

WASHINGTON LETTER

Champ Clark Not Sinking; Advises Democrats to Aid Wilson.

BY CLYDE H. TAVENNER, Member of Congress.

(Special to the Herald.) Washington, April 8th.—Speaker Champ Clark intends to co-operate in whole-hearted sincerity with President Wilson to carry out the promises contained in the Baltimore platform. From the moment the Baltimore convention adjourned he never had any other thought in view, but on the contrary has taken advantage of every opportunity to advise all Democrats to pull together for the success of the administration and the good of the party.

That Champ Clark is not the kind of a man to sink and that he will not, was borne home forcibly to every Democratic member of the new House, at the recent caucus at which the speaker was unanimously elected to preside over the 63rd Congress. Unfortunately, no newspaper men were permitted to be present at this caucus, and the ringing speech made by Speaker Clark on behalf of party solidarity did not get into the newspapers to any appreciable extent. I have the consent of the speaker as well as the Democratic caucus to publish such parts of the speech as I desire. Space will not permit the printing of the complete remarks of the speaker, which is to be regretted, because the speech is a complete refutation of the intimations which have appeared in the press recently to the effect that Mr. Clark is unfriendly to the new administration.

"Since the foundation of our government," declared Mr. Clark, "no party ever had a fairer prospect of a long lease of power or a better chance of promoting the welfare and prosperity of the country than the Democratic party has. What will we do with our opportunity? The voters have only placed us on probation. Can we make good? Can we vindicate the vast army of voters who gave us the power to conduct the government? Undoubtedly we can. How? By keeping faith with the people, by religiously carrying out the promises by reason of which we won, by transmitting into law our pledges to improve the conditions under which we live. If we do this the people will recognize it and approve our conduct.

Democratic Promises Plain.

"There is no doubt what our promises were. They were writ large in the Baltimore platform. Our first promise was a tariff for revenue only, and to give the people that, or as close an approximation thereto as possible, is the first duty of the new administration and of the new Congress; and in passing it may be said and ought to be said, that tariff reduction which does not reduce the cost of living is not worth the paper it is printed on.

"Focusing that we promised to strengthen the anti-trust law to establish an income tax; to revise the banking laws; to improve our waterways; to provide for a reasonable conservation system; to create a department of labor, which we have already done, and to declare the nation's purpose touching the Philippines. It is an extensive program but it is our duty to work it out. The only way to achieve it is for every Democrat in official position to give the best there is in him to help redeem our promises by subduing individual ambition to the public weal.

"And any man fit for official station will let his personal likes or dislikes interfere with his co-operating with any other Democrat in unifying the party in its herculean and multifarious tasks to redeem our pledges and thereby contributing, as I believe, to the increased prosperity and happiness of the American people, is a thing incredible. The suggestion of such a state of affairs comes from faint-hearted Democrats who are forever seeing ghosts or from malignant marplots, who, through masquerading as Democrats, are not Democrats at all. Wolves in sheep's clothing. Certain of these vicious eleventh-hour Democrats are four-mouthed in proclaiming trouble where none exists, and in laying down a rule of conduct for real Democrats.

"Genuine Democrats who have the good of the party and the country at heart would do well to give no heed to these self-styled Democrats whose chief business is to stir up strife among Democrats by foully slandering any Democrat who has earned their enmity by being a Democrat at all times, under all circumstances and at all places.

"Democrats should take to heart the philosophy of the old saying: 'Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts.' Most assuredly Democrats should remember what happened to them by reason of their family quarrels from March 4, 1893, to March 19, 1910, when for the first time in seventeen years the Democrats in the House sacrificed the country by voting to secede—not a man missing in a great struggle. That was a red letter day in the history of Democracy.

Will Act With Wilson.

"The House Democrats have been together ever since and while neither a prophet or the son of a prophet, I predict that they will in the Sixty-third Congress act in unison, not only with themselves, but with President Wilson.

"After listening much and talking little—the best way to learn—I have yet to find a House Democrat who does not take that view of it. If the lesson from our own historic quarrels is not sufficient, we could do well to ponder the present Republican feud and the woeful plight to which it has reduced the party of Abraham Lincoln."

ROMIG THANKS FRIENDS.

F. E. Romig stated to the Herald reporter that he desired to thank the voters of the second ward for the honor shown him in his election and that he intends to do his

part in giving the city a good business administration. He stated that he believes that the business of the city should be run in the same way and with the same careful attention that is given to a private business.

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FOR FARM SUCCESS.

By Dr. J. H. Worst.

An agricultural state should emphasize three great principles:

1. To make each cultivated acre produce its best every year.

2. To foster a system of farm management that will accomplish this end and yet not impoverish the soil.

3. To encourage a system of co-operation among its farmers to sufficiently control the marketing and distribution of their products so as not to be subjected to the speculative forces that regularly rob them of their legitimate profits.

The last principle cannot be realized so long as farmers produce with their hands but distribute by proxy. They must play at both ends of the game or forever eat out of the hands of those who hold both the producer and the consumer at their mercy.

Middlemen are necessary. Middlemen are legitimate, but the producers of the country's wealth should determine at least approximately how many hands their products pass through on their journey from field, garden or orchard to the ultimate consumer. In their words the producer and the consumer must be brought closer together, even if half the uninvited guests that have crowded in between, to forsage off both the producer and consumer must be squeezed out. If the producers cannot do this, then their case is hopeless. But if they can and do not, then upon themselves must rest the blame.

By organization and co-operation farmers may become the greatest, the sanest, the most conservative power in the land. Without organization and co-operation, however, they must remain powerless and defenseless, for the unorganized forces, in business as in nature, become the legitimate prey of legitimate forces that are organized. Like the separate but unorganized elements of the soil—boundless in volume—they are yet powerless to resist the absorptive power of the humblest organized plant.—Dry Farming.

PRETTY BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Some of the prettiest birth announcements we have seen were those printed by The Herald job department last week for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Duncan. They consisted of two cards, one large and one small, with dainty blue border, and tied with beige ribbon to match. The following was printed in English text type, the size of type being varied to suit the line:

Philomena Canasca Bellwood Duncan. April 1, 1913. 7 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Duncan.

BORN.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Saturday morning, a ten pound boy. Mrs. Johnson is a step-daughter of F. W. Buchman.

SAW SARAH BERNHARDT.

Mrs. W. T. Schlupp and daughter, Josephine, Mrs. W. D. Rumer and Mrs. J. N. Andrews went to Lincoln Sunday night to see Sarah Bernhardt in her appearance at the Orpheum Theatre in that city. W. T. Schlupp left Monday night for Lincoln, where he met Mrs. Schlupp and their daughter, they going on with him to St. Joseph, where they will visit with his relatives. He will be gone about a week. Mrs. Schlupp will stay a week longer before returning.

It is planned for all members of the Alliance Encampment and Subordinate lodge of the I. O. O. F. to attend a sermon to be preached to them on April 27th.

Geo. G. Gadsby left Alliance Monday night for Lincoln, where he will be on business for a few days.

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Our Lincoln Letter

THE LEGISLATURE.

The code insurance bill that was introduced in the Senate and which occupied the time of that body almost constantly for a week, has been before the lower branch of the legislature for a couple of weeks. During this time a number of hearings have been granted to fraternal insurance advocates, to mutual believers and to the old time devotees. The bill is a very long one and contemplates a material change in our insurance law. One of the things of considerable interest contemplated by the man who drew the measure is the divorce of the insurance department from the office of the State Auditor where it has heretofore been. Auditor Howard sought the election and probably was elected State Auditor because he was a practical insurance man, and now he resents taking the office of Insurance Commissioner away from him and leaving him merely the Auditor of Accounts and Expenditures of public money. It must be admitted that many members of the legislature are uncertain about what position they should take on the insurance bill, Senate File No. 364. However, as time goes on, they are coming to believe that there is nothing dangerous in the bill and that its effect would be beneficial to the policy holders, rather than to the stockholders of the insurance companies.

Up to the time this is written no workmen's compensation act has been enacted into law. The Democrat and Republican parties each had planks in their platform pledging their representatives in the legislature to enact such a measure. Just because the legislators cannot understand each and every feature of the proposed bill, many of them have argued themselves into the belief that they are justified in opposing an employer's liability law. Some of the broader gauged members argue that it is unreasonable to expect that a law of such great importance can be made perfect at its first enactment; they are broad enough to suggest that future legislatures may be as brainy as the present one and that two or four years experience may teach the public what to demand from future legislatures in this respect.

One of the mooted questions of this session has been the so called Omaha water bill, Senate File No. 17. Omaha paid several millions of dollars that the city might own a water plant that had been previously owned by a private company. After the transfer the city found it necessary to charge a higher rate than formerly. The South Omaha stock yards resented the raise and built a water plant of their own and began to retail water to other South Omaha consumers. To prevent this competition with the municipal plant in Omaha, this bill, Senate File No. 17, was introduced. Some concessions have been made on each side and it is now possible that the bill will be enacted into a law, but it is certain that there will be a bitter fight and a division of the Douglas county delegation. The Democrats recognize that they are under some obligations to defend the principles of public ownership.

Much has been said about a "Blue Sky Law." The Democratic platform promised to enact a Blue Sky Law patterned after the Kansas Law. The Cordell bill in the Senate goes much further than the Kansas law and includes real estate agents, as well as mining promoters. Some of the provisions have been held up as being so drastic as to be almost prohibitive. After a running fight of several days in the Senate, the bill came to the House with scarcely enough of the original matter left therein to be recognized by its author. Last Saturday afternoon the House further emasculated the Cordell bill by eliminating all reference to real estate agents, except insofar as intent to defraud might be shown. The bill was safely put down that Nebraska is to have a "Blue Sky Law."

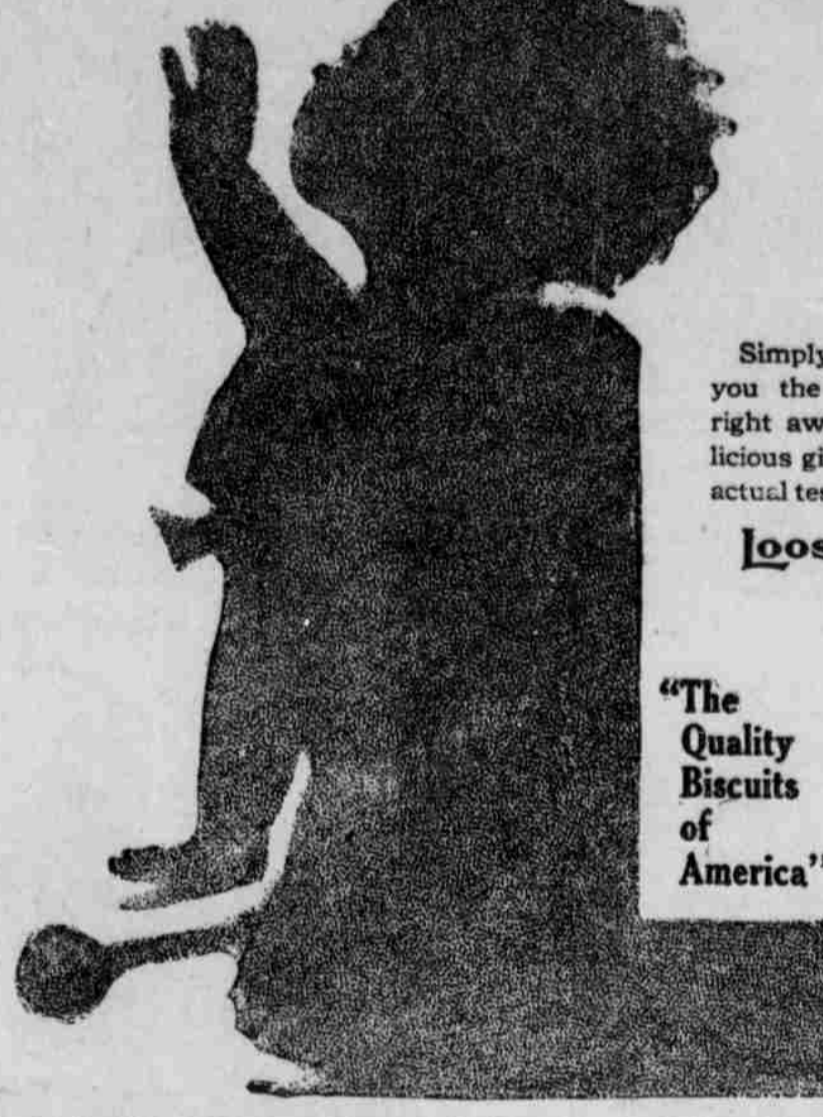
The Finance committee of the Senate proposes to appropriate something like \$25,000 to fit out several rooms on the fourth floor of the Capitol building to make them suitable for office rooms and committee rooms. There are also some rooms in the basement, that while not light enough, and possibly a little unsanitary, might also be fitted up for a similar purpose. When the Capitol was first built, the architect planned for two elevators but they have never been put into running order. If the fourth floor were to be used for office rooms, it is possible that the elevators would be installed.

The Fuller telephone bill, which stirred up the first real furor of the session, has finally been passed by both branches of the legislature. The Senate tacked on some amendments and for fear of getting something worse the House Conference agreed to accept the Senate Provisions. The telephone lobby fought the bill bitterly until the Senate amendments were agreed to. In its practical workings it may be said that the Fuller bill provides for county option, as applied to telephony. If the county says by a vote that it wants to own its own telephone plant, it may do so, but not until it has purchased at a reasonable price the plants of existing companies.

A little over a week ago the Supreme court knocked out the station registration law that was enacted two years ago. It was not because there was any fault to find with the provisions of the law, but because the beard having it in charge was no legally constituted. A new law which embraces all of the beneficial features of the old law, and yet conforms to the requirements of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General, was hastily drawn, and bids fair now to receive the approval of the governor. The material change from the old law is that stallions over eight years old, if they have already passed three satisfactory examinations, they are further exempted.

The present session of the legislature has placed itself unmistakably on record in favor of conserving to the state all the right and title to all proposed water power sites, rather than permitting the State Board of Irrigation and Drainage to grant these franchises to individuals and promoting companies.

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Chas. L. Ford, president of the First National bank, is in the city for a few days. Eugene E. Ford returned to Alliance from a short visit to Chicago, last week.

A. E. Grebe, wife and children, left for Denver Monday night, where they will visit with friends.

has sold three-quarters of a million in these lands to Nebraskans in the past four months. All of these people are looking for a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If they would look about a bit they would discover that the rainbow comes down in Nebraska—both ends of it—with gold at the grass roots.

There is but one state in the entire forty-eight which surpasses Nebraska in accumulated agricultural wealth—its sister state, Iowa, and at the present rate of production Nebraska will lead the column within ten years. Some of these good folks who are flocking to the ends of the earth in search of opportunity are going to get stung, and after the pain and swelling have subsided are going to experience a deep longing for the opportunities they left behind in good Nebraska.

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