

Champ Clark's Letter

Change the Presidential Term—The World Is Money Mad—Civilization Travels on Wings

[Special Washington Letter.]
THERE is a growing sentiment in the country in favor of a law requiring the president of the United States to stay on the White House grounds during his term of office, and it is not an unreasonable sentiment. The reasons for that growing sentiment are not far to seek. No matter who the president is, his death, especially by violence, plunges the entire people into grief. Little more than a year ago every man and woman in America fit to be a citizen of the republic was mourning for President McKinley. A few weeks ago, when President Roosevelt ran such a narrow risk of losing his life, a shudder ran through the land from sea to sea. The death of a president disturbs business to a very large extent. That is another reason why he should not take the chances of getting killed which the average citizen may feel at liberty to take. Because of these facts and others which might be stated it would be well if our presidents reduced the chances of dying in office to the minimum by staying on the White House grounds.

A Needed Reform.
Amending the constitution of the United States is a very slow and tedious business—well nigh an impossible task. The first eleven amendments were practically part and parcel of the original constitution. The twelfth was an absolute necessity. The thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth grew out of the civil war. Scores have been proposed and only fifteen adopted in the 113 years of the life of the government. Most people, however, are in favor of a sixteenth amendment increasing the presidential term to six years and rendering the incumbent forever ineligible for another term. Of course, if that were done, the congressional term would be lengthened to three years, which would also be a good thing, for a representative does not much more than get his seat warmed before some aspiring statesman is hot foot after his place, which is a laudable performance regarded from the individual standpoint, but not good for the public service.

It is really a pity that a congress cannot be dissolved and a new election ordered when the administration is defeated on any administration measure, as the British parliament is dissolved, and a new election ordered when the administration is defeated. In that respect at least the British government is more representative than ours. There never has been but one president who did not use his first term as a stepping stone to a second, and that was George Washington. Hayes does not count, as he was never elected in the first place. Some presidents have used the patronage of their great office in a most ruthless manner. Those who did not secure second terms always deemed themselves badly treated, notably the two Adamses and Martin Van Buren. At least one aspired to a third term. So, on the whole, the public good demands one term, and one term only, and as a compromise between a four year term and two terms of four years each one six year term is about right.

Cum Grano.
Sensible people will take Senator Marcus A. Hanna's proclamation of retiring from politics with a grain of salt—in fact, with a whole barrel of the saline article. They will remember that the divine Patti has made several farewell tours—yes, several—and Mark will have to reaffirm and swear to his declaration that he has retired before the sagacious will take him seriously. I am aware that to compare Hanna to Patti is a strange and outre performance, but the circumstances justify it. Good judges believe that Senator Hanna has the best chance of any living man to secure the Republican nomination for president, and so believing they will not grow enthusiastic at the prospect of his quitting the field. It may be that the redoubtable senator sees the handwriting on the wall and has concluded that his great rival, Tom Johnson, is the coming man for president and that he is making a virtue out of necessity and getting under shelter before the storm breaks.

Emphatical.
No matter what the American people may finally conclude to do as to the presidential term, one man has placed himself in a position to say, "I told you so!" That is Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa. He made a speech on that subject—or, more properly speaking, he said it was on that subject—which he said any living man to tell heads or tails of. It may mean one thing or nothing. Here is a sample extract:
Our people recognize the value of a large capital for the transaction of a great business and especially for the conquests upon which we are now engaged. But they recognize also the danger of abuses, both in the organization and management of great industrial enterprises, and would have the government of the United States stand between the beneficiary and the reckless perversion of the law of corporate property. There is no room in this discussion for exclamations of alarm and despair. "Old Dutch" cornered the grain market, but he lost his last dollar before he was through with the enterprise and subsequently became a restaurant keeper in the market district. Young Joseph Lister

spent several of his father's millions a year or two ago in the same effort. Phillips of Chicago plunged a few fretful weeks and then went to smash. Even thus far away from exchanges men have lost their accumulations in options. The fever of speculation burns rapidly. It brings youth to senility and hastens the aged to the grave. In its wake are tears, griefs, regrets, reproaches, might have been, and, in compensation for these, one perhaps in a hundred secures riches to find no joy in their possession. It is human to want money, and usually worthy effort brings dollars as a reward. Through money accumulated from hard work comes ease as years increase and tranquility of spirit that nothing else procures, yet in large quantities it is travel and brings "vanity and vexation of spirit." Lord Bacon tersely said, "I cannot call riches better than the baggage of virtue," meaning that money is an impediment, and Andrew Carnegie says it is sinful to die rich. The precious Bible says that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Save money, be thrifty, but thirst not for sudden riches.

Back to the Soil.
I have much sympathy with that Zionist movement of the Jews—that effort to get back to Judea in order that they may make it to blossom as the rose while reclaiming their own. That marvelous, progressive race would add the crowning marvel to all of the 6,000 years of its written history if it were to gather together its wandering members and once more assume a place in the world's affairs as a concrete entity in place of its present status as a wandering, broken, scattered people. Many nations have been destroyed and many have lost their very name, their language and their home, but history now legend tells of one that was scattered by time and fate to all the mountains, plains and valleys of the broad earth and afterward became reunited. But the Jews are not as other people. Wanderers for thousands of years, they yet in their own gatherings speak the language of Jerusalem and know no supreme law save that of the tablet of stone and the later covenant with the Lord. So, while it has never occurred in the case of other scattered peoples, we need not despair of the Jew. A century may see a Jewish temple on the site of that of Solomon and the wanderers building up a great nation in the place where the festering Turk incubates the earth.

Winged Civilization.
It is doubtless true that it was a long period between the day of the cart wheel and that of the potter's wheel, and probably a thousand years intervened between the dugout canoe and the sailboat, but when once the evolution of progress had fairly got started the intervals between the first rude invention and the perfected machine grew rapidly shorter until now the pace is terrific; man, power, horsepower, steam, hydraulics, electricity and compressed air—what next? The steam locomotive drove the stagecoach out of business, the steamboat is passing, and one of these days, if Edison is to be considered a major prophet, the railroads will be howling about the airships ruining their passenger traffic. It is a wonderful procession, this march of progress, and ruthlessly the hulks of bygone glory and achievement have to be trampled under foot by the sweep of a mighty people, awake, alert, active, who let no idol rest and who are constantly seeking to better that which now is the best.

An Important Movement.
Hon. Newland Conkling, one of the brightest and most promising young men in the Missouri legislature, is contemplating a flank attack on one of the most pestiferous trusts in the land, one which levies tribute upon every wheat grower, every oat grower, every barley grower, every rye grower and every fax grower in the land—the binder twine trust. Mr. Conkling is incubating a bill to introduce into the legislature to appropriate \$100,000 to start a twine factory in the Missouri penitentiary. Mr. Conkling appears to have studied the subject thoroughly, and if his figures are correct his bill will be a great boon to the farmers of Missouri. He claims that it will save them \$5,000,000 and that binder twine can be made in the "pen" for 7½ cents per pound, whereas the trust compels the farmer to pay from 12½ to 15 cents. Mr. Conkling borrows his idea from Kansas. The Jayhawkers have been manufacturing their own twine for three or four years, with great advantage to themselves. If Brother Conkling gets his bill through and it turns out to be all his imagination has painted, his will be a name to conjure with in Missouri.

Money Mad.
Those of us who still believe in the old plodding methods of achieving a competence will indorse this protest from a farm journal against modern speculation. The editorial here appearing is from the Mexico (Mo.) Farm and Orchard.
The world is money mad. The one idea is riches, riches, and the one motto is to get rich quickly. Therefore speculation is rife, and there is a vastness of margin trading and option dealing. In New York and Chicago stocks rise to unprecedented prices; then there is a flurry. Values waste to nothing, and ruin overwhelms the many. The "lamb," as the novice in stock dealing is called, is thoroughly shorn, and then he is turned adrift penniless, friendless and scorned.
Always the lamb. Unfortunately, humans haven't animal sense. Since a rat, and he becomes a warning to all of his kind; since a man, and in all of his kind is created a desire to play with fire. If one amash in values would but serve as a warning and cause men to cease speculation, it would be a experience cheaply bought, but as a warning it is valueless. Half a dozen times every year is the thing repeated, and unless human nature changes it will continue as long as time lasts, and as long as speculation lasts the man of small capital will be the one first to suffer.
The testimony of Russell Sage is worth hearing. Recently he planted a danger sign in the speculative pit, advising every one to beware of options and saying that it was but a matter of time until the speculator lost his fortune. And the facts justify his conclusion. A few years ago "Old Dutch" cornered the grain market, but he lost his last dollar before he was through with the enterprise and subsequently became a restaurant keeper in the market district. Young Joseph Lister

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To all to whom these Presents may come—**GREETINGS.**
WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof deposited in my office, that the Elizabeth City Knitting Mills, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated in the town of Elizabeth City, county of Pasquotank, State of North Carolina (K. B. Martin being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of an act of the Legislature of North Carolina (Session 1901), entitled "An act to revise the Corporation Law of North Carolina," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate that such consent has been filed. Now, WHEREAS, J. J. BRYAN GILMES, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 18th day of September, 1902, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by more than two-thirds in interest of the stockholders thereof, which said certificate and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

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Lv. Henderson 11:55 a. m. 11:45 p. m.
Lv. Raleigh 2:10 p. m. 2:28 p. m.
Ar. Southern Pines 8:55 p. m. 4:12 a. m.
Ar. Hamlet 9:18 p. m. 9:06 a. m.
Ar. Hamlet 7:30 p. m. 7:00 a. m.
Ar. Wilmington 12:15 p. m.
Ar. Charlotte 10:23 p. m. 10:08 a. m.
Lv. Hamlet 10:25 p. m. 7:30 a. m.
Lv. Columbia 1:35 a. m. 4:40 a. m.
Ar. Augusta 5:40 p. m.
Ar. Savannah 4:55 a. m. 3:30 p. m.
Ar. Jacksonville 9:15 a. m. 7:00 p. m.
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