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### Our Washington Letter.

(By Clyde H. Tavenner, Special Washington Correspondent of The Reporter.)

Washington, April 11.—The writer enjoyed the rare privilege of being present at the caucus of the democratic members of congress held previous to the opening of the extra session, and the great pity of it is that the whole American nation could not have been in that chamber and heard and seen just what occurred.

In the first place the stage-settings were appropriate for a dramatic scene. For the first time in 15 years the democrats were meeting as the majority—not the minority—of the house of representatives. The great day for which many thousands of democrats in this country had waited so long, had at last come. Time and again success had been dispensed of, but at last the nation had said: "Democrats, the people of this republic now turn to you. They place the control of the house of representatives in your hands. The people do not expect unreasonable things of you. They simply ask for a square deal. Give them government for the general interests, and they will be satisfied."

Harmony was a striking feature of this caucus which will live in history. There was one thing, however, which impressed even more than the spirit of harmony. The 227 men before me were serious-faced and grave! In the faces of one and all there was expressed something which indicated those present realized only too well coupled with the honor which the people had bestowed upon them was a great weight of responsibility. In place of a noisy demonstration of victory there was only a silent realization of responsibility.

The picture before me recalled an old wood carving from the pages of a long ago used school history portraying the meeting at which the constitution was framed. The wood carried a gravity, earnestness and patriotism that in a measure was sensed in the very atmosphere of the flag-draped hall of congress in which the democrats were now passing resolutions pledging momentous reforms in the government of the people.

And the soberest looking man of all was Champ Clark. He seemed weighted down with the cares and responsibilities of the last thousand years. The deep earnestness and gravity depicted in his face made him a figure, almost pathetic, as he sat nearly always alone, in one of the rear seats, listening intently and apparently approvingly to everything that was taking place, but with one exception only taking no part in the proceedings himself. The face of the big man was an interesting study. The worry lines in his face had increased seemingly a hundred fold. He, evidently, even more than the rest, was thinking not of the honor, but of the grave responsibility that had been placed upon him.

Among those who made a deep impression on the membership of the caucus was A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee. Mr. Palmer is a young man, and a hard earnest worker.

"Myself and two others were selected as the most cold blooded members of the committee, to seek out and abolish the useless offices," said Palmer, bringing forth laughter and breaking for the first time the high tension that had gripped all present. "We have endeavored to do the work allotted to us as hard-headed business men might do it. Our report recommends the abolishing of six useless house committees, each of which is an expense to the people and none of which have had a meeting in years. Then we abolish 101 house positions, reducing the annual expense of running the house by \$182,000.

"We have made a big reduction in the capitol police force. The excuse for the present standing army of policemen about the capitol offers a good illustration of how the people's money has been wasted. During the Spanish war somebody's friend told somebody's friend that a friend of their friend had overheard some one say that a plot was on foot to dynamite the capitol. Nearly one hundred extra policemen were detailed to duty. They have been here ever since, and we have limited the number of doorkeepers to two to a door, in some cases where there have been six. They were much in each other's way. We found that the assistant clerk to the doorkeeper was the 13-year-old daughter of the doorkeeper, which was evidence to us that the place was unnecessary and we have abolished it.

"Another illustration: Before the invention of the telephone there was occasional need of communicating with the war department on short notice and so a telegraph line was constructed between the capitol and the war department. But when the telephone came into use it was found to be much quicker to telephone than to telegraph. But the jobs of two telegraphers, strange to say, were never abolished. We have abolished them.

The only time Champ Clark took an active part in the caucus was when he endorsed Palmer's retrenchment program saying: "I congratulate Mr. Palmer and his associates upon their report. I congratulate them with all my heart and strength. I endorse every word of the report. I am in favor of going still further. I am in favor of going through every department of the government and wiping out wastefulness and extravagance as often as we find it.

"There is only one way to economize, and that is for each man of us to begin economizing at home. To start the ball rolling I propose to do a little economizing on my own hook. I am going to cut down my own office staff. Then I shall go further. I am going to save the people \$6,000 a year by doing away with the speaker's automobile. If I cannot legally get rid of it, I will run it into the Potomac. The republicans will say it is cheese-paring and peanut politics, but the people have some sense,

and they will know that if we begin by giving up our own little grafts that we will then be morally fortified to go after the bigger ones. And I don't care what the republicans say, I will co-operate with any man in this house who can find a place for sensible economy. I don't care whether it is in little economy or a big economy that is proposed, I will work with any member to bring it about if it is a sensible one."

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### Passing of the Grand Jury.

In Iowa the grand jury is in line of being dropped from the criminal procedure. The legislature has adopted a measure conferring additional powers upon the county attorney, among them being that of certifying indictments against accused parties during the vacations between court terms. It is but a step from this act to another which will put a final quietus upon the grand jury, a result which thinking persons have foreseen for some years past. The grand jury has been a relic of barbarism for fifty years. It grew out of conditions in mediaeval England which long ago ceased to exist. Pioneers in the early settlements in America brought it and the English common law along with them. We held on to the grand jury and threw away the common law; whereas every principle of ordinary common sense should have prompted us to have kept the common law and discard the grand jury system. The grand jury grew out of the necessity of apprehending criminal offenders in sparsely settled regions, where the evidences of crime usually were circumstantial. The grand jury investigated each case and determined if the evidence available was of sufficient importance to warrant a formal accusation. It kept a lot of trials out of the courts where the evidence was insufficient to convict. At the present day the trial can as well proceed upon information as upon formal indictment. We try our petty criminal cases without passing them through the grand jury room, and ten years hence the grand jury will be only a memory in Iowa.

### "I'd Rather Die, Doctor,

than have my feet cut off," said M. L. Bingham, of Princeville, Ill., "but you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said all doctors. Instead he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve till wholly cured. It cures eczema, fever sores, boils, burns and piles astounding the world. 25c at Van Werden & Kopp's.

### Earl Peters Elected Mayor of Clarinda.

Earl Peters, a well known young attorney of Clarinda, was elected mayor of that city last week. Mr. Peters was born and raised at Pleasanton, and has many friends in this county who are pleased to hear of his success. The Clarinda Herald in speaking of his election says:

The manner of the election of Earl Peters to the mayoralty of Clarinda was a very high compliment to that gentleman. He has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, during which he was not able to leave his home, and most of the time was in bed. He consented to be a candidate only a short time before he was taken ill, and while he was ill his friends worked for his success. A short time before the election he had recovered sufficiently so that he prepared a letter to the voters, which was mailed to them, and in that letter he made a good statement to them. During his residence in Clarinda he has established a reputation that caused his friends to work for him while he was unable to work for himself. It was a splendid tribute to him to be elected as he was. He is getting along in a most encouraging manner, regaining his health as fast as he could be expected to, and his friends hope to see him out again before a great while.

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Horse prices in all eastern markets are quoted around \$50 below high point, but our customers, at this season of the year, come largely from the agricultural districts of the southwest, from California and the northwest, and from Canada. So we can use horses at good prices, in fact we have simply got to have them, 250 to 300 of them, every week for our Great Distributing auctions at Ottumwa, held every Friday, from January until June. Bring them to

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