

NO LONGER A DEMOCRAT.

Clerk of Court Staples Retires From His Old Party and Explains Why.

Little Falls' Popular Mayor Tells What Has Driven Himself and Others From Democracy.

A Ringing Indictment of the Incapacity, Sectionalism and Failure of the Democratic Party.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MORRISON CO:

I desire at this time to announce that I sever my connection with the Democratic party. In the past I have been frequently honored by that party in a most substantial way, and I regret the necessity of departing the principles of my Democratic friends. Old associations are near and dear to me, but I feel that a continued allegiance to the party on my part would be a sacrifice of many principles and subject me to the charge of hypocrisy, as for the last few months I have completely reversed my belief in the Democratic party. For years this party was hampered by its sympathy with the south and by a proportion of its makeup (copperheads) being antagonistic to the prosecution of the war. The arising of new questions and the seeming pacification of the South had called men's minds away from war years and completely hidden the issues of the past. For many years the Democratic party profited by being in opposition and it was not burdened by the mistakes of misplaced patronage or by becoming mixed up in any jobs connected with the administration, and it was in position to criticize.

Now it is demonstrated that its party leaders have been for years criticizing their superiors, and the application of their cherished theories expose their impracticability. Its strength has already diminished by a great percentage in all the Northern states which have held elections during the past year and those who continue to adhere to it are the enthusiastic who refuse yet to believe that which is evident to those people who have left it—that never in the history of the nation has discontent been so general, the lack of confidence in the administration placed us so near bankruptcy and mob rule, that capital is withdrawn from its natural channels awaiting action of some sort, and that the party in power is unable to do anything on account of the diversity of its opinions and lack of unanimity, each subdivision seeking some local selfish end; to these is added the mass of ignorant and prejudiced voters who will continue their allegiance to a party, being unable to comprehend its issues or aims or to solve the question of responsibility for any injurious condition. There also is the great and corrupt strength of the vicious, lawless and depraved elements of the great cities organized into immense political machines for political control, the central power of which are the saloons and the results of which are almost invariably overwhelming Democratic majorities in the great haunts of crime, wretchedness and want of the large cities. Further is the great section of this nation where slavery flourished, labor was ever degraded, rebellion attempted, votes suppressed and enterprise and progress nearly stagnant, upon which section Democracy can depend for a solid and continuous support. The evident inability of this party (controlled as it proves to be by the liquor traffic of the North and the copperheads of the South) to properly administer the affairs of the government has induced thousands of patriotic citizens to abandon it.

The younger and progressive element of this party has been for years looking forward to the assumption of power by the party they have loyally supported. This, together with the fulfillment of some of its promises during the first administration of President Cleveland gave them heart to believe that if the party could only have complete control it would inaugurate and carry out a line of policy which would be of general benefit to this nation, and thereby justify their continued adherence to the party. But we find to the contrary that the question of free trade or protection is no longer a party or national issue, but a sectional difference. One state demanding a tariff on sugar, another inclined to

ward the protection of iron and others on rice and tobacco, the party ignoring the platform, wearing one mask with the free traders of the Northwest and Southeast, and replacing it with another when facing the iron industries of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, or the sugar industries of Louisiana. Tariff law now advocated protects the interests of the South and strikes at those of the North that are not controlled by great trusts. All this time keeping the manufacturing industries and financial institutions of the country in a continued state of unrest.

The ignorance and strength of sectional party leaders (representing in many cases a vast, ignorant, fluctuating mass of people, many of them but recently admitted to citizenship, and attracted to the Democratic party by leaders of their own races connected with the liquor traffic) are dragging our standard of civil service into the gutter and, regardless of qualifications, causing a disproportionate amount of the patronage of this government to be parcelled out to representatives of nationalities other than American. When I consider the doctrine of the Democratic party in light of experiences of the present administration I feel that I have long been laboring under political delusions. Thousands of our factories are closed and millions thrown out of employment. The question with organized labor is not how high wages can be obtained but whether any wages are available. Our foreign policy is a conspicuous failure. The prospective forty odd banking systems has demoralized national finances. The incapacity of the law makers to provide a revenue has forced a bond issue of \$50,000,000 to be placed on the market to provide gold to replenish a depleted reserve, the gold having been withdrawn from the treasury and from circulation through fear of the execution of the various schemes of inflated and unsound currency advocated by the majority of the Democrats in both houses of congress. Daily failures, open soup houses, organized charity taking the place of plenty and prosperity, as the results of their first victory demonstrate that their success is the nation's disaster. Thanking you for your kindness to me in the past, I remain respectfully,

ISAAC E. STAPLES.

From Saturday's St. Cloud Journal-Press.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Senator C. B. Buckman, of Little Falls, Doesn't Want to Go to Congress.

The St. Paul newspapers, during the past week, have been discussing the candidacy of Senator C. B. Buckman of Little Falls for congress. The mention of his name was so favorably received that already a good sized boom has been inaugurated. In this instance, it is a case of thrusting honors upon a popular man, as will be seen from the following interview that Mr. Buckman is not a candidate, but is in favor of the unanimous nomination of the brilliant young orator from Duluth, C. A. Towne.

Senator Buckman was in the city yesterday on business with the St. Cloud Lumber Co., for which he is making a big drive of logs in the upper pineries. He was met by a representative of the Journal-Press, and asked what there was in his candidacy for congress.

"I am very glad you have mentioned the matter," said the senator, "as it will give me an opportunity to inform the public that I am not a candidate for congress. Of course, I appreciate the kind things that have been said of my candidacy, and the many offers of support I have received from this section of the district, but I am interested in the success of the Republican party, and St. Louis county has presented a candidate who is in every way acceptable, eloquent and honest—I believe that he should receive the unanimous support of the whole district, he be nominated by acclamation at the Brainerd convention.

The Duluth fellows behaved so nicely in standing by Bob Dunn, that I feel very kindly towards them and I know it is good politics to preserve this sentiment of standing by a Sixth district man. Towne is, perhaps, the best public speaker in the state, and he will give us a brilliant campaign, and will be elected by a handsome majority.

"There was a time when I wanted to go to congress, but I have entirely gotten over the fever. I have made arrangements to cut more logs than ever this winter, and would not go to congress if presented with a certificate of election."

Senator Buckman's expression will be good news to Duluth, as it insures the nomination of C. A. Towne without opposition. And this means a Republican congressman from the sixth district.

ABOUT OVER.

Freights Running Regular on the Northern Pacific.

Most of the Men Have Returned to Their Old Positions.

From Monday's Daily.

More business is being done now at the depot than at any time since June 27. No. 57, the first train carrying freight for this station, arrived about on time Saturday afternoon. An extra freight was sent west over the road Sunday and the way and through freights are running today as usual carrying an unusually large amount of freight that has been tied up for over two weeks.

Day Baggage man Ferrill and Warehouseman Dow reported for work Saturday but were not taken back and it is not probable that they will be, as the company, it is said, has them spotted as agitators. Mr. Dow is president of the local branch of the A. R. U.

Austin Grimes, who was foreman of the first section out on the cut-off and who lost his job by not reporting when first called on to work, has been given Ole Goodman's place in looking after the tracks within the yard limits. Mr. Lenz, another foreman who was in the same boat with Grimes, has been put back to work with him. It is reported that Goodman will get the job of looking after the tracks in the Staples yard. A. B. Johnson, another section foreman, is as yet unprovided for.

The men put on in place of strikers will therefore hold their jobs. This is in accordance with the policy of the company in retaining the men who took the jobs when they could not get the regular men. It is claimed that the same thing will be done with the freemen and that the men who took the places of the strikers will be retained.

It is not probable that James Gimblet will get his job back as is also the case with the other men who are considered agitators.

Night Operator Lowry, who did not strike, but was laid off on account of business slacking up, went back to work Sunday night, and Chas. Hogle, who was employed in the freight room, went to work Monday.

Passenger trains are running as usual and No. 1 Saturday night was bound for the coast. All the trains are well filled with passengers and deputy marshals are getting scarce. Numerous applications are received at the depot daily for the places of men who have been out but no one has been put on as yet.

A Mistake.

It would seem from later reports that the one about Seab Martin being killed in Montana is false. No attempt has been made to kill him and he is still running an engine out in that part of the country.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Fatal Accident Narrowly Averted at Birch Lake, Minnesota.

What came near being a fatal accident occurred at Birch Lake, near Tanner's camp several days ago. A large party of the back-woods campers who infest the banks of Birch lake, and who formerly lived at Little Falls, were out on the lake attempting to attract members of the funny tribe with hooks baited with frogs. It was just as Willie Smith cried "got a bite; got a bite!" that a sudden gust of wind struck the boat and sent it sailing. It would certainly have been overturned had not Mr. Smith been sitting in the center of the boat, thus preserving its equilibrium. The campers cast their eyes upward and were surprised to see the sky filled with clouds, which were hurried across the sky by a strong wind. They were not yet through talking about the weather before the wind swooped down upon them with great fury and made fishing impossible. They gained the shore safely, but it was a narrow escape, not for the persons in the boat but of the other fishes, for when Willie Smith goes a-fishing, the fish receive "no quarter."

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THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Everything the Same as It Was Before the Strike.

Everything is moving along nicely on the Northern Pacific road at Little Falls, and all trains are moving as usual. Passenger traffic is picking up, and of course there is lots of freight, owing to the tie up. Every car seems to be loaded and it is with difficulty that the mills are supplied with cars. The Pine Tree company's planning mill is running again, and will continue to run just as long as they can get cars in which to ship their lumber. They got in thirty cars Wednesday but they were all filled by morning. The flour mill is in better shape, forevery car of wheat they get in they fill with flour immediately and ship out.

Quiet on the N. P.

Everything seems to be quiet on the Northern Pacific at this place now and the only evidence of a strike is the presence of marshals on the passenger trains. Freights are moving as usual.

No. 2 came in from the west about 6 o'clock Monday evening and was the first in in about two weeks.

The places of the strikers are all filled here, the last men arriving today when Frank Parker, of Sauk Centre, was put in as day baggage man in place of Fletch Ferrill and Isaac Mossman, of the same place, put in as warehouseman.

Mr. Hanna, one of the bridge carpenters, who went out with No. 1 on July 7, returned last night. He went as far west as Gold Creek, Mont., where a bridge had been burned. He says he had quite an exciting trip and that in some towns the strikers caused considerable trouble while in others they were quiet.

Was It Suicide?

Monday afternoon a boy drove F. Droskowski's delivery horse down to the canal, just below the gate house, to water him. The animal jumped in where there was about twenty-five feet of water and was drowned before assistance arrived.

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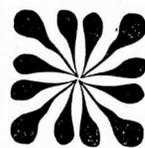
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