

# POLITICAL POT-PIE

Ex-Mayor J. P. De Mattos, of New Whatcom, who was a member of the legislature that elected George Turner to the United States senate, and who on that occasion bearded the lion in his lair, has renounced all allegiance to the three-ringed fungus which has ruled the politics of this state for the past four years, and will not only support Senator Frink, but will take the stump for his election. The Pie-maker remembers quite well how earnestly Mr. De Mattos supported Governor Rogers four years ago for the United States senate and every other Populist in the party, and how he fought to prevent the election of Judge Turner, owing to the fact that he had publicly declared before the election that he would not be a candidate for the United States senate in case of fusion success, but who changed his mind no sooner than was the vote made known; owing also to the fact that he had unmistakable evidence that the wonderful gold producing qualities of the Le Roi mine was having more to do with the senatorial contest than was good for future party success, and owing to the fact that the victory was a Populist one and by no means a Democratic or a Free Silver Republican one. He therefore believed the Populists should have the full benefit of it. De Mattos was, in the opinion of the Pie-maker, an ardent and conscientious fusionist in 1896 and the same in 1898, but he is no Democrat in 1900. He knows and says as much that Governor Rogers is as rabid an expansionist as is Senator Frink, or any other Republican in this state, and he also knows that the only reason that Governor Rogers does not speak out for expansion as he did a few months ago is because he has not the courage of his convictions, and that he is perfectly willing to sell his soul and political honor for the sake of an office. Prior to the coming of William Jennings Bryan to the Northwest, Governor Rogers was practically a Republican so far as the expansion question was concerned, but Bryan and Turner labored with him faithfully and hard, and when they had returned to the East Rogers was a rabid anti-expansionist. Then it was that he decided to take the bull by the horns and throw overboard every vestige of former friendship which had therefore existed between himself and the Populist party. Satan took him up on the mountain of political fame and showed him the entire Northwest from its top, and promised to give it all to him if he would only be an anti-expansionist, and he did not have sand enough to say to him: "Get thee behind me, Turner; you have nothing to give but what you can buy with your gold, and as for you, Bryan, you have nothing to give to any one but your 16 to 1, which is a dead issue."

At the ratification meeting held at the Armory hall last Saturday evening the Pie-maker noted that quite a few of the candidates for state offices on the Republican ticket were present. They were on hand not to be called upon to speak, but merely to show themselves and watch the cat hop.

The extreme southwest was represented in the person of Hon. W. B. Stratton, candidate for attorney general, and he made a very favorable impression on those to whom he was pointed out. He visited the headquarters during his stay in the city and was much pleased with the activity it had already assumed.

The middle Southwest had its representative on the platform in the person of Hon. C. W. Maynard, who has been named by the Republicans for the office of state treasurer. Mr. Maynard makes friends even when he does not say a word, for he is always a very conspicuous figure in most any gathering in which he is seen, for he is not only a very fine looking gentleman, but he is an equally as frank looking gentleman.

From the far Northwest came Hon. Henry G. McBride, who is known as one of the fairest superior judges during a four years' incumbency of the office that ever presided over a court in that section. He shook hands with a great many acquaintances and made a number of new friends, and the consensus of opinion was that he would make a most befitting colleague for Governor Frink, as well as an able, honorable and praiseworthy official.

Then came big old rough and ready Sam Nichols, the candidate on the Republican side of the house for

secretary of state. Mr. Nichols is known to almost every man, woman and child in the Northwest, and perhaps no very great mistake would be made if it was said, to every man, woman and child in the state, practically speaking. Everybody wants to shake Sam Nichols' good old Republican hand, and they do it.

Ere the name of Mr. Nichols was reached that of Hon. S. A. Calvert, the candidate for state land commissioner, should have been mentioned, for he was there, and was there to the personal knowledge of all present. He had a seat on the rostrum, as did all of the candidates, and Mr. Calvert was frequently pointed out by friends to other friends during the progress of the meeting as the man who would watch over Seattle's tide lands for the next four years.

From Eastern Washington the only candidate present was John D. Atkinson, Republican nominee for state auditor, who hails from Chelan county. Mr. Atkinson needed no introduction to a Seattle audience, and many were the times that the Pie-maker heard that evening that there sits a Seattle man who went away from home and returned with fame.

It is useless to add that both Congressmen Jones and Cushman were there, for they were the principal speakers of the evening, and that they were well received, or, rather, enthusiastically received, goes without saying. Senator Frink was there and had a few words to say, and he said those few words in a most pleasing as well as winning manner. The chairman of the evening, Hon. H. W. Craven, made one of his remarkable campaign speeches, and indicated to his audience the line of argument he would give to the voters of this state from the stump this year.

It was a genuine pleasure for the Seattle folk to listen to a short speech made by one of her former comrades, Hon. J. D. Atkinson, who has been nominated by the Republicans for state auditor. It was not the intention of Chairman Schively to call on any of the state candidates for speeches, except Congressmen Jones and Cushman, but he changed his mind at the last minute and Senator Frink and Mr. Atkinson were both introduced to the large audience for brief speeches. "Governor Frink," who has already taken well to this political sobriquet, made a splendid short talk, which brought forth wild applause. He was followed by Mr. Atkinson, who made the Seattle folk feel doubly proud of him. With Mr. Atkinson nominated it seems almost the same as Seattle having a place on the state ticket that she did not expect or ask for, although he hails from Chelan county at present.

Speaking about that ratification meeting, that little lady from Tacoma, who recited, made some happy hits in her dialect recitations. It would not be a bad idea if the chairman of the state central committee would make arrangements to enroll the Philippine Quartet and this lady reciter as permanent features of the state campaign.

But say, neighbor, was not that a demonstration that you read about that that audience gave Frank Cushman? It had been noised about that Frank would run up against an iceberg when he came to Seattle, but the Pie-maker is prepared to say that it was the hottest iceberg that he ever heard of. Nominee Ronald was there to make much of any political coolness that might be shown Mr. Cushman by the Republicans of this city, but he got darn poor consolation from that meeting. The audience was impatient to hear Mr. Cushman by the Republicans of this city, but he got darn poor consolation from that meeting. The audience was impatient to hear Mr. Cushman by the Republicans of this city, but he got darn poor consolation from that meeting.

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There will also be quite a scrap over the nomination for prosecuting attorney, as there are already three active and avowed candidates, with a number of dark horse candidates to hear from. Walter Fulton is the choice of the Rogers Democrats, while J. C. Allen is the choice of the Godwin Democrats. J. Henry Denning is the choice of the Pops, or at least a part of them, and a bitter

known by all. He is at present at the head of a large paint and oil manufacturing establishment located in this city, and is a splendid business man in every particular. No better man in every respect could have been selected to handle the funds of the county than he, and he will handle them.

The Prohibitionists, who held a state convention in this city one day this week, without much trouble, worry or vexation finally succeeded in finding enough men who would declare they were Prohibitionists to make nominations for all of the state offices, and the following is the ticket named by that party for the suffrage of the people of this state at the coming election:

- Governor, R. E. Dunlap, of Seattle.
- Lieutenant Governor, C. T. Hall, Walla Walla.
- Representatives in Congress, J. A. Adams, North Yakima; Guy Posson, Seattle.
- Supreme Judge, Everett Smith, Seattle.
- Secretary of State, W. J. McCoy, Waukegan.
- State Treasurer, C. C. Gridley, Vancouver.
- Attorney General, Ovid A. Byers, Seattle.
- State Land Commissioner, J. C. McKinley, Everett.
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. H. Sherwood, Everett.
- Presidential Electors, F. W. Gwin, Garfield; G. W. Plummer, Pierce; H. D. Skinner, Spokane; H. H. Brown, Clarke.

Hon. John G. Wooley, Prohibition candidate for president, was present at the convention and gave his followers much encouragement. "Our party will get a much larger vote this year than four years ago, and I see no cause for lagging in the matter. The run power must be shattered, and it cannot be shattered by letting up in this fight."

Colonel Lewis, in explanation of why he was walking in the middle of the street one day this week, declared it no intention on his part to pose as a "middle-of-the-roader," but on the other hand he was simply showing to his many Democratic friends that he was not taking sides with either faction in the local fight, which will come to a head next Monday at the county convention to be held in this city.

Speaking about this convention which is to be held in this city next Monday by the Democrats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans (?), a meet equally as interesting as the late state meet of the three-ringed circus that was held in this city is promised. The Populists having got the worst of the state convention, and having been swallowed up by the Democrats both in the national and in the state conventions, have decided to demand every important office in the county. The Democrats are flushed with success and are determined to dispute every inch of ground that the Pops try to capture. The Free Silver Republicans (this means only a few men office hungry) are taking sides with neither faction as yet, but are holding themselves in readiness to switch to the faction from which they can get the greatest number of offices to divide up among themselves.

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fight will be the result of this spirited contest. The Pops hold the "bolting lash" over the Democrats on every proposition, and it begins to look as if Denning would be the nominee.

"I have been up against George Turner before," said one of the delegates to the late three-ringed circus convention, "and I knew that though we had him beaten in the outset, unless we watched him awfully close he would beat us in the end. And sure enough he did. I began to see the delegations fall one by one after Turner had whispered into their ears, and I knew it was all off. The convention went just as did the legislature when Turner was a candidate for senator. When Turner sets his head to win he always has the wherewith to win on, and he has no delicacy in using that necessary wherewith," continued the delegate, who is now helping to direct the Democratic campaign.

"I do not want the nomination for supreme judge, for, in my opinion, the Democratic ticket will be turned down by at least 10,000 majority," is said to be the language used by Judge W. H. White while the struggling factions were trying to name a ticket. Judge White had an ambition to be elected as a supreme judge of this state, but he was not looking for any snap like getting on the Democratic ticket this year. Judge White is too well posted on the politics of this state to suffer himself to be run into a political death-trap.

There is no reason why the Democrats should deny that ex-Governor Altgeld is going to be attorney-general of the United States in case of Bryan's election to the presidency. No reason why he should not make a good attorney general—under Bryan.

It appears that Senator Pettigrew has plenty of money with which to make his contest for re-election, and having plenty, we suppose he would just as soon that no one else had any.

I am over 80 and not feeling very well these times. I tremble to think what will become of America and the conscience of the world when I am gone.—George S. Boutwell.

From the attention paid to William J. Bryan, jr., by the leading Democrats of Chicago recently, it would seem as if the boy were the Whole Thing; and perhaps he would make an excellent president after all.

The behavior of our American officers and soldiers in China has not been surpassed for discretion, bravery and honor anywhere in the world. Horrible case of "imperialism!"

Pretty soon we shall hear the news from Maine; and we shall know that the Pine Tree state is gone hell bent, the way it was meant, for progress true, and prosperity, too!

The poor house business and the tramp business are pretty poor lines in these times.

One conviction of the American people is that when things are all right, they are all right; and they are going to vote accordingly.

The Philadelphia gentleman who wanted to bet one hundred thousand dollars on Bryan's election seems to have vanished into the dim be-durned.

When Mr. Bryan was a congressman he was for free wool all the time.

From the general tenor of Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance, it must be inferred that God is a Democrat.

Meantime let it not be forgotten that the West Virginia oil companies have raised the wages of all their employes 10 per cent. This is pretty tough for a border state.

The production of wire nails in this country has increased 60 per cent. in the last four years, and yet the working men are not chewing them nearly as much as formerly.

Mr. Bryan used to say that the people wanted more money. They have it—some one hundred and thirty-five millions annually in circulation more than they had four years ago, and none of it was manufactured, either, so far as we have learned.

by the policy of expansion, is dead against that kind of thing.

The holders of England's new three-year exchequer bonds draw interest at the rate of 3 3/4 per cent. a year. Under the present administration Uncle Sam borrowed all the money he needed at 2 per cent.

George Fred Williams says the empire is here. So it is. Just as much as it ever will be.

In placing the blame for the troubles in China, Li Hung Chang talks very much like the Hon. Ben Tillman.

The gentlemen who are now manifesting so much concern over the fate of the republic tried very hard to ruin its credit in 1896.

The picnic given under the management of Mrs. L. Clark was as a reception for the Seattle friends and was pronounced by one and all who attended a decided success and the most enjoyable affair of the season. The park, though not as beautiful as it has been during these past days of summer, was a veritable fairyland. The Tacoma ladies furnished the baskets, which were filled to the brim with the most tempting viands. The ice cream was donated by one generous young fellow, and the Seattle gentlemen furnished the melons. Those visiting from Seattle were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Milson, Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dixon, Mesdames Tatt, Deboe and Jones, Misses Dixon, M. Dixon, T. Dixon, T. Dixon and Master Willie Dixon, Messrs. Cragwell, McCarrall, of Montreal, George Paris and D. W. Griffin. Those present from Tacoma were: Mr. and Mrs. Edison, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ury, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawhorn, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mesdames A. Miller, M. Moore, M. Anderson, of Spokane; Russell John Mason, Johnson L. Clark, F. Mitchell, John Conna Durrant, Misses Clara Williams, E. Butler, E. Sledge, M. G. Walker, B. Bonner, Messrs. Will Turner, James Jones, I. Hawkins, R. Dishmore, F. Dishmore, C. Butler, R. Harris, L. Hawkins, P. H. McBain, L. Hill, George Bailey, Ed Parker, Calhoun.

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