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PLATFORM OF CHAMP CLARK

His Candidacy Would Be Based On the Record of the House

WORK OF THE DEMOCRATS

Interesting Letter From Champ Clark Citing the Record of the Democratic House—His Friends Say It is His Platform as a Democratic Candidate—Sentiment in His Favor Growing—The Situation in Missouri.

Times Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, H. E. C. Bryant.

Washington, D. C., June 24—This correspondence herewith presents Speaker Champ Clark's platform as a candidate for president of the United States, written by his own hand. It is a plain citation of the record of the house under his guidance as its principal leader.

The speaker does not himself describe the specially prepared utterance as a "platform." Neither does he admit he is a candidate for the democratic nomination next year, but Senators Owen and Gore, of Oklahoma, Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, other senators and numerous representatives from the south, southwest and the east, have publicly spoken of Speaker Clark as among the very first in the list of available men for this high honor and responsibility. In short the "political talk of the day" here ranks Clark along with Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, as being foremost in the public eye for the democratic nomination at this time. The Clark argument is based upon his identification with the progressive and remarkable record of the house.

According to the St. Louis Republic correspondent asked the speaker to use the columns of The Republic to point out briefly the importance of that record. Mr. Clark did so and went further, showing how the chief items in the house programme are now deadlocked because of "legislative legerdemain" in the senate. He writes:

"In the last two months the democrats of the house have experienced a brand new and most pleasant sensation—that of being praised for what we are doing and trying to do. Heretofore for sixteen years we received little praise for anything and what little we did receive was for fighting bad measures. Now the praise is bestowed for good measures. Instead of being sneered at as a party of mere negation, the house is everywhere lauded for its programme of constructive legislation.

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BEER INDUSTRY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C., June 24—The beer industry of the United States will undergo a searching inquiry at the hands of the board of food and drug inspection. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, and chairman of the board, has given notice of a general hearing on beer here July 31. For those attending the hearing Dr. Wiley has prepared a formidable list of questions. These cover every phase of the manufacture of beer, ale, porter and stout. One of the points upon which the board desires light is the meaning of the terms "lager" and "bock" beer. If any domestic brews of beer, ale, porter and stout are masquerading under names of foreign products, the board will likely ascertain it.

Three Killed in Nitrogen Factory. Munich, Bavaria, June 24—Three men were killed and six injured in a terrific explosion in a Troutsburg factory employed in recovering nitrogen from the atmosphere.

LORIMER INVESTIGATION

Roosevelt Knew of \$100,000 Corruption Fund

Kohlsaat Before Committee Today— Tells of Proposition to Funk by Hines—Had Told Senator Root About Fund.

Washington, D. C., June 24—The scope of the Lorimer investigation was materially widened when the senate investigating committee decided to allow Lorimer's counsel to question the motives which might have prompted any official of the International Harvester Company to oppose Lorimer's political advancement. This gave Lorimer's counsel all the latitude they desired in attacking the statement of General Manager Charles S. Funk, of the International Harvester Company, that Edward Hines, of Chicago, asked that company to contribute \$100,000 on account of Lorimer's election expense.

Funk testified that Hines asked him, on behalf of the Harvester Company, to contribute that sum toward reimbursing those who raised \$100,000 fund to meet the costs of election.

That Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was known since early last fall the entire story of how Edward Hines is alleged to have asked Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester Company for \$100,000 contribution to the \$100,000 fund. "Used to put Lorimer across at Springfield," was testified before the senate Lorimer committee by Herman Kohlsaat, publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald. Kohlsaat said he told the story to Roosevelt just before the Hamilton club dinner at Chicago which Roosevelt refused to attend until Lorimer's invitation was withdrawn. It was upon this information, Kohlsaat said the former president based his action in declining to sit at the same table with Lorimer. Kohlsaat further testified he wrote an account of the conversation between himself and Funk but without mentioning Funk's name to Senator LaFollette and Root.

This was done at the request of Walter L. Fisher, now secretary of the Interior and others.

"Root wrote me in reply thanking me for the information. He said it had greatly influenced him in making his speech against Lorimer on the floor of the senate."

"What," exclaimed Senator Gamble, "do you mean to say Senators were influenced in arriving at their decision by matters not in evidence?"

"I did not discuss that question with Root," replied Kohlsaat.

The witness said that LaFollette tried very hard to get him to Washington to tell about the conversation, even threatening to send the senate's sergeant-at-arms after him. "I replied it would merely result in my spending a hot summer in Washington," said Kohlsaat.

The witness explained he gave his word to Funk he would not reveal his name but he considered he was free to tell about the conversation, even threatening to send the senate's sergeant-at-arms after him. "I replied it would merely result in my spending a hot summer in Washington," said Kohlsaat.

Kohlsaat agreed with that, adding, "Senator Gamble, if you ever bestow upon me such confidence I assure you I will keep it."

Kohlsaat said besides Roosevelt he had only divulged Funk's name in connection with the conversation to Victor E. Lawson, owner of the Record-Herald and Mrs. Kohlsaat.

"Did you believe what Funk told you?" the witness was asked.

"As implicitly as if my wife had told me," replied Kohlsaat.

Railroad Merger Allowed.

Purchase of the Southern Pacific by Union Pacific All Right.

St. Louis, Mo., June 24—The United States circuit court of the eighth district handed down an opinion that the purchase of the Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific, "did not amount to direct and substantial restraint of either interstate or international commerce."

The recent decision of United States supreme court in the Standard Oil case was cited among others by Judge Adams, who wrote the majority opinion. Supreme Court Justice Willis H. Vandevanter, while circuit judge of the eighth district, participated in the hearing, deliberation and conclusion in the case and concurred in the opinion.



The new Lorimer investigating committee in session in Washington. Key to picture: 1. W. S. Kenyon, (Republican), Iowa; 2. W. L. Jones, (Democrat), Indiana; 3. R. J. Gamble, (Republican), South Dakota; 4. W. F. Dillingham, (Republican), Vermont; 5. J. F. Johnston, (Democrat), Alabama; 6. D. F. Fletcher, (Democrat), Florida; and 7. J. W. Kern, (Democrat), Indiana.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING

Something Doing In the Capital Every Day

President Taft Growing in Popular Favor—Democrats Hopeful—Some Presidential Candidates Investigating Committees.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., June 21—Things are happening here every day. Investigations, silver weddings, and debates make Washington a merry old town. The newspaper men are at it early and late. There is plenty of general news, and human interest matter.

The biggest thing here is William Howard Taft, and he is looming larger every day. His political wheels are oiled, fit and running. Within the last few months, ever since he called the extra session, he has been growing in favor with the people. The newspapers of the land like him for his Canadian reciprocity bill, and he is boosted day and night by them. Free print paper is promised to the publishers. This makes enthusiastic editors and reporters. The northwestern farmer is frightened; he does not see any good in the treaty. But as a rule, the people are satisfied and Taft is getting the credit. Therefore, people are beginning to say that Taft is the man—Taft will win the nomination of his party and may win—well, it is useless to say what else.

The last three weeks has brought hope and inspiration to republicans who were down in the mouth.

The part that William Jennings Bryan took in the fight against the Underwood-Clark wool programme fired the hearts of hopeless republicans.

The democrats are hopeful, too, but not so much as they might be. Colonel Bryan's attitude toward some of the real leaders is annoying those who know what it takes to win. Harmony and perfect union will be the price of democratic victory.

Judson Harmon is considered a

FAVORABLE REPORT ON STATEHOOD BILL

Washington, D. C., June 24—The senate territories committee voted six to three to report favorably the house resolution admitting New Mexico and Arizona to statehood with the provision that the Arizona constitution, containing judiciary recall, shall be resubmitted to the people. Slight amendments to the house resolution were made.

THE PRESIDENT'S VETO. Will Veto Any Tariff Bills Passed at This Session.

Washington, D. C., June 24—It became known at the capitol that President Taft, talking over the long distance telephone from Providence last night, repeated to several senators his determination to veto the Canadian reciprocity bill in case any amendment is added to it. News dispatches from Providence that the president undoubtedly would veto any tariff bills passed at this session are accepted by the senators as accurately reflecting the president's attitude.

very able man and a bright prospect for the presidency, but the Nebraska does not like him. Mr. Harmon has a long list of successes to his credit. If he gets the nomination he may win over Mr. Taft.

Woodrow Wilson appeals to the scholar, the editorial writer and the people generally but he has touched on a few items that may not help him in the south. If he will be the same clever, able, and frank Woodrow Wilson that he has been for years, when he was writing into books his ripened views on political subjects, and not think too much of winning a nomination, he may go farther and fare better.

Champ Clark is behaving nicely. He is a very magnetic sort of man. He looks well and speaks well. Bryan and Hearst both like him—they say they do.

The LaFollette boom will not get very far. The Wisconsin senator takes well with persons afar off but he lacks something that makes one warm up to him. Every crank in the land goes to him for help but the calm, steady, everyday fellow is indifferent about him.

LaFollette, no doubt, is a good man. He means well and has done some good, but he thinks that he is a much better man and a much more powerful man than he really is. In other words, his opinion of himself is much better than that of any other man. He sometimes imagines that he can lift himself by his boot heels. The LaFollette speeches are wonderful. They contain whole sections of books and documents. They will make fine reference books for the future. But, withal, Mr. LaFollette is not presidential size. He thinks that he is but he has overestimated his real worth.

Congressional investigations do not prove beneficial to some members of the investigating committee. Being a member of a committee to investigate a lot of experts is not what it seems. This has been shown here within the last month. The investigator who goes forth with a smattering of knowledge to examine a Wick-ersham, a Gary, a Havemeyer or a Percival Roberts undertakes a serious proposition. Young Horace Havemeyer, the only son of the great financier, Henry O. Havemeyer, can play with the ordinary committee man like the red fox does with the old time hound. I felt sorry for one or two members that essayed to question the twenty-five-year-old sugar manufacturer. Their questions flew back like little come-back balls.

The man who gets to the core of things on an investigating committee is like the lawyer who wins cases he goes prepared to meet the smartest witness.

Martin W. Littleton, a man of national reputation, is on the steel investigating committee. If one will take the testimony in that investigation, especially that of Judge Elbert H. Gary, and read Mr. Littleton's questions and Mr. Gary's answers, he will know why Mr. Littleton is famous. I have been to country fairs, where shooting matches were part of the programme, and seen men come up and shoot and shoot and never hit. Finally, however, some country boy, a squirrel hunter at home, would step up and center the bull's eye. That is Martin Littleton. Every time he puts a question a juicy answer falls.

The same can be said of Judge Madison, of Kansas, of the sugar committee. There are others but these two are striking ones.

ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S DAY

Thousands of People at Oxford to Celebrate

Many Distinguished Masons Take Part in Celebrating Exercises—Excursions From All Directions Pour Crows Into Town

(Special to The Times.)

Oxford, June 21—The day that stands out most conspicuously as the big day for Oxford and Granville county is the annual celebration of St. John's day or the "24th" as it is generally called. This event, which takes place at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, not only brings up whole white population of the county to Oxford, but thousands drive from neighboring counties and excursions on all the railroads leading to the town bring immense numbers to swell the great concourse.

Today was no exception, and the crowd was estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000 people. The scarcity of rain for the past six weeks had made it easy for the farmers to keep out of the grass, and so there was no pressing farm duties to hold them at home. The town was in perfect trim and the beautiful campus of the Orphanage densely shaded by its century-old oaks with a white, but eloquent welcome to the visiting throng.

The Program.

The following official program was carried out:

Special communication of Grand Lodges of Masons of North Carolina in the Masonic hall at 11:30 a. m.

Exercises in the grove at 12:00, opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Address of welcome by Mr. B. K. Lassiter.

Mr. Lassiter spoke as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Masons and citizens of Oxford I cordially welcome you here today. This is your institution; every citizen in the state has

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SHIPS AND SAILORS AT THE CORONATION

Portsmouth, England, June 24—This was the day of ships and sailors. The king, queen and foreign representatives at the coronation left the capital and came here for the great naval review off Spithead. Fine weather put the finishing touches on one of the most magnificent displays of the week. Their majesties, accompanied by the official envoys of other countries, came from London in a special train. The king wore the admiral's uniform. The prince of Wales was in midshipman's uniform. The queen, Princess Mary and other royal ladies were dressed in navy blue. Seventeen nations were represented in vessels moored in Spithead roadstead in the English channel, between the mainland and Isle of Wight. First in size and armament was the American battleship Delaware. Many foreign naval power sent vessels of the dreadnaught type.

Railroad Merger Legal.

St. Louis, June 24—The merger of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads is legal, according to an opinion handed down by the United States circuit court of the eighth district. Judge Hook filled a dissenting opinion.

POTEAU ON CARNEGIE

Greenville Educator Criticises Andy's Gifts

Carnegie Pension Fund of No Right to Teachers in Theological Colleges—Has No Right to Impose Such Restrictions.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 24—"No rich man has a right to ask us to desert our principles for the sake of an old-age pension," declared Rev. E. M. PotEAU, president of Furman University, Greenville, S. C., at today's session of the Baptist World's Alliance. The vast audience applauded the sentiment PotEAU expressed. After the address Dr. PotEAU said his criticism was directed against Andrew Carnegie because of the provisions attached to the retired ironmaster's teachers' pension fund, excluding from participation in the fund colleges which impose any theological test.

"I deny Mr. Carnegie's right to impugn the competence in the field of education of my college or any other sectarian institution," the clergyman said.

"I know Mr. Carnegie personally and he has contributed \$14,000 to our college, but I deny his right to make such provisions as he attached to the old-age pension fund."

FIGHT OVER EDDY WILL.

Question of Domicile Before Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

Boston, June 24—The will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church was admitted to probate in the Suffolk County Probate Court today. Attorney General James M. Swift, of Massachusetts, immediately took an appeal to the supreme court.

The carrying of the case to the supreme court brings the will alongside another proceeding relating to property left by Mrs. Eddy. Both actions involve substantially the same question regarding domicile of the testatrix, and it is the desire of the attorney general to have both cases tried at the same time.

At the probate hearing today no objections were made to the allowance of the will, a copy of which was offered by Charles P. Chason. The copy was authenticated, showing the record of the proceedings at Concord, N. H., where the original is on file.

It is the claim of the attorney general that Mrs. Eddy was domiciled in Massachusetts at the time of her death and that this state is entitled to the tax levy, the amount of which is said to be comparatively small.

The action now pending in the supreme court involves the conveyance of two parcels of real estate from trustees of Mr. Eddy's property to the directors of the First Church of Christ Scientist, of this city. The statute limiting bequests to churches to an amount exceeding not more than \$2000 is also involved in this latter case.

CALLED HER DEARIE.

Tried to Kiss Her and is Fined Fifty Dollars.

Richmond, Va., June 24—Fifty dollars and a bond of one hundred dollars for twelve months is the price of attempting to steal a kiss, according to the verdict and sentence pronounced today by Police Justice Crutefield in the case of R. C. Miller, a telephone inspector.

Miller was charged with insulting a young woman on Robinson street. The telephone inspector, who is probably about twenty years old, called at the house Monday afternoon to put in a telephone. He found the young woman alone in the dining room, and upon being requested by her to place the telephone by the door, he is alleged by the young lady to have walked to her, put his hand under her chin, called her "dearie" and attempted to kiss her.

HEADLESS CORPSE FOUND.

Body of Missing Farmer Discovered Near Federalsburg, Md.

Federalsburg, Md., June 24—With his head and one arm missing the body of Abner Charles, a farmer, was found under a cherry tree near his home, three miles from here today. He disappeared ten days ago. Arthur Whitley found the body and notified some neighbors.

The man's skull with all the flesh gone was discovered some distance from the body. The arm could not be found. It is supposed that the corpse had been attacked by buzzards. Near the tree was a ladder and a bucket, convincing the searchers that Mr. Charles, while picking cherries, had fallen from the tree and been killed. He was 72 years old and a Civil War veteran.

It takes a lot of faith to move you to practice a little of it.

DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG HERRING

Apex Boy, Injured by Train, Expired Early Today at Rex Hospital

THE FUNERAL TOMORROW

Body Carried to Apex This Afternoon for Burial Sunday at 11 O'clock— Young Graham Herring Was Twenty-one Years Old Last April— Never Regained Consciousness After Fall.

After lingering at Rex Hospital for nearly two weeks, during which time he was never entirely conscious, Mr. Graham Herring died at 8:30 today as the result of injuries received from falling from a Seaboard freight train at New Hill Monday, June 12. The remains were taken to Apex this afternoon and the funeral will be conducted from the Baptist church tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Herring was the telegraph operator at New Hill and at the time of the accident was attempting to board a moving freight train for Apex, where his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burns, reside. He failed to catch the train and was flung violently to the ground, the train running over his right foot and the fall causing a terrible wound in his head. He was brought to Raleigh and placed in the hospital, but he failed to rally. Death released him from his sufferings.

Mr. Herring's five sisters were in constant attendance at his bedside and everything was done for him that love and science could do. His right foot was removed and two operations were performed on his head, but to little purpose. He would call the names of his sisters, but they never were able to recognize them. For several days the end was expected and his relatives were prepared for the shock.

Mr. Herring was 20 years old in April last. He was adopted on the death of his parents when he was a mere child by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burns, of Apex. Childless themselves, this couple were as his father and mother, and no boy ever had more attention. Of a loving and generous disposition, Graham reciprocated this affection and loved his foster parents devotedly.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Burns, his foster parents, Mr. Herring is survived by five sisters: Miss Lizzie Herring, of Atlanta; Misses Annie and Maggie Herring, of Chapel Hill, and Misses Eloise and Madge Herring, of Raleigh. He was a member of the Apex Baptist church.

DIVORCED IN 15 MINUTES.

Wife of Congressman James M. Cox Gets Decree.

Cleveland, O., June 24—Mrs. Mary L. Cox, formerly of Dayton, today was granted a divorce from Congressman James M. Cox, newspaper publisher and financier of that city, in Common Pleas court. The decree was based on her allegations of gross neglect. Alimony was settled at \$2000. Both parents are to have equal rights over the children—Helen, 15; James, 17, and John, 1 1/2 years. The hearing lasted fifteen minutes.

YOUNG GIRL LOST LIFE IN HENDERSON FIRE

(Special to The Times.)

Henderson, N. C., June 24—There was a terrible fire in North Henderson last night at one o'clock, two stores, four residences and a Methodist church were burned.

A white girl, Miss Pierce was burned to a crisp and a white boy named Johnson, was also badly burned. The stores were Mr. George Wortham's and Mr. Gill's. The fire company was promptly on hand, but the four buildings were burning at once, calling for heroic action. Miss Pierce moved here five weeks ago from Wake Forest.

TWINS WIN A SUBSIDY.

First Youngsters to Get Benefit of Gregory Fund.

Boston, June 24—Twins have just arrived at the home of Mrs. Kaslov, Marblehead, and are about to enjoy the distinction of the first youngsters to benefit from the "twins fund" established by the late James J. H. Gregory.