

Landslides & Storm Centers

Tattlings of a Retired Politician

By Forrest Crissey Author of "A Country Boy"

DEAR NED: Your letter saying that the boys have made you national committeeman from the old state gave me a heavy jolt. I feel a good deal like the old lumberman who stood on the shore and watched his son go out on the logs to break a big lumber jam. It was the lad's first performance and the old man remarked: "He's a fine boy and it's a fine job—but if he don't hit it right this time he'll never get back to where he can be licked for his foolhardiness."

when the free silver flood came in. There wasn't a man in our party who didn't fairly ooze satisfaction. Our candidate had been nominated, our plan planked adopted and the whole organization in the commonwealth was as cheery as a peacock in spring. One morning, in June, the faithful of the state were thrown into fits by an interview from one member of the national committee. The war-horses of the party frothed at the mouth and paved the air as they read the words of the Little Doc:

Nick Snively, a banker from a country district, was the first one called on. He licked his lips and smiled as he grabbed the lapels of his coat and addressed the committee:

Little Doc, "I'll tell you—for you have a right to know. But I insist that every man shall make the report which he came into this meeting intending to make."

ance is as sure as that of the coming of the Lord—they are bound to drop in "at a moment when ye think not" and "like a thief in the night."

He Fixed the Bureau Drawer

(New York Sun.) Harrison ate a hearty breakfast. He comfortably caught the 7:30 train and played whist all the way to the city. Arriving at the office he placed his feet on the radiator and read his paper. Then he dictated a letter or two and dismissed every one who came in.

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