

NO BED OF ROSES

Even if Elected Speaker of Next Congress by Democrats He Will Face Threatened Reactionary Movement in Own Party.

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When Champ Clark is elected speaker—or perhaps I had better put it, if Champ Clark is elected speaker—he will have two very important appointments to make.

Some time ago Mr. Clark announced that when he reached the coveted place he would ride down Pennsylvania avenue behind a pair of Missouri mules.

Long Wait For Champ.

Champ Clark has been waiting long for the speakership chair. Any time these ten years he might have been United States senator or governor of Missouri, but preferred to remain in the house and wait for the open door that would let the Democratic donkey and the Missouri mule into the clover patch.

It is perhaps not surprising that when the Hon. Champ has the coveted plum in sight obstacles should appear in the way of his picking it off. These obstacles are in the form of other men who hanker after that same plum.

More important than all, Representatives Hay of Virginia and Sims of Tennessee are determined that the rules shall be revised still further and the power to appoint standing committees taken from the speaker.

Champ Becomes Conservative.

Now he is not very keen for a committee on committees, so his opponents state. He thinks the house might go too far in lopping off the powers of the chair.

Despite all these forebodings, however, it is a safe bet that Champ Clark will be the next speaker of the house of representatives.

More Rebellion Possible.

This question of the further reform of house procedure is quite a serious one, and it is not believed that Mr. Clark will place himself in the way. If he should do so it is safe to say that the rebellion against Uncle Joe would be carried over to himself.

It would be a public calamity if Democratic success should halt, even temporarily, the process of freeing the house from machine domination

FOR CHAMP CLARK

Picturesque Missourian Becomes Conservative as He Views Possibility of Achieving Ambition of His Political Life.

Such a result would be peculiarly unfortunate for the Democratic party, since the revolt against the house machine was one of the chief causes of Democratic victory.

Another issue that will be a factor in the speakership fight is the method of tariff revision. There will be an element in the new majority that will be for a sweeping reduction all along the line.

Tariff Still Big Factor.

The other method of tariff reduction is that advocated by the insurgent Republicans and is known as the one schedule at a time plan.



Photo by American Press Association. CHAMP CLARK OF MISSOURI.

cludes a tariff commission to investigate difference in cost of production at home and abroad, together with other facts bearing on the question.

Thus far the Democrats have shown no disposition to favor the tariff commission system, and some of them have openly opposed it.

Mr. Clark has already intimated that he will advise caution in tariff reduction and has spoken favorably of the one schedule at a time plan.

Even though he is a Chautauque lecturer and a rather fiery orator of the barnstorming persuasion, Champ Clark does not lack in political astuteness and is not liable to stumble into any pitfalls his enemies may dig for his feet.

Mr. Clark was born in Kentucky in 1850 and was educated in Kentucky university, Bethany college and the Cincinnati Law school.

He was city attorney of both Louisiana and Bowling Green, prosecuting attorney of Pike county, member of the Missouri legislature and has been in congress nearly twenty years.

Lodge, that he is finely educated, having once been a college president, that he has read widely but discriminatingly, and that he is anything but the barnstorming orator that he has been pictured and that he has pictured himself.

Certain it is that he is one of the most entertaining and forceful speakers in congress. He is rich in Biblical allusions, is quick at repartee, is familiar with the classics and even more familiar with up to date information and is a fighter feared by his opponents.

Brilliant Reign Predicted.

Practically the universal opinion in Washington is that he will make a great speaker. It is perhaps too early as yet to pass judgment on that point, as a speaker's success depends not only on his own personality, but on the support given him by his party.

Especially will there be danger of division if there is any attempt at reaction. The progressive movement is in both parties, and it is going forward despite what party leaders may do.

By the late election the American people have shown themselves overwhelmingly progressive. They have swatted the stand pat element of the Republican party hip and thigh.

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.

A big surplus of buckwheat in New Jersey brought forth the startling statement that Americans were losing their fondness for buckwheat cakes.

BURNED LAND REFORESTED.

Government Building Anew Destroyed Forests of Idaho.

Approximately 75,000 yearling pine trees will be replanted in the Boise national forest reserve by the bureau of forestry. The work will be under the supervision of the foresters and the forest rangers, but a number of laborers will also be employed for the work.

GEMS FOUND IN POTATOES.

A curious accident led to the discovery the other day of an ingenious smugglers' trick on board a French vessel which was unloading a mixed cargo in Genoa harbor.

German Had to Satisfy Longing For Cloud Voyage.

There is now a claimant to the honor of having been the first stowaway on an airship. Hardly had the Parseval VI risen recently from the aerodrome at Johannisthal, near Berlin.

Peruvian Indians Eagle Eyed.

The Peruvian Indians are credited with having the greatest range of vision of all races. Cases have been recorded of their distinguishing human beings eighteen miles away.

Maine.

Table with 2 columns: Year and Population. Data: 1910: 742,371; 1900: 694,445; 1890: 621,065.

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Financial report for Farmers and Mechanics Bank. Resources: Reserve fund, \$2,110.00; Cash, spec. and fractional, \$3,777.96; Due from approved reserve agents, \$39,777.96; etc.

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Egyptian Woman's Congress.

A congress of Mohammedan women will be held at Cairo to discuss methods for improving the condition of Egyptian women. It is expected that Turkey will send a delegation.

Increase of Boy Gamblers.

There is a noticeable increase in gambling by boys in the streets of New York. The police sometimes interfere, as was the case recently, when a policeman chased a score ofurchins from in front of a well-known gambling-house within a stone's throw of Herald Square, where a game was going on.

Some One Ought to Pay for It. "This show cost the producer \$30,000." "I am glad of it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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