

AN OPEN RUPTURE

In the National Democratic Committee Councils.

CHAIRMAN JONES REJECTS

The Methods of Vice Chairman Stone. Disapproves of the Subscription Plan—Says He Proposes to "Put a Stop to Such Business"—Discharges Solicitor Slater on the Spot—Sam Cook, Another "Ways and Means" Man, to Resign.

Washington special to the St. Louis Globe Democrat: After emphatic dissent from the methods of the Missourians left in charge of the Democratic machinery last summer has been given by Chairman James K. Jones. While Mr. Jones was in Europe, William J. Stone, the acting chairman, and Sam B. Cook, representing a ways and committee, put into the field a number of canvassers to obtain money. These canvassers are still at work drumming up subscriptions.

One of them, Richard S. Slater, a former newspaper man in Kansas City, called upon Senator Jones one day this week. He has been laboring for contributions in New York. It occurred to him that with credentials from Senator Jones in the form of letters of introduction he might land some big contributions from wealthy Democrats. To the Missourian's surprise he was not only refused the letters, but was given in a decided manner the senator's disapproval of the plan of Stone and Cook.

Chairman Jones said it was a waste of effort and of expense money to solicit contributions, as the money would come as well without. The chairman even went so far as to discharge off-hand the Missourian from the service of the national committee. He intimated that he would shortly take charge of the ways and means committee. Sam B. Cook, the report is, will resign as the result of the chairman's repudiation of his methods.

The interview between Chairman Jones and Slater brought out some things about the ways and means of Stone and Cook which will occasion astonishment. The revelations may lead to an open rupture between Jones and the Missourians. The language and the manner of the senator showed that he was greatly aroused over the disclosures he had made. It seems that Stone and Cook commissioned canvassers to go out with credentials from the National Democratic committee and gave them 12 1/2 per cent of what they collected.

Slater was sent to New York. He came to Washington without any idea of the storm impending. After some difficulty Senator Jones was found in the conference room at 25,000. Slater had been successful in his efforts among New York Democrats. He had collected enough to make his percentage amount to several thousand dollars. He felt that he had done well for the national committee and expected commendation from the chairman.

"My name is Slater," he said, when he had gained the notice of Senator Jones. "I have been in New York for some time, and I have been looking over some papers relating to what you have been doing in New York. I see you have called on O. H. P. Belmont and have obtained a subscription for \$25,000. You are to have a commission of 12 1/2 per cent on the subscriptions you get. It is wholly unnecessary to go to such men for subscriptions. They will make their contributions without any canvassing. I regard it as a waste of money for the committee to pay this commission on such subscriptions. I propose to put a stop to such business. I will say right here that the committee has no further need of your services. You can consider yourself discharged."

The manner could hardly have been more disagreeable. Slater was assistant secretary of the Democratic central committee of Missouri under Sam Cook in 1898. He was appointed to do this work by Stone while the latter was acting as chairman during Jones' absence in Europe. The action of the senator could only be construed as a refection upon Stone and Cook and their 12 1/2 per cent contract.

This seems to be the rupture to which developments have been tending ever since the return of Jones from Europe. Stone was made acting chairman of the National Democratic committee when Jones returned from an attack of heart trouble, from which he was not expected to recover. The resolution was peculiarly worded. It made Stone chairman with full power during the absence of Jones.

At the very first meeting of the executive committee after Stone took charge and announced his plans an insinuation of treachery toward Bryan was made against him. George Fred Williams, the Massachusetts member, went direct from Chicago, the place of meeting, to the Atlantic coast, took a steamer and did not stop traveling until he had found Jones and laid before him the charges against Stone. Jones did not wait to read the letter. He ordered Stone to suspend further action until he heard from him. Stone obeyed, but he had already arranged for certain canvassing to be done, and that went on.

When Jones returned he began the undoing of Stone's work. Sam Cook is to resign and go back to Missouri. The dismissal of Slater, together with the exposure of the 12 1/2 per cent business, is the most serious repudiation of Stone by Jones. How many canvassers have been going about with the credentials of Stone and Cook, putting one-eighth of all of the money received into their own pocket, is unknown. But in going over the records of the committee Chairman Jones, who is ordinarily a mild-mannered man, had found enough of this business to excite great indignation toward the Missourians. A wholesale discharge of all canvassers is probable.

Regarding the Belmont subscription which Slater obtained, it is said that \$19,999 has already been paid and \$15,000 is in promise. Mr. Belmont is the financial backer of the Verdict, and has been much talked of as a vice presidential candidate. It will be remembered that O. H. P. Belmont was a conspicuous figure with Bryan at the "dollar dinner" given by the Jefferson Club, of St. Louis.

Bryan's Exclusiveness. Austin, (Texas) Dispatch: The presence of Col. William Jennings Bryan has caused this city to be the Mecca for state Democratic politicians, both great and small. They have been pouring in here from the Panhandle to the Gulf since the fact became known to them that Bryan was making his headquarters at stopping places. They have come to see Bryan, and it is a severe disappointment to these worshippers at his political shrine to find that the distinguished leader of false hopes is not accessible to them. Of the many Duns-

ocrats who have visited here for the purpose of calling on Bryan, none has been successful in seeing him. He and his family are stopping with County Judge A. S. Vaneer and the only exception to his inviolable rule against admitting visitors is when ex-Governor J. S. Hogg calls. Hogg is the only favored one, and the big crowds of party leaders who have visited here during the past several days, for the purpose of consulting with the free silver orator on political plans and subjects and have found the door of Bryan's temporary home closed against them, feel their disappointment very keenly and are saying some harsh things about his un-Democratic action.

NOT LEAP YEAR

1900 Will Not be a Leap Year, and the Ladies Will Make Note of It. The Gregorian Calendar of 1582 Makes 1900 a Common Year Because It is not Divisible by Four.

Although there has been no leap year since 1896, there will be none until 1904. Most persons know that 1900 is not a leap year, but why this exception to the rule is made few can explain.

We, in common with European countries, use a civil calendar borrowed from the Romans, and a great deal of juggling was done with the calendar from the time of Romulus until Pope Gregory XIII. fixed upon the present system.

The astronomical year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 48 seconds, the length of time necessary for the earth to complete its orbit about the sun. But the difficulty in regulating the length of the year consists in making the subdivisions of the year depend upon the moon, and at the same time preserve the correspondence between the year and the seasons. As the year consists of something over 365 days, a number which is not divisible by 12, the months cannot be of the same length if they include all the days of the year. As the year contains a fraction more than 365 days, it is impossible for the year to be all of the same length if they begin at the same time.

These irregularities bothered the Romans exceedingly. Romulus had a year of 355 days divided into ten months, and no one seems to know what he did about the extra days. The year began with March, a fact still shown in the names of our months, September (7th), October (8th), November (9th), and December (10th) months. In July and August were renamed in compliment to Julius and Augustus Caesar, they were Quintilis (5th), and Sextilis (6th) month.

Numa added two months to the year, January at the beginning and February at the end, which arrangement continued until 462 B. C., when February was placed after January. At that time the months consisted of 29 and 30 days, the former of which were called "Kalends," but as odd numbers were thought to be more fortunate, a day was added to make the year 355 days. This still left ten days and a fraction unaccounted for, and to make this up an intercalary month was inserted every two years, consisting of 22 and 23 days in alternation so that four years contained 1,465 days, and the mean length of the year was 365 1/4 days. The extra month was named Mercedem because wages (merces) were usually paid at this time of the year.

The year was too long by a day, and had the complex arrangement that every third period of eight years, instead of containing four intercalary months amounting to ninety days, should have only three of those months of thirty-two days each. In this way the year was reduced to 365 1/4 days. But the difficulty of interpolating more or fewer days was left to the pontiffs, who abused their power in order to prolong terms of office, or to hasten elections, so that by the time of Julius Caesar there was a difference of 80 days in the calendar and the astronomical equinoxes, and the winter months were carried back into autumn and autumn into summer.

Caesar accordingly abolished the lunar year and the intercalary month as regulated the year by the sun. Assisted by Sosigenes, he fixed the length of the year at 365 1/4 days, and said that every fourth year should have 366 days, while the others would have 365. In order to get the vernal equinox back to March he added two months of thirty-three and thirty-four days respectively inserted in the calendar between November and December, so that that year contained 445 days and was referred to as the "year of confusion."

The first Julian year began January 1, 46 B. C., 708 years after the founding of Rome. For the months Caesar directed that they should have 31 and 30 days alternately, except February, which should have 29 days in common years and 30 days every fourth year. But when Augustus became emperor he wanted his month (August) to have as many days as the one named for Julius Caesar (July). Accordingly a day was taken from February and given to August, and so as to avoid having three months of 31 days each in succession, to September and November were given 30 days each and October and December 31 days each.

That is why we have to say "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November; all the rest have thirty-one," etc., in order to remember the number of days to each month. The extra day every fourth year was given to February because it was the shortest month, and was placed between the 24th and 25th days. It is still so placed in the ecclesiastical calendar.

ALL WOMEN AGREE.

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LAWTON AND UTES.

Good Management of the So-Called Indian Invasion of Utah. POSSESSED THE CONFIDENCE

Of the Indians, and Exhibited Practical Friendship—How Agent Day and General Lawton Brought the Indians Back to Colorado Without the Aid of Troops, and Nipped a Mormon Scheme.

Washington Special to New York Post: While the white people in this country are mourning the death of General Lawton, there will also be sorrow among some of the Indians of the far west, to whom he was known not only as a brave enemy in war, but as a just and considerate friend in time of peace. About the last incident of importance in Lawton's relations with the Indians was connected with the so-called "Ute invasion" of Utah late in 1894. The eastern press was then peppered with dispatches, some from Colorado, where the Southern Utes had their reservation, and where the people were most anxious to get rid of them, insisting that Chief Ignacio and his band should be left in Utah for the winter, as a means of appeasing their ill-will towards the Colorado whites, and others from Utah, representing the Indians as bent on a bloody errand, and sure soon to open a new race war. Governor White, of Utah, was in a particularly desperate state of mind. Although a professing Gentle, he joined with the rural Mormons of the neighborhood where the Indians were camped in representing conditions as very serious, and in asserting the need of using the military power to avert the shedding of innocent blood.

Secretary Hoke Smith has a good deal of confidence in the agent for the Southern Utes, David F. Day, and as Day reported to him that the Indians had taken with them their women and children, and, therefore, could not be bent on a warlike errand, he declined to call upon the secretary of war for the troops which the Mormons considered a necessity. He did confer with his colleague, however, in an informal way, the result of their conference being that Lawton, then a lieutenant-colonel, was detailed to inspect the duty, and ordered to confer with Day and report what military action was needed. When Lawton and Day came together, it was the meeting of two of a kind as to policy in dealing with Indians. Day said: "I am ready to stake my life on the peaceful purposes of my Indians. They have no idea of going to war, and those Mormons know it. All the Mormons are aiming at it is to induce the government to send troops into Utah, so that the farmers can turn in handsome bills to the government for food provided and property destroyed. Why shouldn't you and I go over there and bring the Indians back? That will save time and trouble for everybody, and expense to the government."

Lawton assented, and as soon as the necessary preliminaries could be arranged, the two men set out on horseback, with some pack-mules carrying a camp equipage and rations for the trip. They were soon on the trail, and a few days' riding brought them to the place where the Indians were encamped. A pow-wow was called, and Day and Lawton presented to the Indians a sensible view of the situation, telling them that they were transgressing the law, in a technical sense at least, in going over to Utah without permission, and that the Great Father would be displeased with them unless they went back. The Indians explained that they were hungry and had come to Utah, not to commit any depredations on life or property, but to hunt game. They reminded the white emissaries, also, that Congress had once held out to them a promise which had never been fulfilled that they should be removed to Utah as a permanent place of residence, where they could hunt without molestation. Day and Lawton told them that they had no responsibility in connection with the acts of Congress, but had come simply with the message from the Great Father, which they had just delivered; and they advised the Indians, as the part of friendship, to turn peaceably about and go back. The Indians reluctantly obeyed, although the journey across the bleak mountains, with the impediment of the women and children, caused them much suffering, and loss of a quantity of their live stock. Day and Lawton had brought rations enough with them to help out the emergency, and a few weeks later Ignacio and his band were once more on their Colorado reservation without the firing of a gun, or more than the most trifling expense to the government.

The Mormons, naturally, were much disturbed in mind over the peaceful ending of the affair, from which they had expected to derive great profit; but this did not prevent some of them from handing in extortionate bills for imaginary goods and chattels destroyed by the Indians, which Agent Day had the satisfaction of endorsing "N. G." when they were referred to him from Washington.

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A Philadelphia widow, whose first husband was an officer during the civil war, took as her second lord and master a wealthy man, and went to Europe, where she remained for five years. Prior to her departure she gave away some of her household effects, among which were her first husband's uniform and epaulettes. The recipient of the latter gift was the mother of a couple of small boys, and the youngsters got into some mischief with the uniform that she one day traded it to an itinerant merchant for a red glass decanter and half a dozen cordial cups. The recent war spirit communicated itself to the widow of the dead veteran, who had in the meantime returned to Philadelphia, and she felt a longing to regain possession of the uniform. So she dispatched a note to her former friend, requesting its return. The friend was in a terrible state of mind at being unable to comply, but at a venture she packed up the decanter and glasses, with a line saying: "These are all I have representing Gen.—a personal effect." In return she received a letter full of gratitude for the faithful care she had bestowed on her charge, concluding: "I cannot tell you how often I have seen my beloved general drink his cordial out of one of those frail little glasses and press it upon me. They are among my most cherished memories of my hero. I shall always have them near me. Sure enough, the decanter and glasses were on the table at her next tea.—Philadelphia Record.

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A Philadelphia widow, whose first husband was an officer during the civil war, took as her second lord and master a wealthy man, and went to Europe, where she remained for five years. Prior to her departure she gave away some of her household effects, among which were her first husband's uniform and epaulettes. The recipient of the latter gift was the mother of a couple of small boys, and the youngsters got into some mischief with the uniform that she one day traded it to an itinerant merchant for a red glass decanter and half a dozen cordial cups. The recent war spirit communicated itself to the widow of the dead veteran, who had in the meantime returned to Philadelphia, and she felt a longing to regain possession of the uniform. So she dispatched a note to her former friend, requesting its return. The friend was in a terrible state of mind at being unable to comply, but at a venture she packed up the decanter and glasses, with a line saying: "These are all I have representing Gen.—a personal effect." In return she received a letter full of gratitude for the faithful care she had bestowed on her charge, concluding: "I cannot tell you how often I have seen my beloved general drink his cordial out of one of those frail little glasses and press it upon me. They are among my most cherished memories of my hero. I shall always have them near me. Sure enough, the decanter and glasses were on the table at her next tea.—Philadelphia Record.

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