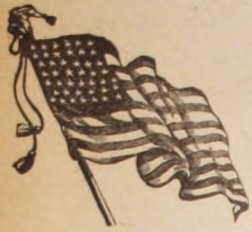


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The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and wherever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—Wm. McKinley.

It is given out that "Uncle Joe" Cannon is for Tanner for senator.

The drainage canal is open but the gang is still in Chicago, and the canal is not doing its full duty.

Congressman Reeves arrived in Chicago from Washington Sunday and will remain in the state as long as possible without slighting his duties there.

It is admitted now by the Haney people in Chicago that he cannot get more than half of the Cook county delegation. That means he would have to get about 500 out in the state and he can't get 150 to save his life.

The first republican county convention was that of Richland, in southern Illinois, yesterday, a Tanner stronghold. The result was not known at press time but we predict Reeves instructions or an uninstructed delegation.

Judge Haney received a chilly reception in St. Clair, Madison, Monroe and Randolph counties this week. At several places nobody met him at the depot. Southern Illinois republicans are impregnated with the idea that Haney is another method of spelling John Tanner.—Paris Beacon.

John L. Pickering, the able political correspondent of the St. Louis Globe Democrat, who has traveled all over Illinois and has looked over the situation carefully, says Walter Reeves will be the republican nominee for governor and that he would not be surprised if it was on the first ballot. Many other observing politicians think the same.

The Haney boom for governor grew from 2 a. m. up to the time he made a speech in Springfield at the lovefeast December 29, and since then it has been growing—SMALL. On the other hand Reeves made a speech at the same time, and his candidacy has grown rapidly ever since. The former's supporters are discouraged, the latter's supporters are full of courage.

In the 20th senatorial district comprised of Marshall, Woodford and Livingston counties, the senator, Mr. Fort, is from Marshall county. He has held the office four years. As Livingston county is larger than both the others and controls the convention, it should have the senator and Marshall and Woodford one representative each. This would be an extremely fair division and is likely to prevail.

It is not improbable that the house committee on ways and means will bring in a unanimous report to abolish the war tax on notes of a denomination of less than \$100. In the western and southern countries a great amount of litigation has grown out of ignorance on the subject. Farmers



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trading among themselves and in exchanging notes of small denominations find it difficult, if not impossible, to find stamps to place on their small notes, and no end of trouble has ensued in consequence. The amount of revenue received from this source is not large, and congress is likely to receive little folks of tax on that account.

The republican county conventions of Boone and Perry counties will be held next week. It is said Charlie Fuller is holding court for Haney in Chicago and that he has the Boone county delegation in the judge's desk, and that there will be no need of holding any convention. In Perry county, Harry Ward, Martin Madden's man, thinks he has a cinch for Haney. There are differences of opinion, however. These two counties are selected as Haney strongholds and both of them together have only about ten delegates. It would be an almost unprecedented victory for Reeves to get either of them, or even keep them from instructing.

An unknown exchange makes the following sensible remarks which contain a whole lot more truth than poetry: "It is very disgusting to hear people speak scornfully of girls who have to work for a living. No sensible man is dazzled by the glitter of a jeweled hand, a gold bracelet or a watch all of which have been bought on time. A rosy cheeked face in the kitchen is worth a dozen operatic singers in the parlor pawing the piano and screeching, 'A Flower from my Angel Mother's grave,' when very likely the poor old mother is hanging out clothes in the back yard. It is all right to appear as a cultured, refined and entertaining lady, but to know how to be a good house-keeper is far better than superficial airs."

The Chicago Tribune advocates the nomination of Senator Cullom for re-election as United States Senator by a formal resolution by the Republican State Convention. It would be a sensible thing to do. If it was done, and the republicans had a majority on joint ballot in the legislature, Senator Cullom would be re-elected senator without a contest, and without scandalous charges of offices promised or money paid to corrupt members of the legislature to influence their votes on the election of a United States Senator. Of course corrupt members of the legislature would oppose it, for it would take away their chances to obtain bribes for their votes, but all honest members of the legislature should favor it, and all honest republicans in all parts of Illinois should favor any plan that would give the people a voice in the election of a United States Senator, and make it impossible for corrupt members of the legislature to sell their votes on the question of the election of a United States Senator. If this plan of nominating United States Senators was adopted there would

be no failures to elect United States Senators as the last year in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Utah and California. We have advocated for some years the nomination of United States Senators by party conventions, and we hope to live to see the time when it will be done by all parties in all the States of the Union. The plain voting people in all parties have a right to make such nominations—as much as they have to make nominations for Presidents—and in the end the people will nominate candidates for United States Senators.—Freeport Journal.

The great want of this age is men. Men who are not for sale. Men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core. Men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as others. Men whose consciences are steady as the needle to the pole. Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels. Men who can tell the truth and look the truth, and look the world and the devil right in the eyes. Men that neither brag nor run. Men that neither flag nor flinch. Men who have courage without whistling for it, and joy without shouting to bring it. Men in whom the everlasting current of life runs still and deep and strong. Men too large for sectarian limits, and too strong for sectarian bonds. Men who do not strive, nor cry, nor cause their voices to be heard in the streets, but who will not fail nor be discouraged till judgement be set in the earth. Men who know their message and tell it. Men who know their place and fill it. Men who mind their own business. Men who will not lie. Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor. Men who are willing to eat what they have earned and wear what they have paid for.—Ex.

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Judge Orrin L. Carter, of Chicago, county judge of Cook county, is now a full-fledged candidate for the republican nomination for governor, as he has a perfect right to be. Judge Carter bears the reputation of being an honorable, able man, and will undoubtedly get a good support in Cook county. He is a brother of Zina R. Carter, the republican candidate for mayor last spring, who was badly snowed under in Chicago because he was supposed to be a Tanner man. The judge, however, claims to be independent of what is known as the machine men in Cook county and is running simply on his merits. The delegates in Cook county are elected under the new primary law—voting direct for them at the polls, so that if good, decent men are not elected it is the fault of the people. The Chicago papers say that the gang will fight Carter even in his home ward, and claim they can beat him. Judge Carter's candidacy will have no particular bearing on Mr. Reeve's candidacy, any more than to increase the latter's chances for success. Mr. Reeves will make

his straight, honorable, fight all along the line, in Cook county and outside, no matter how many candidates come and go. Of course the more candidates Cook county has for governor the less chance they stand, and the outcome will be that Reeves will be the nominee.

A gentleman recently made the remark that the fact that a great number of chattel mortgages were filed for record indicated that the people were by no means as prosperous as had been claimed. Taking this remark as a guide, a reporter investigated the matter. It was found that a much larger number of instruments of the class were filed during the past year than previously in a long time, but that very few had been foreclosed. During the hard times following 1892 chattel mortgages were abundant, but they then represented straightened circumstances on the part of the people who gave them. Now they are given on furniture, horses, machinery, etc., bought on the installment plan and indicate prosperity instead of adversity. Small ventures in business are made and the necessary money is raised by mortgaging chattels. The upshot of it all is that chattel mortgages are not a reliable barometer—they may forecast either foul or fair weather.—Ex.

THE HORIZON CLEARING. As the time approaches for the holding of the county conventions the horizon begins to clear. Little Boone county in the extreme north, holds the first convention. It has a couple of delegates, and Judge Charles E. Fuller always carries them around in his pocket. Judge Fuller is now playing understudy on the Cook county bench for Judge Haney. The Springfield organ of John Tanner will cackle like a pullet over its first egg, when Boone is heard from. About the same time Harry Ward has promised to deliver Perry to Haney. Perry is another little county which makes the most of its opportunity. The only way of attracting attention to these two counties and their probable action is for them to hold their conventions at such a time. Some doubt is expressed as to the ability of Ward to deliver his goods to Haney, but its little odds whether he does or not. Walter Reeves will be nominated about the time that Perry is called—if not on the first, certainly on the second ballot.—Paris Beacon.

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Washington, Jan. 19.—The senate yesterday listened to a speech by Senator Wellington (Md.) against permanent retention of the Philippines; also to a continuation by Senator Teller (Col.) of his attack on the financial bill. Received a resolution from Senator Ross (Vt.) declaring in favor of creating a separate government department to take charge of all outlying dependencies.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In a speech in the senate yesterday Senator Hale (Me.) declared that nine-tenths of the American people were in sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain. A resolution inquiring of the president whether any representative of the Transvaal government had applied for recognition, and whether it had been granted or denied, was passed. Senator Morgan (Ala.) spoke in opposition to the financial bill. Adjourned to Monday.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate yesterday listened to speeches by Senator Pritchard (N. C.) against the proposed negro disfranchising amendment to the North Carolina constitution, and by Senator Turner (Wash.) against the administration's policy in the Philippines. Senator Rawlins' (Utah) resolution for an investigation into polygamy in the United States or any of its possessions was adopted.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Majority and minority reports were made in the senate yesterday in the case of Senator Quay (Pa.), the former against giving him a seat and the latter in favor of seating him. The Philippine question was discussed and Senator McHenry (La.) spoke on the race question, practically favoring the disfranchisement of negroes.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill (\$9,012,948) was favorably reported in the senate yesterday, and a resolution asking information as to the Sulu treaty was passed.

House. Washington, Jan. 19.—In the house yesterday the senate bill extending the power of the director of the census was passed. Mr. Ray (N. Y.) introduced a bill to provide that in the District of Columbia and the territories no absolute divorce shall be granted save for adultery.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,245,250, was passed in the house yesterday, and a bill was introduced to extend our tariff laws to Puerto Rico and create a customs district in the island.

Washington, Jan. 22.—In the house on Saturday Mr. White (N. C.) introduced a bill to protect citizens of the United States from mob violence. William F. Aldrich (rep.), who contested the seat held by Gaston A. Robbins (dem.), for the Fourth congressional district of Alabama, was given the seat.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The house was in session only 40 minutes yesterday and nothing of public importance was done. A bill for the election of senators by a direct vote was favorably reported.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Debate on the Roberts case reports began in the house yesterday, and by agreement between the majority and minority members of the special committee will continue until Thursday, when a vote will be taken. Chairman Taylor argued for the majority resolution, which provides for excluding the Utah member, Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, argued for the minority resolution to permit Roberts to be sworn in and then expel him. Mr. Roberts closed the debate for the day.

Washington, Jan. 25.—In the house yesterday the time was occupied with speeches on the Roberts case. A bill making service in the Spanish-American war sufficient to remove the disabilities against those who aided or abetted the southern troops during the war of the rebellion was favorably reported.

Elevator Collapses. Hampton, Ia., Jan. 25.—A large grain elevator at Latimer, eight miles west of here, on the Algona branch of the Iowa Central road, collapsed Tuesday night and is a total wreck. It was full of grain. It was built last year by the Mahoney Elevator company, who were operating it. The loss depends largely upon how much of the grain can be saved.

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