Champ Clark's Letter

Significance of the Shaw Button—Senator Henry M. Teller & The Governor of "Little Rhody"

[Special Washington Letter.]

MONDAY, Dec. 1, at high noon, Hon. David Bremner Henderson called to order the last session of the house over which he, in all human probability, will ever preside. This fact created a feeling of sadness in many hearts, for Henderson is personally a prime favorite. He is a most lovable man, wears his heart upon his sleeve and stands by his friends. Nothing but kind wishes will follow him into his retirement.

Over near the center of the Republican side was "Uncle Joe" Cannon, radiant and rosy. He is the rising sun, and many did obeisance to him. I don't blame "Uncle Joe" for being happy. It is a vast honor which is coming to him and will perpetuate his name in history and his lineaments "done in oil" upon the historic walls of the speaker's lobby. Everybody had a kind word for "Uncle Joe," and "Uncle Joe" had a smile and a kind word for everybody. The speakership is an excellent good thing to have in the family.

Tom and Mark.

Recently I spent nearly a week lecturing in Ohio, two or three of the days in Cleveland. Law papers begin, "The county of Blank, in the state of Blank." It would not be improper or stretching things much in speaking of Cleveland to say, "The city of Tom Johnson, in the state of Mark Hanna." The senator lords it over the state, but the mayor is supreme in the city. That they are preparing for a death struggle in the mayoralty election next spring is known of all men in Buckeyedom. You hear it everywhere—in the hotels, in the trains, in the streets. Tom is playing for a great stake—the presidency. The two stepping stones thereto, according to his philosophy, are a re-election to the mayoralty in April and the election to the governorship in November. Uncle Mark wouldn't object to being president himself. He is determined that Tom shall not have it if he can prevent it, and so these two political giants are burnishing up their armor, whetting their knives and laying in munitions of war for the preliminary skirmish in the spring, a skirmish "big with the fate of Cato and of Rome."

Having served in the house with Tom, I, of course, had some idea of the secret of his strength, but in Cleveland I inquired into it more particularly, and I found that it consists in two things mostly—the fact that the people believe implicitly in his loyalty to them and, secondly, that he keeps his word with all men. The newspaper jabber to the effect that he is a "fakir," "mountebank," "poser," "demagogue," etc., appears to have no more effect on him than pouring water on a duck's back; no more effect on him than the dollar mark cartoons have had on Senator Hanna's standing with Republicans.

Tom gets a grim pleasure out of his fight with Hanna. Not long since one of his friends said, "Tom, you didn't take any vacation this year." "Neither did Uncle Mark," replied Tom. And so they go on wooling each other, these two most eminent citizens of Cleveland.

A Pleasant Function.

While in Cleveland I attended a non-political reception tendered by his admiring constituents to Judge Theodore E. Burton, chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors. It was held in the Chamber of Commerce and was a most enjoyable function, and Burton deserved it. He has a most honorable and laborious station to fill, and he fills it with fidelity and capacity. He appears to have a strong hold on the affections of his constituents without regard to party affiliations. Evidently he was very proud of the reception, and he made an exceedingly felicitous speech. Burton's constituents should memorialize him to marry, as it is a pity for such an amiable gentleman to go through life as an old bachelor.

The Republicans in the Ohio delegation dealt Burton rather a cold deal in his speakership aspirations, but his turn may come after awhile. However much the Ohio delegation may turn the cold shoulder to him, his constituents appear to love him.

Burton, unless his mind has undergone a radical change, will have a great work—a most important and patriotic public duty—to perform at this short and closing session of the Fifty-seventh congress, and that is to lead the fight against the Hanna-Payne ship subsidy bill, a measure as vicious and unjustifiable as any ever introduced into congress. The clans are rallying to force it through, for it is a case of now or never. I make bold to predict that unless that bill is passed at the short session this winter it never will be passed, for every day that it is postponed makes only more apparent the fact that there is no necessity whatever for any such law. Our shipping is growing apace without any such hotbed process and in another year will have reached such proportions that the advocates of ship subsidy will be laughed out of court even by their own party fellows. Consequently they will make herculean efforts to get away with the swag at this session.

Reform.

It is given out that when he is speaker "Uncle Joe" Cannon intends to work a reform by increasing the membership of the committee on rules from five to nine. It may be seriously questioned, however, whether that would really be any reform at all. So long as the committee is appointed by the speaker and consists of odd numbers, so as to make the speaker's vote the deciding factor in the committee, it matters little whether it consists of one member or any other number. So long as that situation remains, the speaker will be the committee. Colonel Hepburn has a plan which would to a large extent emancipate the committee from the domination of the speaker, and that is to increase the membership to thirteen and make the members elective, each party caucus selecting its proportional part of the committee. Really the thing that gives the speaker such tremendous power is the fact that he appoints the committees. So long as he can do that, he will dominate the scene, and no change of rules will do much toward restoring the power of the individual member which falls short of taking away from the speaker that prerogative. The occasion of the election of a new speaker is a fitting occasion to discuss a change in the rules.

There ought to be a rule to the effect that during each session every member shall have at least one hour to do what he pleases with. If he desires, he may place any bill on any calendar upon its passage, or, if he prefers, he may consume his hour in speechmaking, but the hour shall be absolutely at his disposal, which gives even the humblest somewhat of a chance to have the will of his constituents made known and enacted into law.

Individually I have no right to complain of any lack of recognition, and I am not writing so much for my own benefit as for the benefit of others who do not enjoy such facilities of reaching the public as these letters afford.

A Most Radical Suggestion.

My esteemed contemporary, the St. Louis Republic, is in such utter despair by reason of municipal rottenness that as a remedy it suggests the abolishment of the house of delegates. That is certainly heroic treatment for a most serious disease, but is it necessary? That municipal reform is one of the crying needs of the age goes without saying, but that a doing away with representative government is necessary to its attainment I do not for one moment believe. If necessary in city, it is necessary in state; if necessary in state, it is necessary in nation. To admit such a proposition is to confess that our whole theory of representative government is a flat failure, which is inadmissible. Suppose that instead of abolishing the house of delegates the Republic should stir up the "better element" to discharge its duty to the public. Then what? The result would be that the hoodlum would be in Othello's condition, for his "occupation would be gone." Individually I have never had any sympathy with the cry that the hoodlums run the large cities, because there is not a large city or a small one within the broad confines of the republic in which the hoodlums constitute the majority. That they do run many large cities and some small ones is true, but they are enabled to do so because those who arrogate to themselves the high resounding and flattering title of "the better element" abdicate their political functions in favor of the hoodlums, who attend strictly to business, and of the two classes—that is to say, the hoodlums and those who deem themselves too good to discharge their political duties—the hoodlums are the better citizens. To participate in public affairs is not only a high privilege, but a solemn duty.

The Shaw Button and the Shaw Policy.

A report, apparently authentic, comes from Iowa that "the Shaw vice presidential button has appeared." Nothing unreasonable about that except as illustrating how the secretary of the treasury has outgrown all his Iowa contemporaries. He was still a country banker, little known outside his town and county, when the names of Henderson, Hepburn, Dolliver and other Hawkeye worthies not only filled but choked the trump of fame. But Shaw's growing reputation is the marvel of the day. As Aaron's rod swallowed all the little rods so does Shaw's fame swallow the fame of all the rest.

Another news item about the secretary shows how he recently rushed a large sum of government money from San Francisco to New York to "relieve the strained money market." Of course, of course, and that action probably enhances the value of his vice presidential button.

Not only did Mr. Secretary Shaw rush a large sum clear across the continent to help out the New York gang, but he has done many other things for it. A treasury official thus enumerates a few of them:

The secretary stimulated circulation by urging banks to increase their circulating medium, taking advantage more fully of the provisions of the law in this connection and the privileges it gave them. He anticipated government interest, purchased the 5s of 1904, anticipated interest for the fiscal year subject to a slight rebate; increased deposits to banks having free bonds, increased deposits to banks which could borrow bonds, increased deposits to banks willing to take out further circulation, released reserve held against government deposits, accepted municipal and state bonds as security for public money under certain conditions, purchased long and anticipated November interest without rebate and a second time increased deposits.

Those things ought to convert the Shaw button into a valuable political asset when it comes to a showdown on the vice presidential question. If they do not, then it must be clear that New York financiers, as well as republics, are ungrateful. They ought to hel. Leslie M. on the principle that one good turn deserves another.

An Example of Purity and Light.

That the Democrats elected a majority of the Colorado legislature on joint ballot is beyond all question, and elected it principally for the purpose of reelecting Hon. Henry M. Teller to the senate of the United States. The further fact that the Republicans elected the state ticket merely emphasizes Senator Teller's popularity and strength with the Colorado people. Nevertheless and notwithstanding, the Republicans, who prate of sweetness and purity, are preparing to steal the legislature, or, failing that, to set up a bogus legislature of their own—as great a crime as was ever committed by Boss Tweed or any other political rascal of any party. Teller is a great historic personage, has been senator for many years, was once secretary of the interior and has been a presidential possibility. Whatever people may think of his views on the money question, it will not be denied by any person who is both honest and intelligent that he is the most distinguished man yet sent to the national councils by the Centennial State. Nobody ever doubted either his ability, integrity, sincerity or patriotism. For years he was the glory of the state, when such men as Tabor were making it ridiculous and such as Bowen bringing it into disrepute. There may have been time servers and self seekers connected with the free silver movement—perhaps there were; they are generally connected with every great movement—but Senator Teller was not one. He did what he thought was right. He followed his conscience. He left his party with tears in his eyes and sorrow in his heart, and he deserves fair treatment at least.

"Little Rhody."

The results of the recent election, while not showing anything like a landslide for the Democrats, did show a growing sentiment in their favor. Everybody talks of the close finish in New York simply because the Empire State of the north is so big; but, while Brother Coler is in position to think of Whittier's couplet—

> Of all sad words of tongue or pen
> The saddest are these—it might have been—

Governor Odell no doubt finds consolation in the old saw, "A miss is good as a mile." Coler did not grow, and Odell shrank.

Little attention has been paid to the revolution in Rhode Island simply because she is so small, but the Democratic victory in the smallest of states means much more than the Democratic defeat in New York, for, while New York is normally a Democratic state, Rhode Island is normally Republican.

There is one unusual feature of the Rhode Island election which has been little noted, and that is that her Democratic governor elect, Hon. Lucius F. C. Garvin, is a southron by birth, a native of Tennessee. There are only a few instances of the kind in New England history—in fact, only one that I can now recall, that of General Hawley, senior senator from Connecticut, who was born in North Carolina. Both the Republican senator and the Democratic governor were Union soldiers. Of course, out west it is nothing strange for a southern or northern man to be elected to any office, but it has always been rare for a southerner to be elected to office in New England or for a New Englander to be elected in the south, while in Greater New York little or no account is taken of nativity.

Futile.

The effort being made to establish a "Lily White" Republican party in the south is utterly futile. The sad case of Senator John L. McLaurin is the latest evidence of that. The scheme has been suggested many times, but has always been abandoned for the simple reason that so long as the negroes can vote at all there can be found no considerable material from which to construct a "Lily White" party. When the Republicans for purely selfish purposes enfranchised the negroes en masse, they established such a condition in several states that no large number of white men will affiliate with them any more forever. Just why some able negro has not forced the Republicans to nominate him for vice president is incomprehensible, because without the negro vote the Republicans could not carry enough states at any election to give them a president and congress.

Again Bab.

It would appear that after awhile people would grow weary of the Babcock interviews; but, like Tennyson's "Brook," they go on forever. His most recent suggestion is that the tariff is always revised at an extra session, which statement is wide of the mark, and he gives several reasons why it should be thus. He is decidedly hazy as to when his proposed extra session will be called. "It may be for years, and it may be forever," most probably forever if Brother Bab and his political partners are not turned out into the cold, where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. There are few things more certain in this world than that the Republicans will never cut down the tariff rates, many of which Governor Dingley himself said were intentionally made too high to be cut down by reciprocity treaties.

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Johnnie Reddick, Mary Riddick and J. L. Riddick, Plffs.
vs.
Mattie Riddick, T. C. Riddick, Dorothy Riddick and Samuel Riddick,
Defdts.

The above named defendants, Mattie Riddick J. C. Riddick, Dorothy Riddick and Samuel Riddick, are hereby notified that the purpose of the above entitled proceeding is to obtain from the Superior Court of the county afore said an order of sale partition of two certain tracts of land, with improvements thereon, situated in the State and County above named and more particularly described as follows:—180 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Burnham and others and 142½ acres more or less, adjoining the land of the said B. F. Burnham and others. Said defendants will further take notice that they are requested to appear before the clerk of the Superior wiurt of said county at the Court House thereof on Monday, December, 29th 1902, and answer or demur to the petition which has been filled in this cause or relief will be granted according to the prayer of the same.

This the 20th day of October 1902,

R. L. FORBES,

Clerk of Superior Court Camden County, N. C.

North carolina, Dare county. Stperior court, November term, 1902.

H. T, Greenleaf, Plff.
vs
W. A. Ensign, chas. A. Ensign and Norris Morcy, Eefts.

It appearing to the satisfactson of the court that the defendants, after due diligence, can not be found in the State of North carolina; that they are non-residents of the said State and are residents and citizens of the State of of New York; that the plaintiff has a good and meritorious cause of action against the defendants, of which this court has jurisdiction, as set out in his complaint; that the defendants, Ensign, own property in this State.

It is, therefore, on motion, ordered and adjudged by the Court that publication be made in the "Tar Heel," a newspaper published in Elizabeth city, N. C., for six successive weeks notifying the defendants to appear at the next Term of this Court to be held on the 11th Monday after the first Monday in March. 1903, and a swer or demur as they may be advised, or judgement will be rendered against them addording to the relief cemaneed,

The defendants will further take notice that the plainfiff has obtained a writ of attachment which has issued against their property in Dare county known as "The John Gray Blount Patent," that the same is returnable at said Term of this court, on the 11th Monday after the first Monday in March, 1903. The purpose of this action is to recover Fifteen Hundred Dollars upon contract.

THEO. S, MEEKINS,

clerk of Suparior court of Dare county, N, C

Nov. 12, 1902.

North Carolina, Dare county. Superior court November term, 1902.

H. T. Greenleaf, Plff..
vs
H. H. Persons & J. R. Hazel, Receivers of the Bank of Commerce of Buffalo, New York and Noris Morey, Defts. — ORDER.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants, after due diligence, can not be found in the State of North Carolina that they are non-residents of said State of and are residents of the state of New York; that the plaintiff has a good and meritorious cause of action against the defendants of which this court has jurisdiction, as set out in his complaint; that the defendants. Receivers have property in this State.

It is, therefore, on motion, ordered and adjudged by the court that the publication be made in the Tar Heel a newepaper published in Elizabeth City, N. C. for six successive weeks notifing the defendants to appear at the next term of this court to be held on the eleventh Monday after the first Menday in March, 1903, and to answer or demur as they may be advised or judgement will be rendered against them according to the relief demanded.

The defendants will further take notice that the plaintiff has obtained a writ of attachment which has issued against their property in Dare County known as "The John Gray Blount Patent," the same is returnable at said Term of this Court on the eleventh Monday after the firft Monday in March, 1903. The purpose of this action is to recover Fifteen Hundred Dollars upon contract.

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H, T. Greenleaf, Pliff
vs.
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It appearing to the satisfacion of the cour that the deffendants after due diligence cannot be found in the State of North carolina; that they are non-residents of the said State and are residents and citizens of the city of Buffalo New York; that the plaintiff has a good and meritorious cause of action against them of which this Court has Jurisdiction, as set out in his complaint; That the defendant, Peoples Bank. has property in this State.

It is, therefore, ordered and adjudged by the court that publication be made in the "Tar Heel" a newspaper published in Elizabeth city N. C., for six successive weeks notifying the defendants to appear at the next Term of this court to be held on the eleventh Monday after the first Monday in March, 1903, and answer or demur as they may be advised, or judgment will be rendered against them according to the relief demanded.

The defendants will futher take notice that the plaintiff has obtained a writ of attachment which has issued against their property situated in Dare county known as "The Gray Blount Patent," the same is returnable at said Term of this court, the eleventh Monday after the first Monday in March, 1903.

The purpose of this action is to recover fifteen hundred dollrs upon contract.

Thos. S. Meekins,

Clerk of Superior Court of Dare County N. C.

Nov. 12, 1902.

North Carolina, Dare County. Superior Court November Term, 1902.

H. T. Greenleaf, Pliff,
vs
Jos. H. Lasselles, Receiver of the American Exchange Bank of Buffalo, New York and Norris Morey, Defts.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants, after due diligence, can not be found in the state of North Carolina; and that they are non-residents of the said State and are residents and citizens of the City of Bufialo, New York; that the plaintiff has a good and meritorious cause of action against them, of which this Court has Jurisdiction, as set out in his complaint; thatthe defendant Receiver owns property in said State of North Carolina.

It is therefore on motion ordered and adjudged by the Court that publication be made in the "Tar Heel," a newspaper published in Elizabeth City, N C, for six successive weeks notifying the defendants to appear at the next Term of this Court to be held on the eleventh Monday after the first Monday in March, 1903, and answer or demur as they may be advised, or judgement will be rendered against them according to the relief demanded

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