

DOOLEY ON DICKINSON

From "Mr. Dooley on political events:"

"Well, sir, like all me fellow citizens, I wish success to this new administration an', also, small harm to us fr'm it. I like this last wish best. It's more fr'm th' heart, an' annyhow th' administration is sure to be a success. How can it fail whin it will be run be Dimmycrats? 'Tis so. What are th' most important functions iv government, I'll ask ye. Aren't they th' control iv th' cash drawer an' th' command iv th' polis force? Well, they are. An' both iv thim magnificent jobs have gone to old warhorses iv th' Dimoc-

racy. We've waited manny years f'r this proud an' happy day. F'r fifty years we've thried to get Dimmycrats into office. We thried it be illictin' a Republican an' that was no good. We thried it be illictin' a Dimmycrat an' he didn't help it. We thried it be passin' civil service examinations on'y to find as soon as we got th' job we become Republicans. It was left f'r Bill Taft to reward our grand old party. 'This here administration,' says he, 'will be conducted on no partison or sectional lines,' says he, 'I will jine with me in th' government iv our common country,' says he, 'riprisintative mimbers iv that party that has done more thin anny other agency to make th' Re-

publican party what,' he says, 'an' where it is,' he says. "An' he sint to our own fair city, Hinnessy, f'r th' heroes to do th' wurruk. In makin' his first sellection his nachral choice fell on th' name that has long stood at th' head iv th' embattled Dimmycrats iv Illiye. I need not tell ye that I refer to Jacob Dickinson, if I have th' name right. Since Stephen A. Douglas' day th' sturdy but sparsely settled Dimmocracy iv Illiye have had no such revered leader as Jakey Dickinson. His cozy little office in th' Illiye Cinthral buildin' was th' shrine iv Dimmycrats. Often have I seen old, battle-scarred Dimmycrats fr'm Winnybago county who voted th' ticket whin it was punishable with death or imprisonment f'r life at th' discretion iv th' coort, often have I seen thim takin' their boys around an' pintin' him out an' sayin', 'There he is, me lad. Look well at him an' in future years ye can say to ye'er childher that ye have seen th' face iv Joe H. Dickinson.' As a leader he was bold to th' pint iv recklessness often bein' carried be his enthusyasm into th' Republican ranks. But in th' dark hours iv defeat he wud come back to our councils an' tell us why we lost. It is not without a sinsation iv grief, Hinnessy, that I see him lave to take up his jooties in a higher spear. Us old Dimmycrats, we will meet, but we will miss him. We have missed him often on illiction day. Now we will miss him f'r th' four years between, too. He will make a gr-reat Secrety iv War. In time iv throuble ye may be sure that his soord will flash fr'm its scabbard an' his voice be heard proclaiming' in claryon tones: 'Me brave boys, befare us lies th' inimy's camp. Follow me an' we will soon be in it.'"

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DOOLEY ON THE BOLTERS

From "Mr. Dooley on political events:"

"An' there ye are. I don't know what th' Republicans wud do if it wasn't f'r us Dimmycrats both befare, at an' afther th' illictions. Ye heerd how we thwarted th' almost inhuman conspiracy against Uncle Joe Cannon. 'Tis a romantic story. Ye know Uncle Joe? Annyhow, ye've see his face in pitchers—a handsome face but visionary an' incautious. Out here in Illiye where we have seen his wurruk, we know this sainted character. F'r many years Uncle Joe has ruled th' House iv Rprisintatives be love an' be love alone. His is a soul, as the pote says, that is a star an' dwells apart. He nivr shud've been in pollyticks. He is th' kind iv a man ye wud get to judge a flower show, but he wud be useless in a horse thrade. He knows no more about pollyticks thin Canada Bill knew about three card monty. He had been in Washington manny years more thin th' conspirators, but what does expeeryence count to a man who had done nawthin' all his life but take bad money in change f'r good. An' these savage, pow'rful an' injanyous men detarmined to creep up behind this unwary, imprudent old philanthropist an' desthroy him. They almost did it, too. Havin' absolute confidence in human nature, he nivr suspects annything. He was like a timid fox among a horde iv feerocious hens. It was pitiful to see him setting up there, with a cigar tilted in his mouth, an' an expression on his face like a man with four iv a kind in his hand watchin' an Englishman wondhrin' whether he ought to come in an' dhrav four. Meanwhile the crafty conspirators conspired as their wont is in secret on th' flure iv th' House, on th' sthreet corner or in th' dark an' gloom iv th' bar room, while he wint his guileless way, atin' his cigar in contint, tillyphoning to Pat McCarren an' Charlie Murphy, visiting th'