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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDACY.

Spicy Letter on the Subject From Joe Walker—He Supports William R. Edgar, of Ironton.

IRONTON, MO., June 13, 1891. Editor Southeast Gazette—I am a lover of fair play to all men, and am as ready to defend Wm. R. Edgar against a charge without foundation as I was to espouse the cause of my friend Sam Byrns, when aspersions were cast upon him for his vote on the Speakership.

I am informed that it is being charged in De Soto that when Byrns was nominated Edgar said, "You have nominated Byrns; you will have to elect him." This is untrue. If any man ought to know what took place at that Convention, I think I am that man.

The fight of the gathering was upon the substitute of the majority and minority reports of the committee on credentials, which I and my brother, Thomas H. Walker, a delegate from St. Francois county, drew, and which he offered (the Chairman Wm. F. Broadhead, having promised me to recognize him for that purpose) and offered against the protest of Burks to my brother and of Frank Green to me.

Edgar was on that committee from Iron county, being Chairman of the majority, and spoke for that report and against the substitute, as did John V. Noell, A. N. DeMont, Zach Mitchell and E. B. Cowan, while the substitute was championed by the Hon. Joseph Flynn, of St. Francois, now of Jefferson, the able editor of the Gazette, the Hon. J. M. Anthony, of Madison, and other distinguished gentlemen, besides the writer.

The substitute was adopted, thereby assuring Byrns' nomination. When the vote was announced, seating with half a vote each the contestants from Ste. Genevieve county and the 13th ward of St. Louis, Mr. Edgar feeling that his county had not treated him properly in voting against his report, picked up his hat and said he "was going home—that he had no further business there."

Another thing, right here, permit me to say: Had Sam Byrns not written me that he "was not a candidate and did not want it," in reply to my letter asking him to run and suggesting how to carry Iron county and asking his advice, I would have been for him. Iron county would not have had a candidate and would have gone for him, or I'd have broke a tree chain trying.

I am as near Sam Byrns as any man in this district. I love the man—he is my friend and has proven it when I needed it. But, when he wrote as he did, I could not conceive that he meant other than what he said. He is not a political Jim Blaine, and I would not insult him by suspecting there was a string to his letter.

Another thing, and I am done. Iron county Democrats never presented a name for state office or for congress since the foundation of the county 36 years ago. We have supported Wayne, Washington, Madison, St. Francois and Jefferson county men right along. Let us look at Jefferson county. Iron county thrice supported Hon. L. F. Dining, now a citizen of your county, for Circuit Judge, once for Attorney General, once for the Court of Appeals, and its delegates, next Wednesday, will again do so. Iron county, two years ago since, cast its every vote—one of which Mr. Edgar had the right to vote as he would—for Sam Byrns. Iron county has sent its delegates to the Judicial Convention to vote for that able lawyer, great judge and pure man, Frank Green. Iron county, fifteen

years ago, supported John L. Thomas for Supreme Judge, voted for him twice for Circuit Judge, has sent myself and Mr. Edgar to the St. Louis Convention to support him and to vote for any one else he wants who will help him in return. Iron county's flag went down with him (Edgar was a delegate) two years ago at St. Joseph, and it was an Iron county man, myself, who made the only trade made for him at the Convention, by which he got twenty-seven votes in return for fifteen for Duncan for School Commissioner, by which the deadlock was broken and Burgess defeated.

If there be such a thing as fair play in politics, Jefferson county and the friends of those whom we, for thirty years, have been supporting, owe it to Iron county to bury personal animosities and pay us through Wm. R. Edgar, some of the debt it owes us.

Mr. Editor, with great consideration for the able writer, eloquent speaker and sound Democrat who mounts the Gazette's tripod, and in the hope this may not find the waste basket, I am your brother in the Democratic faith. J. B. WALKER.

Mr. J. B. Walker's Letter.

With a clear conscience we can say that we reprobate, with interest, the sentiments of esteem which Mr. J. B. Walker, of Iron county, expresses for us in his letter, which we publish in this issue. We know him personally, hence we speak "from the book" when we say that he is a young man of bright mental parts, a high minded and honorable gentleman and an orthodox Democrat of the order militant.

It must be admitted that Mr. Walker has clothed his congressional candidacy in very strong armor and that he has built a powerful fortress of argument to sustain the claims of Iron county to the consideration of the Democracy of Jefferson and other counties. It is with no hostile intention that we attempt to convince him and others who may agree with him in opinion that the time is not opportune now for the introduction of any other congressional leader than Sam Byrns in this district.

Agreeing with Mr. Walker that Mr. Byrns has said, or written, those precise words, "I am not a candidate for the Democratic nomination to congress in the 13th congressional district in Missouri, and I do not want the nomination," and agreeing that Mr. Byrns meant every word of what he wrote, we still cannot agree with our esteemed correspondent in his deduction that the statement leaves him free to choose another candidate.

Two years ago every Democratic eye in the old Tenth congressional district was turned in expectation, not unmingled with doubt, on Sam Byrns as a leader of Democracy who, if any man could, would redeem the district from the pollution of Republican servitude into which it had fallen. His party called on the young champion to buckle on his armor for the fight. Did he not say then, as he says now, "I do not want the nomination?" Of course he did. Why should he not? The nomination cost him a splendid law practice, more than three thousand dollars in hard cash and brought him not even thanks from the Democracy whose electoral paralysis he had effectually cured. Gratitude! Why, because he dared to vote for a Georgia Democrat instead of a Texas Democrat for Speaker of the House of Representatives, a storm of indignation swept the district from one end to the other and all his services were instantly forgotten. It is to be wondered at then that, having

felt the force of this unfriendly and ungrateful denunciation, Sam Byrns should say, "I do not want the nomination?" All discerning Democrats, however, among whom we undoubtedly include our talented young friend, Joe Walker, will perceive that the nomination should now come to Mr. Byrns—he should not be asked to scramble for it among half a score of other candidates. It matters not that some of those candidates are among the best Democrats in the district—they can, every man of them, afford to wait two years longer before they seek congressional honors. It is not so with Mr. Byrns. He has to be renominated or repudiated. There is no middle course. Whether through his own indifference or the ingratitude of his constituency, if Sam Byrns retires to private life at the end of his present term, a lowering cloud will hang over his future prospects and his public career, which commenced so brilliantly, will terminate in gloom.

As to whether Mr. Byrns will accept the nomination if tendered to him, we are pleased to be able to state authoritatively that he will. In fact, no sane man can see how he could do otherwise, no matter what his inclinations might be, no matter how distasteful the office may be to him. Neither can he, consistently with manly propriety, do otherwise than wait for the verdict of his constituency. It is from them alone that every advance in this delicate matter of effecting a reconciliation can properly come. Only last Saturday Mr. Byrns, in response to a letter written him by Wm. S. Anthony of Potosi asking him if he would accept the nomination, if given to him without his solicitation, replied, "I would be an extraordinary man, indeed, were I to refuse the nomination under such circumstances. I am not bigger than my party." This fully explains Mr. Byrns' position, and the explanation is perfectly honorable to him. He cannot, taking into consideration the unmeasured censure which has been showered on him by the Democracy whom he would die to serve, do otherwise than fold his arms and await the verdict. Shall that verdict be renomination or repudiation? We know not what other Democrats may do, but, for us, we have mailed Sam Byrns' banner to our masthead and we hope to keep it there till the day after the general election, next November. No comment is necessary on the points raised by Mr. Walker on the secondary issue, of Mr. Edgar's candidacy. Every word that he says about the claims of that splendid young Democratic statesman and the sturdy Democracy of Iron county may be freely conceded without affecting the question at issue, which is: Shall any other candidate be preferred to Sam Byrns in this campaign so full of momentous consequences to the Democracy of the state and nation?—Southeast Gazette.

How Blaine Was Assassinated.

The Chicago Inter Ocean's story of the methods employed to force Blaine out of the Cabinet after it was too late for him to appeal to the Republican masses has every appearance of probability and we have no doubt that it is a statement of the facts substantially as they occurred.

According to this report, the President sent John W. Foster of Indiana to speak in his name before the Canadian envoys, thus going as far toward removing Blaine as he could go without actually ordering him out of the State Department. After a statement of the opening of the conference between the Secretary of State and the Canadian envoys, the Inter Ocean thus relates what occurred:

There was also present John W. Foster, who has been attending to much State Department work during Mr. Blaine's absence and illness, and in the midst of the remarks of Mr. Blaine he is said to have interrupted him with the suggestion that the views just expressed would hardly have the President's approval.

Mr. Blaine proceeded with his remarks and reiterated what had already been stated, adding with emphasis that the State Department was able to take care of all the business belonging to it without advice or interference from anyone occupying a subordinate position in it. Thereupon Mr. Foster said he knew Mr. Blaine was not presenting the views of the President, and proceeded to state them by his direction and in his name.

"Gentlemen," said the Secretary, "this conference is adjourned," and he quickly left the room, penning his resignation while his indignation was at its height. Mr. Foster assured the Canadians that Mr. Blaine's action would not make the slightest difference in the object of their visit, and that they could return to Ottawa at once and resume the discussion by correspondence. They accordingly left on the 4 o'clock train.

Immediately after the adjournment Mr. Blaine resigned, as of course under such circumstances he was obliged to do. For a fuller understanding of

the circumstances it is necessary to get a better acquaintance with this J. W. Foster who acted as Harrison's agent in this business so entirely characteristic of Harrison. Those who read an editorial in The Republic a few days ago on the Balmeada conspiracy will have no difficulty in understanding what the Inter Ocean means when it says that Foster "has been attending to much State Department business during Mr. Blaine's absence or illness."

In an open letter, written on the 7th inst., to Attorney General Miller, Colonel Blanton Duncan of California reviews the steps taken by Balmeada while attempting to make himself dictator of Chile, to have the Itata seized and to secure the help of Harrison against the Chilean Congress. The first step was the employment of this man J. W. Foster, formerly editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Journal, who, after holding several diplomatic positions, located in Washington for the practice of law. Foster was hired by Balmeada as his attorney or agent in Washington, and through him Attorney General Miller was induced to give his celebrated opinion that the Itata was a private J. W. Foster, formerly editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Journal, who, after holding several diplomatic positions, located in Washington for the practice of law. Foster was hired by Balmeada as his attorney or agent in Washington, and through him Attorney General Miller was induced to give his celebrated opinion that the Itata was a private J. W. Foster, formerly editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Journal, who, after holding several diplomatic positions, located in Washington for the practice of law. Foster was hired by Balmeada as his attorney or agent in Washington, and through him Attorney General Miller was induced to give his celebrated opinion that the Itata was a private J. W. Foster, formerly editor of the Evansville (Ind.) Journal, who, after holding several diplomatic positions, located in Washington for the practice of law.

It may well be imagined that Blaine was exasperated at having a state affair of such magnitude openly taken in hand by Attorney General Miller, through whom Foster, acting for Balmeada, thus transacted the business of the Department of State. The three small fry Indiana lawyers, Harrison, Miller and Foster, managed the entire business of the seizure of a Chilean Government vessel as a pirate because it offered to buy goods from American merchants. For the pretty mess they made of it Blaine was held largely responsible, and it is easy to imagine his feelings.

Colonel Duncan explains that Foster was employed by Balmeada because he (Foster) was a particular friend of President Harrison. The employment of Foster as the President's agent for forcing the Secretary of State out by insultingly superseding him in the President's name before the Canadians shows that the intimacy which existed between them when they were acting in Balmeada's interest has not been lessened in the interim.—Republic.

A \$7,000,000 President.

Senator Quay is authority for the statement that it cost \$7,000,000 to elect Mr. Harrison President in 1888, and no one can deny that he was in a position at that time to know the exact truth. This is an enormous sum of money—more than was spent in all the former campaigns in the United States put together. It is enough to cause any patriotic citizen to do some thinking. Where did this vast sum of money come from and how was it used? It came from the protected tariff barons, the trusts and the corporations and it was used to buy votes in doubtful states. A very large per cent was used in Indiana.

The tariff beneficiaries, the trusts and the corporations do not put up money for nothing. They are willing to pay a heavy license for the privilege of robbing the public. The Republican party kept its pledge and the McKinley tariff bill is one of the results. The public has been robbed under its provisions and the ledger between the administration and the source from whence the campaign boodle came stands balanced. No one imagines that \$7,000,000 will elect Mr. Harrison next November, but the privileged robbers will come forward and draw on their bank accounts handsomely. They can well afford to give vastly in excess of their contributions four years ago for a renewal of their old license to plunder.—Jefferson City Tribune.

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