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Snow this morning; fair to-morrow.

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SPEAKERSHIP CUT AND DRIED.

NONE OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF DAYS GONE BY.

But a Moses Has Come Out of Texas Who is Going to Tell Democratic Party What's What—Richardson'll Tame Him—Little Pie for Either This Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Time was when hustle, bustle and excitement marked the canvass for the Speakership nominations of the two great parties in the House of Representatives, and when the headquarters of the various candidates would be crowded for days and nights before the nominating caucuses with statesmen, wire-pullers, newspaper men, office-seekers and general strikers, ready to support the proper candidate for a consideration

In recent years, however, Speakership caucuses have come to be tame affairs, the outcome having been decided upon months in advance, and so it is that in Washington to-night there are few, if any, indications that the opposing teams of the Fifty-seventh Congress are lining up for play.

No candidate is keeping open house, or if he is he is doing nothing particular to make things pleasant for his callers, and everybody knows now as well as he will after the caucuses adjourn that David Bremner Henderson of Iowa will be the Republican candidate and James Daniel Richardson of Tennessee the candidate of the Democrats.

Henderson will be nominated by acclamation, and so it is not necessary for him to make promises as to the organization of the committees in order to secure votes and there is not the same chance for fine political work on the part of the ambitious member as there was in the good old days when half a dozen of the leading Republicans of the House were wont to be engaged in a desperate struggle for the party nomination.

On one occasion when Reed, McKinley, Burrows and one or two more of the party war horses had pitched their camps early in the fight and were conducting an active campaign, a newly elected member from Massachusetts who had become known to fame as a manufacturer of stove polish, wrote to each of the candidates, naming the committees on which he would like to serve and indicating that he would vote for that candidate who would most thoroughly gratify his desires.

But there are no such interesting incidents of the present ante-caucus situation. It is prosaic in the extreme. The only bit of color in it is the self-suggested offer of a young Democratic member from the Lone Star State, who has stepped lightly into the arena and without antagonizing any of the captains, dares to criticise them gently and to offer himself as the proper one to lead his party out of the wilderness and restore it to the proud place it once held as a real flesh and blood opponent of the Republican party.

This would-be Moses is Representative Albert Sydney Burleson of Austin, Tex. He is not nearly so old as President Roosevelt, having been born in 1863, but has already served one term in Congress and thinks he knows just what is the matter with the Democratic party. He does not hesitate to tell, either, for he boldly says that there is no unity of mind or purpose on the part of men calling themselves Democrats.

To show the faith that is in him Mr. Burleson will present the following resolutions at to-morrow's caucus, so that the country can see that the Democrats are earnest men, devoted to certain noble and well-defined principles:

Resolved, That every Representative in Congress participating in this caucus shall be governed by the action of said caucus where same does not conflict with the declaration of principles and policies set forth in the last platform adopted by the Democratic party in National convention assembled

Then, after the fate of that little resolution is decided upon, the enthusiastic young Texan will introduce this one:

Resolved, That the best interests of the Democratic party will be subserved by the membership of said party in Congress refraining from soliciting patronage at the hands of the Administration.

The meaning of this resolution is plain, but in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to its full intent and purpose Mr. Burleson describes it as a resolution to prevent the improper discharge of Democratic duty because of the abandonment of the party's traditions by Democratic members in return for Republican pie.

According to this Democratic Moses, Republicans constitute a party of pie, plunder and pelf. When a Republican, he says, is not cutting pie, grabbing for plunder or snatching pelf he ceases to be a Republican. At noon to-morrow this young Texan warrior, with his mane tossing and his eye in fine frenzy rolling, will not perhaps cease to be a Democrat, but he will cease to be a Moses, just as sure as the Democratic caucus meets. His form of manly beauty throbbing with the red blood of eager youth, will be laid on the cold marble shelf of the caucus room and in his place will be raised the attenuated frame of James Daniel Richardson of Tennessee.

Burleson is only 38 years of age, while Richardson is 66, and while youth, ambition and high purpose are qualifications that add the character of any man, especially when fortified by a hatred of pie, plunder and pelf, the Democratic veteran from Tennessee possesses a knowledge of political affairs and an experience in legislation that place him upon a pinnacle on the minority side of the House of Representatives that no other aspiring advocate of Democratic principles may hope to reach, at least so yet

Mr. Richardson may not be ready to subscribe to resolution No. 1 of Mr. Burleson, if he is ready to vote for it, he certainly will not be willing to abide forever by what the caucus says to matters. Moreover, it is possible that he may angle for just a little or of the pie plunder and pelf that occasionally falls from the generous hand of a Republican President into the hungry maw of a Democratic Congressman, but if he does he will not have to tell Mr. Burleson it, and so we will ever know whether resolution No. 1 or resolution No. 2 of Mr. Burleson is violated

Mr. Richardson will have to more trouble than anticipated as the minority leader of the House, if he is the Speakership candidate of the majority. The Tennessee Democrat has been a lucky man since he entered Congress. Things have come marching his way for many long years and he has to still remaining in the

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