

THE DEMOCRATIC SENATE

Following is a list of the newly elected and holdover democratic senators, making a total of forty-nine, with Illinois yet to hear from:

State.	Name.	Term Expires.
Alabama	Joseph F. Johnston	1915
	John H. Bankhead	1919
Arizona	Marcus A. Smith	1915
	Henry F. Ashurst	1917
Arkansas	James P. Clarke	1915
	Joseph J. Robinson	1919
Colorado	Charles S. Thomas	1915
	John F. Shafroth	1919
Delaware	Willard Saulsbury	1919
Florida	Duncan U. Fletcher	1915
	Nathan P. Bryan	1917
Georgia	Hoke Smith	1915
	Augustus O. Bacon	1919
Indiana	Benjamin F. Shively	1915
	John Worth Kern	1917
Kansas	William H. Thompson	1919
Kentucky	Ollie M. James	1919
Louisiana	John R. Thornton	1915
	Joseph E. Ransdell	1919
Maine	Charles F. Johnson	1917
Maryland	John Walter Smith	1915
Mississippi	John Sharp Williams	1917
	James K. Vardaman	1919
Missouri	William J. Stone	1915
	James A. Reed	1917
Montana	Henry L. Myers	1917
	Thomas J. Walsh	1919
Nebraska	Gilbert M. Hitchcock	1917
Nevada	Francis G. Newlands	1915
	Key Pittman	1917
New Jersey	James E. Martine	1917
	William Hughes	1919
New York	James A. O'Gorman	1917
North Carolina	Lee S. Overman	1915
	F. M. Simmons	1919
Ohio	Atlee Pomerene	1917
Oklahoma	Thomas P. Gore	1915
	Robert L. Owen	1919
Oregon	George E. Chamberlain	1915
	Harry Lane	1919
South Carolina	Elison D. Smith	1915
	Benjamin R. Tillman	1919
Tennessee	Luke Lea	1917
	John K. Shields	1919
Texas	Charles A. Culberson	1917
	Morris Sheppard	1919
Virginia	Claude A. Swanson	1917
	Thomas S. Martin	1919
West Virginia	William E. Chilton	1917
	—Chicago Record-Herald.	

A GOOD MEASURE

The following are sample comments of newspapers on the Sheppard-Kenyon measure prohibiting shipments of liquor into dry territory:

**Macon News:** If the Kenyon bill should pass the senate and house and successfully run the ordeal of the United States supreme court it would prove to be the most practical and effective blow yet struck at the liquor traffic.

**Philadelphia North American:** And because the Kenyon bill involves a moral issue there is an irreconcilable conflict over it, as there will be until it will have been settled on the side of morality as well as correct economic principles.

**St. Paul Pioneer Press:** When the railroads deliver the liquor, the state laws, whether providing for the confiscation of the goods or the arrest and punishment of the person owning them, become operative.

**Nashville Tennessean:** The people of a state ought to have a right to control their own affairs, and when their legislature enacts laws forbidding the manufacture and sale of liquor the federal government ought not to be a protector of the defier of such laws by permitting

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him to invade the dry territory under the shield of inter-state commerce.

NO LAW OF PRIMOGENITURE

Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, has made this statement: "The law of primogeniture has been outlived in the world at large. There is no more reason why it should survive in the United States senate than in any other place. The house has found a way to break up the inheritance system in regard to committee chairmanships, and you can judge for yourself whether the senate is likely to do the same thing."

Referring to Senator Lea's statement the Baltimore Sun says: "There is no ground in this for any surprise, any alarm, any discord. No one is to be thrust aside summarily whose superior ability and experience entitle him to leadership. The only law which is sought to be put into effect in congress is the law which prevails in the whole world outside—the law of superior merit—and if that be treason, it is not treason to the people or to the democratic party. And we do not believe, after they have considered the matter carefully, that any "senior" senators will attempt to create dissension over an issue that the people have already practically settled."

AT EVERY STAGE

Having been disappointed in its effort to defeat the income tax amendment the New York Sun now directs its attention to the mutilation of the law to be passed in consequence of that amendment. The Sun says: "How far the new democratic dispensation will depart from this original attitude toward the income tax idea, how strong will be the effort to make it the instrument of odious class discrimination and inequality for socialistic or near-socialistic purposes wholly apart from the question of revenue, now remains to be seen."

The Commoner believes that the methods of levying this tax will be in harmony with the spirit in which the sixteenth amendment was adopted. It is not to be expected that the New York Sun will be pleased, for it is probable that some of the Sun's clients will be required to bear something like their proportion of the financial burden of government.

ONE EXCEPTION

The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal says that it "tempers its admiration for Mr. Bryan's talents and its respect for his character by a very poor opinion of him."

That has been a characteristic of The Courier-Journal's attitude toward public men. Diogenes' famous hunt wasn't a marker compared with this Kentucky journal's effort to find a really good man.

There has, however, been one exception to the rule. Mr. Henry Watterson will go down in American history distinguished in two particulars—as the most persistent hater of any democrat who has won the favor of his party, and the one individual in all the world who has measured up to the Courier-Journal's idea of a perfect man.

MR. CLARK AND THE PARTY PLATFORM

Speaker Clark followed President Taft in an address before the Ohio society of Washington. Mr. Taft had declared against the democratic program respecting early independence for the Philippines, and this was Mr. Clark's reference to the subject:

"I have no inclination to make a Philippine speech, and I'm not going to, either. I wish we were out of there in as good shape as we were when we got in. But, according to the democratic platform, which I didn't make, we are committed to a policy. I believe that when a man gets office on a platform he should religiously live up to the planks that are in that platform."—Washington (D. C.) Star.

HOW DOES HE KNOW?

In an editorial printed in the Louisville Courier-Journal Mr. Henry Watterson declares that Mr. Bryan is "most infirm" in judgment. But how does Mr. Henry Watterson know that such judgment is "most infirm." In parlance familiar, in olden days, in the Courier-Journal office, it was always safe to "copper" every Watterson bet. If infirmity in judgment were a capital offense, Mr. Henry Watterson would long ago have been hanged as high as Haman on a political gibbet—and the world would have been poorer and Heaven richer to that extent.

GENERAL SICKLES' CASE

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Saving the country did not end at Gettysburg. The tragedy of General Sickles' career reminds one that there is a patriotism in keeping sacred a fiduciary trust as well as in losing a leg in battle. Attorney General Carmody, of New York state, has pursued exactly the right course in insisting that the Sickles shortage, for which there is no possible excuse, be made up. The general has been treated with extreme consideration and leniency, but there is a limit to the patience of the responsible authorities. If General Sickles has personal friends, they now have an opportunity to save him from further disgrace, but no one is justified in berating the state officers for their course.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORS

Governor Dunne, of Illinois, has called upon the democrats in the legislature to see to it that two democratic senators are chosen from Illinois. The governor declares that on this point he is a "standpatter." Governor Dunne is right and members of the legislature may depend upon it that the developments in the Illinois senatorial contest will be subjected to the keenest sort of observation by the democrats of the country. Democratic members of the Illinois legislature will discover that Edward F. Dunne is a safe counsellor for those who would keep in the straight and narrow path.

A GOOD OLD DEMOCRAT

Missouri lost a good old democrat in the death of Michael K. McGrath, for many years Missouri's secretary of state and at the time of his death a member of the legislature. Mr. McGrath had perhaps the widest personal acquaintance in Missouri of any citizen of that state. In every office he held he rendered faithful service to the people, and his memory will be kept green by a host of warm personal friends.

JUST LIKE TEXAS

The Houston (Texas) Post makes it very clear to President-elect Wilson that the Post does not approve of Mr. Bryan. In fact, about the only way to describe the poverty of its opinion of Mr. Bryan as a public man is to say that it is just as poor as the opinion recently expressed by the people of Texas concerning the qualifications of the editor of the Houston Post to be United States senator from the Lone Star state.

MERELY A COINCIDENCE

The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal says: "The counsel of the Courier-Journal has always the merit of disinterestedness." Perhaps it is merely a coincidence that the counsel is usually in line with that favored by representatives of special interests.

SMILE

Like bread without the spreadin',  
Like a puddin' without sauce,  
Like a mattress without beddin',  
Like a cart without a boss,  
Like a door without a latchstring,  
Like a fence without a stile,  
Like a dry and barren creek bed,  
Is a face without a smile!

Like a house without a dooryard,  
Like a yard without a flower,  
Like a clock without a mainspring,  
That will never tell the hour;  
A thing that sort o' makes yo' feel  
A hunger all the while—  
Oh, the saddest sight that ever was  
Is a face without a smile!

The face of man was built fer smiles,  
An' thereby is he blest  
Above the critters of the field,  
The birds an' all the rest;  
He's jest a little lower  
Than the angels in the skies,  
An' the reason is that he can smile:  
Therein his glory lies!

So smile an' don't fergit to smile,  
An' smile, an' smile ag'in;  
'Twill loosen up the cords o' care,  
An' ease the weight o' sin;  
'Twill help yo' on the longest road,  
An' cheer yo' mile by mile;  
An' so, whatever is your lot,  
Jes' smile, an' smile, an' smile.

—Augustin W. Breeden in the National Magazine.