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A Letter to Santa Claus.

The following communication seems to have gotten lost in the holiday rush in the editorial department and became mixed up with The Journal's mail:

Dear Santa Claus:
You have probably forgotten me as I have not written you since I was a little boy, but seeing so many happy little children writing to you for the good things you so lavishly and lovingly distribute at this season that I beg to be remembered as a child just once again for the sake of this dear old city by the sea.

I am having my best stocking fixed up and repaired with patches and safety-pins so as to hang it up in the city headquarters on Christmas eve. When you make your advent down the stovepipe that protrudes from the second story window just over the city stable you will find it hanging on the telephone receiver near my desk in the corner.

As it is customary for each one to tell you what he or she desires I will now fulfill that pleasing duty by saying that we are very much in need of a new city hall. The old one is worn out, beside it was cut out by a pattern so antiquated that people of this day and age cannot tell whether it is a city hall, police station, jail, fire department, patrol house, pound lot, boarding stable, or junk shop. I have no particular objection to strangers ceremoniously approaching a city prisoner, politely tipping his hat and asking him if he is the mayor but I would like to have a place where citizens could visit on official business without feeling it necessary to apologize to their friends for doing so. Beside that it would save me considerable in shoe leather from visiting people on the streets and in their homes on official business because they do not want to be seen at the city headquarters. So be so kind as to bring a new city hall. I don't care whether you bring one to fit the public square according to Mr. Green's aesthetic ideas or one to fit on one side of the square in accordance with Mr. Yonge's ideas. Either place will suit very well and a classic architecture will be very acceptable although I much prefer an outside appearance of Spanish architecture commemorative of the history of this interesting locality.

I want you to bring us a new sanitary sewer system and a side order of storm sewers so that we will not have to hire a boat or roll up our pants each time it rains. I also want some modern sidewalks and paved streets so that our people may see what good things they have been missing all their lives.

We are badly in need of a new waterworks but I will not ask you to bring that this Christmas for so many unusual luxuries might surfeit us if we got them all at once, besides many of our citizens would be alarmed if we had a fire pressure that would break a pane of glass or knock a shingle off of a roof in a burning building. Such undreamed of force will have to be introduced by installments.

You may, however, bring us a new hook and ladder truck, some new fire hose and a few new horses so that when an alarm is sent in it will not be necessary for one horse to pull the fire apparatus and another horse hitched beside him.

We are very much in need of new dog law and if you fail to bring us one I am very much concerned lest I lose some of my policemen who are liable to be eaten up by the horde of hungry curs that run the streets. It is a matter of court record that some of our finest policemen are prevented from attending to their official duties and making arrests because of canine interference. Some months since I asked the city fathers for a new dog law but it has not materialized and if it is not possible for you to bring a new dog law either fetch a bottle of tonic or strychnine that I may give

it as the exigencies of the business may demand.

The big red socks that you will find hanging across the bench are the property of the recorder who wants a new police station which I am sure you will bring him. The striped convict stockings on the door knob are those of the marshal who wears a beautiful smile in anticipation of a new jail with a cook house attachment



CHAS. H. BLISS.

and quarters for himself and his subordinates. I am sure you will bring him this when I tell you that he now spends most of his time fishing to provide food for the city officials and prisoners and that he catches toad and untold carloads of fish and every fish he gets is either a sheephead or spadefish both of which wear prison stripes.

It is needless for me to mention the wants of the other members of the city family as I am creditably informed that each has sent you a typewritten catalog of their many needs and desires.

With best wishes for your everlasting good health and untiring sprightliness I will draw this letter to a close. Of course you will bring us the usual accoutrements of battleships, cruisers and other naval vessels; a larger and improved naval station with a big graving dock; a military road to the national cemetery; two new railroads and numerous docks; several foreign steamship lines; a half a hundred new industries including a ship-building plant and a stone crusher thrown in for lanaipe.

With kind regards for Mrs. Santa Claus who so ably assists you in selecting your assortment of fine presents, I remain,

Sincerely,
THE MAYOR.

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State Press Comment on Lamar-Williams Episode

Madison Recorder.
Congressman Lamar of Florida and Shackleford of Missouri took quite a prominent stand in the last congress in favor of railroad rate regulations. Any one familiar with this subject understands that the Hearst railroad rate bill was the strongest measure introduced in the last congress in favor of rate regulation. Congressmen Lamar and Shackleford as members of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the house favored the Hearst bill and voted to have that bill made the minority measure but the four other democrats of the committee favored and had adopted as the minority bill what is known as the Davey bill.

The Davey bill was a weak measure, much weaker than the republican bill, although the democratic platform favored more string-nt rate regulation and the republican platform was silent on the subject. John Sharpe Williams, the minority leader, and the same fellow who under the lead of the Ryans and Belmonts was so active in assisting the bringing about the nomination of Parker's drubbing in favor of the Davey bill. All those kind are opposed to rate regulation. All those kind are opposed to anything that will interfere with Wall Street "hold-ups."

Now the sequel. Without opposition, Williams is again made democratic leader of the house and as such has the "say so" as to what committee-democratic members shall be placed on. Straightway he proceeds to punish Lamar and Shackleford for their loyalty to the people on the rate question by taking them off of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee. Doubtless the order has gone out from Spencer, Ryan and Belmont that such people's men as Lamar and Shackleford are not wanted on the committee. Hearst has just given Wall Street a drubbing in the New York election and doubtless they are glad to revenge by punishing Hearst's friends.

The Ryans, Belmonts and Williams will find before this question is

settled that they have made a mistake. The people are not going to stand for such treatment. The R. R. question is a popular one (as it should be.) Williams or any other man who stands on the monopoly side of it, will be overwhelmed by the votes of the people. Lamar and Shackleford by their course deserve the highest commendation of the people. If the railroads continue to try to punish them, they will drive them both into the United States senate.

Plant City Courier.

Congress is in session, and the democratic whip has again been placed in the hand of John Sharp Williams, the smallest man in congress. Mr. Williams is only a big man in his own opinion. His prominence in the democratic party is purely the result of his smallness. He is useful to a certain extent because he is small. Like a great many more of the rank and file of the party we had by some means gotten the idea that Williams was a fair-sized man, but as we read the proceedings of the last democratic national convention the scales began to fall from our eyes and we began to see what a really small fellow he was. He was made prominent in that convention because he was small, and being small, could be made useful to such men as Hill and Belmont.

As a final proof of his smallness take his recent action in having Congressman Lamar removed from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. It was not that Mr. Lamar was not eminently qualified to sit with the committee, or that there were others who could best subserve the country's good by holding a place on the committee, but because Mr. Lamar had refused to bow and cringe to the Democratic leader and elected to exercise his opinion and vote for a bill formulated by Mr. Hearst in preference to that espoused by Mr. Williams. And when Florida's distinguished congressman, at the announcement of the committee this week, demanded on the floor of the house some reason for the snub which had been given him by the Democratic leader, Mr. Williams refused to answer him on the plea that Democratic harmony must be preserved.

The sooner that the Democratic party can get rid of such leaders as this man Williams, the better it will be for it. If Mr. Williams is sincere in his desire for Democratic harmony, why should he think it necessary to snub a Democratic member simply because that member saw fit to favor the bill of another Democrat rather than that which suited the fancy of the Democratic side?

Ocala Banner.

The Pensacola Journal says that John Sharpe Williams is a buffoon. His speech notifying Judge Parker of his nomination showed that he was not equal to the emergency of a great occasion.

St. Augustine Record.
Most Floridians will no doubt prefer the method adopted by Hon. Frank Clark for coming into prominence in congress, namely, the introduction of the Arizona Statehood bill, rather than the questionable one of Hon. W. B. Lamar, the stirring up of "family troubles" in the Democratic ranks.

DeFuniak Breeze.
Congressman Lamar had a lively time last week with John Sharpe Williams, of Mississipi, over the fact that he, Lamar and Congressman Shackleford were left off the committee on Interstate Commerce, which Mr. Lamar alleges was because he supported the Hearst bill in the last congress. Mr. Williams seems to be in the wrong political party.

Live Oak Democrat.
John Sharpe Williams is playing in big luck. He is the most talked

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about man in congress since the Lamar episode, and to make his happiness complete the New York American is roasting him daily. Uncle Joe Cannon has become a figure of secondary importance.