



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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## TYROS IN COMMAND.

### Entire Democratic Central Organization Snubbed in Make-Up of Campaign Committee.

### But One Officer of that Body Selected to Aid in Working for Party Success,

### While Veterans Like Powers, Gahan, Sullivan, Hayes and Others Are Not Even Recognized.

### Candidates on County Ticket Are Now Anxiously Asking, "Where Do We Get Off?"

### City Hall Cabal Influences Naming of Campaign Committee in Pursuance of Personal Spleen.

If the coming Democratic fall campaign is well managed, it will be something for practical politicians to wonder at. It will in fact constitute an argument that there is not in reality any such thing as practical politics, at least so far as politics in Cook County is concerned.

The Eagle has no hesitation in giving its reasons for forming and expressing this opinion.

It may be all summed up in the unquestioned statement—a statement that cannot be contradicted—that the fall campaign is at present in the hands of a bunch of political tyros.

True, many of these are worthy, well-intentioned, but exceedingly gullible gentlemen, who think they are doing their duty as patriots as well as loyal party men, but who are in reality being used by designing individuals who care more for their own personal aggrandizement than they do for present party success.

In the selection of the Campaign Committee, Mayor Harrison and his lieutenants have debarred from all part in the active work of the campaign every well-known practical Democrat in Cook County with one solitary exception.

Harrison and his lieutenants in manipulating the selection of the Campaign Committee have omitted, ignored and flouted every officer of the Democratic County Central Committee with the single exception of James J. Gray. Harrison and the crowd which now constitutes his political following have omitted from the Campaign Committee, and inferentially snubbed, flouted and debarred from participation in the active work of the campaign the following Democrats of Cook County:

**ALD. JOHN POWERS**—Head of the Cook County Democracy, the greatest Democratic organization in the West.

**TIMOTHY E. RYAN**—The popular Nineteenth Ward leader, and possibly the most influential Democrat of the West Side.

**THOMAS GAHAN**—Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee for five consecutive years.

**JOHN T. KEATING**—One of the leading Democrats of the South Side, and for years the National President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**ROGER C. SULLIVAN**—For years a leading member of the County and State Democratic Central Committees and a man who is recognized and acknowledged as a power in the Democratic party.

**ALD. S. LEY H. KUNZ**—A man whose great influence in the northwest section of the city has been for several years conceded.

**JOHN J. HAYES**—For four years Vice Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee.

**ALD. JOHN H. SULLIVAN**—One of the most influential Democrats on the North Side.

**EX-ALD. P. F. HAYNES**—Whose influence among the Democrats and the voters generally of Lake View is undoubted.

**FRED E. ELDRID**—For years treasurer of the County Central Committee and a power in the old Jefferson district of the city.

**JOHN GILDAY**—Who for years headed the delegation from his ward. These are among the more prominent

Democrats who have been shouldered aside, and told as plainly as actions can tell anything that they are no longer needed in the councils of the party, and that the campaign is to be conducted without any of their aid or assistance.

Indeed, it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that the entire County Central Committee has been ignored, or, worse still, has been absolutely slapped in the face by the Harrison clique, which has dictated and will control the campaign if the City Hall cabal is to have its way.

The question now on everybody's lips is, Will the Democratic party, with the two hundred thousand voters of that party in Cook County stand for this?

That it is a most brazen, unwarranted and insolent assumption of power on the part of the Harrison clique every Democrat in Chicago and Cook County not attached to the pay roll is now loudly proclaiming.

It is being pointed out and urged in Democratic circles that the Democratic County Central Committee is the only power recognized by the Democratic party as the one authorized to manage party campaigns.

True, it is now ignored; but the Democratic voters of Cook County are now demanding by what right is it ignored?

They are demanding by what right has the City Hall cabal wrested from the County Central Committee the rights and prerogatives vested in it by the voters of the Democratic party?

The County Central Committee is the body duly elected by the people to handle their political and party affairs, and the voters of the party now demand by what right has a little cabal of machinators undertaken to deprive this body of the power and control which it derives from the people?

Another question asked in the same connection is, Will the County Central Committee consent to be thus ignored and publicly flouted, or will it assert its rights and maintain them, the dictation of the City Hall cabal to the contrary notwithstanding?

Of course, everybody who has taken the slightest interest in politics in this county knows the true animus of this whole extraordinary proceeding.

It is well known that it is a double-barreled animus. It is a fight on individuals and at the same time an effort on the part of other individuals, schemers who have personal axes to grind or personal ambitions to serve, to raise themselves upon the ruins of other people's hopes, ambitions and even reputations. Back of it all is the fight upon Robert E. Burke and the desperate effort to accomplish his political destruction, a fight long waged, but ever foiled. And this fight, too, is being waged in the name of the Democratic party against a man to whom its central organization at present owes five years' salary, for devoted, faithful, arduous and unremitting services as its secretary.

Nor is this all. There is another fight and another object to attain back of the blow dealt at the Democratic County Central Committee by the Harrison City Hall clique. It is a

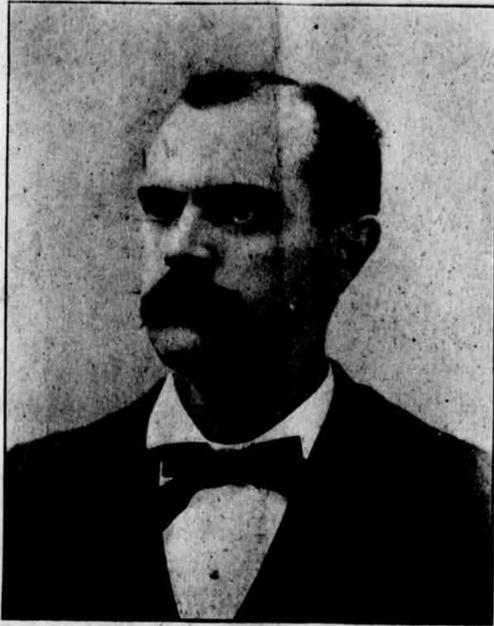
fight upon Fred E. Eldred, a man to whom there is now owing \$5,000 for services as treasurer of the County Central Committee.

In connection with the fact last mentioned it is the universal comment that the schemers, in pushing this fight, have placed the County Central Committee as a whole, and through that body the entire Democratic party of Cook County in the false position of practically repudiating a debt of honor, and of even trying to knock down and trample upon the reputations and the honorable ambitions of men to whom the party is under obligations for faithful services, for many glorious victories, in order to avoid the discharge of pecuniary indebtedness.

Small wonder, therefore, that people are asking themselves what is to be the fate of the Democratic party in the approaching campaign. It would be small wonder if Democratic candidates should experience a feeling of anxiety at seeing almost every leading practical politician in the party ignored, the entire County Central Committee snubbed, and the whole campaign turned into a mess for the accomplishment of the downfall of the very best workers and most influential men in the party. It is not to be wondered at that there are fears the campaign will not be sustained with vigor even by the high political views and splendid statements of lofty principles by such excellent and worthy gentlemen as the venerable chairman of the managing committee, without the practical work of men like Burke, Powers, Ryan, Eldred, Keating, Hayes, Gahan and Sullivan.

People who know something about politics are asking how the campaign is to be financed with men like the above mentioned on the outside and practically debarred from participation in it. Perhaps the City Hall cabal imagines itself capable of attending to all these things, but, to use a homely phrase, time will tell.

And right here arises the consideration of how these Democratic candidates will feel with such men as T. E. Ryan, John Powers, and Roger Sullivan, practically, nay, absolutely, uninterested and listless as to the outcome of the fight. It would be expecting of these men attributes greater than those found in ordinary human nature to think they could have any other feelings in the matter. These men have been ignored by the cabal, and while they will no doubt attend to the business of preserving and maintaining their personal power and influence in their various localities, it is only natural to suppose they will be careful to do it in such a way as will not rebound to the glory or edification of a clique whose ambition is their political destruction.



HON. EDWARD F. DUNNE.

One of the Ablest and Most Popular Jurists on the Cook County Bench.

Persons acquainted with the methods of the City Hall cabal are not surprised, however, at the way matters are shaping themselves in the campaign. The way in which that sterling Democrat and all-around first-class citizen, Ernest Hummel, was thrown by Harrison and his political following is now a matter of history in the Democratic party of Cook County. In the last County Convention, it is asserted, Mr. Hummel actually had the nomination for County Treasurer four different times, but Harrison had him thrown and the City Hall cabal wrestled the nomination out of his hands at the very last moment. Mr. Hummel himself knows all this, and so do his friends, and some of the latter have told Harrison to his face what they thought about it. Mr. Hummel's friends include Democrats of all nationalities in Cook County, but, of course, he is particularly strong with the great and influential German element. These people, in addition to the way in which their friend Hummel was served by the Harrison cabal, have also been ignored and deprived of any representation or voice in the management of the Democratic campaign.

Old-time war-scarred veterans of politics say it is no wonder that the candidates on the Democratic county ticket are worried.

The Republican campaign in Cook County will be opened with a four-day series of open-air "continuous performance" demonstrations, commencing with Hyde Park's projected day and night at Sans Souci Park. Among the speakers of national standing who will be distributed among these occasions are Senators Hanna, Beveridge, Dooliver, Burrows, Speaker Henderson, Congressman Littlefield of Maine and Secretary of War Moody.

This means that Messrs. Cable and Hopkins on the Democratic side will not have the whole field to themselves, but will, on the contrary, have to meet foemen worthy of their steel. There is always something inspiring in a good campaign battle, and The Eagle always enjoys a good fight. May the best men win.

The Sans Souci affair will be the campaign opening for the whole county, that honor having been yielded to Hyde Park on account of its big Republican vote. The North Side and Lake View will follow with an "opening" of similar character at Sharpshooters' Park. The Town of Lake, Englewood and portions of the South Side will have theirs in the base-ball park at Wentworth avenue and 35th street. On the West Side, as an opening of the campaign in the Sixth Congressional District, the gathering will probably be in the National League base-ball park. Dates will be fixed as soon as the Hyde-Parkers announce their date for Sans Souci. The im-

ported speakers will then be apportioned among the four big days.

"Hanna, Beveridge, Dooliver, Burrows, Henderson and Littlefield have all promised to come here," said William Lorimer, in discussing the campaign with a representative of The Eagle Monday last, after a meeting of the County Executive Committee, "and we'll try to divide them up as we can among these big days. I understand from the State Committee that Secretary of War Moody will also come into the State during the campaign, and we'll try to have him speak also."

"Senator Hanna will be one of the 'stars.' He likes to talk in Chicago, where he first actually went on the stump in 1890, and Chicago likes to hear him. He told me the last time I saw him that this was one place where he wanted to speak during the campaign."

The Republican County Executive Committee has decided to leave in abeyance until September the matter of nominations for Congress in the three hopelessly Democratic districts, the Fourth, Fifth and Eighth. If the situation warrants it then, if the people of those districts want candidates, and if such candidates look to have one chance in one thousand, candidates will be nominated. Some of the committee feel that, with the Democrats divided, it will be better for the Republican county ticket to let those hopeless districts go without Congressional campaigns, which would only stir up and bring out a heavier Democratic vote, but the majority believe in making the nominations if the Republican vote in those districts can be thereby increased.

The Eagle could have advised the Republican committee better than postponement of this matter. It would have counseled that body to drop the idea altogether. Messrs. George P. Foster, William F. Mahony, and James McAndrews, respectively, have represented the three districts in question very ably. They are three of the best representatives ever sent to Congress by Cook County, and there is absolutely no possibility of defeating them.

Following are the officers who have been chosen by the Democratic Campaign Committee:

Chairman—Austin J. Doyle.

Vice Chairman—Joseph Donnerberger.

Secretary—Peter Dienhart.

Treasurer—Z. P. Brosseau.

The Board of Review promises that sixty million dollars will be added to the assessed valuation of Chicago property this year. The question arises, Where will they get it?

## PLAY GOOD POLITICS.

### State and Congressional Campaigns of Democratic Party Worked on the Lines of Harmony.

### Cable and Hopkins Plan Together the Work of Electing Candidates for State Offices,

### And Also with a View to Increasing the Illinois Democratic Delegation to Congress.

### Unlike the County Fight, These Contests Are Not Used to Down Individuals and Boost Others.

### Men of Experience Lay Lines for Party Success in Arranging Toleration for All.

In striking contrast with the course of procedure in the Democratic county campaign is the management of the Congressional and State fights.

These latter affairs are in the hands of Hon. Ben T. Cable and Hon. John P. Hopkins.

Both of these men are experts in the line of practical politics, both have a lofty and honorable purpose to serve—namely, party success in their respective fields—and they are not engaged in the work of "killing off" anybody, or in snubbing Democrats of any faction because of former differences of opinion.

The fact that after a careful investigation and discussion of conditions these two leaders decided not to open the State and Congressional campaigns with a flood of oratory from Eastern statesmen shows the care, conservatism and consideration for the feelings and susceptibilities of others in the party who have not yet cut loose from the affiliations and the sentiments of the last six years.

This, old-time politicians say, is not only good politics, but actually diplomacy and statesmanship.

"What a contrast," they say, "to the small pennant politics of the Harrison City Hall cabal."

Chairman Cable, of the Congressional Committee, was in Chicago most of last week, and upon his arrival gave it out that:

The tariff, trusts and the Philippine question will be the chief issues of the fall campaign, and that considerable space will be devoted to each subject in the Democratic Congressional textbook which will be issued Aug. 3.

"I have been in harness such a short time that I have not been able to make much of a review of the Congressional situation," said Mr. Cable, Tuesday last, "but I shall endeavor to find out what is going on as soon as possible. The headquarters of the Congressional Committee will be in Washington and Chicago. All literature to be used in the campaign will be issued from Chicago. I do not know just what will be sent out, but we shall endeavor to give the people a correct idea of what has been done by the last Congress. Senator Hoar's speech on the Philippine bill doubtless will be given wide circulation."

"Will the Democratic committee establish a speakers' bureau?" Mr. Cable was asked.

"Yes, we shall send out a staff of speakers, but I cannot say just now who the more prominent ones will be. I should like to see Bourke Cockran, Richard Olney and Tom Johnson take the stump. But I cannot say that they will. It is not likely that any of them will make many speeches."

Mr. Cable says the tariff issue, involving also the regulation of trusts, will be the chief issue of the campaign.

"The Democrats," said he, "will favor placing on the free list all trust-made commodities. In our text-book we trace the development of trusts since 1896 and show the gradual increase in the price to the consumer of trust-made commodities and the correspondingly smaller increase in wages. As to the Philippine question, the Democratic committee suggests that eight years be considered sufficient time for the Filipinos to acquire the

experience and education necessary to govern themselves."

On Wednesday morning, however, the following official announcement was made:

There will be no formal opening of the State campaign by the Democrats, as was originally planned. There will be no big meeting with orators of national fame to start things going. The idea of such a beginning of the campaign has been abandoned.

The difficulty of finding a suitable orator for the occasion is the explanation of the abandonment of the program.

It was intimated that David B. Hill might be brought here to give the campaign an opening send-off. Then the name of Richard Olney was suggested, and after him that of William F. Vilas, but all of these were viewed as men whose political records of the past few years might dispense many Democrats. On the theory that the reorganizers must be cared for it was decided that William J. Bryan or Tom L. Johnson or any of the close friends of Mr. Bryan would not do.

Therefore Chairman Hopkins has decided that there will be no formal and elaborate opening of the campaign. He will busy himself, it is said, with the affairs of the campaign and work in close harmony with Ben T. Cable, the chairman of the National Congressional Committee.

These two chairmen will attend the convention in the Twenty-fifth Congressional District Aug. 5 at Carbon-dale.

This announcement shows in itself the care with which Messrs. Cable and Hopkins are going about their work. Evidently these gentlemen are determined to use the honey pot instead of the vinegar jar in the campaign of which they are in charge, and therein lies the proof that party success and not petty personal triumphs is the object and aim of their activities in politics and of those who constitute the solid array of Democrats which make up their following.

Judge Edward F. Dunne is evidently the most popular and at the same time the most trusted Judge in Chicago. Litigants and lawyers alike want their cases tried before him. What a contrast he forms with other occupants of the bench!

No Alderman, no city official, no member of the Municipal Voters' League now in Chicago has any knowledge of any plan having been agreed on for the settlement of the street railway franchise extension question. The story about the other day that this long drawn out problem finally has been brought to the point of submission to the voters could not be verified. As given out, the whole thing has been solved by the subcommittee of the Council Committee on Local Transportation, and only lacks confirmation by the voters to be put into effect. An interested official called attention to the fact that the subcommittee has made no reports of any such arrangement to the parent body.