TIME FLIES WHILE DEMOCRATS DALLY

1924 Is Coming; Management Still Inert.

LITTLE LEADERS MISLEAD

Chiefs Must Get Together, Find Leadership and Back It, Declares Observer.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.—(Special.)—One of the chief troubles of the internal organization of the democratic party lies in the practically universal assumption that Cox and McAdoo will be contenders for the presidential nomination two years from now. These are the two men whose names occur to most of the active democrats when they think in terms of the future. For some reason the name of A. Mitchell Palmer, who was third among the serious contenders in 1920, does not figure greatly in the minds of those who speculate about 1924. Possibly the reason is the handicap, inevitable in the eyes of party workers, inherent in the fact that Palmer comes from so strong a republican state as Pennsylvania and could hardly expect to contribute the strength of his own state to his party in the election.

It is assumed that Cox and McAdoo will be contenders and it is assumed that they exhaust the field. From the first assumption it follows that the little party workers divide themselves into two watchfully jealous camps. Whenever any party programme is suggested for any party policy proposed it is instantly judged in the light of how it would affect the fortunes of these two leaders in relation to each other. It is a deadly situation, destructive of morals and hopeless of success.

The assumption about Cox and McAdoo being likely contenders is probably correct. No one who knows Cox's temperament doubts that he will never take his eyes off the presidency until he dies. That is his nature; and that steady keeping of his eye on the goal, that inner armor against discouragement, that temperamental refusal to accept any defeat as final, is the chief source of the very considerable success that Cox has so far had in business and politics. McAdoo has a more volatile, dashing temperament, but it comes to the same thing. He too will never know a day free from restless aspiration for the prize he has once had in his sight.

This is all well enough; but the unfortunate consequence is that the little local leaders divide themselves into Cox men and McAdoo men. That leaves little room for men who are democrats first, for leaders with no preoccupation but the good of the party and the country and with minds free to consider new possibilities, both of issues and of candidates.

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One of the things the democrats need, and need most sorely, is someone to perform for them the same service that George Harvey did some 15 years ago. The name of George Harvey has become anathema to the democrats now, but for all that, history won't change the record, which shows that Harvey did a greater service to the democratic party than any other individual in the ranks during the present century.

After the death of Cleveland, after the serious defeat of Alton B. Parker and after the evident eclipse of Bryan it was Harvey who had the initiative to survey the field and make up his mind that the comparatively unknown president of a university in a small New Jersey town would make good timber for the restoration of leadership to the democratic party. It was Harvey who discovered Wilson, who pressed him forward week in and week out, who pulled the wires that made him governor of New Jersey and who in other respects started Wilson off on that leadership which gave the democratic party the only period of power it has had in the present century. Isn't there any other Harvey in or out of an editorial chair who can do this service for the democrats again? It is sadly needed.

There certainly must be scores of men in the democratic party who have just as many evidences of qualifications and as good a franchise to be president of the United States as Woodrow Wilson had when he held the presidency of Princeton college by a precarious tenure from an increasingly unfriendly board of trustees; or as, let us say, Warren G. Harding had four years ago when he was one of the least conspicuous of senators, or eight years ago when he was the editor of a paper in an Ohio town of 30,000. There ought to be somebody in the democratic party with enough resourcefulness and energy to pick out such men and bring them forward.

There are plenty of men in private life or in inconspicuous positions in public life, who have it in them to grow up to increasing responsibilities of power as well as Woodrow Wilson or Warren Harding did. There are at least two justices of the supreme court of the United States who are democrats and, superficially at least, available as presidential timber. Has any democratic Warwick taken a long, close look at Associate Justice Pitney from New Jersey, or Associate Justice Clarke from Ohio?

There is a man in New York who occasionally turns up as a democratic spellbinder, who is not only a first-class speaker, but is otherwise one of the biggest Americans of his generation. He is Augustus Thomas, the playwright. He has never had any experience in public life except as a page in the Missouri legislature, and in the United States senate a generation ago, and as an occasional speaker at democratic gatherings. But just what is needed is a democratic Warwick with imagination enough to realize that inexperience in public life is not an insuperable handicap, with enough insight to know that a big man is a big man wherever you find him, and with enough faith in his own judgment to push a big man forward regardless of superficial handicaps.

In the eyes of the public there isn't much difference betwen the handicap of being a playwright and the handicap of being a college professor. As it happens, Augustus Thomas, in an all-round sense, is one of the big Americans of his generation. An astute democratic management might try him out as a candidate for governor or senator in New York this year and see how far he would go. There must be scores of such democrats, business men and others, big and able men not hitherto identified with public life. A capable party management would dig them out and try them on the public in the roles of senators or governors or representatives.

The names I have suggested are merely examples who may quite readily be destitute of some important qualification. But the point is, has any democratic leader surveyed the field for new figures? Is there any democratic leader who takes it on himself as a duty to do this? The time is not too short. Grover Cleveland, two years before he was elected president, was not better known to the public at large than the present sheriff of Buffalo is. (Cleveland passed from being sheriff of Buffalo to the governorship of New York and then to the presidency.) Is there any democratic Warwick now surveying the field for new timber, or taking a second look at old timber?

Is there any democratic leader with his party's fortunes sufficiently on his mind to spend half an hour considering just how good a presidential candidate might be made out of Carter Glass of Virginia, former secretary of the treasury and present senator? Is there anyone surveying the colleges of the country to see if there may be an equivalent of what Woodrow Wilson was in 1908? (It will be characteristic of the limited and prejudiced outlook of most of the present democratic leaders that they will dismiss this by saying they "don't want any more college professors.") If not college professors, is anybody looking into the field of business men, of local judges with strong minds and good records or any other field whatever?

Another trouble with the men who compose what may be called the rank and file of the minor leadership of the democratic party is that they think everlastingly in terms of expediency and rarely in terms of principle. You suggest to them that a good democratic candidate for president would be the recent ambassador to Great Britain, John W. Davis, and in reply they admit his intellectual strength and his character, but argue that he won't do because the Irish vote might figure out some way of resenting the fact that he had been ambassador go England. Or they say that he is disqualified by the fact that he is a lawyer for what they call "big interests."

Too many of those who have a voice in the present management of the democratic party do their thinking wholly in terms of little groups of voters who would be repelled or who could be attracted by one device or another. They don't think sufficiently of principles. The other day some one suggested Harry Van Dyke, a teacher at Princeton and formerly minister to Holland, as a possible democratic candidate for senator from New Jersey. To that suggestion the characteristic reply of a democratic national leader was that "Van Dyke is too much of a kid-glove fellow—you know—too highbrow."

The result of such primitive limitations of reasoning power is that one of the most conspicuous and vociferously avowed "wets" in the country may be allowed to run away with the New Jersey democratic senatorial nomination more or less by default. And by that spectacle the Democratic party will be utterly damned in practically every western state and a good many southern border states. Dr. Van Dyke might or might not make a good senatorial candidate; but there ought to be some one in the management of the democratic party sufficiently energetic and enlightened to look into the possibility a little way beyond the fact—if it be a fact—that Dr. Van Dyke occasionally wears kid gloves.

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You meet the same sort of outlook everywhere througnout the rank and file of the democratic minor leaders. You suggest that a good man to take hold of the democratic organization and vitalize it, give it energy and character, be a Warwick for it and seek out good candidates for its high offices, would be Mr. B. M. Baruch, and they tell you that he wouldn't do because he is "too close to Wilson," or because he is a Jew, or because he used to be a Wall-street man.

As to being "too close to Wilson," the chief defect of those who now seem to hold the balance of power in the democratic party is their disposition to discriminate against the friends of Wilson. The simple fact is that "the friends of Wilson" include the bulk of what the public generally regards as fine and decent in the democratic party. As to the party strategists who say that Baruch wouldn't do as a dominant figure in the organization because he is a Jew, they ignore the fact that Baruch's father was an officer in the Confederate army and that some of his ancestors have been in America a good deal longer than, for example, the ancestors of Woodrow Wilson—so long, indeed, that the people of South Carolina can't remember whether the original immigrants were from Spain or from Portugal. As to Baruch being a Wall-street man, there isn't a well-informed person in Washington but knows that Baruch as a public character has been a fine, clean person without a thought of personal or class interest.

The American Farm Bureau federation, which is the basis of the "farm bloc" in congress, has acquired enough confidence in Baruch to make use of him in important ways, as a friend and counselor. Baruch is an able man without a job, and the democrats are missing one of the best of their opportunities when they fail to draft his remarkable talents for services as a party manager, formal or informal.

Completeness of the facts requires it to be said that one of the reasons some of the democratic leaders would hesitate to accept Baruch as a dominant figure in the organization is the closeness of his association with Wilson. From the fact that Baruch, during the peace conference and since, has been as close to Wilson as, and lately closer than, Colonel House, it is argued that Barucch would use any power he might acquire as a leverage in favor of McAdoo. But the answer is that all that has been said in this article is based on the premise of a new spirit all around, that does not look to persons, but to principles—a premise to which Baruch or any other man big enough to fit the occasion would subscribe.

If the democrats let things drift, if they fail to pull themselves together and agree on principles and find a party leadership and management to which they can give loyal co-operation, there will be many unpleasant consequences. For one, the republicans will have an easier time than it is good for either them or the country to have. For another, when 1924 come around and finds the democratic organization loosely fluttering in any wind that blows, somebody like Henry Ford will raid their primaries, with a platform of money made out of ether, and gold out of something cheaper than tin. He might or might not get the nomination, but he would most surely mess the party up in a way from which it wouldn't recover for a generation.

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Auto Skids When Driver Attempts to Cut Corner at High Speed and Crash Follows.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—In an automobile mishap early this morning three men were injured and the last drinking fountain in La Grande remaining over from the days of horse-drawn vehicles was demolished. A car driven by George Noble crashed into the fountain while going at high speed. Noble was seriously injured and George Hyde of Portland was badly hurt, but will recover. Harry Bayliss escaped uninjured and an unidentified man was hurt but not seriously. The latter disappeared before his name could be learned.

At the time of the crash Noble, who was driving, attempted to turn a corner. The car skidded because of the high speed, which was estimated at 60 to 70 miles an hour.

The fountain was erected in 1904 by the W. C. T. U. and was constructed of heavy iron plates and castings, the thinnest portion being half an inch thick. The impact broke the plates as though they were kindling. The fountain had not been in use for several years, excepting as a warning to speeding motorists, standing at the intersection of three streets and necessitating cautious driving.

Friends Honor C. I. Lewis.

SALEM, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—C. I. Lewis, assistant manager of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, who will leave here next week for Chicago, where he has accepted a position as editor of one of the foremost fruit publications in the United States, last night was guest of honor at a farewell reception in the offices of the growers' association. A Shriners' pin, the gift of the office force, was presented to Mr. Lewis. Entertainment features included addresses, musical numbers and dancing.

BEARD IS 9 FEET LONG

Michigan Man Claims Whiskered Championship of World.

BRIGHTON, Mich., April 29.—The long whiskered championship of the world is claimed by John J. Tanner, 84, for more than half a century a resident of this village. His beard measures exactly 9 feet from chin to tip. Ordinarily Mr. Tanner controls it by thrusting the end inside the band of his trousers.

More than 50 years ago, when Mr. Tanner's beard was only 2 to 3 feet in length, he decided to seek the championship. To this end he braided his beard and tucked it inside his vest. The whiskers soon attained proportions making the braiding impracticable.

Ten years ago Mr. Tanner's beard was 6 feet long. Five years ago 2 feet more had been added and now it measures 9 feet. The owner hopes to attain a growth of 12 feet.

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ed privately to me, is that M. Tchitcherin is willing to give everything in order to reach a basis of agreement, but feels allied methods are impossible.

Meanwhile he is conferring with premiers of the states bordering on Russia. This, according to the most authoitative information, is part of the plan by which Russia seeks to reach private understandings with the nations more or less friendly to her. Today, the soviet foreign minister was closeted with the premier of Latvia, but the results of the discussion are not known.

Reception Is Given Pioneers.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—A reception in honor of the pioneers of the community was held at the K. C. Eldridge home in Independence Tuesday by the Independence Women's Civic club. The affair was in the nature of a farewell to the Eldridges, who have sold their fine home and will move from the county. Forty-five pioneer women from Monmouth and Independence were present. The programme consisted of recounting of pioneer exxperiences and an address on "The Spirit of the Pioneer," by President J. S. Landers of the Normal school. Two vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Landers. About 125 guests came to pay tribute to the pioneers.

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Programme for Gathering on May 8 in Eugene Is Completed and Much Business Is Planned.

EUGENE, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—The programme of the 15th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association to be held in Eugene May 8 and 9 includes a trip up the McKenzie river highway, a trip over Eugene and surrounding country, a banquet for the members of the association and their wives and separate entertainment for the women while the men are in convention, according to announcement yesterday of W. L. Coppernoll, president of the association.

The programme begins Monday, May 8, at 9:30 with the meeting of the executive committee. Registration will begin at 9:45. The convention will be called to order at 10:30 and President Coppernoll will appoint the resolutions and nominating committees. At 1:30 P. M. an address will be delivered by L. L. Ray, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and a response will be made by E. J. Jaeger of Portland.

A. W. Huggins of San Francisco will deliver an address upon "Our Problems From the Viewpoint of a Jobber," and a round-table discussion will follow under the direction of Frank A. Heitkemper of Portland.

In the afternoon a reception will be given the women of the party by members of the auxiliary to the chamber of commerce and at 7:30 that evening H. Victor Wright, secretary of Brock & Co., Los Angeles, will deliver an address upon "A New Spirit in Business—Its Application to Our Own Needs; Can Publicity and Research Be Made Profitable to Retail Jewelers?"

On Saturday, May 9, at 9 A. M. reports of the secretary and treasurer will be made and a talk by Carl J. Greve of Portland on salesmanship will follow. Election of officers will follow and in the afternoon the party will meet at the Hotel Osburn, where automobiles will be ready to take them up the McKenzie river. The annual banquet will be held at the Osburn at 7 P. M. Suitable music and other forms of entertainment will be furnished, it is announced.

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