

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Democrats Are Working In Harmony.

PREPARING FOR THE FRAY.

Contest to Determine if the Republic Shall Live.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IN A BAD WAY

Confusion Reigns Within its Ranks, and Disasters and Scandals Crowd Upon It—Hanna Working Like a Demon to Stem the Adverse Tide. A Hard Knock For Joe Cannon—Mr. Bryan's Running Mate—Bryum Gets Another Job—Governor Mount Shields Taylor.

(Special Washington Letter.)

Democrats are getting together everywhere. I have positive and peculiar evidence of that in the circulation of these letters. When I began them two years and a half ago, I discovered that a plain, unfriended Democrat such as I am could not express a blunt, unequivocal opinion upon any phase of current politics without offending some Democratic tenderfoot somewhere, but I kept on expressing Democratic opinions without hedging or double dealing or mental reservation until the present writing and shall continue to do so as long as I write or speak at all. For the last year the letters have been growing in circulation until now they are read by more people than read any metropolitan daily in the land, which goes to show that Democrats are getting together and grinding up their leins for a contest the most important in the history of the American republic, for it is a contest to determine whether the republic shall live.

Democratic Prospects Bright.

But while Democratic prospects are improving daily Republican affairs are daily getting into a worse condition. At present the situation in which they find themselves may be aptly described as "confusion worse confounded." Disasters and scandals are crowding upon the G. O. P. so rapidly that it requires a lightning calculator to keep tab on the changes which it finds itself compelled to make. For instance, only a few moons ago my brilliant and amiable friend Postmaster General Smith of Philadelphia was a prime favorite for the vice presidential nomination. Now, presto change, he is in a fix to exclaim with the poet:

If so soon I'm done for, What the devil was I begun for!

Because the Philadelphia Republicans are passing resolutions asking him to resign his cabinet portfolio by reason of the Cuban scandals. When anything gets too bad for the Republican ballot box stuffers, repeaters and heebers, it must be awful-awful-awful-awfully awful. Will General Smith resign? Not much. No Republican was ever known to let loose of the public seat except under pressure and pressure of the hardest and most irresistible sort at that. Take General Russell A. Alger of Michigan, late secretary of war, as an example. He was notoriously unfit for the position. His army record was a disgrace. His appointment was an insult and humiliation to every brave old soldier in the land. He was generally considered incompetent. His department reeked with scandal and was odoriferous with rottenness. During the Spanish war his worthless favorites were shoved to the front and officers with splendid records and of approved capacity crowded to the rear. Nothing but the incapacity of the Spaniards saved us from a great disaster. Soldiers wanted Alger to resign. Nine-tenths of the American people wanted him to resign, but he cared about as much for the peltings of public opinion as a duck would care for a gentle April shower falling on his back. So he held on with the tenacity of a snapping turtle until McKinley in self defense forced him out.

Caught in Bad Company.

It is the same with all the rest. Every honest man in the land proud of his country and jealous of its honor believes that Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, ought to be impeached by reason of his dealings with Hepburn and his New York bank, but Lyman will never resign until McKinley forces him to go in order to save himself.

The Philadelphia Republicans are merely squandering their energies in passing resolutions asking Postmaster General Smith to resign. Like the Boston transcendentalists, they are seeking the unattainable. They are snug-gling up to the impossible.

Individually I do not believe that General Smith has either committed any crime or winked at it in others. He is a most agreeable gentleman, a brilliant orator. Like Old Dog Tray, he has been caught in bad company. Any Republican company is bad from a political standpoint, but General Smith got into even worse company than usual, even for a Republican, and he will have to grin and bear the unhappy consequences.

It is said to reflect on the result of his going into the McHanna cabinet. He was the editor in chief of a great metropolitan daily, the Philadelphia Press, and personally popular with the top notch as in the editorial fraternity as well as with the rank and file of lesser of 30s. His accession to the cabinet was hailed with delight. His future seemed bright indeed. Now

Philadelphia Republicans ask him to resign. Virgil was right when he said, "Facilis descensus averno"—easy the road to hell. That was a general statement of a great truth. If he were living now, he would be more specific and say, "The easiest road to ruin is to be attached to the McHanna administration!"

Hanna Badly Scared.

Mark Hanna, notwithstanding all his bluster and swagger, is badly scared. He is working and hiring others to work—yes, hiring is the proper word—like beavers. I have it from a perfectly reliable source that Mark has hired two slick agents to organize and spy out the situation in every county in every state which is not certainly and overwhelmingly Democratic. They have been busy at this job ever since February. They of course do not go about announcing themselves as Mark's crimps, but they assume the character of agents for some article or other—any old thing will do—and thus worm themselves into the confidence of unsuspecting people. Their business is to find out what Republicans are doing and what they are sore about, who are for sale and how much it will take to buy them, who are timid and can be bulldozed and the best methods to accomplish that object and so on to the end of the chapter. Honest men everywhere are hereby warned to be on their guard against Mark's envoys and plenipotentiaries.

Patriotism a Crime.

If Senator Eugene Hale of Maine does not keep his optic peeled, he is liable to be harassed up sans ceremony and prosecuted for leze majesty and socked behind the bars. It would be a pity that such a thing should happen to him; but, rampant Republican that he is and from a rock ribbed state, he shows indubitable signs of humanity and patriotism—monstrous crimes in the opinion of such administration braves as Senator Aldrich. When Senator Hale not long since made a plain statement of facts—incontrovertible facts—to the effect that when in 1879 congress appropriated a large sum to pay for sending to starving India the food contributed by generous western Americans, the English government made no acknowledgment of the vast charity and has not done so to this day, Aldrich bobbed up like a jack in the box and promptly rebuked Hale for making "a political speech," a performance which Senator Hale would do well not to repeat if he wishes to stand well at court.

Sometimes vaulting ambition o'erleaps itself and falls on 'other side with a dull sickening thud. That was exemplified in the closing days of the session by what happened to Uncle Joe Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations. Uncle Joe has a lurking suspicion that he runs the whole machine and consequently allows himself a vast deal of space in which to gyrate. Buoyed up by his own enthusiasm, Uncle Joe jumped Amos Cummings and despitely used him and his fellow conferees on the naval appropriation bill. That's precisely where your Uncle Joseph dropped his watermelon. The unexpected happened shortly after Uncle Joe's salutory performance, for Amos jumped him and danced a war jig upon the statesman from Danville. He bent, kicked, cuffed, bit and gouged the venerable calisthenic artist and finally fung his remains into the air with this declaration: "You are no Cannon; you are only a toy musket!" The house cheered Amos and whooped and yelled till it was out of breath and red in the face.

As to the Vice Presidency.

Bryan will certainly be nominated at Kansas City. Nothing but death or his declination can prevent that. As he is in the flower of his years and in perfect fettle he is not likely to die between now and the first days of July. As to declining, that's out of the question. Even if he wanted to decline the people would not let him do so. The platform is also practically written. Everybody knows what it will be. The only thing in doubt at Kansas City is the vice presidential candidate. Who shall he be? What manner of man do we want? I have two well considered and well settled opinions as to that. He should be a man mentally, morally, physically and politically fit to be president. It is arrant nonsense to go to the trouble of carrying the country and then have only one life stand between us and the disappointment of our hopes. Bryan will be elected, but a fever, an accident or the bullet of an assassin might remove him at any time. Therefore we ought to nominate his running mate not only with reference to his vote getting qualities, but also and especially with reference to his fitness for the higher and greater office—the highest and greatest on earth. He should be, above all things, a sound, courageous, reliable Democrat, one who will carry out the policy of the party should he succeed to the presidency. There is no other sensible view to take of the matter. Usually the vice presidency is thrown as a sop to a disappointed faction without any particular regard to his fitness even for that office, to say nothing of the more exalted one. Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson and Arthur were all selected in that way, and the world knows or ought to know the result.

The truth is that so important is the vice presidential office in its potentialities that the vice presidential candidate should be selected before the head of the ticket. In that way and that way alone would the best result be obtained.

As to Bryan.

One of the very best things done by the Democrats of the senate was to compel the rejection of the nomination of William D. Bynum for one of the appraisers in the New York custom house, a life position, salary \$7,500 per annum. The law under which the nomination was made provides that a certain number of appraisers shall be

of one party and a certain number shall be of the other party. If Mr. McKinley had nominated Bynum as a Republican, nobody would have objected seriously, for Democrats do not hate Bynum. They simply despise him. But when Mr. McKinley nominated Bynum as a Democrat to a position given by law to Democrats he did the most disreputable thing I ever heard of his doing. He knew that Bynum did all in his power to elect him in 1896 and that in 1898 Bynum prowled around over the country making speeches in close congressional districts against the Democratic nominees and in support of the Republican nominees. For example, up in Iowa he stumped for Colonel Hepburn and Major Lacey, who are rancorous radical Republicans. Indeed it took several orations from both William D. Bynum and William McKinley to pull through that pair of conspicuous thick and thin McHannates. Yet they both had the colossal cheek to certify or testify that in their districts Bynum spoke in his character of Democrat and was always introduced as a Democrat. Of course he was and why? In order that he might be able in his role of Democratic decoy duck, which he was hired to play, to inveigle some mutton headed Democrat into voting for Hepburn or Lacey. Had he appeared in his true character of a Republican—and a Republican for revenue at that—he would not have fooled even one stupid Democrat and therefore would have been of no service to the slick colonel and the sly major. To Senator James K. Jones is due the honor of organizing the fight which kept Bynum from the public crib and landed him outside the breastworks. So goodby, Mr. Bynum!

What Might Have Been.

I am reminded forcibly at this moment of the wisdom of the old saw which says, "Don't whistle till you get out of the woods," for the ink was scarcely dry on the foregoing portion of this letter touching Mr. Bynum until I learned that the president has appointed or is about to appoint Bynum to the vacancy on the codifying commission in place of Judge David Browning Culberson of Texas, who recently departed this life. I don't begrudge Bynum the \$5,000 salary. If he is appointed as a Republican, which he is, all well and good, but if he is appointed as a Democrat, which he is not, I hope Democratic senators will prevent his confirmation.

It is pitiful to think of what Bynum is, a suppliant for the crumbs falling from his Republican master's table, and of what he might have been, the proud and beloved leader of the Indiana Democracy, the successor in the hearts of the Hoosiers of Thomas A. Hendricks, the Philip Sidney of the American Democracy.

What the people of Indiana think of Governor Mount I do not know. He may be to the taste of the Hoosier Republicans as the old saying hath it, "De gustibus non est disputandum," which being translated means, "There is no disputing about tastes," but he can rest assured that honest men everywhere, without regard to political affiliations, believe that he has utterly disgraced the high position which he holds and earned the unspeakable contempt of all decent people by refusing a requisition from Governor Beckham of Kentucky to deliver up ex-Governor Taylor of Kentucky to answer to an indictment as an accessory to the assassination of Governor William Goebel. That Beckham is governor no man can doubt. The supreme court of Kentucky so decided, two Republican judges concurring in the decision. The supreme court of the United States so decided, and there are only three Democrats among the nine judges of that high tribunal!

A Murderer Shielded.

Yet this man Mount is so keen to shield an accessory to the foulest murder committed in the last ten years refuses a requisition because the criminal happens to be a Republican. It is inconceivable that baseness and stupidity can be carried any farther. And what a miserable figure Taylor cuts! A fugitive from justice in that state of which he was secretary of state for four years and governor de facto several months. If he is innocent, why don't he go home and demonstrate it? The courts are open. The people of Kentucky love fair dealing and will see to it that he gets a fair trial. Able and fearless and upright judges are on the bench. Yet he skulks in Indiana, afraid to poke his dishonored head within the confines of his native state. I did not believe that Kentucky ever nurtured such a shameless poltroon as that. He actually falls below the low level of the carpathians and sealwags of the southern states during reconstruction days. Ex-Governor Moses of South Carolina was indicted for grand larceny, but he had manhood enough to stand trial. He was convicted and served a term in the penitentiary of South Carolina and another term in the penitentiary of Massachusetts for another larceny. Another ex-governor of South Carolina, also a Republican, was indicted for murder or manslaughter. He stood trial and was acquitted. Ex-Governor Henry C. Warmouth of Louisiana also killed a man, stood trial and was acquitted, but this poor creature Taylor, who was the beneficiary of Goebel's assassination and who is indicted as an accessory to it, hides in Indiana and leaves the ignorant mountaineers who did the deed for his behoof and as it appears with his knowledge and assistance to their ignominious fate. But Kentuckians will have more respect for the dead carcasses of his obscure and loyal tools dangling from the gallows tree than for Taylor hiding in Indiana.

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We are in a position to know of the condition of the several companies and will say that THE UNITED MUTUAL HAIL ASSOCIATION of Lincoln began the season with three thousand members in good standing and there is no question about their five year policies being good as some of the agents for other companies are now advertising over the country that the policies for a five year period is not good but there is no more reason why a hail policy cannot be written on a five year period than a fire policy can, so that the arguments put up by these agents that a five year policy is no good is absolutely without foundation.

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Not a Candidate

Mr. H. M. Mathew, one of the foremost populist attorneys in the state who has been frequently and favorably mentioned for the nomination for attorney-general has written the following loyal and patriotic letter withdrawing. Such unselfish devotion to success should be remembered and awarded in the future. To the Editor Times Independent—In your issue of the 7th of June you said that I am a candidate for the fusion nomination for attorney-general on the fusion ticket this fall. It is true that my name has been mentioned in this connection by the Nebraska Independent and other reform papers in the state and it is also true that many of my friends in this and other counties have spoken to me on the subject but notwithstanding that I greatly appreciate the honor yourself and others would do me, yet at this time, it is my opinion that the office should go to a democrat.

The present incumbent, Mr. C. J. Smyth has so carried on the duties of the office as to merit and receive the full endorsement at the hands of the fusionists and the approval of the unprejudiced bar of the state, regardless of party. The democrats therefore naturally expect to name his successor and in view of the tremendous importance of the coming election to every man, woman and child in this republic nothing should be done to create friction in the fusion ranks but they should move firm and together with but one aim, to maintain the constitution of the fathers of this country, to overthrow the corrupt hordes that place the dollar above the man and to substitute for the vacillating un-American policy of William McKinley, the steadfast incorruptibility of William Jennings Bryan.

To do this we must all pull together and allow no personal ambitions to turn us aside from victory. Let us see to it that in state and county, the most loyal, the most capable and the truest be nominated to lead the campaign the coming fall. If there is weakness in office or in a candidate we must prune it away that our success at the polls may be sure and that we may feel secure after the election is won, but in this case we can not complain of the manner in which the democrats have administered the office in the past and justice demands that they retain it, as they wish to do.

In view of the above, with gratitude to yourself and others for kindly sentiments expressed, I am not a candidate for the nomination for attorney general this fall. H. M. MATHEW.

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