

# MAN FROM SOUTH

Chairman Griggs Favors Such a Nomination for President.

## SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. Garfield Has Always Taken an Active Interest in Politics and Aspired to the Governorship of Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14—Hardly had the returns disclosed the defeat of Mr. Hearst for governor of New York than Democrats in Washington began to talk of presidential candidates. It was thought the New York election would clarify the situation, but it hasn't. There doesn't seem to be any more unanimity of opinion now than when Mr. Hearst's vigorous campaign had the country by the ears.

Mr. Bryan, of course, is still the most talked of, but there isn't that agreement among Democrats as to his availability which his friends had hoped would follow the election. Close on the heels of his failure to secure the election of a Democratic House of Representatives, comes Chairman Griggs, of the Democratic congressional committee, with a declaration in favor of the nomination of John Sharp Williams in 1908.

"I am for Williams," the Georgia statesman declares, "regardless of the supposition that a Southern man can not be elected. It is evident that, although Democratic principles are accepted and put in force by a Republican administration, the Democratic party as now organized cannot get the offices. After this I am a Democrat with a prefix—a Southern Democrat—one who will advocate the nomination of a candidate for the presidency who will please the Southern Democrats. If the North intends to continue to punish us for the sins of our fathers, I am in favor of accepting the verdict now, and acting accordingly."

There is jubilation among the friends of James Rudolph Garfield. When changes in the cabinet were announced shortly before election and the name of Garfield did not appear, there was a feeling among his friends that the Commissioner of Corporations had not been fairly treated. He had told them, some time before, that he was to enter the cabinet, and it was understood his portfolio was to be Commerce and Labor. Mr. Garfield was not at liberty to explain that plans had been changed and that he was to succeed Ethan Hitchcock as Secretary of Interior. His friends, therefore, had to do the best they could at guessing, and their guess was that the President had not kept faith.

There has been considerable comment on the fact that not since Robert Lincoln retired from the secretaryship of war in 1885 had there been a

son of a President in the Cabinet. In fact, Mr. Garfield is the only son of a President who during recent years has been at all prominent in public life, though Gen. Fred Grant is mak-

ing for himself an enviable reputation as a soldier.

The new Secretary of the Interior is the second son of the late President Garfield, and has always displayed a keen interest in public affairs. He was born at Hiram, Ohio, and like his father and brother, Harry, attended Williams College and later graduated from the Columbia Law School in New York. Upon his admission to the bar in 1888 he entered into practice at Cleveland.

A decade ago he served in the Ohio legislature, and was a member of the committee which exonerated the late Marcus A. Hanna of the charge of using improper influences in securing his election to the United States Senate. His entrance into the field of national affairs was when President Roosevelt appointed him a member of the Civil Service Commission, about five years ago. When the Bureau of Corporations came into existence, in February, 1903, he was appointed its first Commissioner, and has held the office since.

Mr. Garfield is a trustee of Williams College, and President of the Board of Trustees of Lake Erie College, at Painesville, Ohio. Unlike his elder brother Harry, he has always had political ambitions, and seven years ago thought seriously of becoming a candidate for Governor of Ohio.

Senator Hanna, at that time the leader of the Republican organization of the state, picked Judge George K. Nash as his candidate, however, and Garfield soon after announced himself a candidate for Congress in the Twentieth district. After a spirited contest, which became busily complicated before it closed, Jacob A. Deider was nominated and elected and is now concluding his third successive term.

President Roosevelt's departure for Panama has again bereaved the Capital, but there is consolation in the fact that within less than a month Congress will be in session. Already prominent Senators and Representatives are arriving in the city and Washington is taking on the aspect of a busy seat of government.

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