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## A Strange Message.

The SENTINEL will begin next week the publication of a new serial story with the above title, by Miss DORA RUSSELL, one of the most gifted and popular living writers of fiction. Miss RUSSELL is the author of "Footprints in the Snow," "Quite True," "Annabel's Rival," "Lady Sefton's Pride," "Beneath the Wave," "The Broken Seal," "The Vicar's Governess" and "Track of the Storm." All of these works have had an immense sale on both sides of the Atlantic. Her new story, "A Strange Message," is pronounced by competent critics superior to anything she has yet written. Miss RUSSELL's novels are intensely dramatic, full of life, action and adventure, skillful in plot, brilliant in dialogue, graphic in description, effective in situations and captivating in style. The *Athenaeum*, the *Academy*, the *Saturday Review*, the *Figaro*, the *St. James Gazette*, the *London Morning Post*, and the *London Spectator*, which are among the highest critical authorities in the English language, are loud in their praises of Miss RUSSELL's genius.

We feel sure that this story will prove a most attractive and popular feature of THE WEEKLY SENTINEL. It will be printed simultaneously in a number of the leading newspapers of England and the United States.

## A Word With You, Friends.

THE INDIANA STATE SENTINEL is now a larger and a better paper than ever before. It is printed on a new Hoe perfecting press with a capacity of 28,000 sheets per hour, folded. This wonderful machine costs \$15,000. New and handsome type are used, which makes the "print" clear and legible. A better quality of paper and ink is used than ever before. The idea is to make THE INDIANA STATE SENTINEL the best, the handsomest and the cheapest weekly paper (considering its superiority) ever offered to the people of Indiana.

All of these improvements have cost a large amount of money. A new investment of something like \$20,000 has been made, and the running expenses largely increased. We hope our friends, and especially those who are interested in the democratic cause, will appreciate these things, and aid us to get a fair return on our money, our enterprise and our labor.

They can do this in two ways: First, all who are in arrears can square themselves on the books at once, and at the same time remit a year's subscription in advance. THE INDIANA STATE SENTINEL only costs one dollar a year, less than two cents a copy, including postage. Where else, reader, can you get so much comfort, so much information for yourself and your family, so much substantial benefit, for two cents? Send us your old debt, then, if you owe one, and a dollar for the year to come, so that when you enjoy the luxury of THE SENTINEL you will have the satisfaction of knowing that it is paid for.

There is another way you can aid THE SENTINEL and the democratic cause. Tell your neighbors and friends about the paper. Tell them of the improvements it has made, and impress upon them the fact that it is the cheapest and best weekly paper in Indiana. Get them to try it for a year, (one dollar) or if they won't do that to send six cents for THE SENTINEL until the end of the presidential campaign. If you have a friend or relative who has left the state, or is about to leave it, suggest to him that by sending a dollar to THE SENTINEL he will be charged against the HARRISON-COX-SULLIVAN gang out of the control and management of the chief benevolent institution of the state. If not, why not?

THE SENTINEL will frankly say that it does not believe it would be an improvement to supersede the present corps of officials and employees at the insane hospital with creatures of the class that the republican party always kept in charge of the benevolent institutions when it was in power. Whatever may be charged against the HARRISON management—and very much that is charged is notoriously false—the insane hospital is to-day more honestly and economically conducted than when it was in republican hands.

Every subscriber of THE SENTINEL could easily get it another subscriber if he would make a little effort. Won't you all try, friends? Won't you try, ladies, and boys and girls, who get so much pleasure out of THE SENTINEL every week?

## Let Us Make No Mistakes.

In a little more than a week the democratic state convention will assemble. A majority of the delegates are already chosen. Most of them, we are glad to say, will come to the convention unhampered by instructions of any kind. They will come, as we believe, with an honest purpose to nominate the strongest possible ticket, regardless of considerations of personal ambition or local pride.

Every intelligent and patriotic democrat must realize that this is a poor year to indulge his pride or gratify his prejudices, or "get even" with his enemies at the expense of his party. We are on the eve of a desperate battle. We have a majority in Indiana, but not such a majority as will warrant us in making any mistakes or committing any foolishness whatsoever. Like *Mercurio's* wound, it lacks dimensions, but 'twill serve, if we hold it.

To hold it we must nominate a strong ticket on a sound platform, effect a first class organization, bury all personal grudges and animosities and factional quarrels so deep that they can never be resurrected, and go into the fight determined to win, if victory is to be gained by legitimate and honorable methods.

There are some things that must be carefully avoided if we are to carry Indiana this year. Perhaps the first and most important to be avoided is under-estimating the strength of our opponents. The republicans of Indiana are very hungry and very thirsty. They have all the reckless desperation that attends a naturally voracious appetite, sharpened by a long period of enforced fasting.

We are determined to carry Indiana this year, by fair means or foul. They expect to have, and doubtless will have, an abundance of the "sinews of war." The tariff rings and the great corporations will see to that. They expect to have an Indiana man on the republican national ticket, and they intend to nominate their most popular and artful demagogue for governor. They will contest every inch of

the ground, and will give us a lively fight. We can beat them if we go at it in the right way, but we are not going to have a "picnic." It's always best to look facts squarely in the face.

Now if, at the outset, we carefully avoid underestimating the strength of the enemy, we shall doubtless see that if we are to win we must also carefully avoid several other things. Among which are these:

Nominating any man for governor who is not fully equipped to meet in debate the strongest man in the republican party; who is not thoroughly informed and in deep earnest on the tariff question; whose personal and public record is not clean, honorable and straightforward; who is not acceptable to democrats of all classes and of all sections of the state. If any such person asks the nomination, or if his friends should ask it for him, the convention should reply with a polite but emphatic negative.

If the convention is asked by a man's enemies to nominate him for governor or any other office, in order to give any of the said enemies a chance to obtain some other office, it will—or should—respectfully decline, unless some better reason can be shown for making the nomination.

As to every place on the ticket, from the head to the tail, the convention must avoid forgetting that no man has any valid "claims" upon the party. It is the party that has claims upon its individual members. The officious, the self-seeking, the obtrusive, do not always make the best candidates. Because a man has once had a nomination and been defeated it does not necessarily follow that he should have another. There are many questions to be considered. Is he the strongest and best equipped man for the office? Is he prepared to make sacrifices for the common cause? Will he labor earnestly for the success of the whole ticket, and not insist upon making a personal canvas in his own behalf alone? Is he a democrat from principle, or for revenue only? Is he in hearty sympathy with President CLEVELAND on the tariff question, and has he any doubts as to the results of a campaign on this issue in Indiana if it is vigorously conducted? Has he done as much for his party in the past as his party has done for him?

All these and many other matters must be considered by the delegates calmly, dispassionately, deliberately, if their work is to be properly done. THE SENTINEL has no candidate for any office in the gift of the people of Indiana. It is for democratic success, and it knows that success can only be assured by wise and harmonious action on the part of the convention. It addresses these remarks to the delegates more than a week in advance of their assembling, not in a spirit of dictation, but because it believes they are pertinent to the occasion and in the interest of the democratic party. We ask delegates to come with a proper sense of the responsibility that rests upon them, and of the duty they owe their party and with a full consciousness of the importance of making a ticket which shall be unexceptionable in every respect, and shall combine, in the highest possible degree, the requisites of character, capacity and availability.

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