

PORTER TO DEMOCRATS

Temporary Chairman of State Convention Assails Record of Republicans

SAYS NEXT PRESIDENT IS BRYAN

Porter Urges Free Trade Between Colonies, Reduced Tariff on Necessities of Life, and No Duty on Trust Made Articles—Pleads for Harmony in the Party.

Special to Times-Republican.

Cedar Rapids, March 26.—When the democratic state convention was called to order shortly before noon today, Hon. Claude R. Porter, of Centerville, was introduced as temporary chairman. Mr. Porter delivered an address that enthused the convention, which was in a receptive mood for eulogies of Bryan and for an attack on the republican party. Mr. Porter said in part:

Never in the past, in my humble judgment, has the need for the effective application of genuine democratic principles in our governmental affairs been as great as at the present. The political engagement of 1898 has been termed the "First Battle," and so it was in the struggle of the people for the restoration of the rule of man as against the rule of dollars. It was, however, but a preliminary skirmish compared to the contest we are now approaching. For twelve years, "predatory wealth" has been building and adding to its intrusions, but the issues are now more perfectly understood; the lines more clearly drawn; and our forces, I hope, more united; the result will be more far reaching; the battle bound to be more terrific; but "greed, trickery and cunning must be trampled under foot." If the republic is to live.

On October Panic.

What shall I say of a recent happening? We who have been so accustomed to listening to the glowing descriptions given by republican orators of the great benefits of a protective tariff, and of a high tariff always brings prosperity; and these same gentlemen have told us in equally brilliant terms of the wonderful blessings, singly and alone, from the gold standard. Yet to think that under the highest tariff ever enacted, which had been in force ten years, and with the gold standard in full operation; with the friends of both in full and complete control of the government, at the close of last October, like a clap of thunder from a clear sky, there came upon us a panic as direful in its results as any that has been visited upon us in a generation.

Special mention is here due to our great leader, No man in our land, at any time, has been so greatly abused and so vilified by the large banking interests of this country as William Jennings Bryan. In season and out of season, they have gone out to our way to traduce him. They have exhausted the English language in their effort to express their contempt for him and his political opinions. Not a thing that they could do, have they left undone to weaken his influence and cause him to lose the esteem of his fellowmen. If a man ever had a just cause for seeking revenge, he did. The opportunity came to him, for no one will doubt for a moment, that with the large personal following that he admittedly has, a slight hint or suggestion at the critical time would have caused a run on the banks that none could have withstood. Did he seize the chance? Did he speak the word? Did he by a single act cause a suspicion that all was not well? Not he. But giant of a man and patriot that he is, he declared in substance in a public address in Indiana, that that man was a traitor to his country who in his country's financial need, drew his funds from known solvent banks. No republican statesman, zealous in defense of the administration, went so far as that. If I had never admired him before, I should now honor him.

Shaw's Dark Picture.

Imagine, if you please, my utter, complete surprise when on taking up my Register and Leader of February 12 last, and seeing on the first page a large head line to the effect that the high priest of the standstillers, Secretary Shaw, had delivered himself of a speech the preceding day at Marshall, Michigan, in which almost at the very commencement, he pictured a condition so dismal that I had to read it several times to convince myself that he was discussing conditions under the administration of Theodore Roosevelt and not under one Grover Cleveland. The picture was this: "Over three hundred thousand freight cars standing empty on the tracks, eight thousand locomotives white leaded and out of commission, one-fourth of the population of several large cities idle, and for the first time under republican administration, free soup houses in every industrial center; the price of farm produce naturally and materially depreciated, furnish an object lesson which ought to produce a measure of sober mindedness on the part of the American people."

Need Another Jackson.

Andrew Jackson was needed in his time to loosen the hold of the bank of that day upon the government, and another Jackson is needed now to divorce the United States treasury from the banks of Wall street. To see that it is run in the interest of all the people of this great country, and not for the advantage of the stock gamblers and brokers of that single eastern city.

Nearly sixty days ago President Roosevelt, in a message, plain and impossible of being misunderstood, with all the emphasis he could command pointed out the imperative need of present legislation that would assist in the control of the law, defying wealth which threatens the nation. The methods used by convicted corporations to mould public opinion were clearly exposed. That the standing out of fraud and corruption in business methods, and the prosecution of huge law violating corporations was not

hurtful to honest business was reiterated time and again. He said that the wrongs which exist must be corrected, and we were told that it behooved us never to swerve from our resolute purpose to cut out wrong doing and uphold what is right.

It is a clear call to action; an urgent demand for immediate legislation along a well-defined course and on specified subjects. It was written by a republican president; it was addressed to a senate with a republican majority of two-thirds, and a house of representatives in which the republican majority was nearly proportionate to that of the senate. Yet two months have now passed, and not a sincere, honest response to a single recommendation of that message has been made by that republican congress.

There is but one political organization to which the people of this country look with interest, with hope of success, and that is the party that has had, and now has, as its fundamental principle that of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," the democratic party.

In a campaign fresh in all our minds, but unparalleled in our history, by money, fraud and corruption, Bryan was defeated. Four years later, he was again elected as democratic leader, and again suffered defeat. From that day, as in times preceding, he has continued to advocate genuine democratic principles. Day after day, and night after night, from the lecture platform, he has advocated those ideas and principles that are calculated to make men happier and the world better.

The Peerless Leader.

Backed by no political machine, or no special interests, without great wealth, and occupying no high official position, he has won a place in the hearts of the American people unrivaled by any other of his day. In his early manhood, he enlisted on the side of those who have been styled as the "common people," and thru all the changing scenes of his after strenuous life, he has never wavered in his allegiance to their cause. Some men maintain their position in public life by being anointed or exalted by the "common people," and thru all the changing scenes of his after strenuous life, he has never wavered in his allegiance to their cause. Some men maintain their position in public life by being anointed or exalted by the "common people," and thru all the changing scenes of his after strenuous life, he has never wavered in his allegiance to their cause.

With a frankness unknown to the mere politician, and with determined positiveness, he has expressed his opinion on all the important issues that confront the nation. He has literally taken all the American people into his confidence. Some men say, "Will it be popular?" With him, there is but one question—"Is it right?" He is maligned, ridiculed and vilified by those who possessed of great wealth and influence, he has never stooped to retaliate in kind. Principles that he advocated twelve years ago, and proclaimed by his opponents as being anarchistic and as attacks on branches of our government, he has lived to see become in their adoption by a republican president, the instruments of his wide-spread popularity. Pronounced as demagogues by the "common people," he has lived to see his political post mortems, he yet lives as the greatest champion of the people in the warfare against cunning and lawless greed. Hated and loved in times past as no other man who has lived in this country, he is still winning the admiration and esteem of those who have been his bitterest political enemies.

Won People's Respect.

By his lofty principles; by his honesty and frankness; by his intense sincerity; by his pure Christian life, public and private; by his nobility of mind and soul; he has won the hearts of all the American people, and they will all fall elect him to the highest office in the gift of this nation, as our next president, William Jennings Bryan.

The tariff question has been with us from the commencement of our nation and is with us today. Ten years of the highest tariff in our history, to my mind, emphasizes its importance as an issue at this time. It may not be the paramount issue, nor may it afford a clear line of demarcation between those who are for the predatory wealth of the country and those who are for the people. This one thing must surely be true, that it has always been genuinely democratic, to oppose the robbery of the many under the guise of taxation, and the bestowal of a special privilege on the few. The tariff may or may not be the mother of all the trusts, but all of them display a live interest in the tariff and none to my knowledge, are in favor of its reduction. It is certainly an opportunity for the democratic party to declare its opposition to the maintenance of the present tariff.

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IOWA'S FARE LAW SAFE

Lawyers of the State Believe Minnesota Decision Will Not Affect This State

DANGER FROM POLITICIANS

Should Standpat Crowd Gain Control of Legislature 2-Cent Rate Law Might Be Repealed—Railroads May Make Effort to Secure Favorable Decision.

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Des Moines, March 26.—Intelligence that an onslaught is to be made on the Iowa rate law is contained in an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago under date of March 24. The information is that encouraged by the successful attempt to knock out the Minnesota rate law the railroad presidents will make an attack on the rate laws of all western states.

Information on the matter is meagre but members of the Iowa railroad commission and the state officials generally are not worried by the report that there will be no surprise if an attack is made and continued on the two cent fare law. They do not believe that any attack will be made or would be successful against the freight rate law.

In the Minnesota case the decision of the United States supreme court was on an application of the attorney general of that state for a writ of habeas corpus for release from paying a penalty imposed by the federal district court. He had ignored the injunction of the federal court not to attempt to enforce the state rate law and was fined \$100 for contempt. In the dispatches it is said that in its decision the United States supreme court held that the Minnesota law is invalid because of excessive penalties.

While the reports are confusing lawyers are inclined to believe that the supreme court has not in fact held the Minnesota law invalid and that this matter will be determined later in further suits. But in any event they do not believe it possible to make an attack in Iowa on other than the two cent fare law. The Iowa rate law has been in effect for twenty years. It was taken to the United States courts once and tried in the district court which held that it was valid. It was never appealed to the supreme court, however, but all the railroads are obeying it.

Every time the railroad commission of this state has had a hearing on rate matters at which the railroads have had a hearing the railroad attorneys have contended in vain for a distance tariff. They have claimed that it is inelastic and should be abolished and the railroads allowed to make rates subject to the consent of the railroad commission just as is done in interstate matters. They have also contended that when the next legislature meets the work of undoing some of the things recent legislatures have done would begin. He intimated that with the next legislature the anti-Cummings law would have their innings and some of the "checked reform legislation" enacted by the last legislature when the Cummings people were in the saddle would be wiped out.

A primary election will be held June 2 and it and the general election on November 3 will determine whether the two-cent fare, joint freight law, anti-pass and other reform measures will be repealed but it is considered well that the state should know that if Life Young, George D. Perkins, James G. Berryhill and J. W. Blythe, who are the state officials will support the democratic party to declare its opposition to the maintenance of the present tariff.

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Zearing Social Event.

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