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A REPUBLICAN REVOLT.

Reed & Co. Said to be Planning to Make it Hot for Hanna and McKinley.

The Jeffersonian Democrat, published at Washington, will print the following political story in its June number, together with a vast amount of other interesting articles on timely topics:

There is war in heaven—the Republican heaven—Reed and his angels are fighting against McKinley and his angels. They have only thrown out a skirmish line at present; the great battle will follow later. This all comes about because that obstinate son of New England, Tom Reed, is a candidate for President. He was invited to Jersey Island for no purpose, he laughed in the face of Hanna and smirked at McKinley, but no arrangement could be made with him.

Reed is smart and he has thrown the speakership into the ring for the rival factions to squabble over, knowing that the administration must take sides and thus breed enemies. Reed is in Europe, cool and collected, enjoying the trouble he has created, while McKinley is sweating blood at Virginia Hot Springs.

This fable of the Reed law partnership in New York is for a purpose; it will allow him place there and to be on the ground next spring when the delegates are chosen.

A great cabal of the most influential and wealthy men in the party are backing Reed.

Hobart, the Vice President, is for him. Platt of New York, is also. Sewell of New Jersey.

Quay will be when the Senatorship is settled. Foraker is willing, if he can get a share of the Ohio delegation. Several other Senators are in the combination.

Attorney General Griggs will have no hand to hinder Hobart and Sewell controlling the New Jersey delegation.

Secretary Porter has shaken the dust of the White House from off his immaculate shoes and joined the "gang."

The West is also in revolt and the President has announced that he will take a "swing around the circle" to try and recapture it.

Dewey, the brave Dewey, who wants to keep out of politics, is ordered home to arouse the pulse of the people in the subsiding Imperialistic fever, which has been allayed and appeased by the sober second thought of a righteous people.

The President will attempt to hypnotize them again from the rear end of a special train, furnished by the Railroad Trust free of cost.

His honeyed words will be soon broadcast over the country by the Associated Press Trust. The crowds will howl with enthusiasm.

But that does not carry caucuses and conventions. Hanna will attend to that with the bung knocked out of the barrel. The Reed fellows have a barrel also and they know how to use it; they were educated in that line when Hanna was a sucking calf in Ohio politics.

Oh, it will be a battle royal; no quarter will be given.

Delegates will come high, the colored brother from the Southern States will be in clover for a while. They will hold the balance of power. The scenes and the boodle will leave far in the shade the disgraceful orgies and debauch of 1888, when Sherman was beaten and Harrison nominated.

The Pretorian Guard will be there and the Imperial diadem that McKinley has inaugurated will be, as in the days of ancient Rome, put up to the highest bidder.

Some may say, How do you know that Reed is a candidate; what evidence have you? Evidence I can not give you, my dear sir. In these days of modern telegraph without wires, news travels through brick and stone and marble walls, and if I were to expose my author, the transmitter might be closed against me in the future.

The convention picture is of my own painting, but it will, when the negative is developed, be found true to life and not overdrawn. I hope to be there with my camera and show you the product of my film in the July number of the Jeffersonian Democrat, 1900.

Who will be nominated, McKinley or Reed? My guess would be McKinley, and for these reasons:

There will be at that convention four classes of delegates and in about equal numbers. One fourth for the President, at all odds and under any circumstances. One fourth for Reed, or any one to beat McKinley, equally determined. One fourth who will strive to be on the winning side, making the best bargain they can for self and friends. One fourth openly in the market to the highest bidder. Of the whole, there will be a sprinkling who are at heart stalwart Republicans, honestly believing that the future safety of the Republic depends on their party's success; they will be much governed by the arguments of the Administration people that, to throw over McKinley would be to acknowledge that Imperialism and all that McKinley stands for had been a failure, and to enter the campaign under those circumstances would be to invite defeat.

The great patronage of the service of the Administration, increased to vast proportions by the war and the census legislation, commissioners, and what not, will hold many a Republican patron in line until after the convention. McKinley understands this branch of politics to perfection, and will devote many a day, that should be used for the welfare of the republic and its people, to using it where it will do the most good. Reed has the railroads, the trusts, the banks, fairly divided against McKinley, and the disapproving office-seekers, who are a host in themselves, are with him to a man.

Yes, McKinley should win.

Reed, however, is full of resources and has the confidence and friendship of a large array of the leaders of the Republican party; he is a stayer, and will say like Macbeth:

"Lay on Macbeth and damned be he that first cries, hold, enough."

The Country Volunteer.

"He wur gruff an' rough an' ready—Wuz our country soldier Joe, An' he'd handle of his rifle Like he'd handle of his hoe; That the wimmin try to smite, But you just had ought to see him When the bugle sounded—fight!"

"He wuz long an' lean an' lanky—Wuz our country soldier Joe, An' he'd shoot the practice target Like he'd shoot a thiev'n' crow An' there warn't one inch of beauty In his clumsy rawbone height. But you just had ought to see him When the bugle sounded—fight!"

He wuz slim an' 'slow an' stupid—Wuz our country soldier Joe, An' he'd rick a heap of calvas Like he'd rick a medder mow. An' he warn't much good in drillin'—On parade he wuz a fright, But you just had ought to see him—When the bugle sounded—fight!"

—Victor A. Hermaun.

Death of Mrs. Lunsford.

Departed this life, at her home, Springdale, Ark., in the early morning of April 19th, Mrs. Bettie B. Lunsford, in the 59th year of her age. She passed away in perfect peace, with her family around her. She leaves a husband, three sons and a daughter to follow, helped in their journey by her abiding influence and a blessed memory. She was born in Augusta county, Va., of Christian parents of Presbyterian lineage. Her father was Wm. Boyle Calhoun, son of Rev. Wm. Calhoun, and her mother was Mary Jane Booker. Her great grandfather was Rev. Jas. Waddell, "the Blind Preacher." She was the last of her father's family. She was one of the best of women, and has gone to receive her crown of righteousness.—Central Presbyterian.

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Mrs. Fifer was a consistent Christian, being a member of the Methodist church. The pall bearers were: F. H. Sago, D. M. and Geo. C. Shiplett, J. William and John W. Burgess, and C. K. Funkhouser.

Dr. Lohr Won His Case.

Dr. C. B. Lohr, the veterinary surgeon, who several days ago was fined \$50 in the police court for practicing his profession without a license, and appealed his case to the hustings court, won his case with hands down. When the case came up in the last named court it came before a jury. Carter Braxton, the attorney for the Commonwealth, looked after the interests of the State, while that of the defense was cared for by S. D. Timberlake, Jr. The case had little progress when Attorney Braxton entered a nolle pro. This victory gives Dr. Lohr the right to practice, and ends a controversy that has been going on for some little time.

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Gen. Hampton Declines the Gift.

Gen. Wade Hampton has written a card to the people of South Carolina in which he feelingly and gratefully declines to accept the home it was proposed to build for him, replacing the home recently destroyed by fire. He says the reward of a citizen who has done work for the State is "well done, good and faithful servant." He prized the people's commendation more than any gift.

ALGER IN THE CIVIL WAR.

The Official Records Establish a Fact Herebefore Denied.

During and since the war with Spain Gen. Rufus A. Alger, President McKinley's Secretary of War, has been severely criticised by the people and press for his several shortcomings, which border on incompetency. About the time the "rumors" started it was stated in Congress and elsewhere that Alger was a deserter. This, in connection with other charges, was denied by the administration organ and whitewash by the editorial was brought into play to cover up everything that was hurtful to Alger and the administration. But the whitewash that had been used so freely did not reach the official records of the civil war, and a Republican paper up North has published it as news. It is as follows:

"Gen. Custer on the 10th of September, 1861, sent this report to headquarters:

"In compliance with the instructions of the General commanding the division, I have the honor to submit the following report on the case of Col. R. A. Alger, 5th Michigan Cavalry, stating the time at which he left the command, for what purpose, by what authority, and his present whereabouts." Col. Alger left this command the morning of August 28, 1864, as it marched through Harper's Ferry, to rejoin the division near Halltown. He has been absent since that date. I was not aware of his absence until this brigade halted to feed near Halltown, when Assistant Surgeon St. Clair, of the 1st Michigan Cavalry, informed me that Col. Alger, owing to some indisposition, had remained at a house in Harper's Ferry. At the same time, Assistant Surgeon St. Clair presented for my approval an application from Col. Alger for leave of absence for 20 days.

"As Col. Alger had two or three times previous to this applied for a similar leave of absence, when, in my opinion, he was fit for duty, and which opinion subsequently proved to be correct, as it has in the case now referred to, I returned Col. Alger's application without my approval. He failed to join his command. I first heard of him again as stopping at the Eatow House, in Baltimore, Md. I now have authentic and reliable information that he is staying at one of the hotels at Washington, D. C., and that he has been placed on duty in the latter city as a member of the general court martial. How he came to be detailed I cannot say. He left his command without authority, and after having been refused leave of absence from these headquarters, and I have directed that he be reported 'absent without leave' on the muster rolls of his regiment.

"Gen. Merritt made this endorsement: 'Respectfully forwarded for the action of the chief of cavalry. The case mentioned within is the third in which Col. Alger has absented himself from the command without proper authority since the commencement of the present year's campaign. Severe measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence of this evil.'

"And General Torbert said: 'Respectfully forwarded, with the recommendation that he be dismissed from the service for absence without leave, subject to the approval of the President. Such cases are too numerous, and the scarcity of officers requires immediate action to be taken.'

"To this General Sheridan added: 'Respectfully forwarded. I understand that Colonel Alger is on some military duty at Washington, but it is evident that he has left his command without authority, and it appears that he has done so before. I have always considered Colonel Alger a good officer, but I cannot excuse his conduct or withhold my approval to the recommendation of his immediate commanders.'

"On the 6th of September Alger sent his resignation directly to the Secretary of War, giving as his reason for throwing up his commission the necessity for his presence at home. This resignation reached the President, and Mr. Lincoln wrote on it, 'Let this resignation be accepted.' No action having been taken, on the 16th of September Alger filed another resignation very much in the same terms as that of ten days before. The same day Mr. Lincoln wrote on it, 'Let this resignation be accepted.' The next day Mr. Stanton endorsed it, 'Accepted,' and on September 19, 1864, Edward Townsend, acting Adjutant General, announced in special orders No. 311 that Colonel R. A. Alger was honorably discharged."

It will be noted that General Merritt, who very recently complimented Alger and his management of the late war, made this endorsement in the Alger civil war incident: "The case mentioned within is the third in which Colonel Alger has absented himself without proper authority. * * * Severe measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence of this evil."

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