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LEADER OF THE DEMOCRATS ELOQUENT

CHAMP CLARK SAYS VICTORY OF LAST FALL MAY BE WASHED IN A MOMENT.

DISCUSSES TARIFF ISSUE

Hopes Democratic Legislature Will Accomplish Something With Tariff—Reviews the Election of Last Fall, Blaming It to Over Confidence of the Republicans—Bryan Not Present at Meeting Today.

Baltimore, Jan. 17.—Distinguished Democrats are here today for the annual Jackson Day celebration. W. J. Bryan did not attend. Governor Crothers presided this afternoon and there will be a big banquet tonight.

Champ Clark, the next speaker of the house was the chief orator, and he said:

Calls for Great Rally.

"We do well to celebrate Jackson's victory at New Orleans and to jollify over it after ninety-six years. We do better to emulate Jackson's virtues as a statesman, those democratic virtues which rendered his fame immortal and which have glorified the republic and elevated her to the front rank among the nations of the earth.

"We are also met to celebrate, ratify and jollify over the results of the November election.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life, is bound in shallows and in mysteries.

"Those well known lines describe the present democratic situation with utmost precision. Had the author written them with special reference to our condition at this moment he could not by any possibility have diagnosed our case with greater skill.

"We had lost election after election for so many years that many democrats had lost hope. If six months ago we could have made every body believe that we would elect a majority of the house in the sixty-second congress, our majority would have been 150 instead of 65. Many democrats were as much astonished as were the republicans at the result on the eighth of November. Now they realize that we have more than an even chance of sweeping the country from sea to sea in 1912. This glorious result can be accomplished by the very simple process of carrying out religiously the promises which we made in order to win last November, and that is the only way known among men of achieving success. The people deserve to be treated honestly and fairly. Even if we were not disposed to redeem our promises as a matter of principle, when we look upon the wreck of the republican party we have a most valuable object lesson of the low estate to which a great organization may fall by failure to live up to its promises.

"It has been generally stated in the public press that this meeting is for the purpose of securing harmony among the democrats. This is not true for harmony already exists in the party and this meeting is for the purpose of maintaining rather than securing harmony.

"We ought to compose our differences in caucus where they ought to be settled. They are family matters and ought to be arranged in the family circle. That they will be so arranged, there can be no doubt, because democrats are sensible men, and that is the sensible thing to do.

"In order to give the country positive proof that we intend to redeem the pledges by which we won last autumn, the house democrats have called a caucus of the members-elect of the sixty-second congress to be

held on the nineteenth day of this month, for the purpose of selecting the democratic portion of the ways and means committee in order that we may have time to collect information to construct a tariff bill or bills, wisely and systematically, so as to have the tariff bill or bills introduced at an early date as possible to reduce the effects of uncertainty to the minimum.

"We could not afford to slap together a tariff bill, or bills, without due information on which to base them and the country could not afford to have us do so. Therefore, the only rational thing to do is the thing which we are about to do; that is, to get ready to go to work to revise the tariff wisely, scientifically and systematically, in accordance with our promise.

"There are two ways of revising the tariff—one by a general bill, the other by particular bills for particular schedules, or particular bills for particular items. The consensus of opinion among the democrats seems to be that the latter is the preferable method, and that we should proceed to revise it by separate bills, taking the most obnoxious schedules first.

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LIBEL ACTION TO COME TO AN ISSUE HERE

JUDGE KNOWLES RULES DEMURRER IS INSUFFICIENT.

Governor West, Geo. H. Currey and Senator Oliver Involved.

Holding that the demurrer of Turner Oliver to the complaint filed by F. W. Gaines, against George H. Currey, Turner Oliver and Oswald West, now governor, was insufficient and that the service which Turner Oliver alleged in his demurrer was improper and insufficient and was really in accordance with legal demands, Circuit Judge Knowles this afternoon filed an opinion ignoring the demurrer. Turner Oliver will have to stand trial on charges of complicity in an alleged libelous article published in the Observer, and as the other defendants are considered in the same light, the three men will have to stand trial for publishing an alleged libelous article in the Observer November 22, 1909. Governor West was at that time a member of the state railroad commission, Turner Oliver was counsel for several farmers who were refusing to pay the bonus asked by Gaines, for obtaining freight reductions, and Geo. H. Currey was owner and publisher of the Observer. The article in question which involved so many defendants, was written by the then railroad road commissioner to Turner Oliver and the latter is alleged to have caused the article to be published and Mr. Currey is accused of having published it.

While there may be some technical or legal point brought up within the next thirty days it is presumed that the case will actually come to trial here and that the governor, Mr. Oliver who is now state senator, and Mr. Currey, will have to fight it, out with Gaines in the court. Gaines affirms his character has been defamed to the extent of about \$25,000.

The article in question was an attack on Gaines' methods of securing freight reductions, and his manner of collecting fees for his successes.

CZARINA IN POOR HEALTH

Generally Believed She Has But a Short Time to Live.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 17.—Confirmation of reports that the Czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained today from attaches of the palace. Her majesty's recent trip to Bad Nauheim brought only temporary relief and her nervous disorder with melancholia has returned. It is feared that she has not long to live.

CENTRAL BANK PLAN SPRUNG BY ALDRICH

FORMATION OF AN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IS KEYNOTE OF NEW PLANS.

BOARD TO GOVERN BODY

All National Banks May Become Members and Only Five Per Cent Dividends Can Ever Be Paid by the Association—Board would be in the saddle in case of Paules—Capital Stock \$300,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Senator Aldrich's central bank plan was sprung today. The scheme provides for the organization of national bankers into a reserve association of America. Under the scheme the forces now controlling the national banks of the country would be in the saddle in case of a panic.

The association will be governed if the present plan is put through, by a board of forty-five directors who will gradually take over the privilege of issuing the currency until it becomes the sole agency.

The capital will be \$300,000,000. Any national bank may become stockholders, but stock is non-transferable. The dividends are never to exceed five per cent and the government gets a part of its earnings.

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—John Kern, the former democratic candidate for vice-president, was elected United States Senator to succeed Beveridge this afternoon.

SALEM SENATORS FORBIDDEN USE OF WEEDS DURING SESSIONS

Salem, Jan. 17.—The Oregon senate for the first time in history passed a rule prohibiting smoking during sessions.

There was a joint house memorial passed today demanding that the Oregon United States senators get busy and see that Oregon gets at least fifty per cent of what it gives to the reclamation service. The house resolution that Food Commissioner Bailey be investigated immediately was passed. He is accused of petty grafting. The same action is probable in the senate.

There will not be any capital punishment or murderers won't be pardoned if resolutions introduced by Representative Clyde pass the legislature which provide for life imprisonment and without hope of pardon unless new evidence convincing the authorities of innocence is produced.

INTERESTS TO START OPEN WARFARE

NEW YORK BANKERS APPLAUD WHEN CANNON'S NAME IS REVERED BY TOASTER.

MUCKRAKERS ARE GRILLED

Roosevelt and Other Reformers' Names Will be Survived Only Because They Fought Joe Cannon, While the Speaker Will be Endangered to the Memories of Coming Generations—Morgan Applauds.

New York, Jan. 17.—Indications that the "interests" are preparing to make a fight in the open on progressive policies were seen today, following a hot denunciation of muckrakers, the initiative, the recall and other measures, at a dinner last night of New York bankers.

Responding to a toast, Former Governor Black grilled Colonel Roosevelt, praised Joe Cannon while J. P. Morgan led in the outbursts of applause congratulating Black. "It is business of the sensible," said Black, "to quit whispering when demagogues and disturbers become active. They should come out in the open and reason with the people. As things are now demagogues always start with the advantage an unfair disputant always has. I believe that in many generations from now, when the names of these sporadic and volatile reformers are preserved only because they fought him, Speaker Cannon. He will be remembered with increasing respect."

today before the interstate commerce commission against the proposed advance.

Atwood based his contentions on the ruling of the supreme court which declared that the status of property will be determined at the time when the increased rates are considered, that the company is entitled to benefits of the increase in value in its property. The decision was made in the case of Wilcox against the consolidated gas company of New York.

Atwood argued the railroads could make the same claim because they were clothed with power for the eminent domain and could secure the property cheaper.

GIRLS SAVED FROM FIRE.

Firemen Come to Rescue and Save One Hundred Girls From Factory.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 17.—Heroic work by the firemen resulted in the rescue of one hundred girls from the third floor of a burning shirt waist factory here today. A score of girls were overcome and the ruins are being searched in the belief that some of them may have perished.

NORTH FORK NEW TOWN IN THE VALLEY

WETS OF SUMMERVILLE CREATE "OUR TOWN"

Hamilton Being Petitioned Not to Resign, as Announced Saturday.

Summerville, Jan. 17. (Special)—By holding the controlling levers on the situation, the "drys" in the Summerville liquor squabble have forced a new town, as it were, for what is known as the North Fork, has suddenly sprung up just without the corporate limits of the town of Summerville and drink is being dispensed, to citizens—in gallon quantities. The rise of what many believe will be the nucleus of the little hamlet, has sprung up suddenly but it has already daubed as "Our Town" by the elements who are opposed to the reign of the dry council, elected after the town of Summerville voted wet. The present council has gained a firm grip on the situation it is said, and positively refuses to allow liquor to be sold within the corporate limits of Summerville. It was this victory by the drys that drove the wets to form "our town" and by common consent it has been called "North Fork."

Petition Hamilton Again.

City Recorder C. C. Hamilton is being petitioned to reconsider his determination to quit the office he was elected to at the last general election as last Saturday he tendered his resignation when the council intimated in strong language that he was incompetent, following his dismissal of two bootlegging cases.

It is not known what the petition will do with Hamilton for he has not rendered a final opinion on the prayer of his petitioners. While the petition is being largely signed by Summerville people, many in the town flatly refused because of the ruling in his court Friday, but on the other hand, the petitions claim his jurisdiction extends to the justice of the peace district in includes out-of-town taxpayers, so that they are signing the petition too.

ADMIRAL NOW A PRIVATE

Man Who Yesterday Was Reduced to Citizenship Will Visit East.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Without a plan for the future, Rear Admiral Barry today began life as a private citizen. He remained most of the day in his apartments at the Palace hotel. He said he will leave for New York soon but first will visit friends at Mare Island. He retired yesterday under a cloud.

RENEWING FIGHT FOR EASTERN ASYLUM

MUCH EXCITEMENT PREVAILS IN UNION AND BAKER OVER THE TURN OF EVENTS.

LAGRANDE NOT AMBITIOUS

Rumors Revived That City Would Ask Union to Let the Capital Town Try It but Such is Far From Truth.

Excitement all over Eastern Oregon prevails since Governor West re-opened the asylum question yesterday in Salem and prominent business men of Union, Baker and Pendleton are getting busy toward framing up a new campaign for their respective communities.

It has been suggested that inasmuch as a new law must be passed by the legislature to re-open the question, that other Eastern Oregon cities may shy their casters into the ring for preferment. While this has been mentioned so far as known no other city has taken advantage of the possible opportunity to join what has been an unpleasant and an unsatisfactory contest. The story has been circulated that La Grande would try and induce Union to step aside and in the new fight let the county seat town combat Pendleton and Baker, but there is not a syllable of truth to base such a story upon.

La Grande has no interest in the asylum question other than to see Union land the institution and under no consideration can this city be induced to even think of asking for the asylum provided the matter is successfully re-opened.

Will Not Fight Union.

When the Evening Observer carried the news of Governor West's message to President Bodinson, F. H. Dean, and J. W. Stuchell of Baker, who were in La Grande yesterday, those gentlemen expressed considerable pleasure over a possibility of the matter being again taken up. Each of them, however, asserted that there would be no fight on the city of Union. While they are anxious for the new bughouse to go to Baker if it is in the cards to honorably land it, they will have no harsh feelings if the new commission sees fit to place it at Union.

Mr. Bodinson said: "There is a vein of selfishness in all of us, but we feel that Union county is so closely affiliated with Baker county that whichever gets the asylum we will all feel jubilant for it will be a home victory even if Union is named."

When Mr. Dean was asked how he felt, he expressed himself in very much the same manner. Mr. Dean further stated that he believed that La Grande, Union and Baker should mix more. "There are so many things in common to benefit we people of these counties if we will but get together and demand them. Neither county can accomplish more than half as much alone as she could with the assistance of the other."

"I feel that La Grande and Union county can claim me almost as much as Baker," said J. W. Stuchell, the wholesale grocer, "and I am certainly favorable to anything that will benefit either place. In the asylum matter my first choice is Baker, naturally, but if Union should get it I shall be pleased to send my congratulations."

Everyone is awaiting the next move from Salem and as soon as something shows up it is quite likely both Union and Baker will reorganize their forces for a snappy campaign.

A HURRY UP CLEANUP.



—Reese in St. Paul Pioneer Press.