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A Daft Patron.

Under the heading, "They Ought to Resign," the Michigan Patron publishes the following foolish screed:

"The Colby bill providing for direct primaries for the state and county officers has passed the house and is now before the senate. The indications are that it will be defeated. What a commentary this is upon popular government when a measure that has been approved by both the great political parties and endorsed by the state Grange and state association of farmers' clubs unanimously, cannot command the votes of seventeen senators who are supposed to be the people's servants. The machine politicians in the senate give as a reason that 'The farmers don't want it,' notwithstanding endorsements by Granges and farmers' clubs without number. The politician conceals himself behind the farmer to oppose this measure, and why? The senator from the twelfth district is I. R. Waterbury. He is editor of the farmers' clubs department of the Michigan Farmer. He is president of the state association of farmers' clubs. At the same meeting of farmers' clubs that elected him to that high office the direct primary system was thoroughly discussed and the system endorsed by a unanimous vote in his presence. Mr. Waterbury is now opposing the Colby bill with some make-shift of his own which he claims is better, but no one knows what it is. What shall we say of the president of an organization who deliberately tries to kill a measure endorsed by that organization by a unanimous vote? Who uses his position to give aid and comfort to the enemies of primary reform?"

"The senator from the eighth district is Jason Woodman of Van Buren. For years the name of Woodman—father and son—have been familiar to all Grange members. The Grange has heaped high honors upon the Woodman family in the past. The state Grange in December unanimously endorsed direct primaries. Delegates were present from sixty different counties and five hundred Granges; not one voice was raised in opposition. What shall we say of a patron who in spite of these facts is fighting the Colby bill and claiming to do so in behalf of the farmers of the state?"

"If the Colby bill fails in the senate the farmer can locate the responsibility. It will be because Senators Waterbury and Woodman have betrayed the farmers' organizations of the state and given aid and comfort to their enemies. Messrs. Woodman and Waterbury evidently think the machine politicians can give them more favors in the future than the farmers' organizations. They regard machine support as of more consequence than farm support. Think of it! A Wayne lawyer doing battle for farm measures. The president of the state farmers' club fighting against them!"

"If Messrs. Woodman and Waterbury wish to know what the future has in store for them they have only to read of the Benedict Arnolds of history."

Now let us analyze the Patron's article a little. The man who presented the primary election resolution in the last state Grange was ex-Senator J. W. Helme of Adrian, a democratic politician and a lawyer, who is a member of the Grange, we suppose through his penchant for farming the farmer. The Michigan Patron is published in Adrian, and Jim Helme's stamp is plain in every paragraph of the article in that paper attacking Senators Waterbury and Woodman. Since what time did Jim Helme become the dictator in advance of the policies to be followed by a republican legislature?"

The Patron is surprised at the spectacle of a Wayne lawyer doing battle for farm measures. Such action may reasonably be viewed with suspicion—and well it may be. Who is the most apt to be the real friend of the farmer, the Detroit lawyer, serving the interests of his city, or the Van Buren and Oakland county farmers serving the interests of their districts? It is a significant fact that, leaving out the votes of the two big cities of the state in the late republican convention at Detroit, a substantial majority was tallied against the primary election resolution. The truth is that the Colby bill is a measure of the cities, by the cities and for the cities, and the state Grange and other farmers' organizations have been hoodwinked by just such shrewd manipulators as J. W. Helme, into endorsement of the Colby idea, without a thorough understanding of the merits and demerits of the matter, grabbing for it because of the "REFORM" label that the city press and city politicians have caused to appear on it in such large and glowing letters.

In the closing paragraph of its article, the Patron contains an open insult and an unveiled threat against Senators Woodman and Waterbury. We cannot speak as to the conditions in Senator Waterbury's district, but as to Senator Woodman's district the Patron will make no friends for its cause here by comparing him to Benedict Arnold. He is not a traitor. He may be a rebel against the far from unanimous verdict of the republican state convention, but many a courageous but rebellious character has come down in history as a patriot. We honor Senator Woodman for his independence; and in his present course he is backed by instructions of the latest Van Buren county republican convention, in resolutions opposing a compulsory primary law ap-

plying to rural counties, passed without a dissenting voice or vote; he is further backed by the solid vote against the primary elections resolution in the state convention of both the Allegan and Van Buren delegations, representing the eighth district. Mr. Woodman is loyal to the instructions from the republicans of his district, to whom he is indebted for his high position.

All this talk about defeating Senator Woodman for a second term is nonsense. The True Northerner lays no claim to being among the "original Woodman men," and no one can say that we have been a partisan of his, but we want to say now to his traducers (all of whom fortunately are outside of his district), that he cannot and will not be defeated. He has made a good record and is entitled to and will receive his second term. The very men who opposed his first nomination, and who put up a creditable fight against him in the caucus in this town, will be in the thick of the fight for his return if outside parties come in and try to run the republican politics of the eight senatorial district.

Gentlemen, keep your hands off! The republican party of Van Buren and Allegan counties is entirely capable of selecting its own nominees. Jason Woodman is the present, and will be the next senator from the eight senatorial district, whether or not the Colby bill passes the state senate.

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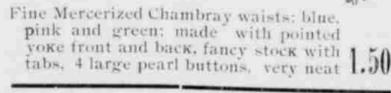
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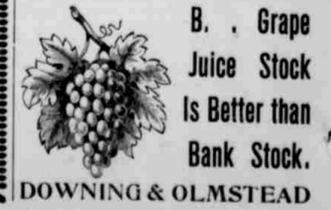
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