

Chanler, "Poor Man's Lawyer"

Character Study of New York's Lieutenant Governor, Who is a Presidential Candidate—"A Plain Democrat," Though Born With Millions—Effective Platform Speaker and Earnest in All He Does.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

HERE is not as much said now as formerly about the presidential candidacy of Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, lieutenant governor of New York. A few months ago his boom was very much in evidence. A number of leading Democrats flocked and gave it their after dinner approval. Then it sort of dwindled, and little more was heard of it. At present it is impossible to say more than that Mr. Chanler is a possibility. That word "possibility" is very flexible.

Yet had circumstances been different, had William J. Bryan not copper riveted his clinch on the nomination, there are very many things about Mr. Chanler that would make him an available candidate. His chief recommendation is, of course, that he was elected to the second office in the Empire State when the head of the ticket was snored under to the tune of 40,000. There is nothing succeeds like success, especially in politics.

Another thing in Chanler's favor is his location. He lives in New York. It may not be a matter of general knowledge that since the war the only Democratic presidential candidate that has not belonged to New York state is William J. Bryan—Greeley, Seymour, Tilden, Hancock, Cleveland (three times) and Parker, all New Yorkers.

Under these circumstances it would follow as a matter of course that but for Bryan New York would have been favorably considered for the nomination this year, and Chanler is unquestionably New York's candidate.

Famous For Its Politics.

And not only does Mr. Chanler hail from New York state, but from the Hudson valley, which has been quite as famous for its politics as for its natural scenery. Since the days of the "Albany regency," and before, pres-

been an independence league man, might stand a chance of gaining the support of that organization. It must be stated frankly, however, that even this chance is remote. Hearst is the emperor of the league, and the only man he will boost for the presidency of the United States, the goal on which his eye has long been fastened, is William Randolph Hearst.

Chanler would fare better at the hands of the New York editor, however, than Bryan. The memory of 1904 and Bryan's support of Cockrell for the Democratic nomination is still fresh, and if any one figures that Hearst forgives things like that he does not know the man.

Useful Society Bud.

Chanler belongs to the Four Hundred and was born at Newport, the summer home of the smart set. He is a great-grandson of the original John Jacob Astor, who started his fortune in the fur trade and has kept his family on the fur lined side of life ever since. While Mr. Chanler was born with millions and is a society bud, he is by no means as useless or lacking in ideas as these facts would imply. In fact, he has been original enough on one or two occasions to be dubbed a "crank." A crank may be a nuisance or a benefactor, according to the point of view, but he has to think.

Despite the fact that he is related to the best families in America, including the Marions of North Carolina and the "F. V.'s," he considers himself, and his friends consider him, "a plain Democrat." That is not surprising, as it is about the highest distinction a man can have in America. It is the order to which Abraham Lincoln belonged.

A great many American men have shown that they could succeed in spite of poverty. A few like Theodore Roosevelt have shown that they could succeed in spite of birth and wealth, a

Redmond's paper and was asked to go to parliament, but refused for the reason that he wished to keep his citizenship at Red Hook, N. Y.

The lieutenant governor is not more interesting than are his brothers. There are three of these, and each has idiosyncrasies that have made something of a mark in the world. Perhaps the most noted is William Astor Chanler, who once made all kinds of geographical and zoological discoveries in Africa, which gained him membership in foreign scientific societies and caused several new kinds of bugs to be named for him. He then came home and went into Tammany Hall politics, that being the nearest thing to the jungle life he had been leading. He ran for congress and later the redoubtable Lemuel Ely Quigg, better known to fame as "Ryan's yellow dog." I do not remember whether or not it was this defeat which caused Quigg to be embalmed in verse; but, at any rate, it was at about this time. The verse ran something like this:

If I were Lemuel Ely Quigg,
Lem Ely Quigg,
Lem Ely Quigg,
If I were Lemuel Ely Quigg,
I'll tell you what I'd do,
I'd jump into a woodchuck hole,
An auger hole,
A gimlet hole,
I'd jump into a gimlet hole
And pull the hole in too.

Another of the Chanler brothers is John Armstrong, whose chief title to distinction is that he was the one time husband of Amelle Rives, the novelist.

"Brother Bob," the Giant Sheriff.

By far the most interesting member of the Chanler family, however, is Robert W., otherwise known as "Brother Bob." He is six feet three and a half inches tall, and every inch of him is alive. He studied art for many years in Paris and painted a picture which was hung in the Paris salon.

"Brother Bob" is now sheriff of Dutchess county, and the manner of his election should show the politicians a few new ways to play the game. He owned a stock farm, and on it were a famous blooded stallion and a bull of long pedigree. From these he allowed the farmers of the county to breed free of charge. That county is now filled with blooded stock, and Chanler is sheriff, having been elected by an enormous majority, although the county is overwhelmingly Republican.

"Make people happy" is Sheriff Chanler's creed. As he is of the type of men who do things, the amount of happiness he has spread about him has become proverbial in the vicinity of Barrytown, near which the Chanler homestead is situated. Notwithstanding his great wealth, "Brother Bob" lives in an old farmhouse and usually wears cheap hand-me-down clothes.

Recently, when Governor Hughes was out of the state, New York had a Democratic governor for the first time in long, hungry years. Lieutenant Governor Chanler held down the chair of state for twenty-four hours. When asked how it felt to be governor of the Empire State he replied:

"About all I have done is to work the long distance telephone in an effort to get Sheriff Chanler of Dutchess county, so that I could notify him I was going to remove him. But Bob's too clever. He must have got a line on what I purposed to do, for he wouldn't answer the phone."

Effective Speaker.

During the campaign of 1906 Lieutenant Governor Chanler developed into one of the most effective speakers on the platform. He was so intensely earnest, so individual and so independent that he captivated his audiences everywhere. His constant care was to present his arguments in new and striking ways. He would get up in the middle of the night to jot down some point. One day while out with Mr. Hearst he felt a new speech raging inside of him and hunted up a stenographer to whom to deliver it. The stenographer was new, and Mr. Chanler talked with great rapidity. As a result she got a word now and then and guessed at the rest with more or less startling results.

When the oration was typed Chanler handed it over to Hearst without glancing at it himself. Hearst struggled with it for about five minutes and handed it back with a puzzled and injured air.

"I think, Chanler," he remarked, with some heat, "that you are a d—d anarchist and you have adopted some new and untried language that even Roosevelt hasn't heard of."

Chanler looked at the chaos of words that should have been his speech, bought the stenographer a box of bonbons and advised her to go back to washing dishes.

Most of the Chanler brothers are sportsmen, Bob being a great rabbit and coon hunter in Dutchess county and Billy having shot lions in Africa. Lewis Stuyvesant is an exception, however. "He is a serious minded chap," says a friend, "who goes after a thing as if his whole life depended on it. He isn't a crank or anything of that sort, but he's earnest in everything he does, and he tries harder than any man I know."

Mrs. Chanler was a Miss Alice Chamberlain of Red Hook, and there is now a family of two sons and one daughter. The lieutenant governor is not yet forty and has the possibility of many accomplishments ahead of him, even though one of them is not being president or the Democratic candidate therefor, which is not exactly the same thing.

As second officer of the Empire State Mr. Chanler has made a distinctly favorable impression. In New York the lieutenant governor's office is more important than in most states, for the reason that the incumbent is a member of several boards and chairman of some of them. These boards have a large share in public works and in the actual details of government.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

A stitch at 9 often saves time.

All fools are not necessarily angry, but all angry people are fools.

There is just one thing the matter with a lie, and that is that it isn't and can never hope to be the truth.

Some people see their duty and hoarsely mutter, "Skiddoo, twenty-three for you!"

BUT IF HE IS SMALLER



It is better to be born poor and a live one than rich and a dead one.

When you cut a grass widow she doesn't become as sweet as new mown hay by any means.

When a man gets the better of you in an argument be generous and show him that it is impolite to argue.

The world would be the better and the merrier if some people would stop before they begin.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have made a great hit.

A woman never has the last word, for with a woman there isn't any.

Sometimes a man is called lazy when he has figured up the whole business and decided that nothing is worth while.

Playing Safe.

I'd like to be a sailor
On a bustling battleship
And round both blooming hemispheres
Go on that bully trip.
And be a mate before the mast
Or something quite as grand
If I could just accomplish this
And still remain on land.

I'd like to be a jolly tar.
By all the maidens fair
Admired and made their lion or
Perhaps their Teddy bear.
Who as from distant ports I came
Would meet me at the strand.
If I could do these joyous things
And stay on solid land.

Above all things, I'd like to be
The man behind the gun
To shoot holes in the enemy
For business or for fun.
To handle powder, shot and shell
And treat it as a joke
If I could just avoid the noise,
The danger and the smoke.

I might enlist and brave the seas
Far from my native shore,
Shoot, too, if they would guarantee
I would not have a war.
Still I have heard the food is plain,
The fellow sailors rough.
I think I'll buy a uniform
And simply be a bluff.

Proved Him an Imitation.
"What is the matter with your friend the New Yorker?"
"Just got a bad case of Anglo-mania."

"That is the cause of the monocle and ill fitting garments then."
"Yes; he wants to be like the dear Britisher."
"Turns up his trousers when it rains in London, I suppose."
"Sure. Everything like that."
"There is one thing I will defy him to do."
"What's that?"
"Laugh at an English joke."

Making Amends.
YOU DIDN'T TAKE 'EM ALL BACK!



A kiss should never be purloined.
No gentleman should steal a smacker.
But if he does and she objects
He should politely put it back.

His View.
"England," said the student, "was once a part of the mainland."
"You mean," said the modest Britisher, gently correcting him, "that the mainland was once a part of England."

Wanted a Cinch.
"I presume before proposing to her the count consulted her father, as is customary in European countries."
"No, but he talked with her broker."

His Finish.
When the sunshine warms the waters
As the sunshine only can,
All the dimpling, smiling daughters
Take a speckled coat of tan.
Turn they then a face that's glowing
To the loving gaze of man,
When they get him sweetly going,
Then his coat they nicely tan.

Makes It Permanent.
"Does your husband sleep soundly?"
"Does he? Well, I doubt if he would wake up if a train ran over him."
"They generally don't."

Sound Desperate.
Mild mannered men like pirates talk
When raw decisions make them squirm.
They holler, "Kill the empire!" though
In truth they wouldn't hurt a worm.

Nothing Doing.
"Do you find in your case that sleep will knit up the raveled sleeve of care?"
"Knit? No."

Desert Land—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., April 25, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JACOB KARLEN, of West Butte, Montana, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 1483, for lot 3, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 section 1, township 36 north, range 2 east, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on Thursday, the 4th day of June, 1908.

Homestead and Desert Land, Final Proofs—Consolidated.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., April 25, 1908. Notice is hereby given that PETER KARLES, of West Butte, Montana, has filed notices of his intention to offer final proofs under his homestead and desert land entries, described below, before William George Davis, U. S. commissioner, at his office near Sweet Grass, Montana, on Thursday, the 4th day of June, 1908, viz: Final five-year proof under homestead application No. 1508, made March 18, 1906, for lot 1, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 section 9, township 37 north, range 1 east, M. M., and desert land application No. 361, for the SW 1/4, SE 1/4 section 9, township 37 north, range 1 east, M. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of lands embraced in said homestead entry and the complete irrigation and reclamation of lands embraced in said desert entry: William F. Farrell, of Sweet Grass, Montana; Edward Karels, Bert Moles and Thomas O'Loughlin, of West Butte, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land—Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., May 2, 1908. Notice is hereby given that FANNIE A. JONES, formerly Hooper, of Helena, Montana, who on February 15, 1907, made desert land application No. 1570, for lot 1, E 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 30, township 37 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before John McDowell, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Montana, on the 10th day of June, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Jed L. Scriat, William H. Kent, William J. Morley and Edward Christian, all of Gold Butte, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., May 2, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JAMES J. WALL, of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on February 11, 1903, made homestead application No. 580, for the E 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/4 SW 1/4, section 12, township 21 north, range 2 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Jeremiah Sullivan, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 10th day of June, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: James Nolan, Alois Uebelmann, John Bradley and John Grant, all of Fort Benton, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Publication—Isolated Tract Public Land Sale.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., May 14, 1908. Notice is hereby given that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, (34 Stat., 517), we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 22d day of June, next, at this office, the following tract of land: SW 1/4 NE 1/4 section 28, and the SW 1/4, NE 1/4 section 18, township 21 north, range 2 east, M. M. Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register. C. A. WILSON, Receiver.

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Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., May 28, 1908. Notice is hereby given that LEON TRUETTTER, of Fort Benton, Montana, who, on January 18, 1902, made homestead entry No. 13018, for the E 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 section 23, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 section 22, township 28 north, range 6 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Charles H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on the 31st day of July, 1908. Claimant names as witnesses: Jasper Mow, Blaine Labaree, George W. Beckman and Power L. Smith, all of Fort Benton, Montana. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

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dent along the Hudson's classic banks. There are envious people in the middle west and elsewhere who say that all this is now changed; that the primacy of New York in national politics is at an end. This may be so. Yet so long as New York has thirty-nine votes in the electoral college she will continue to be an important factor. Politicians are not ruled by sentiment, however much they may claim otherwise, and thirty-nine electoral votes all in one bunch look very good to them.

Here is the way the Democratic politicians regard the matter, and the view is not without its common sense. The Democrats can possibly win if they carry New York. It all hinges on that. They certainly cannot win without it. Owing to the split up condition of the Republicans in the Empire State there is a chance for the Democrats to carry New York this year. Mr. Chanler actually did carry it two years ago. Therefore, reason the politicians aforesaid, the logical candidate for president—indeed, the only candidate that can win—is Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler.

But how can you reason with a popular wave? The heart of the masses says Bryan, and, if Providence or Bryan himself does not interpose, Bryan it will probably be.

There is one other factor in the equation, however. The Independence league, the organization that originally nominated Chanler for lieutenant governor and that helped to elect him, threatens to place a candidate for president in the field. This candidate, of course, will be Hearst, for Hearst is the league. Hearst will draw votes from Bryan, thus diminishing his chances for election, which never were too promising.

still harder task. Mr. Chanler belongs to the last named class.

He is a lawyer; but, like the boy whose father was a Christian, he is not working at it now. In fact, he never did make much in the practice. Having a steady income of his own, he didn't need the money. It is said that his office went without a chair some time for the reason that Mrs. Chanler stipulated that he could not buy a chair until he did it with money he collected in fees.

How His Practice Grew.

But he did come in time to a large practice. It was this way: Whenever he saw any deserving person or any person he imagined deserving who needed a lawyer and had no money Chanler would undertake the case for nothing. This course gained him the good will of the people and the ill will of his brother attorneys. One dubbed him "the poor man's lawyer" and the other "a crank."

Every man who aspires to the presidency has to be compared to Lincoln in some way or another. If it is not the cut of his whiskers, it is his stories or his homeliness. Chanler has some faint resemblance to the great emancipator in at least two particulars. One is that he is very tall, and the other is that he refused to take cases when convinced that his client was wrong. He is known to have thrown up at least one case, and one involving a good fee at that, when he learned that his man was guilty.

Mr. Chanler, in addition to graduating from Columbia Law school, took a course in international law in Cambridge, England. While in Great Britain he became interested in politics and was a warm supporter of Parnell and was a member of the Parnell and Ireland. He assisted in editing John