

Champ Clark's Letter

Democratic Prospects Are Bright in Many Western States

RECENTLY I have been on a lecture tour to the Pacific coast, and my observations make me believe that Democracy is once more on the up grade throughout the Rocky mountain and coast states, a fact by reason of which good Democrats will rejoice everywhere.

In Colorado the efforts of the Republicans to steal the seat in the senate of that illustrious patriot and statesman Henry M. Teller have left a bad taste in the mouths of honest folks of all shades of political belief and have given the Republican machine in the Centennial State a severe if not fatal jolt. The strange antics of Governor Peabody have split the Republican party of Colorado in twain and give the fusionists a fine opportunity to redeem the state. Consequently they are not disheartened by their defeat last year, but are already lining up for the great contest of 1904.

In Utah Democrats are taking heart, and confidently expect to swing that young state into the Democratic column at the next election.

In Nevada we have the governor and other state officers, the representative in congress, the legislature and one United States senator. The Democrats of Nevada are waiting impatiently for the next election of a senator of the United States so that they can retire "Santa Claus" Stewart to the shades of private life. He would not have been elected the last time if he had not pretended that he was a better silver man than Francis G. Newlands. Soon after he was re-elected he went back to the Republicans bag and baggage, horse, foot and dragons. "Ichabod" is inscribed above his senatorial habitation, and his finish can be easily foretold.

Francis G. Newlands.

The most prominent man in Nevada today is Francis G. Newlands, who, after ten years of distinguished service in the house, on the 4th of last March succeeded Hon. John P. Jones in the senate of the United States, where he will cut a wide swath. He is the father of the Newlands irrigation law, a fact which has endeared him to the population of the arid region. President Roosevelt did Newlands and others a rank injustice by stating that Mr. Mondell of Wyoming deserved the lion's share of the credit for passing the irrigation bill, and that Mr. Reeder of Kansas, whom he was pleased to denominate as "Irrigation Bill Reeder," was second only to Mondell. I would not detract from the just fame of Mondell or Reeder in the estimation of a fair-minded man, but I think it is fair to say that they are good men and did what they could; so did many others—but the truth should be told through the heavens fall, and it is this: The men who deserve the most credit for the irrigation scheme are Francis G. Newlands of Nevada and John C. Bell and John Shafroth of Colorado. Others aided them in an able manner, but they were the head and front of the enterprise, and were so recognized by everybody conversant with the facts. Able, insistent in season and out of season, vigilant, tactful, courageous, harmonious, they won what five years ago seemed a hopeless fight, and should have their due mead of praise. President Roosevelt has the ear of the country, and his praise no doubt helped Mondell, while the nickname he bestowed upon the Kansas of "Irrigation Bill Reeder" made that brawny statesman's political fortune, being a thing that will stick. Newlands, Bell and Shafroth are the men who led the movement to a successful conclusion.

California.

Everywhere in California I found the Democrats in fighting trim. Last year they came within a few hundred votes of electing a governor and took three representatives in congress away from the Republicans. The truth is that had the ballots been counted according to the intention of the voters the Democratic candidate for governor would have been elected, but by reason of some peculiarity in marking the ballots enough Democratic ballots were thrown out to give the election to the Republican candidate, with whom there is now great dissatisfaction among the Republicans. Therefore the Democrats are anxious to get at them again, feeling confident that they will in the next heat pull under the string winners by at least a neck.

At Los Angeles I addressed the Iron-quois club, and I never saw a more enthusiastic set of Democrats.

Those who count the electoral vote of California certainly in the Republican column next year reckon without their host. Party lines rest loosely and lightly upon Californians, and the Democrats are as apt to carry the state as not.

Everybody knows that Oregon is Republican by about 10,000 majority; nevertheless she has a most excellent Democratic governor in the person of that splendid citizen Hon. George E. Chamberlain, who appears to bear a charmed life politically and who is a veritable Democratic mascot. Whenever things political in Oregon get so bad that they are intolerable enough to decent Republicans turn to Chamberlain as a political purifier and vote for him to elect him to some big office. In that way and for those reasons he was elected attorney general of the state

nearly every senator has a pet in the army for whom he is "begging" with the president. But the Wood nomination may have political effect. In case of a close contest the friends of army officers might decide the presidency. Little things count.

A pebble in the streamlet scant
Has turned the course of many a river;
A dewdrop on the baby plant
Has dwarfed the giant oak forever.

Republican Wool Pulling.

When the credulous old lady heard that the cow had eaten the grindstone she complacently remarked, "I told you so!" There is a pleasure in the possession of prophetic gifts. Some time ago in these letters I predicted that the advertising which the Hon. Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, is getting out of the post office scandals would make him a very large and commanding figure in Kansas politics and that the chances were that he would, unless nominated for vice president, go after the curule chair now occupied by Hon. J. Ralph Burton, senior senator from the Sunflower State. That prophecy is likely to come true. Already, according to late dispatches from Topeka, the gossip about the statehouse is that Joseph L. will go after J. Ralph's scalp, and it will be in harmony with the eternal fitness of things, for in diverse places and on sundry dates the Burton rosters have boasted that Bristow was "going, going and gone." It will be a pretty fight. Burton is an indefatigable stumpster. First and last he made more than a thousand speeches in order to get into the less numerous branch of the national legislature, and he will deliver another thousand to remain there another term. Of course Bristow will depend primarily on his reputation as a sleuth at hunting down Republican rascals in the post office department. The chances are that he did not detect a title of them, but his career in that line will form the basis of his campaign. His retainers and henchmen will also assiduously cultivate the theory, already widespread, that Senator Burton is persona non grata at the White House. All Republican pie hunters, especially those from Kansas, are ravenously hungry, yearn for the fleshpots and are exceedingly anxious to stand well at court. If they conclude that Senator Burton is on bad terms with the president, a proposition which Hon. J. Ralph denies vociferously, they will quit him as suddenly and with as little ceremony as rats desert a sinking ship. What the average Kansas Republican most hankers after is federal pap, and if the idea prevails that Burton cannot secure the pap he will be as dead as "Beans" Pomeroy or Senator General Jim Lane. There is likely to be something doing among the Republican Jayhawkers at an early date.

New Trusts.

Notwithstanding the decision of Judge Amos M. Thayer of the United States circuit court of appeals in the railroad merger cases, which many overcredulous people thought settled the trust question, the trusts, like John Brown's soul, go forever marching on. Indeed, new ones are constantly forming. The following dispatch, published in the Oregon Daily Journal of Portland, Ore., shows that something is doing among the trusts on the Pacific coast:

San Francisco, July 29.—A colossal deal which is of the greatest importance to the Pacific coast in general and of the northwest in particular is announced today.

At last a gigantic deal has been consummated by Frederick Weyerhaeuser, E. H. Harriman, T. B. Walker and Jacob Blodgett, who have joined forces with James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and through this combination these persons will practically control the entire production of coast lumber.

E. W. Eberlin, their agent, took the government figures for all timber now standing on the Pacific slope and bought through agents until now these five men with minor associates hold the vast western lumber market in their hands. Weyerhaeuser was the means of getting Harriman and Hill together in the deal.

E. H. Harriman's hands go into the combine with the provision to protect the company's creditors which are pledged as Southern Pacific creditors.

The following dispatch, from the Evening Telegram of Portland, Ore., tells of the formation of still another gigantic trust in still another necessary of life:

San Francisco, July 24.—Another step in the formation of a trust to control the coal supply of the coast was taken yesterday when the Western Fuel company was appointed wholesale distributor for the Beaver-Hill Coal company. This means that the Western Fuel company now controls the output of the Beaver-Hill mines in Oregon and that the retailer will henceforth be compelled to pay for the coal such prices as the Western Fuel company may dictate.

The Western Fuel company now is a merger of four different companies. It was formed six months ago, when three local coal companies pooled their interests and issued stock. The companies which combined were the John Rosenfeld & Sons company, G. C. Wilson & Co. and John L. Howard, and the mines controlled by the company were those owned by the Rosenfelds at Mariposa. The Beaver-Hill Coal company owns mines near Coos Bay, Ore. John D. Spreckels is the president of the company and W. G. Stafford has been the distributing agent in this city. The company operates the steamer Caribina, and the bunkers are located at Howard street wharf No. 2.

Idaho.

Ever since 1896 Idaho has been a debatable ground and is still in that condition. Notwithstanding the fact that the state went Republican in 1900 and again in 1902, no well informed observer of the passing show would be at all surprised to see Idaho return to the Democratic column next year under the lead of ex-Senator Helfield and Senator Frederick T. Dubois. They are splendid fighters and are liable to achieve a great victory in the impending campaign. It will be remembered—and greatly to his credit—that Senator Fred Dubois was one of the free silver Republicans who walked out of the Republican convention at St. Louis in 1896. He is a man who possesses the courage of his convictions, and he is one of the most brilliant leaders of Democracy.

Swift Climbing.

President Roosevelt's disposition to stand by his personal friends has, in its latest manifestation, stirred up a hornet's nest of vast proportions. By promoting Leonard A. Wood to be major general he has brought down upon his head the wrath of the old officers and their host of friends, who declare that it is his intention to carry his friendship for General Wood still further by lifting him into the lieutenant generalship as soon as General Young retires. The officers who have seen more service than General Wood would not object so strenuously to his being lieutenant general if he were an older man, for being comparatively young, his induction into that office would shut the door in the faces of many older men and soldiers. There are only seventy-seven civil war veterans now holding commissions in the army, and it is said that all of them will be retired before Jan. 1, some with low rank. Of course they are all disgruntled by Wood's rapid advancement. General Wood, as it will be remembered, was a surgeon in the army when the Spanish war began and physician to President McKinley. He became colonel of the rough riders, of which President Roosevelt was lieutenant colonel; hence the close friendship hence this swift promotion.

That the Wood nomination will be confirmed by the senate there is little doubt. There will be a request in that way and for those reasons he was elected attorney general of the state

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A Wild Duck Preserve.

A number of Philadelphians are endeavoring apparently to monopolize the duck shooting in Elsinore, near Salem, N. J., this season, as the Taylor farm, purchased by a syndicate, is now being made into a duck preserve, says the Philadelphia Press. This is the only artificial preserve of its kind in the state and is a desirable location. Wild celery, oats and other feeds have been collected, and hundreds of tame ducks of the inland variety are being raised on the place.

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