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Secretary.**A REPUBLICAN REVOLT.**

No observant citizen can fail to take comfort in the first really promising revolt against the Aldrich dictation. Senators Nelson and Clapp, of Minnesota, and Senator Carter, of Montana, yesterday severely denounced the lumber schedule. These men evidently propose to express their opinions in regard to other schedules, notably wool and glass. We have heard from Senators Cummins and Doliver. There is reason to hope that Senator Root will refuse to follow the Aldrich leadership in all things. No one can say how far the revolt will go or what will be its effect. But we think there can be no doubt of the earnestness of the men who are leading it. The effort is really to break the power of the Aldrich-Hale-Lodge oligarchy and to assert and uphold the right of the West to receive consideration in the making of a tariff.

The question really is whether Aldrich, who represents the smallest state in the union, shall or himself legislate for all the rest of the country. The center of power, wealth and population is rapidly moving westward, and leadership must follow it. The senators who are standing out against the old dictation correctly reflect the feelings of the people in this section. We are told every now and then that Aldrich can get through any tariff bill that he favors because he has power to confer benefits on those who oppose him, and thus is able to break the opposition. But he has no power to confer any favors except such as the senate permits him to exercise. Undoubtedly trading is now going on. But still not one of the bargains can be ratified except by the vote of the Senate.

This truth seems to be dawning on the consciousness of several influential republican senators. The more completely it is realized the stronger is their opposition likely to become. The revolt is not confined to the Senate. It has spread, or is spreading, throughout the country. We may be on the eve of great political changes, on the eve of a new political adjustment. Protests should not cease because it seems impossible that they can accomplish anything. As to that one can never tell. One thing at least can be accomplished, and that is the breaking down of the present despotism.

Senators Doliver, Cummins, Nelson, Clapp and Carter have performed a great public service. The people should rally to their support. The immediate question is whether the Senate shall be ruled by itself or by Aldrich, whether Rhode Island is to say what taxes the rest of the people shall pay. With the house under the control of the speaker and his rules committee, it is specially important that the Senate should be a free and uncontrolled body of equals.—Indianapolis News.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

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the Order Received.

Dear Palladium:
Allow me a small space in behalf of the good citizens of Richmond.

To some of our people Dudley Foulke's letter in Thursday's issue came like a bomb in the camp. However some of the more discerning have pronounced him a fraud, which he has demonstrated beyond cavil.

As for brother Wade, whatever confidence the people may have had in his temperance proclivities is entirely gone to the four winds. Since both of these professed reformers have allied themselves with the saloon element, in espousing Gordon's cause, in a pretense of defeating Zimmerman, who not espouse the cause of an honest, upright citizen as Harris has proven himself. The Wade and Foulke combination have serious objections to Gordon. He espoused the cause of the "wets" and is guilty of many misdemeanors which they can't approve, but Bennie in their "Rock a Bye Baby on the Tree-top"—Whichever way the wind blows the cradle will rock.

Wonder if Dudley is being carried on some body's shoulders? Such a spectacle would be an addition to the Wallace and Hagenbeck circus.

More Gordon Consistency

Here is a little more evidence that J. Bennett Gordon has not "always been" in favor of the retention of the light plant by the city. He now announces that municipal ownership is all right. Here are extracts from the editorial column of the item.

We quote from an editorial of August 4, 1904—this is the conclusion. This is 1909.

"WE HAVE STEADFASTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE PLANT WILL PROVE A WHITE ELEPHANT ON THE TAXPAYERS HANDS, AND WE WILL SEE OUR STATEMENT VINDICATED INSIDE OF FIVE YEARS. BUT THE WAY TO HAVE EVERYONE SATISFIED IS TO GO THROUGH TO THE BITTER END. TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR CITY LIGHTING TO THE LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY AT THIS TIME WOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY. A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD THINK THAT THEY HAD BEEN SOLD OUT AND THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE THE FEELING THAT MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL IN THIS CITY. NOTHING COULD BE MORE ROTTEN AND THOROUGHLY CORRUPT THAN THE CONDITIONS WHICH MARKED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANT, BUT BECAUSE IT WAS CONCEIVED IN INQUINITY AND REARED IN CORRUPTION IS NO ARGUMENT WHY IT SHOULD BE ABANDONED IN THE SAME MANNER.

"GIVE MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP ALL THE CHANCE ON EARTH. LET THE TAXPAYERS PUT UP FOR THE EMPTY HONOR OF OWNING THEIR OWN LIGHT PLANT UNTIL THEY GET GOOD AND PLENTY OF IT. LET EVERYONE BE ABSOLUTELY SATISFIED THAT MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP IS A SNARE AND A DELUSION, THE SCHEME OF POLITICIANS, THE OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLIC GRAFT, AND THEN HAVING LEARNED OUR LESSON WITH SADDER, BUT WISER FEAR, MAKE A DECENT BUT BUSINESS-LIKE CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE CORPORATION TO FURNISH LIGHT FOR THE CITY AND TO PRIVATE CITIZENS AT RATES PROVIDED IN A FRANCHISE AND TURN OUR \$200,000 PLANT OVER TO THAT CORPORATION. WE LEARN ONLY BY EXPERIENCE."—EDITORIAL IN THE ITEM AUG 4, 1904.

THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT.

The complaints against the management of the municipal light plant are unfair, and if those uttering them are not careful they will condemn themselves out of their own mouth. The board of light commissioners is composed of business men who have made far better success in life than those who pose as their critics. They know their business and they know how to conduct a business. They are serving the city practically without salary and it is showing them a lamentable lack of good breeding to take them over the coals because the light plant is not making a financial success.

"As we have taken occasion to say many times before, you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, and there is no use wasting time trying to breed a derby winner out of a government mule. The municipal light plant will never pay unless the day of miracles returns. It will pass through the history of every other municipal enterprise. It will be an eternal and ever increasing expense. Thousands of dollars will be spent in the first years of its operation for new machinery and charged to original cost in order to keep the expenses small. Thousands more will be spent later on and charged to equipment in order to keep the expense account down. But the taxpayers will foot the bills and damn the men who saddled it on the city, no matter to what account the money is charged. As time passes and the plant does not pay, the commissioners will be justly criticized because they do not perform impossibilities. These commissioners being business men, and working for nothing, will not care to take criticism and will resign, and political wire pullers and incompetents will fill the board, because self-respecting men will not accept the places. Then will begin a period of graft and open theft. Competent superintendents will soon shun the place, because it will add nothing to their reputation, and men picked for political reasons will run the plant. IT WILL GO TO THE DEVIL AND THE PEOPLE WILL FINALLY THROW UP THE SPONGE—SELL IT FOR WHAT THEY CAN GET FOR IT AND GO BACK TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

"SUCH IS THE HISTORY OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP AND WE HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP"—ITEM, AUGUST 19, 1903.

Do you need better evidence? What does Gordon say now?

HE SAID, IN THE ITEM, MAY 18, 1903:

"IF IT IS THE PROVINCE OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE LIGHTING BUSINESS IN ORDER TO FURNISH LIGHT, WHICH TODAY IS A COMMERCIAL NECESSITY, AT COST OR LESS THAN COST. THEN WHY IS IT NOT THE PROVINCE OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO THE BUSINESS OF FURNISHING WATER, FUEL, FOOD, AND CLOTHING AT LESS THAN THEY ARE NOW BEING FURNISHED BY PRIVATE CONCERN?"

"OH, NO, GENTLEMEN, THE REASON YOU DO NOT WANT TO GIVE UP YOUR BOOKS IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE DECEIVED THE PEOPLE, THEY WILL PROVE THE LAST REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER TO BE A TISSUE OF FALSEHOODS AND THEY WILL PROVE THAT THE CITY PLANT HAS NEVER MADE MONEY, IS NOT MAKING MONEY, AND WILL NEVER MAKE MONEY."—EDITORIAL BY J. BENNETT GORDON, MAY 6, 1908.

"The fact is that the whole practice of municipal ownership is wrong. You can not admit its correctness in any one commodity unless you adopt the entire theory of Socialism."—Evening Item, May 18, 1908.

Do you need better evidence?

**Items Gathered in
From Far and Near****GOSSIP FROM THE PROVINCES.****Boiling It Down.**

(Kansas City Journal.)

Mr. Bryan took three columns of the Commoner to prove that Secretary of War Dickinson is not a Democrat. A sheer waste of space. One line would have been sufficient: "He did not vote for me."

Lest We Forget.

(Springfield Republican)

The reports from East Africa fail to give prominence to the duly attested fact that the Smithsonian Institution has an expedition somewhere in that neighborhood devoted to the advancement of science.

Oh Mabel, Ain't It Awful!

(Detroit Free Press)

You can gamble that Mrs. Abdul Hamid, the Damned, is the maddest woman cast of the setting sun. Add me.

the fact that there are so many of her, and it may turn more light on the Turkish situation.

Will Start Something.

(Omaha Bee)

The new bust of ex-President Roosevelt is ready for the Senate Chamber. Whenever the sessions become dreary, all that will be necessary will be to show it to Bailey and Tillman.

He is Too Fond of Fiction.

(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

Mr. Broughton Brandenburg seems entitled to just one more chance to tell a straight story, but there is no reason to believe that he will improve it.

If Abdul Hamid should seek asylum in America, as some reports say he may, Utah would probably give him a more or less cordial welcome.

(Denver Republican)

Now if Castro could only find Tom Hisgen's retreat and crawl in there with him, how quiet the world would be.

WHICH?**HARRIS**

A MARRIED MAN WITH WIFE
AND CHILDREN.

A MAN WHOSE WORD IS GOOD
ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

AN UNIMPEACHABLE RECORD.

A MAN WHO WILL DEVOTE ALL
HIS TIME TO ADVANCING THE IN-
TERESTS OF THE TOWN.

A MAN WHO WILL STRIVE TO
DECREASE THE TAX RATE BY
CAREFULLY OVERSEEING THE
CITY BUSINESS WITH UNQUE-
STIONED HONESTY.

A MAN WHO IS HONEST.

A MAN WHO CAN BE ELECTED.

A MAN WHO WILL LOOK OUT
FOR THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE
CITIZENS.

ZIMMERMAN

AN UNMENTIONABLE PRIVATE
LIFE.

IN FAVOR OF DIVES AND OPEN-
ING HOUSES OF ILL FAME.

A MAN WHO WAS INCOMPE-
TENT WHEN FORMERLY IN OF-
FICE.

A MAN WHO HAS HELD OFFICE
TIME AND TIME AGAIN FOR A
SIDE LINE TO FURNISH HIM OP-
PORTUNITIES FOR PROFIT.

A MAN WHO HAS HELPED BY
BAD GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE
THE TAXES OF THE CITY.

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC ADMIN-
ISTRATION.

A MAN WHOM MANY REPUBLI-
CANS WILL BOLT.

A MAN WHO WOULD RUN THE
TOWN FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS.

TWINKLES**Progress of Agriculture.**

(New York Sun.)

Knicker—The old-time farmer kept his horse in the barn.

Bocker—And the new farmer keeps his wheat in the garage.

Why Should They?

(Pittsburg Post.)

"They oughter do something fer me. I always vote their way."

"They won't do nothin' fer ye as long as ye stick to that policy, me good man."

Rather Fancy.

(Chicago News.)

The queerest names in all this world. We'll bet our bottom dollars. Are on the Pullman cars, the flats, and gentlemen's linen collars.

Nothing Like Being Obliging.

(Life.)

Customer—Walter, isn't there something peculiar about these oysters?

Walter—Is there, sir? Try another, sir, and if that's off I'll change the order.

(Atchison (Kan.) Globe.)

Bad habits are always stronger than good resolutions.

A woman looks prettier getting a baby to sleep than she does on a public platform.

A good woman's idea of something disreputable is to make a practice of attending more than one church.

You can't make us believe any woman loves her husband when she refers to him as "he" instead of by his name.

A girl who has been engaged as many as three times must have a heart that looks as badly mussed as the top bureau drawer.

Before demanding your own way it is well to consider whether you would be willing to grant every one else the same privilege.

There is an old saying that a woman who persistently refuses to get married, though she has chances, will be compelled to mend all the bachelors' clothes in the next world. The witt was made returnable on Monday.

A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK.**Making It Pleasant For The Studious Traveler.**

An English tourist traveling on foot through one of our mountainous regions, studying the people, asked a man whom he met to direct him to certain caves at which he had been advised to stay overnight. "Going that?" said the man. "Well, Tom's a first rater, take him just right, but he's mighty queer."

"What do you mean?" asked the traveler.

"Well, it's like this," and the man looked at the stranger in a calm, impersonal way. "He'll be setting outside, most probably, and he'll see you coming. He'll take a good look at you, and if you don't suit him he may set the dog on you."

"If he don't and you get to talking with him and say anything he don't just like he may throw you down and tramp on you. But if you're too careful in your talk, on the other hand, he'll be liable to take you for a spy and use his gun fast and listen to explanations afterward."

"But it's no use trying to get by without stopping," concluded the man, with evident relish of the prospect he was opening up to the stranger. "If you was to undertake that 'would be all up with you, for he'd think you was proud and biggity."

"If you want to come out of the mountains, whole, don't go past Tom's cabin without stopping, whatever you do!"—Youth's Companion.

The Unemployed.

Lack of employment is not a new question. Says the Liverpool Mercury of Feb. 14, 1812: "It is of the highest importance that a committee of the legislature should immediately inquire into the causes of the present want of employment among the laboring classes and whether means might not be found in a nation of which the revenue is immense by which a succession of public works," etc. There were at that time 10,000 unemployed in Liverpool. The same writer after asking "Is war the only employment that the state has to give the poor?" goes on to show that the pyramids of Egypt and the "elegant edifices of Greece" were built with the object of "giving continual employment to the laborer."