



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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TURN TOWARD THE EAST

Illinois Democrats Once More Look to the East for Their Party Banner Bearers.

Old Issues to Be Revived by State Organization Under Guidance of Chairman Hopkins.

Hill, Olney, Pattison and Johnson Invited to Take Part in Coming State Campaign.

Prairie State Will Go for One of These for President Two Years Hence.

Mayor Harrison and Other Tails to Bryan Kite Left Out in the Cold.

Illinois Democracy is once again turning its face toward the sun. Under the guidance of new leaders the party is about to take the first steps toward aligning the Prairie State in the ranks of those who will seek in the East for the banner bearer in the campaign of 1904.

After years of groping for success in the West, the leaders of the Democracy of Illinois have made up their minds that there must be a resumption of the old issues in forthcoming campaigns, and that the new ones and the men who stand for them must be satisfied to step into the background. So far as the State organization is concerned, it is overwhelmingly in favor of compelling the latter to "go way back and sit down" in case they should raise their back and bridle up against the proposition to take a secondary place.

The names of Hill, Olney and Pattison will in the forthcoming State campaign ring once again in the ears of the Democrats of Illinois, tariff reform, and the Philippine question, trusts and their antidote, and other old-time war cries of the Democracy will once again make the welkin ring, and free silver, the "dollars of their daddies," together with single tax, municipal ownership, initiative and referendum, and all the hallucinations of the wild and woolly West must form a very minor strain, if it find voice at all in the Democratic war music of Illinois from now till the close of the campaign.

At the head of the Democratic renaissance (as one might term it) towers John P. Hopkins, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and close behind him marches his able ally and faithful lieutenant, Roger C. Sullivan.

Well organized and powerful is the army of Illinois Democrats back of these two men, leaders in their various localities from all parts of the State are the members of the army of the new crusade, and the new crusade means the relegation of Bryan and Bryanism to the rear in Illinois for the coming two years at least. That the movement will be successful few thoughtful students of the political situation will deny.

A most important campaign is just about to open in this State. Upon its issue will depend whether or not the Democrats of Illinois will have any heart at all in the campaign of 1904.

In charge of the new movement are men with a leader at their head, who have handled five campaigns and won all of them, in this State, during the past two years. They believe they can do good work in the coming State campaign, and point to the past in justification of their hopes for the future.

There is a legislature to be elected, and that legislature will be entrusted with the election of a United States Senator. Several important State offices are also to be filled by the forthcoming election. Hopkins and his followers believe there is a chance of victory all along the line next fall, but even in case of failure, they argue that if they put up such a fight as to make it a hot and close contest they will thereby have infused new life and

vigor into the dispirited Democracy of Illinois, and be in a position to dictate matters in this State in the campaign of 1904. With the men who are now organizing the approaching fall campaign, still in command in 1904, Bryan and Bryanism would be surely in the background here. Hopkins, Sullivan, Cable and other men now in power and command of the State organization will undoubtedly pull the string of the long soaring Bryan kite, and when it comes to earth it will of course bring with it its many tails.

"And what will 'Our Carter' do then, poor thing?"

The reference to "Our Carter" is made here because, as everybody knows, Mayor Harrison has been one of the smallest and most bedraggled tails that fluttered at the tail end of the Bryan kite. True, "Our Carter" has more than once endeavored to hedge, and once he made a desperate if puny effort to straddle. This latter was at the Kansas City convention, when he fought hard to kill the silver plank of the platform then adopted. Of course this, as every practical politician in the country knows, was done with an eye to what he thought was his political future. It was to be a political anchor to the windward, so to speak. His argument was that he "was right" in 1900, and had remained "loyal to Bryan and silver" up to 1902, and consequently would stand "right" with the Western Democracy. They argued that he had shown enough conservatism and prudence in fighting the silver plank in 1902 to make him acceptable to the East in 1904, and thus it was argued the "man of destiny," by sound and shrewd judgment, had become also the architect of his own political fortunes. But in the meantime forces at home were at work. While "the man of destiny" was giving the cold shoulder to the men who had called him into political existence, men who had nothing in common with him in politics, were laying their lines to take up the position of party control, and recent developments, chief of which was the triumph of John P. Hopkins, showed that "Our Carter" had not merely met with the proverbial misfortune of the individual who had tried to sit on two stools, but had actually sat upon no stool at all, and has consequently come a cropper. Thus it is that the political world to-day is interested in the movement to sweep away Bryanism from the plains of Illinois in order to make smooth the way of the wise men of the East. This movement of course means Illinois for an Eastern man for President in 1904, which would mean probably a Southern man for running mate. It might mean a Westerner, many say, however, but under the circumstances it goes without saying that the Vice Presidential candidate will not be the present Mayor of Chicago. So the continuation of the old rhymer's jingle will be applicable to the query contained in the first line quoted as to what will therefore be the political fate of "Our Carter," poor thing.

"He will fly to the barn to keep himself warm and hide his head under his wing, poor thing."

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On Monday last Chairman Hopkins of the Democratic State Central Committee, accompanied by his friend and co-worker, Roger C. Sullivan, left Chicago for the East with the avowed purpose of inviting some of the Eastern leaders and statesmen to take part in the opening of the State campaign.

As one of our contemporaries truthfully says, this is the first time in ten years that an Eastern Democrat has been invited to take part in an Illinois campaign.

Since the memorable conference of 1864 at Springfield, when free silver was put up as the battle cry, William J. Bryan and his followers in the West have had the call for all such events. But, in the words of one of the new leaders, "things are different now."

"We are getting back to real Democratic principles, and want to hear the old doctrine preached once more," he said, "by real Democratic speakers. It begins to seem like old times again, and if we succeed in securing Hill, or Richard Olney, or Robert E. Pattison, or any other man of equal prominence, you will see Democrats at that meeting who have not attended at a gathering of the kind since the great campaign of 1862."

Hopkins and Sullivan left on the Lake Shore limited, and stopped off at Buffalo. It is understood, to confer with Norman E. Mack, the New York member of the Democratic National Committee, and other leading lights of the party who were there from Cleveland, Rochester and different points in that section. Thence they went to Albany to see Mr. Hill and gave him a formal invitation to visit this State the first week in September as the principal speaker at a big meeting to be held at Springfield or Peoria, which is intended to be the inauguration of the oratorical part of the fall campaign.

In the event that Mr. Hill cannot come at that time the two representatives probably will go on to Boston and try to get Mr. Olney. The next choice is Mr. Pattison, and after him Tom Johnson, the Mayor of Cleveland. One of these four, it is regarded as certain, will accept the invitation.

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the chiefs of the Hopkins faction, that Hill will be the man.

A. R. Porter, Republican candidate for Clerk of the Appellate Court, is making a splendid and a winning fight in his candidature. Mr. Porter has been a loyal and active Republican all his life, and will, of course, receive the full and united support of the voters of that party. But Mr. Porter has made such an excellent and enviable record both as a member of the magistracy and as a public official in other capacities, that he will undoubtedly draw thousands of Democratic votes to himself and to his ticket.

The retirement of James Reddick from the Republican county ticket is a distinct loss to his party, as he was beyond all doubt one of the strongest candidates before the people in the present campaign. Mr. Reddick was the candidate of the Republican party for County Clerk, and would undoubtedly have been elected had he made the race. His retirement was due to ill health, a fact which his many friends sincerely regret.

Democrats of Chicago and Cook County are getting very weary of seeing their campaigns handled by hoodlums and grafters.

The Republican Executive Committee has named Peter B. Olsen to fill the vacancy on the county ticket created by the resignation of James Reddick, the candidate for County Clerk.

While the aldermanic investigating committee are about it, it might be a good thing to look into the alleged disregard of the fire ordinance by the theaters. Some day there will be a fire here in some of the downtown theaters that will throw that of the Woodruff building into the shade. Then the committee will start an investigation which, like the present one, will be too late.

We have not as yet heard of any honest man coming by his own as a result of the many serious quarrels among members of the Council committees.

Honesty, the man who has made charges of hoodlumism against some of our city fathers, says he won't name his men until he gets good "hard" evidence. It is said Mr. Charles K. Densen is seriously thinking of having the Grand Jury try its hand in having the gentleman to make up his mind promptly in the matter. The inquisitorial body has a way of attending to details of this kind that is sometimes quite convincing.

Trustee Gallagher has asked the



HON. ROGER C. SULLIVAN.

A Democratic Leader Who Never Went Back on His Friends.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The Eagle Finds Reason for Self-Gratulation in Record of Past Six Months.

Has Won Out in No Less than Three Distinct and Vital Political Battles.

Six Months Ago Harrison Was Presidential Timber and Party Leader—Where Is He Now?

Burke Is Supported and Sustained Single-Handed Against All Comers by This Paper.

County Democracy Reorganization and Extension Is Advised, Advocated and Successfully Carried Out.

A retrospect of the last six months in the politics of Cook County gives the Chicago Eagle much reason for congratulating itself.

When this journal, just six months ago, came to the parting of the ways with Mayor Carter H. Harrison, that individual was not only the unquestioned leader of the Democracy of Illinois and of the West, but was actually a strong and "coming" candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

To-day he is not strong enough to secure the nomination for a constabulary.

A glance at an article published on the Democracy of Illinois in another column of this edition of the Eagle will show the strength and truth of this remark, it will demonstrate beyond doubt or question just where Harrison is to-day.

The Eagle takes some consolation and experiences a little pardonable pride from the acknowledged fact that Mayor Carter H. Harrison is to-day politically in the soup, and the further fact that the Eagle had some hand in the work of dumping him there.

He may have the temerity to again seek the Democratic nomination for Mayor next spring, but it is doubtful if he could get it even if he did seek for it.

The vote of Cook County in the State convention in a recent memorable contest shows where Mayor Harrison stands, even within the ranks of the regular organization. At the polls in a primary contest he would fare worse if a strong man were named against him, and, to fare any worse, even ever so little, would mean defeat.

But should Mr. Harrison, through his pay-roll brigade and patronage, manage to win out another nomination next spring, he would be the worst beaten Mayorality candidate who ever ran for that office on the Democratic ticket in this city.

The Eagle congratulates itself upon this fact for more than one reason. One of these is from the point of view of good government. This journal has shown to the public the true nature and character of the Harrison administration of city affairs. It has demonstrated the hollowness of its pretenses, it has exposed its shams and gallery plays, and it proved beyond question that it has been the most inefficient and worthless city administration the people of Chicago have ever suffered under.

But the record of the past six months in politics contains more food for self-congratulation on the part of The Eagle than the smulding out of Carter Harrison as a political potentiality. More than this even has been accomplished.

Alone and unaided, in the face of the opposition of the entire press, daily and weekly, of this city, it took up the cause of Robert E. Burke and championed it against all odds and all comers.

The Eagle never flinched from any encounter which its championing of Burke brought about; it smashed many a lance in his defense and never came

off second best in any joust or tilt it had in his behalf. In doing so, The Eagle has more than once run counter to its own interests, and has had occasion to lay more than one of its old-time friends low. The Eagle took this course purely and simply in the interest of common fair play, and because it believed in taking the side of the under dog in that particular fight on account of the same feeling and impulse. It has been one of the hardest fights The Eagle ever undertook, and it has been in some "corkers" in its days, but it won.

When The Eagle six months ago took the field against Mayor Harrison, the newspapers and a tremendously powerful cabal of the Democratic party, in the cause of "the under dog," as above mentioned, Robert E. Burke was at the jumping-off place in politics. To-day he is entrenched within the party lines more strongly than ever before. We may be pardoned for taking a little pride in such a performance as this. But this is not all.

Six months ago the Cook County Democracy was a mere marching club, practically without influence in the affairs of the party. To-day it is the most powerful political organization in the West, and it is so on account of the advice, the advocacy and the persistent support of The Chicago Eagle. It was on our advice that the leaders of that organization decided to extend it, to increase its membership and to enter actively into politics. It proved in doing so that it could dictate terms in Cook County, it smashed in doing so the power of the City Hall ring and lifted R. E. Burke to triumph in the face of its enemies. We do not desire to brag, but The Eagle certainly believes that this six months' work is something to be proud of.

The Board of Review has started in business by adding \$400,000 to the assessed valuation of Cook County. This is the result of one day's work. If it is kept up we may expect to see the valuation of Cook County away up in the billions next year. The question arises, however, will this benefit anybody but the pay-roll fiends?

Chicago's laboring classes will remember how the teamsters and other strikers have been handled by Mayor Harrison's police. The working people are not saying much just now, but they are doing some tall thinking.

Mayor Harrison, in discussing the investigation of alleged disregard or non-enforcement of the city ordinances by some of his subordinates, says "it's politics." Well, may be so.

It is reported that Mr. Charles S. Densen is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor of Illinois in the next gubernatorial campaign. The esteemed Inter Ocean says there is nothing surprising in this. Certainly not. The surprise would be if he did not get it. He deserves it, and Mr. Densen generally gets anything or anybody he goes after.