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GAITHER FOR GOVERNOR

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The news that the Republican leaders and managers have decided to unite on a State ticket with George R. Gaither at its head came this morning like a bolt out of the blue. Yesterday afternoon the chance of his nomination seemed extremely slight; this morning, with the withdrawal of Mr. Goldsborough, it became a certainty.

With Mr. Gaither as their candidate for governor, the Republicans will stand before the people of Maryland as representing the cause with which we vainly hoped, up to the meeting of the Convention last week, that the Democratic party would identify itself. The Democrats had every incitement to doing so. Governor Warfield had made a record that was not only excellent, but that was universally recognized as excellent. If there was any logic in the situation, it was that the Democrats should either renominate Warfield, or failing that, put up a man who would mean not only the continuance but the further advancement of the standards of sound and efficient government which it had been so plainly shown that the people desired and demanded. With a man like Mr. Baker at the head of the ticket, the Democrats would have swept the State. Instead of that, a ticket was made up which had its origin in no source whatsoever except the methods and managements of machine politics. It was a politicians' ticket, pure and simple.

Of course, the cry will be raised that the Republican ticket is a machine-made ticket also. But that cry will be ineffective. Everybody will admit that if Messrs. Mudd and Jackson and Stone had held out for some other man that suited them better, Gaither could not have been nominated. But sensible men will recognize that when political managers show such sagacity, such recognition of the just demands of the people, as to put up the very best man in the party for the Governorship, they have given themselves a clean bill of health for the campaign. If John Walter Smith and Elihu E. Jackson and Frank Brown had done for the Democrats what Sydney Mudd and William H. Jackson and William F. Stone have done for the Republicans, it would have been all in vain for anybody to raise the cry of "machine-made" against the ticket; the ticket would have spoken for itself. And the Republican ticket will most certainly speak for itself.

When we say of the nomination of Mr. Gaither that it is from every point of view an ideal nomination we are not conscious of a particle of exaggeration. Its salient peculiarity is in the remarkable combination of political availability with the most sterling merit. In point of character and record, Mr. Gaither is clean as a whip. His sincere devotion to the public welfare is unquestioned. He has been a notable figure in our polities for a dozen years, and has done most substantial public service without any taint of self-seeking. He was one of the chief organizers of the great Republican and Independent victory of 1895, and one of the men to whose work and to whose influence the success of the Lowndes administration was due. He was the mainstay of the administration of Mayor Timanus. At the time of crisis following the death of Mayor McLane, when the city was in the first throee of its recovery from the great fire, Mr. Gaither accepted the Presidency of the Second Branch of the City Council purely as a matter of public duty and at great sacrifice of his private interests. He was glad to lay down that office at the close of his term. He was by no means anxious to go back into public life, even for the distinguished honor of the Governorship. But everybody knows that if he is elected he will throw himself into his work with that whole-hearted zeal which is characteristic of him. In so far as he cares for the Governorship at all, he cares for it as a post in which he can accomplish something upon which he himself and the people of Maryland can look back with satisfaction.

But all this does not give a fair view of Mr. Gaither. He is not a plaster saint. He is not even a "reformer," but a good regular Republican. He is an every-day man, and what he has done has been done in the spirit of a man who loves to be active in affairs that interest him. Moreover, he is distinctively and thoroughly a lover of the people and a defender of popular rights. He is a corporation lawyer whose voice has steadily been raised in favor of energetic defense of the rights of the community against every unjust or questionable claim of corporations. Indeed, when the question of his nomination was under discussion among the politicans, always one of the big obstacles mentioned with much solemn wagging of heads was the fear that business men would not support Mr. Gaither because of his so-called radical views. A corporation lawyer and man of means who gets himself more or less blackmarked by narrow-minded business men because of his open-mindedness on questions of corporation privileges and control is a pretty good sort—especially when, as in the case of Mr. Gaither, this has happened as a result of his routine activities and not at all on account of agitation, or obtrusive conduct of any kind, on his part,

Mr. Gaither is a man well known and thoroughly liked throughout the State. But it is here in Baltimore that his candidacy will excite the keenest interest. And this is not simply because he is a Baltimore man, or because he is an extremely popular Baltimore man. It is because the election of George R. Gaither to the Governorship would mean something for Baltimore, and something of the highest importance for Baltimore. A man may be a Baltimorean and not really understand Baltimore, not really know either what she needs or what she wants. Gaither knows all this through and through. He knows it from the side of business, from the side of politics, from the side of law, from the side of municipal administration. Of all men in this city, Republicans or Democrats, he is the one best fitted to promote, in the Governor's chair, the true interests of Baltimore city. And when we say the true interests we mean nothing narrow or provincial. What will really benefit Baltimore will benefit the whole State; and what will really promote the prosperity and welfare of the rest of the State will be to the advantage of Baltimore likewise. But Baltimore forms so preponderating a part of the State, and her interests and affairs are so complex, that to have a man in the Governor's chair who thoroughly knows what Baltimore needs and who will act on that knowledge would be a great boon to city and state.

One immediate effect upon Baltimore city of the mere nomination of Mr. Gaither we confidently expect to see. It will greatly mitigate the ardor of "the boys" who are after the municipal plums and moderate the zeal of the bigger politicians who are trying to stampede Mayor Mahool into a spoilsmongering orgy. It will hardly do to further burden the Democratic ticket with any such display of "pernicious activity," when the voters have their eyes fixed on Mr. Gaither as representing the Republican side of the case. To have the Democratic ticket marked all over with the label of John Walter Smith, and presented to the voters as a pure and unadulterated product of the mind and will of that distinguished exponent of purity in elections, the father of the extra session and inaugurator of the trick-ballot regime, will be quite enough of a load to carry.

Vaseline as an Egg Preservative.

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And south winds blow,
And 'neath their spell I find myself a dreaming
Of the dear long ago.

And in my heart there wells a mighty yearning
To see and hear again
The sights and sounds of home, and there returning
To rest. And then, and then——

To sit among the friends who loved me truly,
And the old days recall,
And hear the tales of what has happened newly
Until the shadows fall.

And the low music of their murmuring voices
Should soothe my troubled heart.
Ah, at the thought how my fond soul rejoices!
Why did we ever part?

I will return—but wait—a dread thought bringing
To me the blush of shame,
Sets in my inmost ear the dire phrase ringing
"They would not be the same."

Dead are the friends that love you; though still seeming
Their bodies range
The old familiar haunts. But dead to all your dreaming,
Through ceaseless change.

New interests and new duties, new faiths and new desires,
Have brought them newer ties,
So, ceaselessly, the "essential man" expires—
The "old friend" dies.

Of all the old that the far-faring ranger
Finds as before he went away
Is cherished still by some old patriot granger—
The bill he did not pay.

THE MINISTER'S MOTHER.

BY SUSAN HUBBARD MARTIN.

The richest parishioner of the little church told the pastor on prayer-meeting night that she was going on a journey and then she spoke of the proposed route.

'Why, your way leads through Finley,' the minister exclaimed, his pale face lighting up, 'and at Finley lives—my mother. I wonder if you could—if you would stop and see her?'

The richest parishioner looked into her pastor's expressive face.

'I am going to stop there two days,' she answered gently, 'and I shall be very pleased to call upon her. How long since you have seen her?' she queried, still gently.

A shadow crossed the minister's face. 'Five years, in reality, but in spirit I am always with her. My blessed mother! No son has had a better one.' Then with wistful insistence; 'You are sure you will stop at Finley?'

'Very sure, and I will bring you back your mother's every word.'

The richest parishioner arrived in Finley in due time.

'Aunt Katherine,' she said to the elderly relative she was visiting, 'my pastor's mother lives in this town. Perhaps you know her?'

Aunt Katharine, comely and comfortable, was bustling about in the kitchen. 'What is her name?' she asked.

'McDonald—Mrs. Rachel McDonald.'

Aunt Katharine came to the window and pointed to a dwelling only a little distance up the street, small and unpretentious and guarded by a white picket fence.

'Mrs. McDonald lives there,' replied Aunt Katharine. 'I know her well; one of my best neighbors and almost the oldest inhabitant.'

'Will you go with me to see her, then?' asked the niece.

'Gladly, and whenever you like.'

'And so it happened that same afternoon they knocked at Rachel McDonald's door. A woman, large, noble and white-haired, opened it. She glanced at her two visitors, at the older woman with a smile of welcome, at the younger one with a gentle kindness, quite unmixed with curiosity.

'My niece—Mrs. Percival—Mrs. McDonald,' announced Aunt Katharine. She came to see you because she's from your son's town in the West and a member of his church.'

'Ah!' It was good to see how the beautiful old face lighted up. 'From my son's church. Oh, what a privilege it is to see you! Five years—five years since I last saw him. Is he well—is he quite well? He was never strong—but come in—come in.'

She ushered them into a clean little room, with braided rugs about and plants blooming in the windows. A bouquet of carnations stood in a vase on a small table covered with a white cloth.

'I had a birthday last week and my son sent me these. They were quite fresh, all but one, and I put that away to press. Malcolm knows how I love flowers. Now sit down and tell me about my boy—of his work, of his life, of the baby I have never seen.'

And so the richest parishioner, sitting opposite the strong, noble mother in that humble room, told what she knew. She spoke of the minister's Bible class, the young men's league he had inaugurated, the sermons he preached, the souls he had converted, the calls he made, the friends he held, and his kindness to the sick and weak and afflicted.

The old mother sat and listened, losing not a word. Her wrinkled hands were clasped together, her head bent forward.

'It's just as I knew it would be,' she answered dreamily. 'Malcolm was always such a blessing to his mother. And he writes me such letters and tells me how he longs to see me. I don't tell him how my heart hungers for him—it would grieve him so far away. My boy still, my little boy that I used to rock to sleep—whose prayers I used to listen to. Oh, if I could gather him in my arms again? And think my little lad is out in the world helping people. Oh, I am glad, like Hannah of old, that I had him to give to the Lord. It is all right only the separation is hard.'

And then as she looked into the strong, old face, with its lines of character and kindness, the richest parishioner knew whence had come the minister's religion and what a goodly inheritance was his.

'How alike they are,' she mused, 'and how I wish he might see her.'

And then the thought came to her. Why not—why not?

'Kate,' her husband had said to her at parting: 'I'll get tickets for two at this time, and then if anyone of your friends want to come back with you just bring her along.'

'But there will be nobody,' Ralph, she answered, 'at this season of the year.'

'Never mind, he had said. 'An extra ticket won't come amiss, and we can afford to be generous. Take it.' And so the matter had ended.

Kate Percival thought of it now. She thought too of the overworked pastor with his growing brood, of the salary not large enough for all their needs, and of his look as he told her of his mother—the deep love reflected in the patient spiritual face. Why shouldn't people who have money use it for those who have not?

'Mrs. McDonald,' she said suddenly, 'I have brought an extra ticket in case I wanted to bring back a friend. Aunt Katharine here won't use it, will-you? I am going to my journey's end, but in two weeks I will be back to take you home with me.'

The strong old face opposite suddenly melted into tears.

'Me!' she cried.

'Why not—you must see your son's church and the parsonage and the baby—and the son himself.'

Kate Percival had risen and taken hold of the wrinkled hand. 'You will come, will you not?' she entreated, 'for his sake—he loves you so.'

And so it came that the son who could not go to see his mother had his mother brought to him.

An Eastern train two weeks later steamed into the little Western station. Among the passengers were two people, one woman, young and beautiful, with an older one, wrinkled and white-haired, yet with a commanding grace and dignity all her own.

A man, tall and pale, with eager eyes, was waiting. As she came down the steps of the car the old woman saw him.

'Mother!' he cried, striding toward her and folding her in his arms. 'Oh, mother, mother.'

'My son,' she whispered in a choked voice.

He dropped his head upon her breast and the two stood quite still, wrapped in each others arms. The richest parishioner had turned away, but the next moment the minister grasped her by the hand

'Let me thank you,' he cried, brokenly.

'Don't,' she entreated, smilingly. 'Don't, for if you do, I warn you, I shall'—and then the beautiful lips quivered. '—I have no mother, she died two years ago. Can you not see how pleased—what a privilege I deemed it to bring you yours?'

The minister looked into her face and saw the grief that a mother's loss must ever bring.

God bless you,' he murmured. 'God bless you. Yes—yes. I understand.

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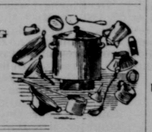
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A CHEERFUL OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS.

The Chicago Tribune has gathered reports of the condition of the crops in various sections of the country which are of a most encouraging nature. As long as the farmers are getting good returns from the soil and good prices for what they raise there need be no fear of an abrupt termination of the era of prosperity with which this country has been blessed for a long term of years—that is to say, for more than a decade. Big crops insure earnings for the railroads and employment for the factories. The late, cold spring and the unusual rains caused many to look for a failure of crops. The corn was late in planting and slow in starting. But the weather since the middle of June has been most favorable and the present outlook is for a crop at least up to the average. The wheat harvest was late and there were predictions of a failure in the spring wheat of the Dakotas and Minnesota. But in the last week the situation is reported to the Tribune as greatly improved. The cotton crop, while not a large one, will not fall much below the average, and what is lacking in quantity will be made up by the good prices which seem to be assured. From every direction come reports of a fine hay crop, and this will make a great output from the dairies. The fruit crop seems to be deficient in almost every State, and that is almost the only crop which is really very short.

The Chicago Tribune's reports from Minnesota are that the spring wheat is very promising. In the Dakotas an average wheat crop is predicted, while there will be an average yield of oats, barley and flax. In Iowa the estimate of the corn crop is 300,000,000 bushels, which is above the average. Kansas promises a yield of 60,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is about 20,000,000 short of last year's phenomenal crop. Nebraska reports an average wheat crop and corn above the average. In Missouri there is an average wheat crop and the corn is 7 points below the average, and oats better than ever. In Illinois the wheat is a little above the average and hay, oats and corn are good. In Iowa corn and oats are little below normal, but other crops are as usual. All the crops in Ohio are normal, and while the New York wheat crop is 10 per cent. less than normal, this deficiency is more than made up by other crops. In Pennsylvania the yield of wheat, corn and oats is up to the average and hay far above. Kentucky's corn crop is in excellent condition. The corn crop in Virginia is late, but is catching up, and there is a fine hay crop. Tennessee reports good crops. Mississippi's cotton crop is small, but it is expected the price will be large. Texas will produce 4,000,000 bales of cotton, which at prevailing prices should fetch near $240,000,000 to the planters of that State, and the cotton crop will be supplemented by 155,000,000 bushels of corn, which is the estimated yield of the Lone Star State this year. The rice crop of Louisiana promises a big yield, and the reports from the far Northwest indicate an average crop.

For some time past the railroads have been embarrassed by the amount of freight offered. Few of them have had sufficient equipment for the business that has been forced upon them. The State Legislatures have interfered but little in freight rates. And so, with a promise of all the business they can do at their own rates, there is no cause for any pessimism among the transportation interests. The general outlook is cheerful and there is no halt of prosperity in sight.

When Pat Laughed Last.

Two Englishmen on a visit to Ireland hired a boat for the purpose of having a sail.

One, thinking he would have a joke at Pat's expense, asked him if he knew anything about astrology.

'Be jabers, no,' said Pat.

'Then that's the best part of your life just lost.'

The second Englishman then asked Pat if he knew anything about theology.

'Be jabers, no.'

'Well, I must say that's the very best part of your life lost.'

A few minutes later a sudden squall arose, and the boat capsized. Pat began to swim. The Britons, however, could not swim, and both called loudly to Pat to help them.

'Do you know anything about swimology?' asked Pat.

'No,' answered both.

'Well, be jabers, then both of your lives is lost!'

Scaly Leg.

Scaly leg is caused by a parasitic scab mite. The best and most satisfactory treatment is to prepare a saturate solution of naphthalene flakes in kerosene. Dip the legs in this solution or sponge them with it every other day until three applications have been made. Be careful to see that none of the mixture gets on the soft flesh above the hocks, as it will blister. Do not permit the bird to go to roost immediately after applying the mixture to the legs. Apply the remedy in the daytime and put the bird down on the floor after it has received treatment so that it can run about.

Those striking girl telegraphers are determined, even if they are good-looking.

Railroads which take the immunity bath will not get into hot water.

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