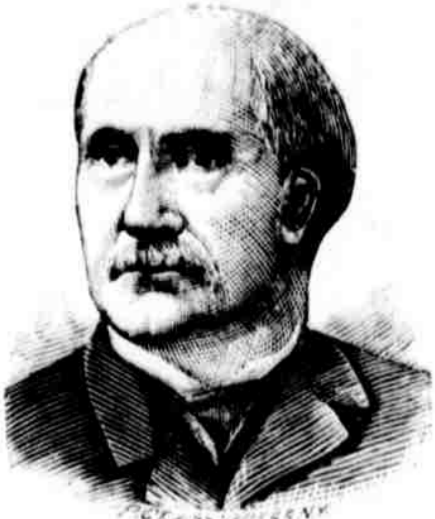


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LEADERS OF THE HOUSE.

WALTER WELLMAN NAMES TEN CONGRESSMEN OF NOTE.

They Are R. Q. Mills, C. F. Crisp, W. M. Springer, Benton McMillin, W. L. Wilson, W. C. P. Breckinridge, C. L. Breckinridge, T. B. Reed, H. C. Lodge and J. C. Burrows.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—Who will be the leaders on the floor of the house next winter? I think I can give you the names of the ten men who will practically manage affairs on their respective side.

These men are Roger Q. Mills of Texas, Charles F. Crisp of Georgia, William M. Springer of Illinois, Benton McMillin of Tennessee, William F. Wilson of West Virginia and the two Breckinridges—W. C. P. Breckinridge of Kentucky and Clifton R. Breckinridge of Arkansas.

Without much doubt, one of the first three of these, or at most the first five, will be the speaker of the house. Another of these seven will be chairman of the committee on ways and means, which means that he will be recognized as the leader of the majority on the floor.

But it always happens in the organization of the popular branch of our national legislature that a limited coterie actually have the reins of power well in their hands and do pretty much as they please.

It was so in the Randall congresses, in the Keifer congress, in the Carlisle congress, in the Reed congress. The control exercised by a coterie of this sort comes more from genuine leadership than from official power.

Great as is the power of the speaker—second only in importance to that of the president of the United States himself—he must lead more because he is a leader, because he has followers on the floor, than because he is chairman.

Young congressmen nearly always attach themselves to one of five or six leaders who have been here so many years that they know every trick of the trade.

They go to their leader for advice and assistance; he must see the speaker for them, and present their claims for recognition or other favors. As soon as a man gets a sufficient number of these followers behind him he becomes a lieutenant, and usually begins to aspire to the speakership itself.

When these lieutenants and the speaker agree upon a line of procedure it is pretty certain to be carried out to the end.

Roger Q. Mills is a leader through his sincerity, his ardor, his persistent zeal in pressing one idea. Not gifted naturally with the qualities of leadership, he has nevertheless reached the very front rank through his devotion to the cause known as tariff reform.

The four great Democratic commoners of the last decade were William R. Morrison, John G. Carlisle, Roger Q. Mills and Samuel J. Randall. The last named stood alone. The other three were brought close together by mutual beliefs and aspirations, and were, and to this day are, warm personal friends.

Morrison and Mills helped make Carlisle speaker. The Texan remained in the house long enough to succeed his Illinois friend as leader on the floor, and now that the Democrats are again in the majority he hopes to succeed his Kentucky friend as speaker of the house.

It happens that not all of the Democratic members of the house have been pleased to see the Carlisle-Mills coterie "run things." Human nature is pretty much the same in the house as elsewhere, and men who cannot get "in" are likely to make a noise on the outside.

During the last two or three congresses there have been two distinct factions on the Democratic side—one the Carlisle-Mills coterie, embracing McMillin of Tennessee, Blount of Georgia and the two Breckinridges, the other composed largely of men who for one reason or another did not like coterie rule, looking to Crisp or Springer as their leader. All

the rivalry between these factions has been of the good natured sort, and more than one member has never been able to say whether he belonged to the ins or the outs.

"One thing I didn't like," said a prominent Democrat, "was being compelled to go to Mills or Willie Breckinridge or McMillin and ask them to go to see Cassiala for me every time I wanted recognition. There was too much junta rule about it. But when I got what I wanted, as I usually did, I almost forgot the matter."

W. C. P. BRECKINRIDGE, in which it was necessary to go about getting it. In this way, without there having been anything like bitterness or strife about it, Crisp and Springer, both naturally strong men, good debaters and personally popular, have been pushed pretty well to the front; so that they are now strong competitors for speakership honors.

One thing may be depended upon, and that is the ability of every man who comes to rank among the leaders on the floor. There is no such thing as shunning one's way into prominence in the house. It is a place in which the bubble of false pretense is quickly punctured. The man who fights his way anywhere near the top must have good stuff in him—genuine ability, tact, force, enough selfishness for self protection, sincerity, a C. R. BRECKINRIDGE, and generosity with which to make friends and hold them. Our house of commons is the best place that can be found for studying American character.

Here 800 odd of the brightest, most energetic men of the land are fighting for recognition and standing. They are men who have gone through the competition at home—the struggles of caucus, convention, election—only to find that after winning those battles they must on coming here enter another arena.

A dozen or more men, in addition to the seven already named, have fought the good fight and won high rank as commoners. There is James H. Blount of Georgia, a brilliant debater, who is indeed a candidate for speaker, though with small hope of success. William L. Wilson of West Virginia, is an example of what a man may accomplish by modesty, learning and affability, even in the hurly burly of the house.

Many look upon Mr. Wilson as a probable speaker in the event of a compromise, though my own opinion is that one of the three leaders, Mills, Crisp or Springer, will win, with their chances in about the order named.

Herbert and Oates, of Alabama, are strong men, and Turner, of Georgia, a great lawyer, has won high place as chairman of an important committee. Forney, of Alabama, is sure to be chairman of the great committee on appropriations.

Bynum of Indiana, Hatch and Dockery of Missouri, Hemphill of South Carolina, Hayes of Iowa, and Outhwaite of Ohio are among the influential men of the house. The retirement of Roswell P. Flower leaves Amos Cummings the leader of the New York delegation, though Ashbel P. Fitch and Charles Tracey are fully as able and prominent as he.

Massachusetts has some young men—Sherman Hoar and George Fred Williams—who are expected to make a stir in the Democratic ranks, along with that other young man from the same state, John F. Andrews.

The three Republicans who will lead the minority in the next house are ex-Speaker Reed, Henry Cabot Lodge and Julius C. Burrows. So many of the big

Republicans of the last house are reported missing that I fancy this trio of survivors of last fall's battles will have things pretty much their own way next winter so far as the policy and tactics of the minority are concerned. As the leader of a minority, as a thorn in the sides of the dominant party, Mr. Reed promises to be fully as interesting and picturesque as he was in the last congress, where his will was law.

The Republican host of 175 in the last house has been reduced by one-half to a squad of eighty-seven men in the new congress, but it is a little army which will not lack for leadership. Besides the three triumvirs, of whom you will hear much next winter, a few brilliant debaters remain to fight the party battles. The best of them are Bonfield of Maine, Henderson and Deliver of Iowa, Hitt and Hopkins of Illinois, Payne of New York, Dalzell of Pennsylvania and Hangen of Wisconsin.

Among the Republicans of prominence and ability, though not strong in debate, are Dingley of Maine, Walker of Massachusetts, Helden of New York and Henderson of Iowa.

In two months we shall be up in the gallery watching the first fury of battle in the national arena.

WALTER WELLMAN.

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1. Aft - er trust - ness you will find me, Ev - 'ry night as sure as fate, At the cor - ner of the street here, Wait - ing for my fate, this, I But I'm sure you would not mind it, Could you meet so

2. You may think it awk - ward, stand - ing In a bus - y street like 3. How her fa - ther means to take it, When he hears the news, for -

bon - nie Kate; Her pa - pa has quite for - bid - den Young men sweet a miss; Of course I wait till all is si - lent, See there's is the truth. I've at least this con - so - la - tion, That

to the house to go, In con - so - quence of which I whis - tle, no one pass - ing by, Be - fore I ven - ture on the whis - tle, heart is just and right, So there - fore I shall fond - ly whis - tle

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Just to let my true love know, I am wait - ing Known a - lone to "Kate and I." For my Ka - tie ev - 'ry night.

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