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A LEAGUE OF SKULLS.

Democratic Dead Ones Meet at the Palmer House to Organize a Bolt.

Many Has-Beens, Including Harrison and Millard Fillmore Dunlap, Are Present.

The Regular Organization Will Carry Every District in Chicago Beyond Any Doubt.

It Will Carry Twelve of the Fifteen Outside Districts in the State.

And Home Rule Will Again Triumph in a Manner Not to Be Mistaken.

The regular Democratic organization is going along in the even tenor of its way, attending strictly to the business entrusted to it by the Democratic voters and perfecting methods for obtaining victory for Democratic nominees at the polls.

While the regular Democratic State Central Committee and the regular Democratic County Central Committee are thus honestly and industriously occupied, a number of Has Beens, long since retired from the public service for the public good, are trying to make trouble.

These Has Beens never overlook an opportunity for free advertising and having constitutional objections to paying for anything that they can get for nothing, they hail with joy a chance to procure, for their almost forgotten names, a rebaptism in printers' ink.

Famous in the annals of the past, as recipients of public condemnation for all sorts of public misdeeds, from Theater Holocausts to Chewing the Rag, one would think that these would be statesmen, having abstracted as much from the public crib, either lawfully or unlawfully, as they could, would rest content with the senile decay accompanying their political retirement and enjoy the decline which an outraged public allows them to have in freedom.

But the canker worm of ambition which snatched so many of them from the ranks of obscurity and gave them positions of prominence on the public pay roll, will not die even in their shriveled and shrunken hearts.

Using the name of Bryan as a talisman to conjure with, these political garter snakes are trying to warm themselves at the fire of publicity.

There is no fight upon Bryan.

The regular State organization in Illinois is with him to a man.

The regular county organization in Chicago is with him unanimously.

But the garter snake Democracy, which only appears in Chicago when there are honors to be given out, is trying to find fault with the regular organization and to sow the seeds of discord.

A galaxy of talent in sympathy with garter snake methods, and redolent with putrid reminiscences, met at the Palmer House last Saturday under the name of the Executive Committee of Federated Bryan Clubs.

A person with an ordinary memory would not need to consult the detective bureau in an effort to discover the objects in life of those present.

The mention of their names is sufficient to gratify the most prurient political curiosity.

First on the list is Adlai E. Stevenson, who has grown round shouldered looking for office, and who has never been very particular as to what the brand of patriotism was that handed him the job.

He was a Greenback member of Congress and was Vice President under Grover Cleveland.

Carter H. Harrison, who was Mayor of Chicago some years ago, and who has since been a resident of California, came to this city to attend the "conference."

He is a very prominent member of

the Executive Committee of the League of Skulls.

Millard Fillmore Dunlap, who was named after the only Know Nothing candidate for President, Millard Fillmore, who ran in 1856 on the Native American ticket, was present as an ardent and anxious applicant for the position of National Committeeman.

It is needless to say that no collection was taken up at the meeting or there would have been no quorum.

Messrs. Dunlap and Harrison and a few minor lights were for bolting the regular convention before it was held. They were for bolting, anyway.

But A. E. Stevenson, whose head is as long as his record, very wisely got up and said: "Gentlemen, I think this talk of bolting is very unwise indeed. It will prejudice the public against us in advance. We have a Democratic State Central Committee in Illinois, legally elected and never questioned, and selected by a convention presided over by a former judge of the Supreme Court. It would be very unwise to do anything looking to a bolt at this time or even to talk of it before any cause is given."

A collection was suggested and the meeting was over at once.

After the adjournment Millard Fillmore Dunlap asked that lists of delegates be submitted to the garter snake executive committee before being placed on a primary ticket.

Well, this is certainly rich.

The idea of allowing a star chamber to name delegates for every district in Illinois is not Democratic and not American.

But that is all there will be to it.

The regular State organization will carry ten of the fifteen districts outside of Cook County beyond any doubt, and will probably carry twelve of them to a certainty.

The regular organization will carry all of the districts in Cook County, and will control the State convention.

The regular organization will control the Illinois delegation to Denver and will name the next State central committee beyond any question.

Mr. Harrison can retire to his California ostrich farm where the birds have good digestions, and can swallow tough stories.

Mr. Dunlap can retire to Jacksonville, to assure Judge Owen P. Thompson that he would have been for him for national committeeman, if he was not on the bench.

Mr. Stevenson can retire to his dog-tage and rest in peace.

The "toe lock" is not barred in the great fight that C. H. Harrison who, it will be recalled by old residents, was at one time Mayor of Chicago, and Millard Fillmore Dunlap, are making for membership on the Democratic national committee from Illinois.

Dunlap was very much afraid at one time that Judge Owen P. Thompson, of Jacksonville fame, cherished an ambition in this direction, so he hastened to assure Judge Thompson that his proper place was on the bench and that it would not do to drag the judicial ermine into politics.

Dunlap next got jealous of Congressman Henry T. Rainey, of Carrollton, but Rainey's action in voting for the

notorious mileage grab put him out of the running.

Dunlap has been unable to get Harrison out of the way, so he has adopted the next best way of killing him off, by advising him to run.

Dunlap knows that he is perfectly safe in doing this, as Harrison has no chance of being even an alternate to the County convention.

Dunlap has Harrison's moral support, however, and this assures a quorum every time there is a meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of Skulls.

It looks like a close finish between Carter Harrison, Addison Blakely, Millard Fillmore Dunlap and Scully, the pedestrian, for last place in that race for National Committeeman.

The "business man in politics" usually finds his way to the penitentiary. The trouble nowadays is that we have too many "business men" in politics.

Chief Shippy has been the recipient of some of the most cowardly and uncalculated abuse that has ever been showered upon a public man. The authors of it are a cheap lot of agitators who are too cowardly to be anarchists themselves and too mean to be anything else. A good public official, with a stainless record, he merely did his duty when his house was invaded by a crank armed with a revolver and a dirk, who shot his son and threatened the lives of himself and wife. This plain fact has been enough to turn loose a lot of "settlement workers" and Socialistic writers whose main object in life, as a rule, has been to beg money from tax-dodging millionaires for their "philanthropic" enterprises, and to pose as "friends of the downtrodden." The Chicago Eagle has fought the tax-dodging millionaires and the Beef Trust for years openly and above-board and single-handed. It has never heard in all these years one peep from the Jeffersonian Socialists or settlement workers in favor of the people's rights. But when some anarchistic protegee of theirs is killed by the chief of police they crawl out of their holes and want the chief of police convicted of murder. These are the men who are trying to besmirch Shippy. The only way these ducks, these settlement workers, Debs supporting, millionaire slobbering reformers can besmirch anybody is with their friendship.

That awful deal whereby back taxes against the Field estate, amounting to \$1,732,000, were "settled" for \$1,000,000 will not do. The State wants its share (\$750,000), even if the city and county don't want theirs. The State of Illinois will not be a party to the agreement with the executors of the Marshall Field estate to accept \$1,000,000 as full settlement for back taxes.

Although County Attorney Lewis declares that the State's interests have been fully protected in the settlement, Maxwell Edgar, who sought an injunction to prevent the \$1,000,000 compromise, asserts there is still due the State \$750,000, and he has taken the matter up with the auditor of public accounts.

A letter to Mr. Edgar from State Auditor J. S. McCullough, dated March 11, is in part as follows:

"I have noticed in the papers the compromise of taxes by the Cook County authorities against the Marshall Field estate. This office has not been informed as to how this matter was settled. This matter has been referred to the Attorney General with the request that he take steps to see that the State recovers the amount of tax due it."

In a sermon at the Hyde Park Baptist church on "How to Make Anarchists," Rev. John L. Jackson laid anarchy at the door of the multi-millionaire. No little stir was created among the fashionable Hyde Park congregation by the decided utterances of their pastor.

"In such countries as Russia," said Rev. Mr. Jackson, "the people are driven to anarchy because of the czar and the corrupt government which grinds down the poor. It is really the czar

who is responsible for the man's anarchy. But in this country the conditions are different. The poor see enormous fortunes made by a few men, who then are able, through corruption, to secure unjust, unfair privileges.

"I do not see how it is possible for one man to make a fortune of \$100,000,000 honorably. I do not believe that it is possible.

"And then, when this great wealth has been secured, its owner is able to buy off the courts, to stay justice. It procures many things unjustly for the rich man which are impossible to the poor man. It is this that drives men to anarchy.

"Take the case of the banker, John R. Walsh. Were he not a rich man do you suppose he would be able to delay the ends of justice and keep out of prison as he now is doing? By his appeals he will be able to remain free for at least two years. Had he been a poor man do you think he would have been able to do this?

"There should be a more fair, a more just distribution of property. I do not mean that it should be divided up equally, for this could not last, but it should not be massed in the hands of a few. And then the wealth of the rich should be fairly taxed. At present much of the multi-millionaire's riches escapes taxation, while the poor man's little is all taxed. The rich man manages to avoid paying his just share, while the poor man cannot thus escape.

"And then, there are the rich men's sons who do no work, but idle away their time. They help to make anarchy. There should be some way to force every man to earn his own bread.

"It is such conditions which make anarchists. There must be justice for the poor man, as well as for the rich, and then there will be no anarchy. We must see to it that there is an inheritance tax, and thus make the great fortunes bear their full share of the tax burdens.

"Give the poor man fair wages and do not allow the rich man to buy with his wealth privileges and immunities which the poor man cannot procure."

The council authorized an investigation of the methods of the board of assessors in increasing the taxes. The committee on special assessments and general taxation, on motion of Alderman Cullerton, was designated as the investigator.

Alderman Kruger at the previous council session had adopted a resolution ordering the corporation counsel to give an opinion as to whether the council had any right to review the acts of the assessing bodies.

Ex-Mayor Harrison would not make a speech for Dunne last spring and he expects Dunne's friends to send him to the national convention.



JOHN V. CLARKE, President of the Hibernian Bank.

FOR BRYAN AND UNITY.

Regular Democrats Are for Harmony, but Harrison-Dunlap Bunch Are for Mob Rule.

William Jennings Bryan Himself Says He Will Not Interfere in Illinois.

A Solid Delegation Pledged to the Nebraskan Will Be Elected by Regular Organization.

The Jacksonville Cabal the Only Drawback to an Old-Fashioned Democratic Love Feast.

And the Jackson Villians Are Backed Only by the California Lemon Growers.

Millard Fillmore Dunlap, leader of the Jacksonville Cabal and Carter Henry Harrison, the leading lemon farmer of Southern California, who both want to be national Democratic committeeman from Illinois, are up a stump.

They have endeavored in vain to prejudice William Jennings Bryan against the regular Democracy of the State of Illinois and the honest and efficient regular organization of the party.

The Dunlap-Harrison coterie have been urging mob rule and the abandonment of party primaries.

After the Democratic party has endeavored for six long years to bring primary reform to its present state of perfection, the Dunlap-Harrison bunch are trying to throw politics into chaos by abandoning primaries and naming delegates by mob rule.

Their object in this is very easily seen.

A mob meeting would result in disorder and in two sets of delegates, which would give these two men and their followers the only chance that they could possibly have of getting their names in the papers as contestants.

At regular party primaries neither man would have any following in Chicago where they are scarcely known, even by reputation.

The Democratic voters will be given a fair chance to register their honest choice, and a victory for the regular organization is a foregone conclusion.

The Illinois delegation to Denver will be solid for Bryan and will be instructed to vote for him as a unit first, last and all of the time.

Mr. Bryan himself has knocked the bottom out of the aspirations of Dunlap and Harrison by declaring that he will not interfere in the Illinois fight.

In an interview published in Wednesday's Tribune, he is quoted as saying: "I am not going to interfere in the fight of these men on National Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan."

"The contest between Mr. Sullivan and myself is a thing of the past, and I do not intend to revive it. I have nothing to say regarding the Illinois national committeeman. He is chosen by the delegates selected by the people, and their choice is good enough for me. I believe the people should have a chance to say whom they want nominated for president, and that the national delegates should be instructed for that man."

The robbery of the small property owners for the benefit of the rich tax-dodgers is proceeding as usual.

"One of the most interesting features of the widespread Prohibition wave which is sweeping over the country is the fact that the Democrats of Chicago are going to nominate Walter J. Gibbons, that great temperance advocate, for Municipal Judge this year. Mr. Gibbons was a very active member, with several prominent ministers, of the North Side Law and Order League and has been Vice President of the National Total Abstinence Union and President of the Illinois Total Abstinence Union."—True Observer. Yes, it will be a very interesting feature, no

doubt, to see the voters looking for Mr. Gibbons' name on the ballot in order to find out who is running against him.

The filing of articles of incorporation by the West Side Landlords' Protective Association disclosed a movement for determined resistance by small property owners of alleged tax oppression.

The organization is made up of 100 Bohemian property owners of the West Side who contend that they are being unfairly taxed in order that the tax burdens of the great corporations and powerful individual property holders may be made lighter.

"We have been driven to this," said Joseph P. Vesely, secretary and one of the prime movers of the association, "because we are being robbed in order that the big fellows may escape."

The poor man and the man in medium circumstances must bear the tax burdens. The rich corporations and their stockholders escape.

Why isn't the Beef Trust proceeded against criminally? The United States Supreme Court in a decision rendered March 12, 1906, makes it easy to get the packing gang now; much easier than when they were indicted before. The United States Supreme Court as yet under named decided, in effect, that under the Anti-Trust Laws witnesses could be compelled to testify and that books and papers required must be produced.

The worst form of anarchy in Chicago is that form which sets the tax laws at defiance and saddles the burdens of the very rich upon the shoulders of the poor.

If you have any doubt about what causes so much tuberculosis in Illinois read the fourth and fifth columns of page 6 in this paper.

The poor taxpayers of the city of Chicago pay an immense amount of money annually for police and fire protection for the stock yards tax-dodgers.

The most awful thing in the history of this Republic from its foundation to the present time, is the open, flagrant defiance by the Beef Trust of the permanent injunction granted against it by the Supreme Court of the United States. If the Supreme Court can be flouted by multi-millionaire law-breakers, what has become of our Government?

Read about Armour, Swift, McRoberts and the rest of the gang on pages 2, 3 and 9.

Government by Tax Dodgers and for Tax Dodgers must cease in Chicago.

If your taxes trouble you try Armour's Dodgerine.

Team owners and other victims of the wheel tax must remember that such a tax would not be necessary if Armour, Swift and the other multi-millionaire personal tax-dodgers paid their just dues to the municipality.