

A VIEW FROM TEXAS

SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT VISITS IOWA STANDPATTERS AND THEN TELLS SOMETHING.

"REGULAR" LEADERS HOPING FOR DEMOCRATIC VICTORY

Texas Says Governorship Contest is Attracting No Attention and Work is Being Centered on Congressional Districts—Old Line Republicans Would Enjoy Democratic Victory.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Sept. 8.—Sidelights on the Iowa situation sometimes come in a round-about way, and are therefore most interesting. Mr. B. D. Stevenson, of Lyford, Tex., formerly in newspaper work here, sends your correspondent some clippings from the Houston Post, embracing a series of letters signed by one Zach McGhee, written from St. Louis, Council Bluffs, and other points, presenting to Texas democrats a strictly Texas view of the situation in Iowa. Of course the writer is a democrat and the letters themselves disclose in numerous ways from persons who literally hate Senator Cummins, for they are filled with mis-information regarding the career of the Iowa junior senator. But this Texas democrat did obtain apparently much of consolation for his friends in the south from most of the information given. Discussing the gubernatorial situation he calls attention to the fact that it is attracting little notice as compared to the fight for congress. As contrasting the Iowa and Texas ideas on this he writes:

"They tell me everywhere I have been in this state that the governorship is a minor matter, that the congressional races are the ones of importance, and the race for governor is worthy of attention only as it will manifest some phase of this insurmountable business. To one who is accustomed to a political atmosphere in which people get all wrought up about the governorship and scarcely know who their congressmen are, and if they do know, don't know what they do in Washington, and don't very much care, this atmosphere out here is somewhat novel. Everybody, as we usually term everybody, is talking about congress and other matters at Washington, and nobody seems to care about the governorship or the other 'minor' offices."

Remember that this is a democrat writing and that he is mingled with standpatthers in Iowa, so he says, and he adds:

"From a number of sources, both republican and regular democratic, I got the idea that the old line republicans of this state are hoping for a dramatic victory in the coming year. In the past year, in order to vindicate the folly of the insurgent movement, I am told that a good many regular republicans will, therefore, secretly encourage the democrats and help them, either actively or passively, in their campaign for the governorship. With both the regulars and the insurgents indifferent to the governorship it is considered not at all unlikely that the democratic candidate will be elected."

Good Job at Questioning. This Texas democrat recently did a good job of asking questions of some typical standpatter for he filled several columns with similar gossip. Coming more particularly to the congressional situation, he wrote:

"Nearly every old line, regular or standpatter republican out here who has studied, or is supposed to have studied, the congressional campaign will say, and seems rather to enjoy saying, that the democrats will most likely have the house of representatives in the coming congress. My observation in politics has taught me that among politicians nearly always the wish is rather than the thought. The old-line republicans enjoy the contemplation of a democratic victory in November because they think the defeat of the old-line republicans would be a large measure vindicate their position. Having no higher conception of politics or statesmanship, or whatever else you call it, than the preservation of their party, hold on the government, and many of those men who call themselves republicans, they want to teach the leaders of the insurgent movement a lesson. If we had been able to have our way they would have remained in complete possession of the government. Now, what you have done; you have given over the government to the enemies of the party."

He calls attention to the fact that it is common belief that the rank and file of the insurgent faction care very little for party, and that the standpatthers want to teach them a lesson, then he says—

"Then, think the standpatthers, the old-line republicans, these reckless fellows like Cummins, Bristow, La Follette, Murdoch and others will quit their foolishness and let some real political leaders take hold of things again."

Still further relating his impressions this Texan says:

"There is nothing new in this; it is generally known that the old-line republicans are entrenching themselves in the position to say, 'I told you so.' But I have just been talking at considerable length with one of the best known and most representative standpatthers in all this part of the country (Sioux City) and all I have said above is suggested by what he said. He told me openly that it looked very much like the democrats would have the next national house of representatives. He thinks that the democrats will gain two at least, possibly three districts in Iowa. He was even frank enough to admit that he did not think this would be any great harm—to the republican party, he meant, for it is for the party that he and his kind are concerned. But he does not say that he wants the insurgents to be taught a lesson; evidently he wants that but he was too considerate to say it."

School Fund Reapportionment. Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, Sept. 8.—The regular semi-annual reapportionment of the school fund of the state discloses the fact that the fund is substantially unchanged and that it is all in demand. While some counties do not find use for the money and fail to call for their share of the loan, yet there are always

others quite ready to accept the same. It is given out to the counties on the basis of the school population, at present on the basis of 16.76 cents per pupil. The total amount is \$4,788,817.

COMMISSION HEARINGS.

Rail Board to Visit Forest City and Boone. Des Moines, Sept. 8.—The state railway commission yesterday set two dates for hearings on complaints against railway companies. The first will be at Forest City Sept. 27, where the citizens have petitioned for an order requiring the M. & St. L. to erect a new depot. The other will be at Boone Sept. 29, where the Boone Electric Co. has petitioned for an order requiring that the Northwestern road build an industrial switch track to the company's plant.

PARALYSIS BOOK OUT

State Board of Health Issues Statistics Regarding Recent Epidemic in Iowa—Has Spread in Last Thirty Years.

Des Moines, Sept. 9.—The state board of health yesterday issued a bulletin relative to infantile paralysis, the epidemic which has spread over Iowa within the past three months.

The bulletin is sixteen pages in size and contains all the information known concerning the disease which is baffling the physicians.

Indicative of the spread and prevalence of the disease in this state is the table showing the counties in which there are cases of the disease, recorded to and including Aug. 24.

The table is as follows: Black Hawk, 12 cases, 4 deaths; Boone, 1 case, 1 death; Buena Vista, 1 case, no death; Butler, 3 cases, 2 deaths; Calhoun, 1 case, no death; Carroll, 2 cases, no death; Cedar, 1 case, no death; Cerro Gordo, 59 cases, 9 deaths; Chickasaw, 3 cases, 1 death; Clayton, 2 cases, no death; Crawford, 1 case, no death; Dallas, 1 case, no death; Delaware, 1 case, no death; Des Moines, 1 case, no death; Dickinson, 1 case, 1 death; Emmet, 1 case, no death; Fayette, 1 case, no death; Floyd, 2 cases, no death; Franklin, 3 cases, no death; Fremont, 1 case, 1 death; Grundy, 15 cases, 3 deaths; Guthrie, 2 cases, no death; Hancock, 19 cases, 1 death; Hardin, 1 case, no death; Harrison, 2 cases, no death; Jasper, 2 cases, 1 death; Johnson, 1 case, no death; Keokuk, 1 case, 1 death; Lee, 3 cases, 1 death; Marion, 2 cases, no death; Marshall, 1 case, no death; Monroe, 1 case, no death; Muscatine, 1 case, no death; O'Brien, 1 case, no death; Pocahontas, 1 case, no death; Pottawattamie, 2 cases, no death; Poweshiek, 1 case, no death; Scott, 3 cases, no death; Story, 1 case, no death; Tama, 1 case, no death; Taylor, 1 case, no death; Wapello, 1 case, no death; Webster, 1 case, no death; Winnebago, 3 cases, no death; Woodbury, 4 cases, no death; Worth, 6 cases, 3 deaths. Total cases, 186; total deaths, 29.

Statistics showing the rapidly with which the disease has spread over the world in the past thirty years are set out in the bulletin as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Years, Cases, Outbreaks. Rows include 1880-1884, 1885-1889, 1890-1894, 1895-1899, 1900-1904, 1905-1909.

S. U. I. WANTS MUCH.

Board to Ask Legislature for Several New Buildings. Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa City, Sept. 9.—The cornerstone of the new hall of physics was laid here Thursday evening under the auspices of the state board of education and President George E. MacLean. The structure will cost, when complete and equipped, \$225,000. President J. H. Trewin, of the board, laying the cornerstone, announced that the board had a plan for a hall for women, a gymnasium, a library, a building for the department of geology and botany, and a chemistry building. More money for better salaries, and 1-1/2 mill tax for five or six years will also be asked.

President MacLean showed that between the building of the old capitol seventy years ago, and 1896, only nine buildings were erected here, at a cost of but \$234,575, whereas, since 1896, eighteen buildings have been erected at a cost of \$1,093,050. Dr. MacLean took this as evidence of the growing generosity of the state, and the wisdom of the millage tax.

Skull Crushed With Ax.

Special to Times-Republican. Creston, Sept. 9.—Maynard Purdy, the little son of W. J. Purdy, of Pontanelle, barely escaped death, when he ran up behind his uncle who was driving stakes with an ax, and caught the full force of the ax, as it swung upward, on his forehead. A deep gash was cut in the child's head and the skull quite badly mashed.

Creston Banker Ill.

Special to Times-Republican. Creston, Sept. 9.—D. Davenport, president of the Iowa State Savings Bank here and also president of the Union Abstract Company, was stricken with a light stroke of paralysis yesterday afternoon. Late reports from him are to the effect that he has regained consciousness, and it is believed will recover.

Hurt in Auto Spill.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Sept. 9.—Harry Moore, a banker of Wellman, was badly hurt in an auto wreck, near that village. His car skidded in a sand heap and turned turtle. It fell partly on him, fracturing three ribs. Another man and the latter's baby were thrown twenty feet, but unhurt.

Davis Succeeds Becker.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Sept. 9.—The Iowa state board of education has elected Dr. Elmer L. Davis, of Sioux City, successor to Dr. F. J. Becker, resigned, as head of the department of obstetrics in the S. U. I. college of homeopathic medicine.

Babe's Body in River.

Des Moines, Sept. 9.—Rosa Kinney, 1714 East Twelfth street, found the body of a baby floating in the Des Moines river at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The infant was found a quarter of a mile east of the Sixth avenue bridge. Coroner Newlen is investigating.

RED MEN TO MEET

PLANS BEING MADE FOR GREAT COUNCIL AT OTTUMWA NEXT MONTH. THOUSANDS WILL ATTEND. BIG STATE MEETING.

Red Men and Auxiliary Society to Meet in Ottumwa Oct. 10, 11 and 12—One Hundred Tribes in State to Send Representatives—Between 200 and 300 Women to Be Present.

Ottumwa, Sept. 9.—The Indian braves will swoop down on Ottumwa next month and hold a great council meeting. The Improved Order of Red Men, with 500 accredited delegates and numerous visitors, together with between 200 and 300 members of Order of Pocahontas are to meet in Ottumwa three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11 and 12, and the committee in charge of arranging suitable accommodations to handle the immense throng, is already actively at work making preparations for a good old-fashioned Ottumwa welcome and reception for the honored guests. Men who are big in the ranks of the order from all parts of the state, will be in the city and two halls will be necessary to provide council chambers for the Indians. T. J. Lancy and Samuel Hanks, of the I. O. R. M., with the convention committee of the Ottumwa Commercial Association and the committee promised to provide suitable halls for the guests. Early next week a state officer will visit Ottumwa and make hotel reservations for the various tribes who will be represented.

THE BALLINGER MIX-UP.

Minority Report to Be Presented if Action is Rescinded. Minneapolis, Sept. 8.—When the Ballinger committee convenes Friday it is more than probable that an effort will be made to reverse yesterday's action and to reconsider the vote by which the resolution of condemnation was adopted. Congressman Madison and the four democrats say that the action is not final, inasmuch as it can be reversed. Whatsoever course is taken in this direction, however, yesterday's action voted on today is regarded as likely to be put forth as a minority report in case the committee fails to reach a unanimous finding.

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some disagreeable experiences in sending pearls to buyers in distant cities and declines to take any chances with his latest and biggest find.

CORN PROSPECT BEST IN YEARS.

Illinois Central Reports Indicate Bumper Crop. Sioux City, Sept. 8.—The corn crop in this section of Iowa bids fair to be the greatest in twenty years, says the weekly report of the Illinois Central railroad, issued today. Barring the prevention of full maturity by early killing frosts, nothing can now prevent a record breaking yield. Corn, according to the report, requires about ten days for maturity, or at most, two weeks. The first killing frosts in this section usually come between Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, so that every probability favors the completion of growth without weather interference. Corn would easily mature without further rains, but showers would be a help. Says the report:

"Practically all shock threshing has now been finished, which represented only a small percentage of the total acreage of small grain in the state. The past week has been quite favorable for corn, and it has made rapid strides towards maturity. With ten days' favorable weather, fully 90 per cent of the corn will be safe from danger of frost. There has been a little rain all over the territory, and the showers show improvement. If the corn crop fully matures this section of Iowa will harvest the heaviest crop in twenty years, not only of corn but of other farm produce as well."

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WILL TAG VOTERS

NEBRASKA LEADERS PROPOSE TO PUT REPUBLICANS ON RECORD IN ELECTIONS.

ROOSEVELT-DOLLIVER BOOM LAUNCHED WITH MUCH VIGOR

State to Be Put on Record as Either Insurgent or Regular—Old Taft Organization to Be Used as Nucleus for Progressive Organizations—Nebraska Men in Earnest.

[Special Correspondence.]

Washington, Sept. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination in 1912, with Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa, as second choice, is the program which is taking definite shape in Nebraska, according to information received by party leaders in Washington. The progressives of that state are behind the movement, and, significantly enough, they propose to use the same machinery by which Nebraska sent a delegation to the republican national convention in Chicago in 1908 pledged to the nomination of William Howard Taft for the presidency. It is understood that the movement has gone so far that there is already in existence the nucleus of a Roosevelt-Dolliver League which is intended to make a progressive fight all along the line. The leaders in the movement assert that it is time for Nebraska republicans in active politics to declare themselves, and to come out either as regular or insurgent, standpat or progressive. With this in view definite queries will be put to every candidate for congress to determine just where he stands.

Franklin A. Shotwell, of Omaha, is one of the leaders in the Roosevelt-Dolliver presidential campaign.

"We are going to start organization in every congressional district right away," says Mr. Shotwell in a letter to friends in Washington. "We shall put it up squarely to every congressional candidate to tell whether he is for the Roosevelt-Dolliver-Cummins-LaFollette brand of republicanism or for the Taft-Aldrich-Cannon-Crane-Ballinger-Burket type. There is no use in temporizing. The issue is sharply enough defined and the people have a right to know how these men are going to stand."

"We hope to build up the organization from the nucleus of the Nebraska Taft League of two years ago. Most of them thought we were fighting for a progressive then, but we have found out differently since then. A good many leaders in the old league will be eliminated at the start because we know well enough that they are not with us but there are a few left who will start the work as organizers. It may be that Roosevelt will not consent to become the party standard bearer in 1912. That is not for us to worry about now. We shall be for him. If he refuses when the time comes we shall have a mighty able substitute in the person of Senator Dolliver."

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