

Speaker Champ Clark Is a National Figure

Missouri's Famous Democrat a Self Made Man and a Statesman.

Foe of No Faction In His Party and Promoter of Harmony.

ONE OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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CHAMP CLARK of Missouri seems to be in the most advantageous position of all the men who aspire to the Democratic nomination for president. He is the foe of no faction in his party and satisfactory as a candidate to those who, for personal or geographical reasons, are favoring other men. Champ Clark is the one man in the Democratic party who has achieved a distinct Democratic national success. It was after two years of his minority leadership that his party gained its first national victory in eighteen years. His party recognized this leadership by conferring upon him the highest office in its gift, the second place of power and distinction in the government.

his present prominent position in the public service and before the country not along easy lines, but in a struggle with other men of high attainments. When he went to congress eighteen years ago he was a new member in a state delegation that never has been surpassed for men of strength and experience. Among them were Bland, Cobb, Dockery, Hatch, Heard, Tarsney and O'Neill, all men of influence and long service. A new man among men of that caliber had difficulty in keeping his head above water, let alone attracting any attention by his own personality and ability.

His Many Rivals.

In those days also it was not usual to give any new man opportunities to display his talents. Seniority and service only were recognized. But Champ



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CHAMP CLARK.

Born in Kentucky, March 7, 1850.
 Educated Kentucky university, Bethany college and Cincinnati Law school.
 President Marshall college, West Virginia, 1873-4.
 Moved to Missouri, 1875.
 City attorney of Louisiana and Bowling Green.

Prosecuting attorney of Pike county.
 Has served in the house more than sixteen years.
 Made minority leader in 1908 and speaker in 1911.
 Permanent chairman Democratic national convention of 1904.

ed the whole country with his leadership. The harmony in a party whose records and divisions have kept it in the minority for sixteen years has been largely due to the straightforward course of Speaker Clark, his honesty of purpose and his unquestioned determination to do what was best for his country and his party.

Speakership His Goal.

Champ Clark is a national figure because he long ago chose the national field in politics and statesmanship. He has been tempted by the governorship of his state, by the senatorship, which in Missouri means almost a life position, but he put aside both because it has been his ambition to be speaker of the national house of representatives.

Great as either position seems to the average man, Mr. Clark said that he would rather be speaker one term than to have a guaranteed life position in the senate. No doubt he shrewdly foresaw that if he could successfully manage the minority and afterward win his party when in power in the house the inevitable result must open the door to any ambition that might lead him to seek higher honors. The hearty approval which has been given Mr. Clark's course as leader of the minority and since a speaker shows the wisdom of his choice.

Champ Clark has made his way to

Clark was the kind of man who made an opportunity for himself, and, notwithstanding the refusal of the leaders to give him time to make a speech during the tariff discussion in 1894, he cut into the debate under the five minute rule, and before he had completed his speech a congressional reputation was made and men were asking, "Who is this man Champ Clark anyway?" Missouri had added another name to her list of famous men then in the house.

Through the succeeding years Champ Clark has found himself crowding or being crowded by men who were pursuing a course similar to his own. Turning to the tariff as a subject of politics, he found many others seeking the same pathway to the hall of fame. Always has he had to struggle with men of ability whose lines of ambition converged with those he marked out for himself.

More particularly has this been true in Missouri, where he has generally found a rival for every great position to which he has aspired. In the house of representatives there was a friendly and undesired rivalry between Clark and De Armond for every place which led to their ultimate goal, the speakership. De Armond's death occurred after Clark had won an advantage which made his success assured.

Mr. Clark has had to fight his way day by day and year by year from early life. He secured his education by

toll, foregoing the pleasures of a youth at college and spending his vacations in teaching school. His early career in the practice of law was a struggle in a county where nearly a hundred licensed lawyers were seeking a livelihood at the bar. He had to fight for his early political recognition when he sought a seat in the legislature, and even after once being elected to congress he was retired for a term, due to the great Republican landslide in 1894.

Farmer, Teacher, Lawyer.

Perhaps a brief biography of Speaker Clark should be given right here. He was born in Kentucky in 1850 and is therefore sixty-two years old. He was educated in the common schools, Kentucky university, Bethany college and the Cincinnati Law school and became president of Marshall college, West Virginia, when twenty-three years old. He has worked on a farm, taught school, practiced law, been a member of the state legislature, a presidential elector, delegate to national conventions, has lectured all over the country and been a member of congress since 1893 with the exception of two years. He was permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention in 1904. He was married to Genevieve Bennett in 1881. Four children have been born to them, and two, a boy and a girl, are now living.

While he always intended to go to Missouri when he left Kentucky, for nearly all emigrating Kentuckians went to Missouri in those days, he actually landed in Kansas and was a resident of that state for nine weeks. At the end of that time he was "dead broke" and saw no way of mending his fortunes. Then a college man wrote him and sent him \$25, with a request to write a graduating speech. He wrote and sent the speech and with the \$25 paid his way to Missouri, going to Moberly. He entered into a contract to teach school for \$55 a month; but, meeting a man who told him to try for a better position at Louisiana, Mo., he went there and became the principal of the high school. He looks upon it as an accident that he settled in Pike county rather than Randolph.

He has gained the position he holds by guarding his own self respect and placing his honor and integrity beyond the question of any man. He is sincere of purpose, and once convinced of what is right he cannot be swayed by any consideration of personal disadvantage. He does not wobble.

Champ Clark is a man of the people. Not only the plain, homely Anglo-Saxon words and sentences he uses proclaim his close relationship to the great mass of people, but all his public efforts have been directed toward their welfare and betterment.

Champ Clark is a man without frills. In his personal characteristics he has not changed during all the years he was progressing toward his present position. Each succeeding honor has found him unchanged. As he stands in the shadow of the White House he is in every essential the same Champ Clark that went to congress in 1893, broadened, of course, by study and experience, but with the same characteristics, the same temperament, the same strong personality and hearty humanity that have made friends wherever he is known.

In an article of this kind—all too brief—it is impossible to recount the many interesting phases in the character of a man who has been under one's observation for nearly a score of years. The dominant impression is made by Speaker Clark's vigorous intellectuality, but there are also the strong character, the quaint humor, the fund of anecdote and good stories, the broad intelligence and comprehensive knowledge that combine to make him a delightful companion and attractive acquaintance. A grim smile sometimes—not often—is about the only indication of his enjoyment of the many good things he hears and appreciates. He never makes a speech without a touch of humor in it, but he is neither a funny man nor a humorist. He takes life and its responsibilities too seriously to be either.

Speaker Clark has made a study of many questions, and in an interesting way he blends history and anecdote. He will speak of the enactment of a tariff bill in some congress far beyond the recollection of any man living and will then show how that bill affected the political fortunes of the men of the time, or it may be some other act of congress or a speech, in fact, any incident which made history and at the same time created greatness in some men and destroyed others.

A Call From the People.

It has been a fascinating study to watch the development of a great man like Champ Clark. He emerges from the ruck or common herd of congressmen; he shows head and shoulders above them; he takes his place among and jostles those who long have been recognized as leaders; he crowds one after another aside until he finally stands forth the embodiment of a strong, vigorous leader. In all this time he has met "foemen worthy of his steel" on the opposite side and never flinched or faltered. It is such a rise, such an advance, that marks the man, and it is only in the American congress that such a career is possible. It is in this arena where Clay, Blaine, Garfield, Reed and McKinley made their reputations that Champ Clark has achieved success. And his career has been of his own making. Endowed with the capacity, equipped with the education, spurred by laudable ambition, he carried his banner to the highest pinnacle of the legislative range and has called forth a demand among the people that he shall become the standard bearer of a great party in this presidential year.

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Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$100,009.02
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1,545.68
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	3,655.04
Due from Banks and Bankers	17,430.07
Cash items	329.81
Gold coin	255.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,920.25
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	5,038.00
Certificates of Deposit	10,000.00
Total	\$140,183.77
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,897.33
Dividends unpaid	34.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,609.53
Deposits subject to check	89,259.23
Cashier's Checks outstanding	78.28
Certified Checks	5.40
Accrued interest due depositors	300.00
Total	\$140,183.77

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 State of North Carolina, County of Johnston, SS:

I, C. M. Thomas, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. M. THOMAS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of February, 1912.

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Loans and discounts	\$11,531.07
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	4,864.76
Due from Banks and Bankers	6,577.20
Gold coin	45.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	1,486.35
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	3,564.00
Expense	533.30
Total	\$28,601.68
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	426.00
Deposits subject to check	16,691.39
Cashier's Checks outstanding	436.08
Gain and Interest	1,048.21
Total	\$28,601.68

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 State of North Carolina, County of Johnston, SS:

I, W. A. Edwards, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. A. EDWARDS, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of February, 1912.

PAUL CLARK, Notary Public.

(My Com. expires Feb. 26, 1913.)

Correct—Attest:

GEO. F. WOODARD, A. F. HOLT, J. W. BAKER, Directors.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Needham Barnes, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 2nd day of February, 1913, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment.

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This 19th day of January, 1912.
 FLORENCE L. STEWART, JAS. G. TURLINGTON, Administrators.

SALE OF ACCOUNTS OF BARNES EDGERTON COMPANY.

All the unpaid accounts belonging to the old firm of Barnes, Edgerton Company will be sold at public auction by the undersigned receiver on Monday, March 4, 1912, unless sooner paid. This applies to all accounts yet unpaid and those who wish to save the embarrassment of having their account sold at public auction had better adjust the same at once with the undersigned.

This February 21st, 1912.
 F. H. BROOKS, Receiver.