

CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Drift Toward Bryan and Democracy.

THE REPUBLIC IN DANGER.

Many Republicans Revolt at Imperialism.

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Not a Man Who Supported Him In 1896 Is Wavering—Gold Democrats Coming Back—Signs That the G. O. P. Is Disintegrating—Republican Organs Lie to Bolster Up a Losing Cause—Truth About the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty—Fun on the Stump.

(Special Washington Letter.)

"Where are we at?" is a question familiar to the ears of men since a celebrated statesman propounded it to the speaker of the house some years ago. "Where are we at?" is a query causing many statesmen to lose sleep, grow baldheaded and become irritable these hot dog days. "Where are we at?" is a query whose honest and intelligent answer has a tendency to encourage Democrats to be of good cheer everywhere.

I have had extra good opportunities to observe and my conclusion is that the drift is toward Bryan and Democracy, and it will be remembered that a very small drift will give us the victory. While there will be no stampede of Republican voters there will be enough, and to spare, of them to land Bryan in the White House.

Recently I have been traveling through Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa indulging in the luxury of joint lectures on "Imperialism" with Hon. J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, late candidate for the Republican vice presidential nomination, and Hon. C. B. Landis of Indiana, the great Mormon exterminator at home and Mormon supporter abroad.

It's really a pity about Dolliver. He is young, handsome, brilliant and ambitious. His friends thought him fit for at least second place. I myself helped his boom along all I could, but Mark nipped it in the bud and foisted Teddy the Terror on the ticket. I mourn for Dolliver as a bright young man who fell before Mark's snicker-snace.

As for Landis, he thinks polygamy wrong in Utah, but it is the proper caper in the Sululands.

Republic in Danger.

But what I started out to say is that this lecturing business with Dolliver and Landis has taken me over a great deal of territory and brought me into contact with a great many people, and I conclude that the drift is toward Bryan and Democracy.

Not only are prominent Republicans quitting the G. O. P.—such men as Governor George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts and Webster Davis of Missouri and Judge Stiles of Nebraska—but the "plain people" are breaking away.

At Winfield, Kan., a veteran of the civil war, wearing a Grand Army button in the lapel of his coat, came to me after the debate and said: "You preached the truth today. You were too young to be in the civil war, but you are doing now what I did then—standing up for the preservation of the republic. I have voted the Republican ticket all my life, but I can't do it any more. The republic is in danger."

On the platform at Atchison, Kan., a young man, son of a great Iowa lawyer and Republican, came up and cordially greeted Brother Dolliver, but made that gentleman sad at heart by saying: "Mr. Dolliver, our folks here, as you know, always been Republicans, but I can't stand this imperialism, and, as Bryan can't do anything with his 16 to 1 theory, even if he is elected, with a hostile senate, I am going to vote for him." Then, to my amazement, Dolliver, after the fashion of a drowning man grabbing at a straw, said to his young friend: "The tail goes with the hide. If Bryan is elected, the Democrats will carry both senate and house."

Then I took out a pad of paper and pencil and demonstrated to the repentant young Republican that the senate is now Republican by 14 majority; that the very best we could hope for is to gobble five senatorial seats now held by Republicans; that, unless there is a regular tidal wave or landslide, we can't capture the senate, and that the chances were that we would gain only four seats, which, taking off four from the Republicans and adding four to our column, would still leave the Republicans six majority in the senate.

Thus Brother Dolliver and I wrestled for that wavering vote on the depot platform at Atchison, Kan., while waiting for a train, and I prevailed.

And so it goes everywhere—not a man who supported Bryan in 1896 wavering, while voters of every degree are quitting the McHannalites; not by the millions, but in squads—squads in every nook and corner of the country; squads which in the aggregate will give Bryan from 23 to over 100 majority in the electoral college.

The Gold Democrats.

The gold Democrats are also coming into the fold to swell the anti-imperialistic chorus. We are glad to have them back in the house of their fathers. It's the proper place for them—indeed for all who love their country.

Webster Davis, as I predicted in my last letter, is coming in for a great deal of abuse, but I guess Webster can

stand it in the cause of liberty and truth. The "rads" can't rub out the fact that until he resigned as assistant secretary of the interior he was put forward as the orator in chief of McKinley's administration.

I make another prediction, and it is this: Republicans like Dolliver will keep on abusing Davis until he gives an exposé of his differences with H. Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, and Ethan Allen Hitchcock, secretary of the interior. When Davis does that, hundreds of thousands of old soldiers will leave McKinley and vote for Bryan, because it is an open secret that the row which Davis had with Evans and Hitchcock grew out of the fact that Davis was the firm and unyielding friend of the old soldiers and that he regularly overruled Evans and that Hitchcock regularly overruled Davis. So that the more the Republicans abuse Davis, the more the old soldiers will vote for Bryan.

Nothing could more clearly demonstrate the disintegration now going on in the G. O. P. than the fact that at the great ratification meeting at Lincoln three of the principal orators were General James B. Weaver of Iowa, ex-congressman; Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, ex-congressman, and Webster Davis of Missouri, ex-assistant secretary of the interior—all once great and shining lights in the Republican party. There are other great men, once pillars in the Republican temple, who were not there in the flesh, but who were there in spirit—such as Senator Henry M. Teller of Colorado, ex-Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, General John B. Henderson of Missouri and Carl Schurz—an illustrious company, surely.

Disgraceful Business.

On the part of Republican newspapers this is to be a campaign of misrepresentation and vilification. That they are doing this systematically there can be no question. They appear to be acting on Voltaire's dictum, "Keep on lying, and some of it will stick."

The Kansas City Journal seems to have earned "the bad eminence" of leading in this disgraceful business.

I never read that sheet that I am not forced to recall the words of Sir John Falstaff on a memorable occasion: "Lord! Lord! how this world is given to lying!"

I submit to a candid world if the McKinley imperialistic party is not in a very bad way when it deliberately resorts to lying and misrepresentation as the only means of bolstering up a losing cause.

This same monumental liar, the Kansas City Journal, said that in our debate at the Winfield Chautauqua the "Hon. C. B. Landis was dignified and argumentative, while Champ Clark was vulgar and abusive," which was another lie. It based its charge against me on the last sentence in my closing speech, which was as follows: "If you desire a pure, economical, patriotic American administration, vote the Democratic ticket, and may peace rest upon your houses. If you desire a wicked and wanton waste of the people's money, a further growth of trusts, a vast standing army and the Republic converted into an empire, vote the Republican ticket and may God have mercy on your fool souls!"

I am willing to stand by that. What is there abusive or vulgar about that? Is stating the truth abusive? Is it vulgar? Isn't the Republican party guilty of wicked and wanton waste of the public money? Isn't it trusted ridden and trust supported? Isn't it in favor of a vast standing army? Isn't it endeavoring to establish an empire upon the ruins of a republic? And why should the Kansas City Journal abuse me for stating historic truths? I will tell you why. Because these truths, stated bluntly by me, hurt.

The Journal said that Landis was dignified and argumentative. In the same column it unfortunately gave an extract from his speech in which he declared that instead of the Democratic national convention being held at Kansas City, it ought to be held in the Leavenworth penitentiary! There's dignity and argument for you! That's the Kansas City Journal's idea of dignity and logic!

The Pathway of Duty.

I denounced the statement of Mr. Landis as a vile slander when he made it at Winfield. I denounce it as such now when printed in the Kansas City Journal.

As these letters have twenty or fifty fold more circulation than the Kansas City Journal, I say to it in the words of Shakespeare:

Lay on, MacDuff!

And damn'd be he who first cries Hold! Enough!

I do not propose to be driven from the pathway of duty by it or by all the Republican newspapers in the land. This is our country—my country—and I intend to contribute my mite to preserve our free institutions for my children and my children's children to the remotest generation.

Hon. Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver is a brilliant orator and an amiable gentleman, I am glad to count him on the list of my personal friends, but he knows a great deal more concerning the history of his country than he did before we met in debate at Spirit Lake, Ia. He learned a lesson on that occasion which he will not forget so long as he lives. I was his teacher. As these letters are intended to be educational in their nature and as other Republican orators are likely to be as shy on history as Dolliver was, I hereby set forth the incident as it happened:

I spoke on imperialism before a teachers' institute at Burlington, Kan., Monday, June 25. Dolliver spoke there Friday, the 29th. In my speech I lambasted Mr. Secretary of State John Hay for signing the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and denounced it as the most humiliating and disgraceful document to which an American ever put his name, which it is. At the Kansas City

convention a Burlingame Democrat astonished me by saying that Dolliver answered that by declaring that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was simply an amendment to an improvement on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which, he said, was a Democratic treaty negotiated by James K. Polk's administration! I knew that that was not true and thought that my informant was mistaken, but when I went home I hunted up the authorities, made a memorandum of the exact dates and went to Spirit Lake loaded for bear.

Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. I had the opening and closing. Dolliver had the middle speech. In my opening speech I went after Hay and his treaty with Pauncefote without gloves. To my surprise and delight, Dolliver walked promptly into the trap, declaring that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was an amendment to and improvement on a Democratic treaty—the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, negotiated by James K. Polk's administration. In my closing speech I jammed the truth into him in great chunks, and the truth is that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was negotiated on the part of Great Britain by Henry Lytton Bulwer and on the part of the United States by John M. Clayton of Delaware, who was not a Democrat at all, but who was secretary of state under General Zachary Taylor, the last Whig ever elected president. So Brother Dolliver found himself in a hole, and at the White Cloud (Kan.) Chautauqua he stated that it was a Whig and not a Democratic treaty!

That Democrats may have all the facts to thump into Republicans I hereby give all the dates touching the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. These facts may be found on page 234 in a government publication entitled "Compilation of Treaties Now in Force, 1778-1899," also in "Treaties and Conventions, 1880," page 440:

"Clayton-Bulwer treaty concluded April 19, 1850; ratification advised by the senate May 22, 1850; ratified by president May 23, 1850; ratifications exchanged July 4, 1850; proclaimed July 5, 1850." It may be added that that was almost the last official act of President Taylor, as he died July 9, 1850, from eating cherries and ice cold buttermilk. I take pleasure in adding that the man who fought the ratification most bitterly was that immortal Democrat Stephen A. Douglas.

I wish to state emphatically that I do not accuse Brother Dolliver of deliberately or intentionally misrepresenting the Democratic party in this matter. Dolliver is a gentleman. While generally intelligent, he was ignorant in this particular matter. He knows better now. I instructed him. He will never charge the Clayton-Bulwer treaty up to Democrats again. He gracefully came down at White Cloud and charged it to the Whigs, but I set out the facts above in extenso because I have every reason to believe that Republican spellbinders generally make the same mistake made by Brother Dolliver until I operated on his understanding and added to his stock of information at Spirit Lake, Ia.

Having Fun With Landis. At Springdale, Ark., I also let some light in upon the intellect of Hon. Charles B. Landis of Indiana, when we debated before the Chautauqua assembly there. In referring to the sale of bonds under the Spanish war revenue bill, he declared that the bonds were purchased, not by the rich, but by the body of the people—the farmers, mechanics, clerks and laborers—when everybody knew that the statement was all tommyrot. Springdale is a fine little city in a fine farming section. We had a splendid audience of about 3,000 people. I concluded to try Sam Jones' plan on Landis, so in my reply I repeated his statement as to the people—the plain people—buying the bonds and asked all in that audience who were the happy possessors of United States bonds, or who bid on the Spanish war bonds, to stand up and be counted. Not a soul arose although I repeated the invitation urgently. Instead such a mighty roar of laughter burst upon the summer air as to make the leaves quiver on the mighty oaks under which we were speaking. Safe to say Br'er Landis will never repeat that performance—where there is anybody to expose his trick. But other Republicans will do so when speaking alone.

At Winfield, Kan., when Landis and I debated before the Chautauqua assembly I had some more fun with him and again added to his stock of information. He steered clear of making his preposterous assertion about the body of the people buying bonds, but he went into the hole after the fashion of Mr. McGinty on another occasion. In defending the Atlantic City money bill he grandiloquently said: "Why should you fear the banks? The people own the banks!" Once more I tried Sam Jones' plan. We had a magnificent audience; the very cream of the people of the Arkansas valley. In reply I restated the proposition of Brother Landis and invited all who in that splendid audience of 4,000 people owned national bank stock to stand up and be counted. Not a soul stood up. So another of Brother Landis' campaign gags went where the woodbine twined.

No doubt when alone he will repeat both these thoroughly exploded propositions and Republicans who would not know a United States bond or a piece of national bank stock if they met it in the big road will yell themselves hoarse, and such lying sheets as the Kansas City Journal will continue to publish fables to the effect that "Landis mopped up the earth with Champ Clark." I really enjoy such mopping, and, like Oliver Twist, cry for more.

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