from Governor Poynter. It is a matter of notoriety also that money has been freely spent to create sentiment in the interest of the liberation of Bartley, while at the same time threats of impending exposure of parties said to have been implicated in Bartley's financial deals were frequently and persistently sent out of the penitentiary greenhouse. It is a matter of notoriety also that state money borrowed from Bartley has been paid back to him since he has been in the penitentiary, but not one dollar of it has yet reached the state treasury.

In the face of these facts, the palaver of Governor Savage about the travesty of justice in the conviction and sentence of Bartley and his laudation of Bartley as the savior of the state's business interests by propping up tottering banks with money lawlessly taken from the state treasury for his own private gain, will scarcely touch the chord of popular sympathy. The persuasive powers that have induced Governor Savage to look upon Bartley as a martyr to the public welfare and victim of judicial tyranny will not reach the great body of the people who were pillaged and plundered by Bartley and his confederates. The common people will insist upon asking what was so pointedly asked in the republican state convention. If a man who steals more than $500,000 of public money is entitled to a pardon after serving only one-fourth of his sentence, why should not the poor man who steals a horse worth only a few dollars enjoy the same favor?

The universal verdict of the people of Nebraska, excepting those who have been directly or indirectly mixed up with Bartley and his beneficiaries, will be a decided disapproval of the Bartley pardon.—Omaha Bee (rep.).

Badly Frightened.

Confirmation strong as Holy Writ, of the belief that Mr. James J. Hill is badly frightened by the storm of public sentiment his ambitions have aroused, is given by the statement of C. S. Mellen, president pro tempore of the Northern Pacific, published in yesterday's Times.

There is something refreshing, and we confess to appreciation thereof, at the spectacle of Mr. Hill suing for consideration from the man who for years he bitterly opposed, from the official whose decapitation he has often threatened, from the gentleman who has no sympathy whatever with Mr. Hill's methods—least of all with his contempt for public sentiment and his determination to ride roughshod over law and equity.

Having yielded to Mr. Hill's solicitations, Mr. Mellen yields gracefully. It is an open secret that he would not have yielded at all had not the pleadings of Mr. Hill been seconded by the requests of eastern gentlemen to whom Mr. Mellen feels himself under obligation. It is to be noted, however, that Mr. Mellen does not say that he will not resign upon the first symptom by Mr. Hill of the exercise of the arbitrary power over Northern Pacific affairs that the president of the Great Northern claims to possess and that, until the present agitation, he frequently sought to put to the proof.

It would not be fair to Mr. Mellen, for whose abilities the Times acknowledges great admiration, for this paper to claim him as the source of authority for its statement that he does not intend to resign, that he will not work under or with Mr. Hill and that he is not such a child in business affairs as to fail to recognize that Mr. Hill's alleged change in sentiment is one of circumstance and of the moment only. Mr. Mellen has not taken the Times into his confidence nor does he need to. Other sources of information are open to this paper, and even were all informing avenues closed, the logic of the situation is unquestionable. We only ask from our readers the confidence that we have a right to claim from previous statements of fact made in our columns.

It must not be understood that Mr. Mellen is in sympathy with a movement that shall seriously lessen the value of the property in which he and his friends are interested financially and sentimentally. To expect this would be to expect the impossible. Mr. Mellen's view point is that of the railway man, but he differs from Mr. Hill and differs widely, in that he recognizes the value of the friendship of the public and the dangers arising from its enmity.

This difference in recognition puts the men on planes as far asunder as the poles. Mr. Mellen will resign from the presidency of the Northern Pacific when he deems the time to be ripe and Mr. Hill can hasten the ripening by a few arbitrary orders, or by one of the underhand performances for which he is so justly noted. The Times stands pat on all its statements in regard to Mr. Mellen.—Minneapolis Times.

An Adverse Opinion.

With the usual hurry of free advice, the kind offer of Dewey, Schley and Miles for the use of the democratic national convention of 1904 is issuing from the circles of personal admirers gathered around these distinguished officers. The democratic party, it is said, can have any one or any two of the gallant chieftains who are now suffering from friction with the president and cabinet.

Democrats can eliminate all discussion concerning the professional achievements of the three notabilities, and can yet reach a quick and accurate conclusion to the effect that not one of them possesses the attributes of a satisfactory presidential nominee.

Nothing in the career of Dewey, Schley or Miles indicates the discretion and breadth of judgment which are first and most necessary of requirements for the successful direction of great civil affairs. Giving every consideration to their abilities in the special lines to which they have been limited since boyhood, there seems to be little doubt that they are in those qualities rather below than above the average of even the army and navy.

Nor does the democracy know that any one of the three is a democrat, either in the sense of voting allegiance or in that of fundamental conviction. In fact, all the probabilities are that, though they may not be devotedly attached republicans, they are not democrats.

But the controlling objection is that the election of Dewey, Schley or Miles would do the democratic party more harm than good. We should have another Grant administration, without Grant's saving grace of silence, and without his saving faculty of simple directness when he did happen to thoroughly understand a great civic problem. Either of the famous sailors or General Miles would be surrounded with artful conspirators who would in reality administer the executive office. The president would have none of that experience among public men which alone can lead to sound judgment in selecting advisers. There would be mistakes, failures and scandals. And for these misfortunes the democratic party would for another generation be compelled to bear the responsibility.

At the present stage of its history the democratic party needs, if it ever did, the ripest judgment, the most severely disciplined discretion, in its presidential nominee. The voters whose impulses are toward the party require a man whose political principles have been deeply laid in reflection and sharply tried in constant conflict.—St. Louis Republic.

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