

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF EX-SICARIO CHIEFS

Document Presents the Current Issues in a Forcible Manner.

Republican Extravagance, Postoffice Scandal, the Endeavor to Precipitate a Race War All Treated by the West Virginia Statesman.

Elders, W. Va., Oct. 2.—Following is the letter of Henry Assaway Davis, accepting the nomination of the Democratic party for the vice presidency.

Dear Sirs—In accordance with custom, and my promise when notified by your committee at White Sulphur Springs on Aug. 17 of my nomination for the office of vice president, I submit the following observations upon some of the questions now before the country.

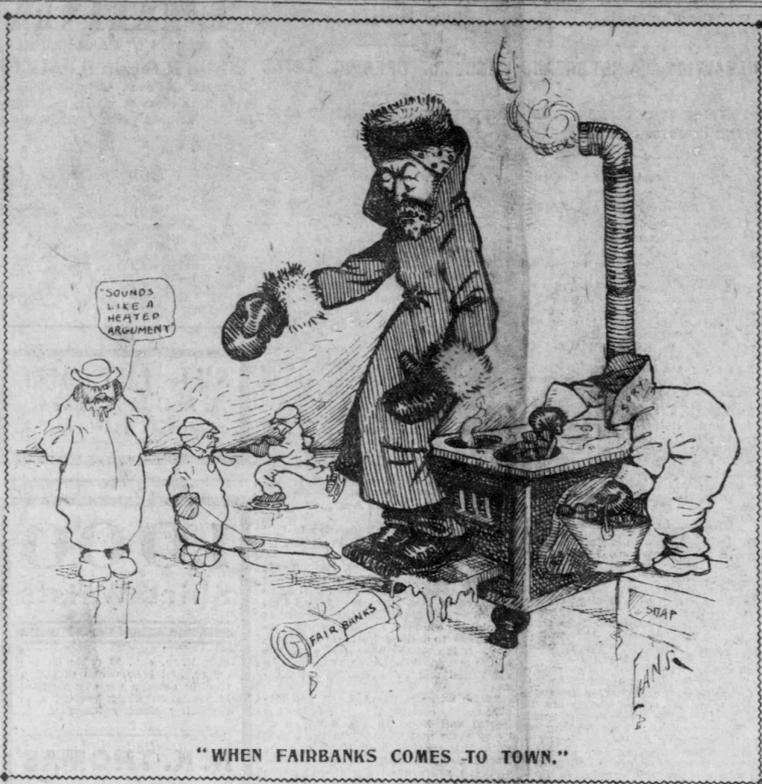
Time Propositions For Change. The things are propitious for the reformation of the Democratic party in control of the government. The public mind is being disillusioned of the pretensions of the Republican party, so long and so arrogantly made, that the material prosperity of the country depends upon its own ascendancy.

Expenses of Government. The expenditures per capita of the government are increasing at an alarming rate. When the present administration went into power there was a large surplus, notwithstanding the enormous taxation of the industry of the country.

Local Self-Government. Local self-government, that has come to us not as the gift of the national government, but as the legitimate outcome of the reserve powers of the states.

Imperialism. These and many other unwarranted things that belong more to an empire than a republic have occurred under the administration and brought deep concern and alarm to thoughtful and patriotic minds.

The Tariff. Our federal constitution has appropriated to the exclusive use of the general government the power of indirect taxation, covered by the popular de-



"WHEN FAIRBANKS COMES TO TOWN."

ROOSEVELT CHANGES HIS MIND PARKER SHOULD BE PRESIDENT

Latest Recorded Opinions Do Not Agree With His Historical Effusions—Contradictions Cannot Be Explained.

(Special to The Herald.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Under the caption of "Roosevelt vs. Roosevelt" the Democratic committee is publishing a leaflet of extracts from Mr. Roosevelt's writings and speeches. Among these in parallel columns the following are examples:

"By similar means—that is, through frauds, forgeries and perjuries—and by shameless bribes, the laws relating to the proper conduct of the public service in general and to the due administration of the postoffice department have been notoriously violated."

HAD SEVERAL SINKING SPELLS

Postmaster General Payne's Condition Continues Extremely Critical—Heart Action Restored by Means of Powerful Stimulants.

Washington, Oct. 2.—After a day filled with strong hopes alternating with the gravest fears of almost immediate dissolution, Postmaster General Payne's condition late tonight was declared by his physicians to be decidedly more encouraging but they are unwilling to hazard an opinion as to the future.

FLOOR DROPPED DOWN WORLDWIDE SYMPATHY

One Hundred and Fifty People Family of Harcourt Overwhelmed With Letters and Telegrams of Condolence.

London, Oct. 2.—The remains of the late Sir William Vernon-Harcourt will be buried at Nuneham on Thursday. King Edward has telegraphed as follows from Balmoral to the widow of the dead statesman:

MCCONNELL PASSED UP BY THE SENATOR

(Special to The Herald.) Boise, Ida., Oct. 2.—Senator Dubois has ignored the challenge of ex-Governor W. J. McConnell for a joint debate on the Mormon issue, for the reason that the former governor is not on the stump for the Republican ticket.

BALTIC FLEET GOING AT LAST TWELVE LIVES LOST IN FLOOD DENIAL ENTERED BY HITCHCOCK

Russian Warships Upon the Eve of Departure. Half the Town of Watrous, New Mexico, Washed Away. Secretary of Interior Explains Land Fraud Cases.

PORT ARTHUR CUTS NO FIGURE BUT OTHER CONTINGENCIES MAY ARISE. DEVASTATION IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. MANY OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF PROSECUTION.

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