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## Champ Clark's Letter

A Fight to the Finish Between Republicans Next November's Vote

[Special Washington Letter.]  
WHATEVER else may be said of southern Democrats, they are undoubtedly traveling in the right direction, so far as the nomination of their officers is concerned, bringing them closer and closer to the great body of the people by discarding the old delegate convention system and adopting the primary method. General primary election laws, well grounded in all their provisions, have been adopted in Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia for the nomination of all officers from governor and United States senator down to constable and justice of the peace. South Carolina has been making the experiment for several years, and South Carolinians declare that it works admirably. In the other states named it is yet in an experimental stage and will be watched by the whole country.

Frederick's Status.  
Kaiser William has presented the United States with a statue of his illustrious and mighty collateral ancestor, Frederick the Great, which is to be erected on the grounds of the war college in Washington. The location for the statue is perhaps as fitting as any that could be found in America for one of the greatest soldiers of modern times. Some very good persons object to receiving Frederick's statue at all, on the ground that he was a hereditary king, imbued thoroughly with royal ideas; but that he was a soldier of the first rank will be denied by no one familiar with history. He was born a king—a fact for which he was in no way responsible—and he laid the foundations for the great empire over which William reigns. That the Kaiser presented the statue to this country in order to cultivate our friendship there is no question—another effort of his to show that Germany is not hostile to the United States, and so persistent in its desire to win in season and out of season, in an endeavor to stir up strife between the fatherland and America. So far their efforts have proved abortive, but once again they are straining every nerve to bring about a rupture. One of the most interesting papers ever written in this world is Macaulay's essay on Frederick the Great, which will repay perusal even after the lapse of a century. It shows that Frederick was a more persistent and more invincible warrior of all time. During the seven years' war, when Germany was a small kingdom, he fought at the same time the French, the Austrians and the Russians, held his own against them all, won many sound defeats, and in the end stood forth victorious. He was a king, it is true, but he was a great king.

A Fight.  
Unless all the signs are deceptive, there is a fight to the death on between President Roosevelt and Senator Marcus A. Hanna. With the chances in favor of the former. Incidentally the war between Hanna and Foraker will be renewed. The latter has been in the Columbus and Cleveland columns for some time, and has been in the Columbus and Cleveland columns for some time, and has been in the Columbus and Cleveland columns for some time.

War.  
We do not refer to the prospective war between Russia and Japan. That has been discussed until all are tired of it. Reference is here made to a more important war—that between the Republican and Democratic factions in Kentucky, one headed by ex-Governor Bradley and one by Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, ex-minister to Guatemala, ex-chairman of the Kentucky Republican state committee and at present a representative in congress. Bradley is a bench-legged rascal from Lancaster, on the verge of the blue grass region, while Dr. Hunter, who is somewhat of a Chesterfield, hails from the Eleventh district, in which there is not a Democratic county and where the Republicans outnumber the Democrats so greatly that at the last election, when three Republicans and one Democrat were candidates, Dr. Hunter was elected. One of his Republican opponents was the man who taught me to read Latin, the Hon. John D. White, who was first elected to congress when only twenty-five years old. White is probably the most quarrelsome man in the United States, but contrary to the legend as to such characters, he will fight at the drop of a hat and drop it himself. Henry Waterson, once dubbed him "the created jayhawk of the mountains." Of course White is lining up with Bradley

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### MR. WOOTEN'S HIGH WATER MARK.

Charlotte Observer.  
The first honor in the inconclusive kind, nothing could exceed the vainglorious display of the letter of our friend, Council S. Wooten, Esq., on the fourteenth page of last Sunday's Observer. He is always entertaining and instructive, but last Sunday he reached high water mark, and those who failed to read that letter from him are greatly to their loss. It was about everything, but more largely than anything else about Wooten. He is glad he is a farmer.

It seems that things are not altogether lovely among low Republicans. The hunger for the leaves and fishes, according to even Republican evidence, impels them to the assembly. Des Moines has a large, influential, Republican majority. There is an irreconcilable feud between Congressman Hull and would-be Governor A. B. Connelley. In his second issue, Governor A. B. Connelley took occasion to once more exploit "the low idea," so called, which had about the same effect on such redoubtable "stand pat"ers as Congressman Hepburn, Lacey and Connelley, a red rag has been raised to stir up the spirit of bitterness heretofore existing among Republicans in the state as to the tariff question entered into the majority fight—the bitterness, not the tariff fight. This is demonstrated by the following dispatch from Des Moines:

Discord today attended the majority primaries, which resulted in a victory for George Matern against former Governor John May's party. The presence of the Sixth ward man stole the ball. Several other charges were made. Several fights took place during the day.

Some Election Estimates.  
Figuring on the outcome of the next election has already begun. Mr. David Graham Phillips, the man who writes the thrilling tales of the wheat pit, has contributed an article to Harper's Weekly in which his final comparison of the candidates is given. He says that the chances are almost even for each side.

Encouraging to Democrats.  
West Virginia Republicans are in such a bitter struggle over questions of state taxation that the Democrats are in high hope and hope to land the Mountain State once more in the Democratic column. The split is so serious and the factions so belligerent that the United States senators and representatives are being urged to meet with the other Republican leaders of the state last week in Washington and held a two days' confab, trying to harmonize things, but they were essaying the impossible and adjourned without doing anything—not only without doing anything, but animated by the sentiment, "Every fellow for himself, and the devil take the hindmost." Red hot fights are on for Mr. Scott's seat in the senate of the United States, for the governorship and, in fact, for all the offices in sight. It will be remembered that from the day when West Virginia pulled herself from under the carpetbaggers and scalawags down to 1864 she was counted as part and parcel of the solid south, and while never giving a big Democratic majority, was nevertheless a Democratic state. In the awful slump of 1894 she flipped to the Republicans and has stayed with them ever since. She will be welcomed with open arms by the Democrats if she returns to the fold, with the two senators and five representatives in congress and five representatives in the electoral college. But if she continues to show signs of coming back to the Democrats, the way that the Republican barrels will be opened to hold her in the Republican column will be a sight for men and angels. Senator Scott has been much in evidence as Senator Hanna's boom, and the chances are that no tears will be shed by President Roosevelt if Senator Scott should be defeated by another—a Republican, of course. The West Virginia Republicans would each other the better if they got out of the state and consequently for the country. More power to their claws.

At least the south and west appear to be waking up thoroughly to their industrial possibilities in a manufacturing way. Everybody knows that the spinning of cotton and manufacturing of coarse cottons have so increased in the cotton states that the production is free-pressed in a few years there has been a cotton famine. Now comes Texas and takes another step—a long one at that—in asserting the manufacturing independence of the south. She is starting a school of textile engineering in Waco, Tex., to train her own skilled mechanics and engineers. Evidently the Texan head is level.

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