overcoats and furs our don we  
 Sing no' easters cold while  
 Write to down them sit poets and  
 Spring gentle to ode an.  
 To the man who's always gruntin'  
 And a grumbly and a-kickin',  
 The world don't owe a livin',  
 But a thunderin' big lickin'.  
 —Boston Transcript.

¶ Wm. Sixberry, who resides over on the North Platte, lost a fine boat in the recent rise of the river, which was the greatest in twenty years. He was advised to take his boat in out of the wet, but he wouldn't be convinced that it ever rained much in that section. Sixberry should change his name to Gooseberry.

¶ A bill has been introduced in the Louisiana legislature making kissing one's own wife on Sunday a misdemeanor. Should think it might more properly be called a Mrs. demeanor. But, however that may be, if the bill becomes a law, the married men of the Pelican state who want a little osculatory exercise on the Sabbath day will have to call upon their neighbor's wives. But the proposed law is a work of supererogation anyhow. It has been our observation in a long ramble through this vale of tears that, after the honeymoon is over, no law is needed to prevent a husband from kissing his wife on Sunday—or any other day.

There was a young girl in Alliance, Who bade prudence and sense defiance When she accepted an "invite" From a young man one night To ride out in his auto "Reliance." When six miles from town, The blamed thing broke down, And the twain had to hike Alliance.

¶ Fuller O. Wind is a candidate for office in South Dakota. Like most politicians he is fuller o' wind than wisdom.

**TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE**  
 Talk about Your chaste old proverb Which says Offhanded In such a confident tone of voice As though That did settle it For all time. "It is cheaper to move Than pay rent." Of all the prize Lies This is the one To which the blue ribbon Or the can Should be tied. It was cheaper once Upon a time. Perhaps The man who sat him down To write That wise saying Had enough household goods To make A wheelbarrow load, But in these days When his happy home Centers around A grand piano, And when the moving trust Is out To make a cool million Every fifteen minutes By the watch, Things are different. We do not claim He will save any money By staying And accepting his salary For six years ahead To the landlord. We only insist That it isn't cheaper To do either.

—Nashville American.

**THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Chicago next week. The republican national executive committee is already on the ground and is making Taft delegates as fast as the contest machine can be worked. There were over a hundred contests from the south, most of them brought by the opponents of Taft, and up to the present writing all that have been disposed of have been decided in favor of the secretary. Mr. Taft—or rather, Theodore Roosevelt, the Prince Tallyrand of American politics—has a grapevine twist on the committee, and every time Teddy swings his "big stick," down goes a bunch of anti-Taft coons. Consternation has seized the allied opposition and they are making all sorts of threats to bolt the committee and take their grievances on to the floor of the convention. But they will do nothing of the kind, for they would find less mercy there than the committee has shown them. They are whipped, and their howls are simply an evidence that they realize it. Though a democratic paper, The Herald cannot but express admiration for Roosevelt's brave fight, in behalf of his friend, against the most powerful elements of his own party and against the majority of his party, who did not want Taft forced upon them. As a partisan of Bryan's, we are of course pleased with the president's action, for it makes Bryan's calling and election sure.

**CUMMINS OF IOWA** is no longer considered a comin' man.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO SISTERS' ACADEMY**  
 Weekly Report of Payments Toward the Erection of the School Building.

Following is the amount of money received for the Sisters' Academy and by whom paid. Much of this is only part payment of subscriptions. The committee is now out collecting and the amount received will be published weekly.

Previously acknowledged	\$9,100.05
C. A. Newberry	700.00
Cash	50.00
Alliance Grocery Co.	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,860.05</b>

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**  
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Albert D. Curry to Edward S. Curry, sw ¼ of 25-26-47, \$1.  
 Edward S. Curry to Albert D. Curry, se ¼ of 2-25-47, \$1.  
 William M. Totten to C. M. Lotspeich, nw ¼ of 14-27-50, \$3200.

The popcorn business is looking up. Miller Bros. have received a brand new popper, of the latest design and best workmanship, and are prepared to pop your popcorn on scientific and hygienic principles while you wait.

**THE JUNIOR NORMAL**  
 Begins a Six Weeks' Term on Monday Morning with the Largest Enrollment Ever—Prospects Good for a Most Successful Session.

What promises to be the best and most profitable term of the Alliance Junior Normal is now in full swing with a large and able corps of instructors and a larger enrollment than ever before. The attendance numbered 169 the first day—mostly pretty girls.

Following is the roll:—  
 Alliance—J. P. Hazard, Susie Betzold, Vera Spencer, Bertha Greig, Elsie Betzenner, Bessie Brown, Opal Russell, Emma Covatt, Eva Wilson, Elizabeth Calkins, Helen Broome, Virginia Broome, Helen Kraljeck, Marie Bassy, Prudence Parrott, Margery Sutton, Jessie Taylor, Clara Breneman, Adella Deising, Sylvia Hageman, Marian Solienberger, Mary Putnam, Helen Neason, Annie Kennedy, Nellie O'Donnell, Katie O'Donnell, Edna Benedict, Mabel Carey, Ina Green, Elena Jay, Amy Brown, Howard Reddish, Lenia Watson, Dora Jones, Cloe Rice, Bertha Huston, Webster Bernhart, Mabel Crawford, Opal Burkhold, Nettie Nation, Nina Nation, Eunice Smith, Alice Johnson, Edna Snoddy, Fred Leavitt, Anna L. Holland, Winifred Betzenner, Fannie McCoy, Mabel Phillips, Elizabeth Phillips, Victoria Kohrman, Della M. Reed, Nora Brennan, M. E. Phillips, Pearl Reed, Nettie Culver.

Angora—Glenn E. Miller, Geo. Rowland, Antioch—Maud Katen, Lucy Fendrich, Bayard—Hattie Boucher, Florence Bitting, Edna Hughes, Floyd Atkins, Cora Johnson, Sadie Bitting, Grace Lipska, Grace Neighbors, Ethel Sixberry, Geneva Reynolds, Nellie Carter, Edith Wolford.

Belmont—Iva Hamaker, Bertha E. Phelps, Florence Pierce, Mrs. K. L. Gillette, Pearl Evans, Bridgeport—P. P. Hanway, J. B. Lynch, Tessie Twist, Mary Kozers, Evelyn Eiter, Susie Eiter.

Chadron—Bessie Jeffrey, D. A. Daball, Bertha Hutton, Lois Jackson, Flora Dahl, Myrtle Perry, Florence Beaman, Edna Thomson, Grace Alberry, Carrie H. Johnson, Chloe M. Scott, Electa Younglove, Jessie Combs, Carrie Munkers, Claire Morrison, Canton—Jessie Clayton, Harold Jones, Dottie Stewart, Bertha Parkyn.

Clara—Carrie Aurn, Crawford—Edna Roberts, C. W. Jones, Anna Guse, Jennie Stetson, Douglas, Wyo.—Verda Wiker, Victoria Sims, Dunlap—Edna Katen, Lucy Fendrich, Redington—Alice Ridge, Montague, Mich.—Annette Joy, David Uily—Lena Hinnell, Cora Fleming, Dalton—Elsie Poole, Clara Poole, Donald—Aurora McDonald, Glen—Clara N. Mortensen, Pansy Jensen, Harrison—Nellie Borkus, Mabel Zerbe, Mabel Bigelow.

Hemlock—Anna Beaumont, Ira Levitt, Julia Nagelschneider, Jennie Lovvitt, Gladys Burdick, J. E. Nord, Olga Ross, Clara Nagelschneider, Agnes Hollenrake, J. E. Andre, Flora Godfrey, Clara Burris, Sadie Hopkins, Mattie Elmira.

Hope—Mrs. Nettie Long, Mrs. P. W. Wilcox, Flo Wilcox, Myrtle Wilcox, Helen Beeson, Hot Springs—Edna Katen, Lucie Haker, Hough—Amelia Kieeman, Kirtley, Wyo.—Jennie Hamilton and Nellie Christen.

Lakeside—Eda Mastrude, Della Strong, Lodge Pole—Ellen Smith, Edith Morrison, Eva Carter, Grace Carter, Long Lake—Evelyn Wilson, Minutara—Hazel Lally, Etta Baxter, Anna Nerud, Florence A. Johnson, Zora Gauvain, Muller—Clara Crain, Edna Hatch, J. V. Lawrence, Ellen Hendrickson, M. E. Cunningham, Malinda—A. G. Chapman, Emma Nerud, Marsland—Winifred Caldwell, Nora W. Neese, G. M. Burns, Mrs. G. M. Burns, Morrill—Pearl Voria, Potter—Laura Adams, Sidney—Laraga G. Mernon, Sadie McFadden, Martha Carmody, Florence Fuller, Maggie Peetz, Maggie Kelley, Johanna Foley, Lennie Janice, Clara Downey, Edith Oldenow, Jennie Oldenow, E. Nord, Olga Ross, W. H. Nagel, Stella—Flo N. Brennan, Elsie McConnell, Pearl Adams, Whiting—Clara Johnson.

**NORMAL NOTES**  
 ¶ The large enrollment this year, the largest by far in the history of the Alliance Junior Normal, is exceedingly gratifying to the management. The enrollment Wednesday was 200, and there is every reason to believe that it will go considerably beyond the 200 mark.

¶ The faculty is as follows:  
 Supt. D. W. Hayes, Alliance, principal. Instructors—Supt. Walton of Chadron, Supt. Pate of Sidney, Prin. Wilson of Stella, C. W. Phillips of the Lincoln high school, Supt. Philpps of Box Butte county, Supt. Ritchie of Cheyenne county, and Susie Frazier of Alliance.

¶ Rev. Jeffers conducted devotional exercises at chapel Tuesday. The different members of the faculty were also called upon for brief remarks and responded in a faceous and enthusiastic manner.

¶ Books were distributed and lessons assigned Monday, and on Tuesday everything was moving along as though school had been in session a month.

¶ Rev. Graves conducted devotional exercises Wednesday at chapel. He will address the students at chapel next Wednesday on the subject, "The Poetry of the Bible." Citizens of Alliance are cordially invited to be present at this, as well as other chapel talks.

¶ Chapel talks scheduled for this week were: Wednesday, Supt. Pate, subject, "The Boy"; Thursday, Supt. Walton, subject, "School Athletics"; Friday, Governor Sheldon will address the students.

¶ Supt. Gibson, of Gibbon, representing the Nebraska Teacher, was with us, presented the merits of his paper, and took subscriptions for same.

¶ A photograph of the school was taken Wednesday morning.

¶ Fully 100 students are boarding at the Normal dining hall. Although this is a greater number than was expected, those in charge of the culinary department have been equal to the emergency. Everyone has been well taken care of, both as regards quantity and quality of food.

¶ County Supt. (Miss) Ellis of Dawes county is with us and has charge of the special features which distinguish this week as institute week of the Normal. Miss Ellis has a large delegation of teachers here, and her assistance has been of great help in securing the large enrollment we have.