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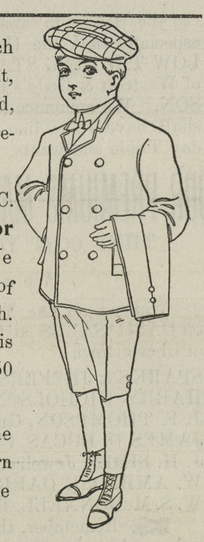

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SMITH VS. RAYNER

Hon. Isidor Rayner, in an address to the Democratic party of Baltimore city some weeks before the election, took occasion to state that, in his opinion, the contest for United States Senator was between himself and Gov. John Walter Smith.

While we are not in sympathy with him in this summary way of getting rid of other distinguished candidates who have as much right as either of these gentlemen to seek this post of honor, we will, for the sake of argument, concede what he says and confine ourselves to the relative claims of Smith and Rayner.

In order that Democrats may understand the situation, it will be necessary to review briefly the political history of these two candidates. Mr. Rayner was first elected a member of the House of Delegates, and in 1884 was elected to the Senate. In 1890 he was elected to Congress and re-elected in 1892. These were the days when we had no legalized primaries, and Mr. Rayner accepted without question the nominations given him by the powers that controlled political affairs in Baltimore at that time. In 1895 he conceived the idea that he would like to be Governor, and in that interesting and unique way characteristic of him he decided not to submit his claims to a Democratic primary, but hired Music Hall and held a great public meeting, at which he was the star speaker.

Many persons will remember how he scored every Democratic leader of any prominence in the State, and, after committing a number of his friends in the city to his cause, beat an inglorious retreat a few days afterwerd and retired to the shades of private life.

He remained in retirement all through the bitter contests of 1895 and 1896, and emerged only in 1899, when he desired to be placed upon the ticket for Attorney-General. He accepted the nomination from the hands of the very men he had so scathingly rebuked in 1895. In that campaign he received 1800 votes less in the State and 800 less in his own city than the candidate for Governor, John Walter Smith. He has never been known to take any interest in the election of any ticket unless he was himself upon it. Proclaiming in loud tones the doctrine of majority rule, he never has been placed on any ticket by the action of a Democratic primary, but it has been done in each instance by the party leaders, without even submitting his claims to the people.

In the contest in which he is now engaged he has been entirely consistent with his past record. He admits that he has been planning his Senatorial campaign since last spring. He knew there would be Democratic primaries held in the city for the purpose of deciding on party candidates. Primaries and party conventions are for that purpose and that alone. He knew that if he desired to have his candidacy passed upon and indorsed by the party it was his duty to submit the question at the primary. He purposely allowed the proper time to pass, permitted the ticket to be named, and a few weeks before the election, and in the midst of what had the appearance of being a close contest, he issued a letter addressed to the Democratic party of Baltimore city that should cause him, after mature reflection to feel heartily ashamed.

In that letter he gave the republicans one of the strongest arguments for the defeat of the Legislative ticket that the most bitter partisan Republican could have given. He characterized them as men without opinions of their own, governed and controlled by other influences, and without their written pledges he would not have the vote of a single member. Republican orators and organs used this against our party candidates.

Evidently the voters did not believe Mr. Rayner. It is further evident that the declarations for Mr. Rayner did not work a miracle. Mr. Morrison, who refused to pledge himself, received more votes than any of his colleagues save one.

How any Democrat can uphold Mr. Rayner in the kind of fight he has made for the Senatorship is inconceivable. If he wanted the Baltimore city delegation pledged to him he knew that it was his place to secure it either at the primaries or in the conventions. He had every reason to believe the fight in this city would be a close one and that every vote was needed.

After he allowed the primaries and conventions to pass and the ticket nominated, had he thrown himself into the fight to elect them, and then when victory perched upon our banners had announced his candidacy, he would have occupied a much better position in the eyes of all true Democrats.

With that selfishness that has characterized his every political act since his entrance into public life, he cared nothing for the success of the ticket unless it meant success for himself. His sole purpose in springing his candidacy at the time he did was to compel the Delegates to pledge themselves to him. It was an act of extreme political selfishness to advance his own interests regardless of the effect upon his party. If other candidates had been as inconsiderate we would have had strife within our own ranks to such an extent that it would have been impossible to elect a man on our ticket.

I do not want to be understood as blaming the candidates for making the pledges. They felt that the interests of their party were at stake and that a refusal might possibly mean defeat, and did the best they could under very trying circumstances.

After securing the pledges he appeared at Music Hall and made a speech presumably in the party's interest, but failed utterly to uphold a single Democratic position; nor did he do this during the entire campaign. He absolutely refused to go into any county except in those where he thought he had some chance to secure a vote for himself, and has shown no interest in anything save his own election to the U. S. Senate.

Further than that it is well known that he had several interviews with Democrats from Queen Anne's county prior to their primaries. That he was anxious to have the delegation from that county is too plain for denial. His friends contested the primaries, but in every district were defeated. Notwithstanding their defeat, his principal advocates continued to fight the ticket.

Mr. Rayner was asked to speak at Centreville: he refused. He was asked to write a letter to certain of his own friends to bring them in line; he again refused. His principal supporter in Quenn Anne's went to the chairman of the county committee and made the proposition that if two of the legislative nominees would pledge themselves to Rayner they would withdraw all opposition, but if not they would defeat the whole legislative ticket. This was refused and Mr. Rayner's friends did everything in their power to carry out their threat, cutting Senator Kirwan's vote some 400. Mr. Rayner could have stopped their fight with a word. If such actions are to be countenanced among Democrats, then good-by to party organization.

Can any Democrat who has his party's interest at heart afford to assist in carrying to a successful issue a campaign conducted in such an undemocratic way? Mr. Rayner claims that a majority of the Democrats in Baltimore city and the State of Maryland are favorable to his candidacy. This is only another evidence of the man's great conceit. There has been no possible way of testing public sentiment. He went into one primary in the counties only and and was defeated in every district, and his friends tried their best to defeat the regularly nominated ticket afterward.

He very wisely refused to enter the primaries in Baltimore. It appeared to him much easier to force nominated candidates to pledge themselves to him and afterward claim that the Democrats were all for him.

If you will notice the influences that are supporting Mr. Rayner's candidacy you will find that many are inimical to the Democratic party. Not a few are disgruntled Democrats who think they have some grievance against some of the party leaders and are willing to aid one who thoroughly represents them. He has no claims upon any party man. Contrast his course as a party man and his conduct during the last election with that of the man he declares is his competitor, Gov. John Walter Smith, and let every unprejudiced Democrat decide which is most entitled to support.

John Walter Smith was active in party affairs many years before he was ever a candidate upon the party ticket, In 1889 he was a candidate for the State Senate from Worcester county. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1893. He was a candidate for the United States Senate at the session of 1892, and although he had a majority of the Eastern Shore delegates favorable to him, and if the field had been an open one he would undoubtedly won, he accepted his defeat as all Democrats should, and was as true and unswerving a Democrat as ever. His State Senatorial career was without a flaw. He was president of the Senate during the session of 1894. He was nominated for Congress in 1898 and changed the Republican majority of the prior election in the same district of 575 to a Democratic majority of 925.

The Democratic State Convention recognizing his great popularity and his exceptional record unanimously nominated him for Governor in 1899.

In 1895 Lowndes carried the State by 18,767.

In 1899 John Walter Smith carried for the Democrats by 12,125.

He has always and under all circumstances been an unswerving Democrat. He found enough good men in the Democratic ranks to fill all the offices at his disposal. He has made enemies, but it has been done in the discharge of what he considered was a party duty. Ever ready to act for the best interests of the people, he never lost sight of the fact that he was elected as a Democrat and that his was a Democratic administration. When occasion required courage and boldness, and when some of colleagues sat with sealed lips, not daring to open them, he never hesitated, but pursued the course he thought right and proper. He has been the target for the cartoons and criticisms of the enemy. No better illustration could be furnished of an instance when Democrats should love a man because of the enemies he had made. They were made in the interests of his party. His administration of affairs made it possible for the Democrats to secure a sweeping victory. John Walter Smith is entitled to more credit for the late victory than all other influences combined.

His ambition has been in the United States Senate. When defeated in 1892 he did not sit down and sulk, as some have done, but worked and fought for his party just as hard as if success had crowned his efforts. Party success has always been first with him. In the late campaign he studiously refrained from asking pledges from anyone for fear it might interfere to some extent with their election. He has always been satisfied to leave the decision to a majority of the Democratic members of the Legislature.

No election has passed since he has had the privilege of voting that he did not respond to his party's call. His time, his means, his best efforts have always been at the command of his party. In the recent campaign he was as earnestly in favor of the election of those he had reason to think were opposed to his desire to be Senator as in favor of it.

The distinguishing characteristic of his political career has been his faithfulness to his party. He led his party in 1898 to redeem a Republican district; he led it again in 1899 to reclaim the State from Republican rule; his administration of affairs was of such a character as to make possible a sweeping victory this year, and I cannot believe that Democrats, who have so much cause to recognize his great services, will refuse to gratify his ambition in this instance.

Republicans may have reason to abuse him, and our party enemies to criticise him, but Democrats should be pleased to serve him. When the claims of these two men for recognition at the hands of the Democratic party are considered there is no room for doubt as to which one of them is entitled to our support.

The claims made by Mr. Rayner's campaign managers as to his chances of election are simply ridiculous. They are not borne out by the facts. There is no doubt among Democrats who understand the situation that Governor Smith will be elected.

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