

[Special Washington Letter.]  
**W**HOM the gods would de-  
 stroy they first make  
 mad" is an old and true  
 saying. Yea, verily. And  
 it is peculiarly applicable to the  
 Republican majority in the present congress,  
 which, drunk with victory and with  
 power, imagines that the people will  
 tamely submit to any outrage. Conse-  
 quently they are concocting another  
 force bill, forgetful of the fact that the  
 Lodge force bill was one of the main  
 factors in making the country Demo-  
 cratic once before. Like the Bour-  
 bon's, the Republicans learn nothing.  
 The probabilities are that they are  
 bringing forward a new force bill at  
 the present juncture to rally together  
 the warring factions on the Cuban tar-  
 iff bill. After holding five general caucuses  
 and divers smaller confabs they  
 have by a majority vote agreed to the  
 20 per cent cut, but there is much  
 soreness, and a new salvo is needed for  
 their wounds; hence the force bill,  
 which Democrats welcome as an issue,  
 knowing full well that South Carolina is  
 no greater sinner than Massachusetts  
 against universal suffrage.

**Delarey.**  
 A new hero has taken his place in the  
 world's pantheon of fame.  
 Forever and forever,  
 As long as the river flows,  
 As long as the heart has passions,  
 As long as life hath woes,

Delarey will be a name to conjure with  
 wherever men are struggling for free-  
 dom. He now belongs to the goodly  
 company of liberty's worthies such as  
 Leonidas, Washington, Sam Houston  
 and Davy Crockett. In an hour he  
 leaped from the depths of obscurity to  
 a pinnacle of glory. One day he was  
 not known outside the little republics  
 of South Africa. The next day his  
 name was the resounding theme of every  
 tongue in the wide, wide world.  
 Sudden as a tiger from his lair he  
 sprang upon his prey, tearing and rend-  
 ing, destroying the flower of the British  
 army, taking many guns, more prisoners  
 and much munition of war; but, beat  
 and most important of all, he captured  
 the English commander, Lieutenant  
 General Lord Methuen, whom, with  
 rare generosity, he afterward released.

It is a curious coincidence that just  
 about the time President Roosevelt  
 was turning the Boer commissioners  
 away from the White House General  
 Delarey was winning imperishable re-  
 nown by striking a blow for his na-  
 tive land which resounded round the  
 globe and which will be lauded by  
 generations yet unborn. Verily the  
 race is not always to the swift or the  
 battle to the strong! Justice may sleep,  
 but never dies. The hope is not too  
 wild for entertainment that in their  
 righteous cause the Boers will yet tri-  
 umph. For their new friends will rise  
 up by reason of Delarey's amazing victory.

He is freedom's now and fame's,  
 One of the few, the immortal names  
 That were not born to die.

**A Leader.**  
 It is a well known fact that Demo-  
 crats resemble Collins' famous ram in  
 being men of their own heads. In a  
 large measure it is every fellow for  
 himself, even if not the devil for the  
 hindmost. Still, there is one man, Hon.  
 James D. Richardson of Tennessee,  
 who is always spoken of as the Demo-  
 cratic leader of the house because he  
 has twice been the nominee for speaker.  
 There is another leader, however,  
 who was never nominated for speaker.  
 That is W. C. Adamson of Georgia,  
 universally called Charlie by his  
 friends, and all who know him are his  
 friends. His name stands first on the  
 house roll of Democrats. As the house  
 is usually in an uproar, and as mem-  
 bers have a multiplicity of things to  
 do, it frequently happens that many  
 members have no idea what the roll  
 call is about until they inquire. Adam-  
 son, who is always at his post, saves  
 them the trouble of inquiring on all po-  
 litical questions, for he keeps posted  
 as to what is going on, and he is known  
 to be as faithful as the needle to the  
 pole in political matters. Conse-  
 quently when his clear tenor sounds "Aye!"  
 or "No," everybody knows how the  
 vast majority of Democrats will vote.  
 Adamson is our Democratic bellwether,  
 to use a common western phrase.  
 He is a capable man, a genial southern  
 gentleman who wears his heart upon  
 his sleeve. He is an able debater,  
 knows what he wants to say and says  
 it without circumlocution. He is popu-  
 lar on both sides of the house, but  
 the fact that he stands the first Demo-  
 crat on the roll forces him to be un-  
 usually vigilant. It's a post of honor,  
 but a hard berth to fill.

The Brooklyn Eagle tells the follow-  
 ing story of Adamson:

Congressman Adamson of Georgia lives  
 at the Hotel Varum when he is in Wash-  
 ington, and there, too, lives Congressman  
 Lloyd of Missouri, who tells this story at  
 the expense of his colleague:  
 "If there's a congressman who loves  
 children, it is Adamson, and while at the  
 Varum he spends much of his time play-  
 ing with the youngsters, with whom he is  
 a general favorite. One morning, just as  
 Adamson was starting for the capitol, a  
 five-year-old girl walked up to him and  
 asked him to let her ride on his back.  
 The child's mother objected, saying, "Why,  
 Mabel, you shouldn't make a horse of the  
 gentleman."  
 "Oh, mamma," answered the child, "he  
 isn't a gentleman; he's a congressman."  
 "The child's remark appealed to Mr.

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Adamson with peculiar force, and the de-  
 sired ride was freely given."  
**Big Grab.**  
 So far as the senate is concerned, the  
 ship subsidy grab is disposed of. It is  
 a most inexcusable raid upon the treas-  
 ury. There is nowhere on earth a single  
 fact to justify it. Nevertheless, in  
 obedience to Mark Hanna's fiat, an ob-  
 sequious senate passed it; but the fact  
 that Senators Allison and Dolliver of  
 Iowa voted against it and the further  
 fact that they are being praised in  
 Iowa for so doing may cause it to have  
 rough sledding in the house.

**Useful Even In Death.**  
 William Shakespeare or Lord Bacon  
 or whoever wrote "Hamlet" says:  
 Imperial Caesar, dead and turned to clay,  
 Might stop a hole to keep the wind away,  
 Oh, that that earth, which kept the world  
 In awe,  
 Should patch a wall to expel the winter's  
 flaw!

Therein the noble bard was lament-  
 ing the base uses to which a great man  
 may be put after he is in the grave.  
 Mine is a more congenial task. I am  
 an optimist. Better to sing a jubilate  
 than a miserere. Mine to tell how a de-  
 funct Republican congressman helped  
 his party out of a hole "deep as a well  
 and as wide as a barn door" long after  
 death. Indeed, it was by dying that he  
 unwittingly rendered his most valu-  
 able service to his party. It is a cheer-  
 ful, not a greivous, story that I have  
 to tell.

After serving two or three terms Hon.  
 Rousseau O. Crump of Michigan was  
 elected to the present congress. Nearly  
 a year ago he died, greatly mourned  
 by those who knew him, for he was a  
 most amiable old gentleman.

It will be remembered that on Wash-  
 ington's birthday, Feb. 22, Senators  
 Tillman and McLaurin of South Caro-  
 lina engaged in a game of fisticuffs on  
 the floor of the senate without any re-  
 gard to either senatorial courtesy or the  
 Marquis of Queensberry rules, where-  
 upon the president of the senate, Hon.  
 William P. Frye of Maine, in violation  
 of the constitution, ordered their names  
 struck from the rolls. For that arbi-  
 trary and unconstitutional performance  
 Senator Bailey gave the Republican  
 senators such a tremendous pomeling  
 that they wanted an adjournment to  
 gain time in which to consult upon  
 ways and means for pulling themselves  
 out of the cavity in which President  
 Frye had deposited them. Now, that  
 is precisely where Brother Crump came  
 from the grave to the rescue of the Re-  
 publican party. A happy idea took  
 shape in the head of Senator McMillan  
 of Michigan. He had known for nearly  
 a year that Mr. Crump was dead, and  
 so had all the other senators, but they  
 had not heard it officially. Conse-  
 quently on Feb. 25, about three seconds after  
 Mr. Chaplain Milburn said, "Amen,"  
 Senator McMillan arose, looking as solem-  
 n as a hired mourner at a funeral, and  
 offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the senate has heard  
 with deep sensibility announcement of the  
 death of Hon. Rousseau O. Crump, late a  
 representative from the state of Michi-  
 gan.

Resolved, That as an additional mark of  
 respect to the memory of the deceased  
 the senate do now adjourn.  
 And the senate did adjourn, not so  
 much out of respect to Crump as out of  
 fear of Bailey. What a ghastly joke  
 and what a lucky thing for the bewil-  
 dered Republican senators it was that  
 they had not officially heard of Mr.  
 Crump's death before they had a press-  
 ing need for an adjournment in order  
 to collect their wits! How they must  
 have laughed in their sleeves while go-  
 ing through that solemn farce! Here-  
 after, to avoid accidents, the Republi-  
 can senators ought to keep a few dead  
 congressmen in soak so as to announce  
 their death only when it is necessary  
 to adjourn in order to shield themselves  
 from the fatal blows of Bailey or some  
 other Democrat who knows and reveres  
 the constitution—the only paper consti-  
 tution that ever survived the century  
 mark, that wonderful document which  
 William E. Gladstone denominated the  
 "greatest single emanation of the hu-  
 man mind."

What a remarkable triumph for Bailey  
 and for justice that the arrogant  
 Republican majority in the senate  
 should be compelled to take refuge be-  
 hind a tombstone! He is worthy of  
 any honor the republic can bestow.

**Next!**  
 The cry of "Next!" is familiar to the  
 ears of patrons of barber shops. Colo-  
 nel John Hay and the remainder of the  
 McKinley cabinet must be wondering  
 who will be the "next" to go. Post-  
 master General Smith went amid gen-  
 eral regret. Lyman J. Gage took his  
 departure amid general rejoicing. Now  
 John D. Long, secretary of the navy,  
 the persecutor of the heroic and vic-  
 torious Schley, steps down and out.  
 And it is well. He is to be succeeded  
 by Hon. William Henry Moody, repre-  
 sentative from Massachusetts. That  
 also is well, for Moody is one of the  
 ablest men in the house, and, what's  
 more, he is a growing man. Not yet  
 fifty, he has achieved eminence in that  
 arena of fiercest competition where  
 quarter is neither asked nor given.

Why he is willing to give up an as-  
 sured position in the house for a place  
 in the cabinet is a mystery unless the  
 rumor is true that he is to succeed  
 Mr. Justice Gray, another old Ba-  
 State man, upon the supreme court

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stances. But whatever of good fortune  
 comes to Brother Moody will be re-  
 joiced at by those who have served  
 with him in the house. He is worthy  
 of all the honors he will receive. I am  
 glad to be able to say that of so in-  
 tense a Republican as Moody, than  
 whom no one is more intense. All the  
 virtue, all the intelligence and all the  
 patriotism are not monopolized by one  
 party, and Mr. Moody is possessed of  
 his full share of all the elements neces-  
 sary to a good citizen and a valuable  
 public official.

Of course President Roosevelt in  
 making cabinet changes is only doing  
 what everybody with two ideas above  
 a Hottentot knew he would do—as soon  
 as the funeral baked meats were dis-  
 posed of. The maudlin sentimentalists  
 who went into ecstasies because it was  
 given out that he was going to retain  
 the old cabinet had never read the his-  
 tory of their country and had never  
 studied human nature. They seemed  
 to think that there was nobody else in  
 the republic fit for the cabinet except  
 the eight men whom Mr. McKinley had  
 selected. As a matter of fact, there  
 are hundreds of them, and all good citi-  
 zens are glad that it is so. Not to go  
 outside the house of representatives, I  
 could offhand select a thoroughly Re-  
 publican cabinet for Colonel Roosevelt  
 fully as able and as well known as his  
 present official family, and that is not  
 intended as any reflection upon his  
 present advisers. For secretary of state  
 I would name Hitt of Illinois; secretary  
 of the treasury, Cannon of Illinois; sec-  
 retary of war, Bingham of Pennsylvania;  
 secretary of the navy, Moody of  
 Massachusetts; attorney general, Little-  
 field of Maine; postmaster general,  
 Landis of Indiana; secretary of the in-  
 terior, Curtis of Kansas; secretary of  
 agriculture, Wadsworth of New York.

Another Republican cabinet of men  
 whose capacity is recognized and whose  
 names are familiar to the ears of men  
 might be made up as follows: Secretary  
 of state, Cousins of Iowa; secretary of  
 the treasury, Payne of New York; sec-  
 retary of war, Burleigh of Maine; sec-  
 retary of the navy, Foss of Illinois; at-  
 torney general, Tawney of Minnesota;  
 postmaster general, Lord of California;  
 secretary of the interior, Hepburn  
 of Iowa; secretary of agriculture, Sib-  
 ley of Pennsylvania. This by no means  
 exhausts the list of eligible Republi-  
 cans in the house. On the Democratic  
 side two or three first rate cabinets  
 might be selected, but as Democrats  
 are not in the cabinet making business  
 just now there is no use in naming  
 them.

Consequently those lachrymose patri-  
 ots who thought the country would go  
 to what Mr. Mantalini termed the  
 demitition bowwows unless President  
 Roosevelt retained the McKinley cabi-  
 net may pluck up courage to look the  
 world in the face. In fact, in changing  
 his cabinet and getting out to his own  
 liking he is following both the preced-  
 ents and the law of nature. Tyler  
 got rid of the elder Harrison's cabi-  
 net, Fillmore did the same with Tay-  
 lor's. Andrew Johnson was impeached  
 for endeavoring to unload one of Lin-  
 coln's, Arthur bounced all of Garfield's  
 except Bob Lincoln, whom he retained  
 for sentimental reasons, and President  
 Roosevelt would have been acting with  
 less sense than he is usually credited  
 with had he not discarded cabinet  
 members whom he did not want.

**A Chief Justice In Posses.**  
 On dit that Mr. Chief Justice Fuller,  
 eighth of the line, will retire under the  
 law next January, when he can do so  
 on full pay. What is perhaps more  
 important, it is whispered that Senator  
 John C. Spooner of Wisconsin is slated  
 as his successor. As Chief Justice  
 Fuller is in good health, mental and  
 physical, and is not compelled to re-  
 tire until he chooses to do so, it is to  
 be hoped that he will hold on till  
 March 5, 1905, so that a Democratic  
 president could appoint a Democratic  
 chief justice, a consummation devoutly  
 to be wished. For instance, what a  
 magnificent chief justice Senator Joseph  
 W. Bailey would make!

It will be remembered that Mr. Jus-  
 tice Stephen J. Field, a Democrat, held  
 on long after he might have retired on  
 full pay because he was determined  
 that President Cleveland should not  
 appoint his successor. Evidently he  
 was not enamored of Grover.  
 If it is destined that we are to have  
 another Republican chief justice, Sen-  
 ator Spooner is as good a man as the  
 party contains. He holds a high po-  
 sition in the senate and is on all hands  
 conceded to be a great lawyer. There  
 are no blotches on his character, and  
 he would preserve the ermine unstain-  
 ed. In private life he is a most genial  
 gentleman. He is frequently and fa-  
 vorably mentioned for the presidency,  
 but if the chief justiceship is offered  
 to him he will most likely accept it on  
 the theory enunciated by one of the  
 most brilliant of my constituents that  
 "a bird in the hand is the noblest work  
 of God."

The chief justiceship is a position of  
 great power and dignity. It assures  
 the incumbent a comfortable living  
 and a high social position for life. It  
 is supposed to confer a species of earth-  
 ly immortality, yet how many Ameri-  
 cans could name offhand the men who  
 have occupied that exalted and great-  
 ly coveted station? A great many  
 know that John Jay was the first chief  
 justice. All intelligent people know  
 that John Marshall and Roger B. Tan-  
 ey were among his successors. Of  
 course it is a matter of common knowl-  
 edge that Melville W. Fuller now pre-  
 sides over the most august and power-  
 ful tribunal on earth, but who and  
 what manner of men were the other  
 four? Truly did Horace Greeley say,  
 "Fame is a vapor!"

**OUR STATE CAMPAIGN**  
**Mr. Quinby Discusses Planks Our Next**  
**State Platform Should Contain**  
 As the state campaign approaches, I  
 believe it is not only the right, but  
 the duty of every populist to do some  
 thinking and to express that thought  
 in bold, unvarnished language.  
 In the first place, I believe that vic-  
 tory for us is sure—on one condition.  
 That condition is, first, that we present  
 to the voters of the state a clear-cut  
 and specific, constructive platform;  
 and, second, that we nominate men  
 on our ticket who not only understand  
 the issues presented, but who have the  
 courage to advocate them, and the  
 power, if elected, to enact and enforce  
 them.  
 Ten years ago I left the republican  
 party, as thousands of populists did,  
 because I was tired of platitudes and  
 generalizations. And these ex-republi-  
 cans, all good populists, are not go-  
 ing to be longer bamboozled with  
 them.  
 Nor can we win by way of negation.

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 ter than negative virtue, all people ad-  
 mire men and parties that do things,  
 even though they be wrong, rather  
 than the wishy-washy, namby-pamby,  
 mush-of-concession gentlemen who,  
 though they may think, fear to act.  
 "God give us men!"  
 We must make, for one thing, a true  
 fight for the initiative and referendum.  
 The people have a right to question  
 our devotion to the principles of self-  
 government so long as we do not show  
 them a practical and effective method  
 for the application of those principles.  
 And we must not have strings tied to  
 our professions either. No qualifying  
 phrases must be added.  
 We must demand a constitutional  
 amendment, allowing the people of  
 each township, district and county lo-  
 cal option in taxation, just as they are  
 doing in Colorado, where the people  
 this year are to vote for such an  
 amendment. Why should the people  
 of thickly populated towns be con-  
 trolled in local matters by rural dis-  
 tricts, or why should the people in  
 rural districts be controlled by ward-  
 heaters in the cities in matters of tax-

and then the people in the cities could  
 see to it that franchised corporations  
 paid their just share of taxation. The  
 rural districts could also do as they  
 saw fit with their own affairs.  
 We must demand f.: the state that  
 it levy a direct tax upon the values of  
 franchises held by public service cor-  
 porations. This can be done under the  
 law as it exists and need not wait for  
 an amendment. We must compel the  
 railroads, telegraphs and all public-  
 service corporations holding fran-  
 chises from the state to pay a rea-  
 sonable tax upon the value of those  
 franchises. If these franchises were  
 taxed to their full value, as they  
 should be, since they are primarily  
 the property of the people, public own-  
 ership of these monopolies would easily  
 follow as a logical sequence.  
 We must demand and secure more  
 reasonable freight and passenger rates  
 from the railroads. We should promise  
 the people, and conscientiously keep  
 our promise, that a maximum freight  
 and passenger rate shall be established,  
 reducing the present rates an average  
 of at least 10 per cent for freight, and  
 15 per cent for passenger rates at most two

A political platform should be concis-  
 e, clear-cut, specific and emphatic.  
 It should not be argumentative, and it  
 should be brief, as truth is always  
 brief. It is only deception that seeks  
 to cover its tracks by high-sounding,  
 but meaningless platitudes, long  
 words and longer sentences.  
 Let us be specific, straightforward,  
 courageous and fair, and the people  
 will rally to our standard. In every  
 instance where truly democratic prin-  
 ciples have been put forth in clear and  
 specific terms, victory has followed.  
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 man who sets his sails to catch the  
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