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(From the Chicago Tribune.)
That an accurate understanding might be had of political conditions in the middle western states, "The Tribune" ordered Mr. O'Laughlin to make a thorough investigation and to write a series of articles presenting the facts in an unbiased way. The first article appears below. "The Tribune" reserves to itself the right to make such editorial expressions upon Mr. O'Laughlin's reports as may seem to it proper.—Editor Tribune.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

I have just returned to Chicago, having visited central and southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Indiana. I have discussed politics with United States senators, congressmen, federal officers, state officers, members of state legislatures, editors of newspapers, political bosses and politicians, and plain citizens.

The significant fact which my investigation has developed is the resentment everywhere expressed in the communities I visited to the government control exercised by such conservative stand-patters as Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island and Speaker Cannon of Illinois.

As a corollary, and of far greater importance, is the further fact that the Republican party is arrayed into two hostile camps, both defiant, both determined to rule or ruin. On the one hand are the stalwarts, the men who have supported or who believe in what so frequently has been described as reactionary policies, standing unitedly behind Senator Aldrich and Mr. Cannon. On the other, and unquestionably in the majority, are the scalled insurgents, impatient of restraint, determined that the forward movement of the nation, begun under President Roosevelt, shall not be arrested.

The only conclusion possible to arrive at is that the Republican party must be, to use a term of the insurgents, "renewed," or a third party will be the outcome.

Present Situation Serious.
This situation is so serious as to deserve the most careful study and consideration of the leaders of the Republican party. The Democratic party, owing to the participation of many of its representatives in the scramble for high tariff duties, cannot take advantage of the present plight of its historic enemy. Moreover, in the Democratic party, as in the Republican party, there is a proportion of independent voters so large as to swing an election in any direction it considers advisable.

It may be suggested that for some years now the independent vote has been of such a size as to demand consideration from party leaders. But never in the middle west has it attained the figure which it is today. I say this with full realization of the fact that there is an undertone of conservatism in the states comprised within this section.

What is the cause of this condition? I discovered that the character of tariff revision given the party at the extra session which closed in August had something to do with it. But after all, this was merely symptomatic. The prime objection is based upon the general unwillingness longer to permit the government to be directed by such men as Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon; longer to permit the popular will for advanced legislation to be thwarted by the attitude of these representatives Aldrich and Cannon Distrusted.

For Senator Aldrich there exists admiration for his personal honesty and integrity, for his high ability and decisive character. But the middle west believes that Aldrich has been reared in an environment totally different from that in which it lives. It charges that his association with capital has warped his views as to the needs of the people outside of the east. It does not consider that his direction of the United States senate is in its interest. It looks upon Speaker Cannon as tarred with the same brush, but there seems to be greater objection to him personally as well as officially. The insurgents have been busy with oratorical paint brushes, and they have presented the speaker in an unlovely way.

It is not much to say that the overshadowing issue of the congressional campaign next year will be Aldrichism and Cannonism. So far as Senator Aldrich is concerned, his position in his state is unassailable. A different situation exists with respect to Speaker Cannon.

It is the intention of the insurgents in the states which I visited to require a pledge from every republican elected that he will vote against Cannon for another term in the speaker's chair. Subsidiary to this proposition is that the rules of the house of representatives shall be revised. In behalf of the speaker it may be said he is meeting the issue courageously. He has gone into the heart of the insurgent region, he has expressed his views as to insurgency in no uncertain words, and he is prepared to carry on the campaign with the intense vigor of his character. In doing this he has taken a course precisely in accordance with the wishes of the insurgents. They believe they can win if the issue be Cannonism.

Issue Will Be Cannonism.
And from all indications this will be the issue. There is undoubtedly a demand for tariff revision which shall be unquestionably downward. There is a demand for additional railroad regulation. There is a demand for corporation legislation. But the overshadowing demand is that the control of the national legislature shall be in the hands of men who

THE REAL MEAN MAN.

The man who robs the orphans is a mighty mean man; So's the man who gets up rumors to promote a married fuss; But the man of all varnishes with the microscopic soul Is the man who makes his money out of selling short weight coal.

Robbing dead men's eyes of pennies is a pretty low down trick; We've no use for grasping landlords who evict the needy sick; But we have no time to chide them; they are on the hero roll; When compared with men who profit out of selling short weight coal.—Peoria Herald-Transcript.

MEN

Not gold, but only men, can make A people great and strong; Men who, for truth and honor's sake, Stand fast and suffer long. Brave men who work while others sleep, Who dare while others fly— They build a nation's pillars deep And lift them to the sky.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"UNDER THE STARS"

A Christmas Carol.
Under the stars, one holy night
A little babe was born;
Over his head a star shone bright,
And glistened till the morn.
And when he came from far away,
And shepherds wandered where he lay
Upon his lowly bed of hay,
Under the stars one night.
Under the stars, one blessed night,
The Christ-child came to earth,
And through the darkness broke the light
Of morning at his birth.
And sweet hosannas filled the air
And guardian angels watched him where
The Virgin Mother knelt in prayer,
Under the stars one night.

Under the stars, this happy night,
We wait for him once more,
And seem to see the wondrous sight,
The shepherds saw of yore,
O, baby born in Bethlehem,
Come to us as you came to them,
And crown us with love's diadem,
Under the stars to-night.
—By Anna S. Driscoll.

may be depended upon to do what the people want, not in the hands of men who divert the legislation sought by the people of the middle west into blind channels that lead nowhere. When this desire is realized, then it follows that the legislation deemed essential to the national welfare will be secured.

Take up the situation in detail. In Illinois an opportunity will be afforded next month to pass upon the Cannon issue. A successor to Senator William Lorimer in the lower house of congress will be elected in the sixth district, which lies in Chicago and Cook county. Both Speaker Cannon and Senator Lorimer are working, and will work, for the success of the candidate the latter has selected, W. J. Moxley, primarily because he may be depended upon to back up the speaker under all circumstances.

Down the state there are half a dozen congressmen with insurgent tendencies, politically too cowardly to come out in the open, but prepared to jump when the wind blows strong enough to prove they have nothing to lose by opposition to Mr. Cannon.

Urezeit in Missouri and Kansas.
In Missouri the manufacturing and mining interests are entirely satisfied with the tariff concessions they received. The people are not so complaisant. Time and time again I heard working men ask what they had gained through tariff revision when their wages remained the same or had been slightly increased, while prices had gone much higher. It is useless to talk economics to men in this frame of mind.

In Kansas my ears were filled with vigorous denunciation of every public man who had anything whatever to do with the tariff. The people feel they have been "bunked". The old line Republicans express satisfaction but it is significant that the Republican congressmen who were tariff insurgents will be nominated without opposition, according to the situation at present, while a vigorous fight will be made upon the men who were regular. It is asserted by the stalwart Republicans that the tariff is not responsible for this condition. They place the responsibility upon Cannonism. But as stated above Cannonism, after all, comprises the tariff as well as other issues.

Nebraska does not appear to be so wrought up as Kansas. The senators and representatives who voted for the tariff bill have not been seriously criticized. The issue in this state, however, also will be Cannonism.

Intense Feeling in Iowa.

In Iowa, the home of Senator Cummins and Senator Dolliver, there exists an intense feeling. So far as the tariff is concerned, the leaders are not seeking another revision under the methods pursued during the last session. They are urging, and the people are supporting them to a large extent, that another revision shall be made but in accordance with the Beveridge plan of an investigation by an expert tariff commission and a report for the guidance of the president and congress.

In entering the congressional district of Representative Hull some days ago and denouncing Senator Cummins and the other insurgents, Speaker Cannon concentrated the issue upon himself. He drew a line of cleavage between the two factions which could not be overlooked even by a blind man. It is the purpose of Senator Cummins to illuminate this line still further by the searchlight of his eloquence. Cummins insists he still is a Republican, and purposes to stand by the party so long as it does what he considers to be the right thing. But it is evident the junior Iowa senator will not stand the shackles of old time Re-

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publicanism, and if a new party should arise, representing the principles in which he believes, and the Republican party should fall to adopt those principles, then undoubtedly he would take the step his conscience dictated.

Senator Dolliver is satisfied that in acting as an insurgent he was justified not only by the facts in connection with the tariff but by the attitude of his constituents. He may be depended upon to act as independently in the future as he did at the extra session.

Nelson and Clapp Indorsed.

In Minnesota both Senator Nelson and Senator Clapp have received evidence of general indorsement of their tariff course. Clapp is confident of reelection, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that he has ground for his belief. The tariff is causing Representative Tawney a great deal of trouble. A terrific fight is being made upon him.

The attitude of Senator La Follette adopted with respect to the tariff enabled him to regain much of the influence he had lost in Wisconsin. His renomination is probable, though a bitter fight will be made upon him. Both in Minnesota and Wisconsin Cannonism will be an issue.

Indiana stands staunchly behind Senator Beveridge.
Fortunately for the old line Republicans, there is an abounding prosperity all through the states I visited. Providence, however, and not the Republican party, is given credit for this satisfactory condition. Attention is called to the fact that the middle west suffered no serious inconvenience from the currency panic of 1907. The crops were good then, the farmers received high prices for their products. The same state of affairs exists now. It is not likely, therefore, that prosperity will cut much figure in the way the people act next fall.

Middle West for Progression.
It may be said there is a trace of sectionalism in what I have written. The middle west does not believe it is sectional. It holds that its views are rational; that the tendency in all parts of the United States, as well as all over the world, is progressive, and it believes the country should not be behind the times. It holds the time has come for privilege and property to be ousted from the entrenched position they have so long occupied, that the people shall have full enjoyment of the rights which naturally belong to them.

The inhabitants to the states through which I have passed are as patriotic as those of any other community. They are more national than many people in the east. They are demanding in unprecedented numbers, that the government shall be in the hands of men who know the wants and aspirations of the people and who may be depended upon to give expression to their will.

CARE OF SHOW CORN.

Ordinarily the southern part of Iowa has an advantage over the northern part of the state in the development of show corn. This season by far the best corn in the state is in the north-eastern section. Good show corn in southern Iowa will be a scarce article this year because of the extended drought which came just at the time when the ears were filling.

The national, state, and district corn shows are offering splendid large premiums this season, and with the well developed crop they have in this part of the state, farmers are sleeping on their rights unless they carry off a good share of the handsome premiums offered by these shows.

Competition in corn shows is often strong and oftentimes an equally good yielding sample is placed low by the judge because it has not been cared for so as to maintain the color, straightness of the ear, brightness of the germ, and plumpness of the kernel.

To secure plumpness of kernels do not pick until fully matured. To prevent ear from losing its original bright color wrap in newspapers as soon as picked and keep away from sunlight.

To dry on ear without warping leave a few husks well distributed around ear when picked and hang each ear by these so that it will not touch anything that will tend to displace the kernels. A good plan is to stretch a wire and hang ears by husks to this.

Leave corn in storage until time for the show, then cut husks out with sharp knife, wrap heavily in paper, and pack in crates so that none of the kernels will be misplaced. Lenox College Agricultural Department is anxious to see some of the best premiums won by the farmers of this section. If you are uncertain about the type of ears to select write to the college and secure an official score card.
C. M. Evans, Director Agricultural Department, Lenox College.

MODERN SILO CONSTRUCTION.

During the summer of 1908 a bulletin on the above subject was published by the Agricultural Engineering section of the Iowa Experiment Station. The demand for this bulletin was so great that the supply was exhausted within three months. It was received from the printer in order to supply the requests which have been coming in ever since. A revised edition has been printed. This contains practically the same material as was given in the first edition with the addition of a few notes which were necessary in order to bring the discussion up to date. The most important addition is a description of the first silo which was erected at the Station last summer.

Any farmer who intends to erect a silo will find Bulletin No. 100, "Modern Silo Construction," a very valuable help in deciding on the type and size of silo to build. A great many practical hints on the details of construction are also given. Copies of the revised edition of this bulletin can be obtained free by applying to C. F. Curtis, Director Iowa Experiment Station, Ames, Iowa.

COLD STORAGE OF APPLES.

By far the larger part of the apples grown in Iowa are of the fall varieties. These do not keep well in ordinary storage. As a result the market is glutted during the fall, while when winter comes apples must be shipped in at high prices. For several years the Horticultural Section of the Iowa Experiment Station has been experimenting with different methods of handling apples in cold storage. These experiments have shown that fall apples when handled properly can be kept all winter in cold storage. The cost of cold storage is not very high, and by this means the season for home grown apples may be extended until well along toward spring. The results of the experiments along this line, together with full directions for handling apples in cold storage, are given in bulletin No. 108 of the Iowa Experiment Station. Copies may be obtained by addressing Prof. C. F. Curtis, Director, Ames, Iowa.

Lesser Heaven on Earth.
When the power of imparting joy is equal to the will, the human soul requires no other heaven.—Shelley.

A Widow's Discovery.

The Look on the Bright Side Society got down its ledger this afternoon and enrolled among the members the name of a newly made widow. "I missed John so much when I sat down to meals," she said, "that I began eating off the pantry shelf, and find in this way I do not have to clean my dining-room more than once a week, and it makes my work so much lighter."—Aitchison Globe.

The Northwest Passage.
A favorite project with Peter the Great of Russia was to find out if Asia united with America at the northwest. Unable to accomplish this during his lifetime, he left instructions, faithfully executed by Empress Catherine, who fitted out an expedition for this purpose and entrusted it to Capt. Vitus Behring, a Danish navigator in the Russian service. He discovered Behring Strait in 1783.

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