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## THE COMING SWAG.

From the "Old Politician" On the World's Fair Appropriation.

"But what will Dockery do with the veto? That's a big question. Who will handle the \$1,000,000 Missouri is now authorized to appropriate for a state exhibit at the World's Fair? Will it be a commission, or an individual, or will it be a committee of the Legislature itself. What will be the form of the law under which the state will undertake the expenditure on this vast sum of money, and in what manner will this extra constitutional privilege be manipulated and abused to cover up the shortage and misapplication of revenue in other directions? It can be said in advance that there will be no appropriation of \$1,000,000, or any sum near it, until the relatives of the members of the Legislature are provided with jobs in the expenditure of the money. If you keep a tab on that \$1,000,000 you will find that it has nearly all gone in salaries and traveling expenses. People with a pull, and a mind to use it, will get 80 per cent of it net. And what is Dockery going to do about it? This big appropriation is going to afford him an opportunity to show his mettle. Now let him demonstrate in Missouri, the qualities which have made his name a household word in Washington. Let him show that he will see that no money is misapplied here any more than at the national capital, and let him prove to us that he is as strong a man, when dealing with other men who have a strength of their own, as when he brings down a heavy hand upon the women or the weak men who sit on the high stools in Washington. When a man fights, let it be against the strong, and not those who are without shield or buckler. Dockery has meted out what he calls justice to the weak. I am not ready to say he will not mete out equal justice to the strong who might prevail against him, but I will wait till I see him do it.

This World's Fair appropriation can not be postponed. If it is made at all it will be made at the coming session of the Legislature, and unless Dockery uses his official power and influence to prevent it, the republican minority is going to force the democratic majority in both houses to insist upon so many appointments in the disbursement of the million dollars that, when all the salaries are paid, there will hardly be enough left to put up the building in which the exhibit shall be made.

This will not be a political question, and really, the republicans might, without impropriety, venture to put in a claim for a few of these offices. But they won't do it. You have noticed, no doubt, that the republican minority can never get an office. It can't elect a Senator or a Speaker, or a clerk of the House, or a Secretary of the Senate, or a sergeant-at-arms, or a clerk of a committee, or get a committee chairman. But whenever a corporation measure with boodle in it comes up, the republican minority sails in and forces the democratic majority to pass laws it is pledged not to pass, or to lay down on laws it is pledged to adopt. So you may be very sure that when it comes to cutting up the swag for the World's Fair appropriation, the democratic majority will stand together as one man and defeat all the attempts of the republican minority to get some of the pie. It will not be until after all this is secured and the bills to tax franchises and to revise the revenue code on lines to reach higher assessments of public corporations, that the republican minority will begin to get the best of the democratic majority in the two branches. The republicans will have the floor when such measures are up, and they will knock out the democratic majority at every stage of the game.

That million dollars is coming out of the pockets of the tax-payers of Missouri. It is a tremendous sum for a state exhibit; a quarter

of a million dollars more than Illinois made for her state exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893. But if it advertises the magnificent resources and possibilities of this great state adequately, no true Missourian will grudge one penny of the money. But this we want to know, and we want to know that Dockery knows that we want to know it; how many men is it going to take to spend \$100 of the appropriation? How many is it going to take to spend a hundred thousand? How many will it take to spend the whole million? It is us who will put up the money, and we want to know. Is that \$1,000,000 to be a big advertisement or a big swag!"

## VERY THANKFUL.

Col. Flory Responds to Numerous Congratulations.

Wednesday Col. Flory, Republican candidate for Governor, gave to a representative of the Tribune the following statement:

I am in receipt of too many letters and telegrams of congratulation from home and abroad to make any other than a general response of thankfulness through the press. To one and all, representatives of the party, the people and the press, and especially to those St. Louis organs of my party, the Globe-Democrat and the Star, I beg the acceptance of my most grateful acknowledgments. I regard these congratulations as the sweetness of defeat.

I accepted the candidacy for Governor in the hope of carrying the State for McKinley, but with the understanding among the people that election laws had been enacted for the three large cities of Missouri, which were solely in the interests of our political opponents. With the experience of Kentucky, of which this policy was a worse imitation, I entered on the canvass. My success, which meant the success of McKinley, depended on an honest ballot and a fair count in the city of St. Louis.

I met with the most hearty and enthusiastic encouragement in upholding the McKinley banner of glory, progress and prosperity in every town, city and hamlet in Missouri. I visited more than 80 counties and made more than 300 speeches, and the returns show that in the State, outside of St. Louis city, I carried the McKinley banner to a triumph that with a fair, honest count in St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph, would have given the great chief of our party the State of Missouri by a handsome majority.

I am quite contented with having been one of the banner-bearers in this great battle for McKinley, glory and prosperity.

In conclusion, I beg to assure the Republicans of Missouri that another four years of the McKinley administration will prove the redemption of their beloved state. I shall be in the harness continuously, whether it be in an humble or exalted station, working for purity in politics, honest home government, and the triumph of Republican party principles.—Jefferson City Republican.

No difference which way the returns from this county are figured, the republican vote shows a gain and a good gain, too. This should inspire every republican in the county to a renewed zeal for his party and its success. The contest in 1902 will surely be a neck to neck contest with perhaps some odds in favor of the republicans. The party is in line working shape and will evidently put up a much stronger fight in 1902 than they did this year.

## An Awful Example.

An American, says a Paris paper, speaking to a member of the League against the abuse of tobacco, declared that a Chicago millionaire who died recently "used to smoke three thousand hams a day." With a look of horror the reformer exclaimed: "It is no wonder the monster died!"

## BECKHAM'S MAJORITY.

FRANKFORT, KY., Nov. 15.—The returns of 105 out of 119 counties, have been received at the Secretary of State's office. The vote gives Beckham 177,690; Yerkes, 166,629. Unofficial vote of eight of the remaining fourteen counties shows a total as follows: Beckham, 204,251; Yerkes, 195,323. The majorities in the remaining six counties in which the official count is still proceeding, gives Beckham 3720.

## One of Them Might.

A certain doctor, when only a beginner in practice, had occasion to attend a trial as a witness. The opposing counsel in cross examining the young doctor made several sarcastic remarks, doubting the ability of so young a man to understand the profession.

"Do you know the symptoms of concussion of the brain?"  
"I do," replied the doctor.  
"Well," continued the attorney, "suppose my learned friend, Mr. Baging, and myself were to bang our heads together, should we get concussion of the brain?"  
"Your learned friend, Mr. Baging, might," was the reply.

## Congratulatory Telegrams.

The TRIBUNE scissored these from exchanges:

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 8.—To the Editor of the Evening Journal: You may say officially that under no circumstances would I accept the office of United States Senator, even were it tendered me. I made my fight for the Presidency and I lost. I am not going to take other men's positions from them.—Wm. J. Bryan.

LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 8.—Wm. J. Bryan sent the following telegram at noon to-day to President McKinley:

"The Hon. Wm. McKinley, President of the United States: At the close of another Presidential campaign it is my lot to congratulate you upon a second victory.—Wm. J. Bryan."

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Nov. 7.—The continued confidence of the American people, as expressed at the polls yesterday, is a tribute to your personality and matchless administration. God bless and keep you for the patriotic purposes to which you have dedicated your life's work. M. A. HANNA.

## Collected His Hats.

Thomas E. Wardell, a prominent business man of Macon, who owns the Mexico electric light plant, won seven hats on the election, says a special from Macon. Most of the parties with whom he bet were members of the Methodist church. He put a large placard containing the names of those who had not paid up, in the large window in front of his office.

A highly interested crowd immediately gathered around the unique attraction, and the losers soon saw the only way they could get out of it and square themselves with the church, was to settle up. Then the sign was hauled down. Mr. Wardell now has seven stylish winter hats that cost somebody \$5. apiece.

## Cork Leg Story.

"Our business," remarked one of the leading undertakers, as he finished his second cigar after a good dinner, "like all other lines of business, has its funny side. I remember one case in particular, which occurred only a few weeks ago. A man dropped dead from heat prostration and the body was brought to my morgue. The man had fallen off a car last winter and lost his left leg. The Metropolitan equipped him with a handsome and costly cork leg. It cost \$75. I kept the body two or three days and no one claimed it. I learned he had a wife living in Montreal, so wired her to send me \$40. for funeral expenses. Imagine my surprise when the answer came. It read: 'Sell the leg and send me the balance.' The real joke was on me, however, as I could get but \$7.50 for the second hand leg and had to bury the body at my own expense."—Kansas City Times.

## UNJUST AND UNFAIR.

The Standard contained in its last week's issue a very unjust and unfair criticism on our public schools. Those who are in a position to know the facts concerning our High school band boys, the Faculty and the Board of Education can not understand why such an uncalled for and unjust criticism should emanate from our distinguished contemporary. We beg the forbearance of our readers for re-printing the Standard's article.

The band boys at the high school using instruments purchased by popular subscription of the citizens of the town, were not dismissed to enable them to play for the democratic rally, and did not get out until about noon for that purpose.

The next day when the republicans had their big speaking, the boys were out in full force early and remained all day. These facts were noticed by many persons.

This is the first time in the history of Montgomery's high school that politics have played any part in its conduct in any manner. The democrats of the district in the last two school elections, refused to put up a partisan ticket but elected republicans along with the democrats, as usual, and this is the fruitage.

Partisan politics should not be allowed to play any part in the conduct of the school. No person who allows his public actions or conduct or his judgment to be warped by his political prejudices is the proper material for either a teacher or a member of the board, where people of different politics are residents of the district and patrons of the school, no matter how exemplary he may be otherwise as an individual.

It will never do for our school to be allowed to become a republican nursery, nor a democratic nursery. If necessary to keep partisan politics barred the "whole shooting match" directors, teachers and all, should be "fred." The people here cannot afford to have their school used for partisan ends, and we think they will not.

As to the first charge, the band boys were dismissed on Thursday in time to play in the parade as they had agreed, the lower grades being dismissed at 11:15 a. m. On Friday the band boys were let out just before noon to play one or two pieces. The lower grades were not dismissed on Friday until one o'clock p. m.

The Standard says this is the first time in the history of our school that partisan politics has had any part in the conduct of the school. We must confess that we are unable to see any just now. The schools were dismissed practically at the same time both days.

We are unwilling to believe that the teachers thought for one moment that they were playing the politician in doing as they did. The Board of Education certainly took no action either way. The criticism by the Standard in both cases is entirely uncalled for and unjust. As to the cheap street language which the classic writer in the Standard uses, we have very little to say. That it bespeaks degeneracy and decrepitude, no one can deny. That it is "conceived in sin and born in iniquity" all fair-minded people must concede. With these passing remarks we leave the Standard writer with his sorrow and anguish.

Lost, strayed or stolen, a candidate on the democratic ticket. When last heard of, was snowed under in Nebraska. Finder will leave candidate at Democratic National Headquarters, Chicago or at Tammany Hall, New York and receive suitable reward.

A nearby democratic exchange says "let us now forget politics since the election is over" and then writes a quarter of a column article on things that didn't happen Rally Day, Nov. 1st. This is such a becoming way of forgetting, working one's self up to a high state of frenzy, by imagining vain things.

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George Gregory of near Danville was in our city Monday on business.

## Those German-Americans.

What did Bryan do with the German-Americans? Before the election, it was said that he would carry them. Did he carry them? Where did he carry them to? We don't see how he carried them and at the same time carried Croker, Gum Shoe Bill and Herr Altgeld. It couldn't be done. The German-Americans have not been carried to any great extent. The election returns indicate that Bryan failed to carry a large class of voters that he claimed he would. The German-American voters are no less sensible than American voters and the way they repudiated Bryan and imperialism shows that they knew what they were about.

## Bryan at The 'Phone.

This telephone conversation took place just prior to the late landslide between Bryan and Cleveland. Cleveland, at one time, was President of the United States and Bryan is the man from Nebraska who wanted to be President. Here is the conversation:

"Hello, central!"  
"Well?"  
"Give me Buzzard's Bay and connect me with the cottage of Grover Cleveland."  
"There you are."  
"Hello! Is this Mr. Cleveland?"  
"Yes, who calls?"  
"This is Mr. Bryan."  
"Good morning, M. Ryan."  
"Not Ryan! Bryan! William Jennings Bryan."  
"Oh, I see; good morning."  
"Mr. Cleveland, when will your letter endorsing me for the Presidency be ready?"  
"Oh, yes, Mr. Bryan. The fish have been biting finely. I've had a most enjoyable summer. Thank you for your interest. Good-by."

## LINCOLN'S PICTURE FELL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—With a crash that resounded through the length and breadth of the White House, the heavily framed life size painting of Abraham Lincoln fell from its place on the wall of the famous East room this afternoon.

The noise was so great that it was heard distinctly by the President and Mrs. McKinley in the residential portion of the mansion, and they sent a messenger in haste to learn the cause.

The portrait of the martyred President was painted especially for the White House and is one of the four that hung in the East room, the others being Martha and George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

It was suspended from a cornice over one of the windows, and this cornice had given way. The gilt frame of the picture was broken to atoms, but, fortunately, so far as a cursory examination has shown, the painting itself, with the exception of a few slight scratches, escaped injury.

A minute search of the canvass will be made, however, as the portrait is said to be the best extant of President Lincoln, and Mr. McKinley has given orders that any damage to it be immediately repaired. What caused the accident is not known with certainty, but as workmen have recently been rebuilding a staircase in the east wing, it is supposed the constant hammering loosened the cornice. The incident is important at this time inasmuch as it will likely result in directing the attention of the Congress that is soon to assemble, to the dilapidated state of the White House.

The great question with the democrats now is "shall we reorganize or shall we not?" Our advice to the democratic party in the nation is the same as before the election—advocate some safe and conservative issue and the voters may not go back on you quite so bad as they did in 1896 and 1900.

The rain last Monday night prevented the big chivari that was looked to come off at Bellflower. Another date will likely be made for the event.

Why don't you say you saw it in THE TRIBUNE?

## THAT SCHOOL FUND.

The readers of the TRIBUNE will be kept posted as to what the Legislature will do with the school fund investment. If our democratic brethren were right in their contention they will do nothing toward a change of that investment. They contend that the bonded debt will be paid off in two years and if it should be, then the 10-cent levy will cease. When it ceases, how will they raise the money to pay the interest on the certificate of indebtedness? We believe they will attempt to do something for this trust fund, and if they do, it will be an acknowledgment that they were wrong before the election. If they don't there will be no state school fund after the bonds are paid two years hence. Watch.

## The Cause of It.

The Columbia Herald says, in speaking of the election, that money did it. The Republicans and Mark Hanna, the Herald says, bought the election. It claims that the Democratic party was right in fathering all the issues that flesh is heir to, and the converse of the proposition must be that the voters were wrong in endorsing McKinley. The Standard takes up the Herald's article and gives it space and says Amen.

Bryan's says the prosperity argument did more than anything else to defeat the Democrats. Since the Herald, the Standard and Bryan have all been wrong on so many questions of late, we are inclined to think that their opinions, politically, do not amount to very much.

The cause of it, to our minds, is that the patriotic people distrusted Bryan and his cohorts and believed in McKinley and were not afraid to vote the way they believed.

Doctor Parkhurst, of New York, wants to start a big daily paper that will publish only the truth. That will publish all the truth. A paper that you can swear by. He says there are none of that kind published now. He must have been reading the St. Louis Republic.

## Concerning New Postmasters.

Speaking of applications for post offices, a question of great interest to be decided after March 4 will be whether the present Republican will be continued in office.

It is safe to assume that few changes will be made, excepting for cause. This can be stated, with confidence, by any one familiar with the operations of the department. It will be a great disappointment to hundreds of thousands of Republicans in the various States who hoped to get into office under the administration of the next four years. There are some 80,000 post offices, and the current work of the department, filling changes caused by deaths and resignations, is very heavy. The Post Office Department officials would not unnecessarily undertake the enormous work of making any thing like wholesale changes. No reappointment in these cases is necessary. The commission runs indefinitely, at the discretion of the Postmaster General. New bonds are required from time to time, but the commission is not for a fixed period. The other tenth, namely the presidential offices, are filled for a period of four years. Changes in these might be made, but the vacancies would be scattered through the entire administration; and the result certainly will be that there is little prospect for appointment of Republicans to any of these offices, except vacancies arise naturally. This will not be good to many Republican workers who would like to get post offices for themselves or friends, but it can be relied upon. Moreover, there is little probability of sweeping changes in any of the departments. The Republicans generally are in possession of them, and were appointed by strong influences, which no doubt, will be able to secure their retention. The great amount of extra work put upon a department by a policy of general changes will insure strong opposition to such a course by practically all the Cabinet officials.