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opinion that I will visit Washington after I shall have completed this tour of duty. Leaving Montauk Point my company was ordered to Fort Wingate, N. M., where we took station in October '93, and we remained there until the latter part of June '99 and were ordered to Manila.

In early March of this year I had been fortunate or unfortunate enough to get on a bronco and was thrown, and broke the same arm that had suffered at El Caney, leaving me in a condition that would not enable me to accompany my old command on their oriental tour, hence I accepted my discharge. I betook myself to Boston, and was opening a little business, also had begun to dabble more or less in the politics until I heard of the raising of these two regiments, the 48th and 49th. Under the then existing circumstances, it did not become a matter very difficult for me to secure a commission. Of course we are supposed to be here until June 30th, 1901, but no one knows how much sooner or how much later this "sinecure" will continue. Will probably remain as long as all continues well, still I have a great inclination for business and at the same time when I do get out of the army even for only a few days, I am at a loss and soon become discontented, no matter how pleasing the circumstances may be.

In Boston and all other cities I have simply been lorded by the patriotic and loyal people, who surely have a great appreciation for the defenders of their country, and in many cases I am of the opinion the soldier deserves all the kindly considerations that the people may see fit to give them, but not to claim anything, for no matter how well we may do, at the best we have only done our duty. I find though that the army suffers more in these tropical climates than on the western frontier in the cold and against the Indian. At this writing I am not aware of the true situation and will not be able to know much about it until after having reached the Islands, which I presume we will do in a couple of weeks at the latest. Since leaving Lincoln, I have neither met nor hear from many of our class; I did write a couple of times to Dr. Rendall and also received my diploma after an elapse of 13 years.

I left Ben Cleggett in Boston, and as an exhibition of his appreciation of my former services, he has kindly presented me with a very excellent pistol for this service, and truly Johnnie, it is the finest in the regiment. He was well. On my arrival in San Francisco I met with another agreeable surprise in the personage of Tilman Brown, who has a church there and he claims to be in line for a bishopric. He was very desirous of becoming chaplain of this regiment, but I don't know it will all turn out, as there are a great number of aspirants. The majority of the ministers seem quite willing to leave their churches to accept of a position as chaplain of any of these regiments. He visited camp several times and also gave the officers of the regiment a grand reception at his church. I found it impracticable to attend as military duty invited my attention at the camp that night, and while I was not compelled to remain and would have been pleased to attend, still the military is the channel through which I am living at the present.

Relative to your excellent work—"Joining the Navy"—it does me proud to state that I have long since been the

public official he is doubly equipped for the duties of this exalted station, and would bring to it, the ripe knowledge of, and familiarity with public questions which an active public participation covering a period of a dozen years has peculiarly fitted him. As presiding officer of the state senate of New York he has demonstrated abilities as a parliamentarian which have won for him the respect of every member of that body. His uniform courtesy and impartial rulings as president of the senate show him to be a man in whom the elements of justice and fairness are equally balanced.

There is no question whatever about Mr. Woodruff's popularity with the masses and the classes; to each and all he is kind hearted, generous, genial, and fully answers to Sir Francis Bailey's description of the true gentleman. He belongs to the aristocracy of nature; to genius, talents, moral worth and public service he renders due honor, caring not whether the claimant for consideration be the son of a president or the son of a peasant; whether he obtained his education in a district school or a university, whether he be of the elect or the lowly. He is a big hearted, high-minded typical American gentleman, who possesses the faculty of making every man with whom he comes in contact socially, feel at his ease—and that is quite an art. Most public men are so full of themselves, so puffed up with their own importance, so carried away with the knowledge that they are clothed with a little brief authority, that ordinary mortals tremble, when in their august presence. Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff does not belong to this latter class of statesmen. He has evidently been a close student of Lord Chesterfield, for certainly no man of his years in national or local politics has more gracious charm of manner than he; not only to those with who he mingles in private social life, but toward those in humble station.

Among the colored people Mr. Woodruff is particularly well liked because he has always evinced a desire to accord them fair representation and consideration in politics without reference to their race. The recollection of this kindly feeling on his part, and the practical manifestation of his good will toward the colored people as shown by the exercise of his good offices on numerous occasions, in the appointment of colored men in the public service of New York state, was the reason for the adoption of the following resolutions at a recent dinner of colored republicans in New York City:

Whereas, In all of his public official relations, he has treated the colored Republican voters of this State with courtesy and fairness; recognizing that they are properly entitled to consideration in the disposition of offices of honor and emolument, be it therefore Resolved, That we, the colored Republican workers of Greater New York, do heartily endorse Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff for the nomination to the office of Vice President of the United States, and commend him to the Republicans of the country in the full assurance, that, by his spotless character, eminent abilities and high principles, he will be a fit associate for our matchless President during the coming contest in endorsement of an American policy for the American people, and in repudiation of an unsound currency."

Certainly no stronger words than are contained in these resolutions could be employed to express the high regard and esteem in which he is held by his

colored fellow citizens of the Empire State.

Mr. Woodruff is much older than he looks to be. He is a man of a family and has a son 19 years of age now a student at Yale University. He is a man of varied business interests too, and those who are not intimately aware of his truly remarkable process of application and adaptability, the wonder is that he can find any time to devote to politics.

The political weather-vane certainly now points to his nomination for the Vice-Presidency. There seems to be no good reason why he should not be chosen, for if ever man possessed the necessary qualifications for the office, he is that man. The Republican party would not only honor him by placing his name on the ticket beside that of William McKinley, in June next, but honor itself in recognizing the great abilities of a vigorous and manly American, who has stamped his personality upon the politics of his state and country, and who has shown by his recent speeches in the West that his knowledge of public affairs is not circumscribed by state lines. He would grace with dignity, and fill with unusual ability, courage, courtesy and impartiality, the office of Vice-President of the United States, and justify by his the wisdom of his party and friends for their recognition and reward for splendid public service. JOHN E. BRUCE.

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Roselle, N. J., Special—Mr. George W. Tyler fell down stairs and broke his leg last week, also Mr. William Odell fell and broke his leg, both are in a critical condition. A very interesting revival has been in progress two weeks at the Baptist church. The Christian Endeavor is largely attended each Sunday, under the presidency of Miss E. Smith. Mrs. Joyner, wife of Rev. J. M. Joyner, has been confined to her bed for two weeks with erysipelas.

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