

BIG BOULDERS AHEAD

Those Who Claim to be Posted on the Situation Say There is Trouble in Store for Eberhart.

Suspicion That Geo. T. Simpson Has Resigned Attorney Generalship to Run for Governor.

Union Special Correspondence.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 22.—Trouble is in store for Governor Eberhart. And such a lot of trouble. Just what kind of trouble the governor does not know, neither do his friends, but there is trouble ahead. There has been talk of opposition to the governor but it has not had much point or origin. This week the Minneapolis Journal takes a fall out of the executive. It is enticed about the brewery-owned saloons. Starting with this as the text, the Journal announces that Governor Eberhart's alliances have not been satisfactory, whatever they may be. Then it announces sagely, "let us have a clean-cut candidate." The meaning of the Journal's outburst is a mooted question and has started the tongues wagging.

There is a good deal of question as to the identity of the "clean-cut candidate," but there is a suspicion that it is Attorney General George T. Simpson, who has resigned the attorney generalship in order to form a partnership which gives him the Shevlin-Carpenter lumber business.

Mr. Simpson and the governor have not been at all friendly. The attorney general wanted to be appointed to the supreme bench to succeed Judge Jaggard. Up to that time he and the Eberhart forces had been extremely close. Mr. Simpson was miffed and let the fact be known. He immediately started out to "hand things" to the governor and succeeded in doing so. The result was that the relations between the two offices have been about as friendly as those between the Manchus and the honest-to-goodness Chinese. Mr. Simpson is credited with having felt around for support and intimated that he had that of certain corporate interests. He is also credited with the opinion that the time was come for a straight, clean-cut candidate who would not be carried away by the popular issues of the day. Among other things, it is reported that he had a conference with Chairman E. E. Smith of the state central committee relative to the substitution of his name for that of Eberhart in the annals of that body, and that the chairman giggered back on the proposition. Couldn't see his way to such a consummation without disloyalty to the governor. This kept things boiling a little more. Then comes the attack on the governor by the Journal.

In the meantime wherever opposition to the governor could be made to stick it was shown. A determined effort is on hand to induce the Northern Minnesota Development association to indorse the proposition of an extra session and to slap the governor. The executive will not be present owing to the fact that he will be speeding on his way eastward with the governor's special, which will be started for the purpose of boosting the northwest. But he will be represented, probably by Secretary Wheelock, who will be armed with a verbatim report of what the governor really said in his Brainerd speech. The governor is opposed to an extra session so far as reapportionment and the increase of the gross earnings tax is concerned. He knows that an extra session could not secure reapportionment. It is well recognized that reapportionment must be gained by an alliance between northern Minnesota and the cities. The senators who put the "seven senators" bill over on the cities would not gig back on that proposition, which was their back door out for not passing reapportionment. The cities would not be willing to pass a reapportionment measure with that handicap left in. These are subjects that are not generally discussed, but they are the facts. As to the gross earnings tax, the governor does not approve of the effort in advance of the supreme court decision, because, under the Sanborn decision, this would simply mean an increase of the rates to cover the new expenditure. In fact there is a growing feeling that the gross earnings tax may not be the best way in the world to tax the railroads and that an ad valorem tax might be more satisfactory—taxing the roads the same as any other property.

But the governor's friends profess to believe that he may finally yield to the pressure for an extra session if it persists. Especially so in view of the possibility of a corporation combine against him. The governor is more or less conservative and does not know the art of playing a large hand to the gallery. But he might call an extra session under certain circum-

stances, it is suggested. No one close to him seems to know just what these circumstances might be, but such measures as federal income tax, a public utilities commission, railroad legislation, etc., are being suggested as the things which the governor would probably urge if he did call an extra session. And with these things might come a number of other things, such as distance tariff, which the cities do not want; tonnage tax, which northern Minnesota does not want; and a lot of other things which some want and some do not want, such as the direct primary, the initiative, the referendum, the recall, etc. These are a few of the gossipy things which the wise ones at the capitol and the hotel lobbies are discussing with evident relish. The governor is saying nothing.

There is a general feeling that Alvah Eastman, editor of the St. Cloud Journal-Press, will become a candidate for congressman-at-large and will not become a candidate for governor. He has made this clear in his paper by calling attention to the fact that the fight for the governorship will be between Eberhart and Gordon. His close friends say Mr. Eastman will not permit the use of his name as a candidate for governor under any circumstances, and the same friends say he will be a candidate for congressman-at-large, and they think he will be elected.

Following his refusal to permit the use of his name for governor or congressman-at-large, former President Northrop is being suggested as candidate for delegate-at-large from Hennepin county. The suggestion is meeting with considerable favor in Minneapolis.

The Whittier case has been settled. There has been an evident compromise between the governor, the board of control and Superintendent Whittier. The superintendent has been exonerated and resigns. The report is signed by P. M. Ringdal and C. E. Vassaly, while Mr. Swendsen concurs in the general finding that the board, under the rulings of the attorney general, cannot discharge the superintendent. Everybody seems satisfied, and Superintendent Whittier has issued a statement in which he claims that politics has been at the bottom of the attack against him. Just now the board and the governor are interesting themselves in the proposition of finding a suitable successor to Superintendent Whittier.

Recent developments in politics in Minnesota have not been so serious as they have seemed. In fact, the epistolary efforts of certain candidates for governor have not escaped the attention of those who see a humorous lining to every cloud. The urgent correspondence between S. Y. Gordon and Ole O. Cannestorp, in which both indulged in mutual admiration with permission to print, was only equaled by Mr. Lindbergh's naive admission that he would like a little more advertising for home consumption.

Up at the capitol someone has produced a letter, dated at Poison Center, Minnesota, and purporting to come from Explosivista headquarters. This letter professes to be addressed to the Honorable Jonathan Gladhand of Progresso, Minnesota, and is written by Peter Pietbank, who wants a job. Peter calls attention to the fact that Bill Spillmouth of Broken Bottle county and Hugh Popsquirt of Busti are in the same fix so far as their desire to sit at the pie counter is concerned. It is about the richest bit of political sarcasm that has been produced up to date. Here is the correspondence:

EXPLOSIVISTA HEADQUARTERS
Poison Center, Minn., Nov. 20, 1911.
Hon. Jonathan Gladhand,
Progresso, Minn.

Dear Glad:—I want you to run as the Explosivista candidate for governor. I don't like Eberhart. He won't do anything for me. The other published candidates don't look good to me. They are all selfish and don't understand this explosivista movement. I think they are four-flushers. You may not have heard of me but I was in the legislature once—in 1889. I was prominent in the Washburn-Sabin senatorial fight and cast a secret ballot in the caucus for my man. I took an active part in the Duluth & Winnipeg land grant fight of that session, standing squarely with the people on that issue.

I did not come back to the legislature the next session. I was sold out in the convention. In 1892 the people wanted me to be county treasurer but the court house gang beat me to it. In each campaign following I have heard the people calling me but the machine is too strong. I am tired of drawing blanks. Only last winter Governor Eberhart was urged to appoint me deputy oil inspector at \$35 per month but the gang senator from this district slipped a nobody into my place. I am willing to work hard for you,

or any man for that matter, but I must be recognized. I have failed so often that my wife says I am no good, and this cuts me to the quick.

Even if you could not win it would give you a lot of advertising, and, as you are in the patent medicine business, that ought to help some. At any rate, if I could only carry part of this delegation for you, it might help me to force the state machine to give me a place at the pie counter.

Bill Spillmouth of Broken Bottle county and Hugh Popsquirt of Busti are in the same fix and are anxious to start something. Bill and Hugh are all right but will bear watching, as they sold me out three times in one convention.

Should this letter strike you favorably, please put your finance committee in touch with me at once as there are some preliminary matters requiring immediate attention.

This letter is not written for publication but you are at liberty to give it to the press if you think it will help us and advance the cause we all love so well. Faithfully yours,
PETER PIETBANK.

GLADHANDS' UNIVERSAL PANACEA FOR MAN AND BEAST.

Progresso, Minn., Nov. 21, 1911.
Hon. Peter Pietbank,
Poison Center, Minn.,

Dear Pete:—I know you by reputation as I was on the side lines in the Washburn-Sabin fight. Your letter sounds progressive and true.

I have never sought political preferment but I am not insensible to the honor of serving the public if there is anything in it. Like Col. Yell of Yellville, my heart beats warm for my native land; and her sons, native and adopted, are my brothers all. God bless them!

I have tried to keep step with the progressive march of civilization and Mose Clapp, and feel that if the people should have the temerity to trust me I will bow to their supreme decree. Far be it from me to antagonize that greatest of all sovereigns—the plain American citizen.

I am sending you under another cover our new almanac and joke book. Our "Universal Panacea" which has ended the sufferings of so many men and horses in this broad land of ours, is selling like hot cakes, and if you could wisely dispose of a few gross in Poison Center it might make it easier for you to start something. The race is to the swift.

Should circumstances ever make it possible for me to be of the slightest service to you, I sincerely trust that you will address me with the absolute assurance that any request from you—great or small—will receive the closest scrutiny and most careful consideration. For your kind words I thank you. Progressively yours,
JOHNATHAN GLADHAND.
RALPH.

Another St. Cloud Veteran Dead.
Daniel Harvey, a veteran of the gallant Seventh Minnesota volunteers, died at St. Cloud last Thursday, aged 80 years. Mr. Harvey was born in New York and in the late fifties came to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Sherburne county. In 1862 he answered his country's call for volunteers and enlisted as private in Company I, Seventh Minnesota volunteers, under Capt. J. E. West, who preceded his comrade to the beyond by one week. After faithfully serving his country for three years Mr. Harvey was honorably discharged from the service in 1865 and came back to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Santiago, where he continued to make his home until 1885, when he removed to East St. Cloud and resided there until his death. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Oregon Fruit Grower Visits Princeton.
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