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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

There will be Harmony in Democratic Ranks—More about the Post Office Scandals—Other Matters.

Washington, D. C., May 30th.—Will there be harmony in the ranks of the Democratic party next year? Will the party be able to get together and once more present a united front to the common enemy? These are the questions now uppermost in the minds of all patriotic Democrats in the country. This is the political nerve center of the country. To this city come all sorts and kinds of Democrats as to a Mecca and when they get here it is as if for water to run down hill. I have used the personal pronoun very little in this correspondence. My opinion as an individual Democrat amounts to very little, but for the purpose of this correspondence I have talked to almost every Democrat who has visited this city since the adjournment of Congress and I have done so because I wanted to present to the readers of this correspondence the true condition of the party gathered from an intelligent consensus of opinion obtained from the leaders of the party in the Congress and out of it, and I want to give my readers the result of my research in that direction.

I want to say right now that there is going to be harmony in the party next year and that all factions are going into the battle in sacred ranks, with their down and lance at rest, all fighting as never before and for a common cause. All this scolding and crimination and recrimination between the so-called Bryan and Cleveland factions of the party at this time is mere play-act, at least so far as the Cleveland faction is concerned. The element of the party which left the regular organization in 1896 wants to get back and intends to get back. This talk of renouncing Grover Cleveland is all balderdash and tommyrot. That element is simply forgetting that kind of talk in order to "tryout" the regular organization Democrats and endeavor to show them the strength and power they possess in the East, what their defeat has cost the party in the past and how much they can be worth to it in the future. They are not trying to ride the party or dictate to it or reorganize it.

They only want recognition. I have warrant for these statements. They came from the highest possible authority. They came from one of the leaders of this faction that refused to support the ticket in 1896. I have the same authority for the statement that the so-called Cleveland faction of the party is going to give the ticket the heartiest and warmest support next year and that that support will be given to a candidate who is entirely satisfactory to the Bryan or regular element of the party. All they ask is a reasonable platform and they will support the nominee with earnestness and enthusiasm.

They will do this for the one, single and overpowering reason that they want to defeat Roosevelt for election. They know that this cannot be done with any man who is not acceptable to the regular Democrats who loyally supported the ticket in 1896 and 1900, and they want to win. In order to do this they are willing to follow instead of attempting to lead, but they do not want to be kicked in the face as they enter the Democratic door and it were folly for the regular Democracy to continue to beat them. They are afraid of Roosevelt, they do not want Roosevelt at any cost and they do not intend to have Roosevelt. They will not ask for anything that the so-called Bryan wing of the party, or, if you please, the regular Democracy, cannot grant gladly. I think they would prefer an eastern man who is acceptable to Mr. Bryan and the regular Democracy, and I think this will be conceded them. If so, then they will support the ticket as loyally as any good Democrat did in the years of 1896 or 1900, and will help elect him triumphantly, for Roosevelt is their bete noir and they will go to almost any length to beat him. Let the regular Democrats then stop berating the old Democrats and the men who left the party in 1896, for they will be them in 1904 and on the terms dictated by the regular or Bryan Democracy. There is no occasion for the Republican smiles and cocksureness on this occasion. They are up against it good and hard. There is no further occasion for Democratic dumps, for the clouds are fast blowing over. The party is in better fix today than it has been since 1892. All this I have told you is still an undercurrent and has not come to the surface, but it will in the near future and all will see it as plainly as I do. Democratic victory is in the air.

"Night's candles are burnt out and jocund day stands tip-toe on the misty mountain tops."  
It now appears that all the trouble in the Post Office Department—the favoritism, the wastefulness, the irregularity, the deficits, the jobs, the scandals and the rest of it—are the fault of one Thomas W. Gilmer, a \$1,800 clerk in the Treasury Department. Mr. Gilmer was an expert accountant in the office of Mr. Tracewell, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and in that capacity he had to examine accounts as to which his superior officer might be in doubt, or concerning which further and more accurate information seemed necessary. Among these accounts requiring expert scrutiny and competent analysis a great many came

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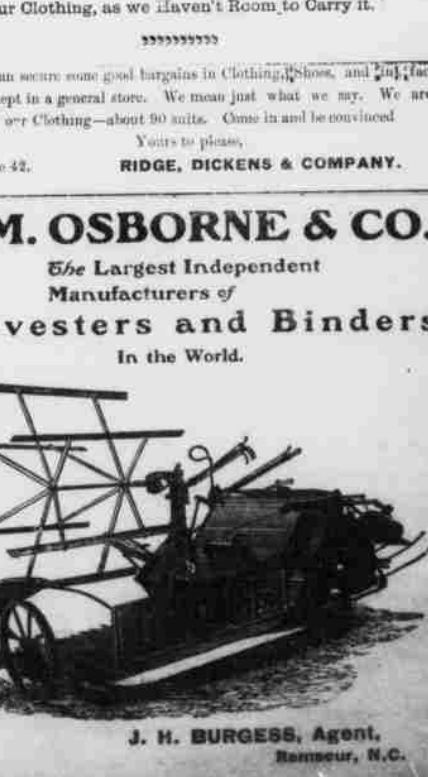
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