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**THE LATEST DEMOCRATIC CHOICE.**

It would appear that the eastern central wing of the democratic party has struck a harmony note in announcing that Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago would be in line for the nomination for the presidency. The news is not startling nor does it come unexpectedly, but there is an abundance of room to doubt the wisdom of this branch of democracy in suggesting Mayor Harrison for the highest position in the United States.

It is a remote possibility that the nomination of the Mayor would unite the democratic forces in the next national campaign, but there a question again arises whether Mr. Harrison's local political bearing would not forestall any movement on the part of the eastern democrats to support him. For it has been long conceded that Carter Harrison was not in many respects a man of strong individuality. Locally he is known as a mayor and a politician who follows a people that wants to be led, and in the city at whose head he stands he is spoken of as a man who has built himself a castle on his father's name. He lacks the firmness, intuitiveness and stamina that mark the successful and respected politician and there is many a loop hole of graft in the Windy City through which he has thrust his arm.

Carter Harrison laid the foundation of his local political prestige in the stand which he took in the street car franchise fight as long ago as the winter of '98. In that struggle against the greed of corporations, and in the face of a council which openly boasted of the bribes it had received, the mayor put down his foot and stood up for the rights of a suffering public. It was a sweep stake move and Carter Harrison knew it. He knew he was chiseling a warm spot in the hearts of the people he represented and that in the spring following the odds for re-election would be decidedly in his favor. And they were, and every year afterwards when the old franchise sore has swollen up, abetted with municipal corruption, Harrison has taken the same wise political position only to be rewarded in the spring with a satisfactory majority over the other mayoralty candidates.

And these are about the only instances in which the prospective candidate for the presidency has shown the backbone which every

president should have. The reason has been shown. He has never in all his public career been identified with a movement which was not originated by others except a very few that were formed as a matter of political expediency. Eastern democrats are familiar with these facts and are not likely to overlook them in picking out a substantial timber for the president's chair.

**THE CHANGE HAS COME.**

Mr. Bryan has stepped down and out of the presidential race. He has been busy—very much so—during the past month in getting his silver tinted hands on that \$50,000. That's right. Mr. Bryan has always advocated the circulation of more money, and it is only fitting and proper that he should at this time, while the opportunity is ripe, give a practical impetus to his impractical theories. His thoughts in connection with the presidency run way back to '96 when he stormed the country with his oratory and his chances of success were far greater than they ever have been since. At that time he was the avowed advocate of the poorer classes, the masses, if you please, which labor for their daily bread. He had no thought for money—every man who possessed enough to buy more than one suit of clothes was a plutocrat in his eyes, and his denunciation of wealth was bitter indeed.

But times have changed. Twice defeated, Mr. Bryan went into journalism. He boomed his Commoner, got a good circulation, raised the advertising rates, as any publisher honest to himself and his future would do, and then set down to reap the benefits. The benefits accrued rather rapidly it seems. Anyway, they brought starting results in the property line and the possession of worldly goods, and then Mr. Bennett was kind enough to die.

Death, as a rule, are rather sad things to record, but this one has brought joy to Willie's heart. That fifty thousand has indeed put a silver lining in his cloud, opulence is no longer an ear mark of plutocracy, the body politic is fast forgetting the primitive theories that Willie advocated, so is Willie himself, and the world-well, the world presents a panoramic aspect, tinted a rosy hue. Wealth, after all, is worth the effort. The fifty thousand has done wonders!

**A QUESTION OF GENERAL SHIP.**

The Review is very sorry because president Roosevelt, in his recent speech on the Antietam battlefield, did not mention the name of General George B. McClellan, the Federal commander in that battle who, with 97,000 brave soldiers, failed to defeat 35,000 Confederates under General Robert E. Lee.

The battle of Antietam was not a victory for the North only so far as the actual fighting was concerned. It was a drawn battle, and the Federals were the heavier losers in killed and wounded.

Unable to cope with overwhelm-

ing numbers, Lee prudently withdrew his army the night after the battle and secured his retreat into Virginia. McClellan deserves but little credit for his generalship at Antietam. If the two armies could have swapped commanders, the Confederate army would have been captured or destroyed.

It is true, as president Roosevelt says, that McClellan had a remarkable gift for organization, and at this day his patriotism and loyalty to the North are hardly questioned, but he was lacking in the essentials required for a great general. He was over cautious, and it is doubtful whether he would have followed up his advantage had his victory been complete. At any rate he will never rank with such leaders as Grant, Thomas, Lee or Johnston who, in the actual campaigns they conducted in the Civil war, established beyond a doubt a right to the merited distinction which they have always borne.

**OREGON COAL FOR THE CONSUMER.**

The test of the Heppner coal, made by the O. R. & N. last Sunday, which proved satisfactory in every respect, marks the opening of a new epoch in the development of one of Eastern Oregon's natural resources. It means that the railroads bordering on the state will consume this product and that as soon as railroad transportation reaches the district its output will be shipped into every portion of Oregon besides finding a market elsewhere.

Morrow county has kissed goodbye to its isolation days. Seven strata of coal lying within its borders and its quality tested and found superior means railroad communication and lots of it. But to the state and commonwealth it means as much, and Morrow county is in a position to be congratulated for having assured the future of the production of this vast amount of valuable product.

And the effects from the discovery of this bed of fuel and its later development have not as yet been given their full estimate. These strata in the process of development in the immediate vicinity of Heppner extend south into eastern Crook county where rich and unquestionable prospects have been worked. Sooner or later they, too, will fall into the right hands and the veins opened. That time is coming later after railroad extension has made it an object for the mine owner to produce his wares and he is not forced to work under his present hardships. But Morrow county has its railroad and its mineral to load and a future made doubly bright in the face of its recent disaster is already awaiting it.

President Roosevelt captured a mouse while on his western trip which he stuffed and recently presented to the Smithsonian Institute museum. The president's admirers wonder what became of the Colorado mountain lions.

**THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICES.**

It is less than six weeks until the city election takes place. At that time three of the councilmen and the mayor will be chosen for their respective terms. So far there has been no announcement regarding candidacy for office, and it begins to look as if the same stale chamber proceedings, as have heretofore characterized former elections, will hold sway next month.

But it is time for different methods to come into vogue. Let the prospective councilmen and mayor come forward this month and announce themselves. The people would like to know a few weeks before election who they may vote for, and the platforms upon which the candidates will stand.

Prineville needs improvements. It needs them badly. There are many features regarding the streets, the water supply, the sidewalks and bridges and numerous other civic conditions which need immediate attention, not alone as a matter of improvement but for protection as well. This month will be an opportune time, therefore, for the candidates to state their positions, and let the voters know the who and what of it.

But after all it is the people themselves. If the residents of the city are content with present civic shiftness, the announcement on the part of an aldermanic candidate that he approves of a change is not likely to bring him any more votes. And perhaps that is nearer the truth. It is possible that the residents of Prineville do not care how the city looks, nor what care is taken of it, but a statement of the exact sentiments as recorded in the polls would not come amiss. Let the candidate, therefore, announce themselves and the policy which they propose to follow as members of the council if elected, and if the stand is taken for better civic conditions, and the candidates are defeated, then everyone will know that Prineville is satisfied with the cut that it is in and no one will have cause to complain. Anyway let us know the candidates' names in time to give the matter some thought. It will give them time to think, too.

Discussing his department, Hon. Henry C. Payne, says he hopes to see one-cent postage in the near future. We assure the Postmaster General that he does not wish one-cent postage one bit more sincerely than do the U. S. mail patrons. The recently exposed postal grafts show a surplus available for just. Why should not this surplus go to the people. Another departure urged is a two cent letter rate between England, Germany and the United States and their dependencies.

Hon. M. A. Moody's action in asking for an early trial on his recent indictment is commendable. A guilty man always wants a late conviction, but in this case an early exoneration is generally expected.

The cold weather of last week was considerably overcome by the heats at the race track.

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