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# THE EDITOR IN POLITICS

## How New Life Helped a Paper.

BY HON. W. H. HINRICHSSEN.

Chicago Inter-Ocean. It was a beautiful day in June, and most of the people of the little city of Broadville were enjoying the fine weather and rejoicing over the successful termination of the democratic county convention. Broadville was a democratic stronghold, and it had even been said that the republicans in that town were inclined to be democratic. The work of the convention had been promptly and harmoniously disposed of. The call to order, the selection of temporary officers, the appointment of committees, the permanent organization, a brief speech by the chairman, the nomination of candidates, several short speeches by prominent citizens, and then adjournment. The chairman, Uncle Rufus Potts, had presided over all such conventions for twenty years. The platform of the last ten years had been adopted word for word, and the speeches of the Rev. Abel Woods and the Hon. Elijah Coles were the same they had used at each convention for a generation. The county judge, the county clerk, and the superintendent of schools had been renominated, and while the law did not permit the sheriff or treasurer serving two terms in succession, this difficulty had been overcome by nominating the sheriff for treasurer and the treasurer for sheriff. All these nominations had been made by acclamation, no sign of opposition for any of the candidates having appeared.

The delegates and spectators trooped from the court house, the nominees in their midst. The crowd, laughing and joking, moved across the court house square toward the restaurants where dinner was waiting, stopping in groups at saloons to drink to the candidates. Even their drinks were democratic. There was one democrat in Broadville, however, who was far from happy and was not even contented. This was Charles Webster, editor, and proprietor of the Advance, the recognized organ of the democratic party for Broadville and Broad county. He was seated in his dingy, untidy sanctum, revising an editorial in which he showed clearly that the democratic party was growing stronger, and proved it by citing the harmony which had governed the action of the convention that day. He was a tall, spare man, but little past forty but the gray in his hair, the stoop in his shoulders, and the look of anxiety and dejection which his face generally wore, made him look years older. His clothes, while not mean, were not new and might even be called shabby.

A young man of dapper appearance entered the room with a rapid but dignified step, opened his bill case, drew forth a slip of paper, and handed it to the editor with an air of confidence. "Draft \$103 and exchange. Three days sight. Dodge & Co., Chicago." "When will it be due?" asked the editor. "Thursday," said the bank collector, and then, half contemptuously, "Shall I call?" "Yes," said the editor, "in the afternoon." And then, with a desperate attempt to be facetious, added: "I may then be able to tell you when to call again."

The editor sat looking at the slip for several minutes, then drawing from his desk a book, began a transfer of figures from its columns to a loose sheet of soft paper. Then he suspended his work with a sigh and muttered: "It's no use." "Hello, Mr. Webster," said a bright, cherry voice from the doorway, and the editor, looking up, saw a man of thirty, bright and active and wearing a wide-awake look, indicating energy and perseverance. "The editor hesitated, then rising, a glow of pleasure spreading over his face, he exclaimed: "Why, Joe, I hardly knew you, but I am truly glad to see you. Come right in and sit down." The newcomer dropped into a chair, saying: "It seems good to get back to the old place. And how are you and all the folks?" "Well, in health, Joe, and how are you?" "I'm all right."

"I'm glad to hear it. You seem to have prospered. Tell me about yourself." "I'll tell you briefly. Details for another day when we have plenty of time," said the visitor, speaking rapidly. "When I left ten years ago, I took to the road and worked in lots of offices, at the case, make-up, press-man, local, special, and heavy editorial. I kept that up for six years. Saved money, bought a little place, and established a little daily, ran it at a profit until six weeks ago, then sold out the whole business for a good price, and have come back to visit the old stamping ground."

"I am glad to hear of your good fortune, Joe." "Of course you are," said the visitor. "But tell me how you are doing." "Poorly enough, Joe," said the editor. "I am sorry, but can't understand that," said the young man. "You have a well-equipped news and job office. DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED. By local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, FREE. CHESTNUT ST. CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

You have a neat little afternoon daily, a good weekly, and you have ability as a writer and manager." "Still, I am losing money," said the editor.

"Indeed? That seems odd. You have the only democratic paper in a democratic city and county. The public patronage ought to almost pay your running expenses." The older man shook his head, then said: "I'll tell you all about it, Joe, for I must talk to some one or go mad." "You know," said Mr. Webster, "that when you left here I had a fair business, was never cramped for money, and was trying to make the best paper possible." Joe nodded. "Well, things ran on in the same channel for several years. I continued to run a strictly party paper, and enjoyed the public patronage of the democrats, especially that of the politicians. Finally, I began to notice a change. First, the job work began to fall off. This was due partly to the fact that a number of small, cheap job offices sprang up. They did inferior work and cut into my business seriously. Even the democratic politicians patronized them, not only because their work was cheap, but because printers had votes. Then the circulation began to dwindle. A restless, reckless fellow named Mayhew, started a cheap, independent paper. He hit everything right and left, and many of the democrats preferred the Fire Fly, as he calls his paper, to mine. Then, of course, the advertising began to fall off in quantity as well as price. The public officials, afraid of the Fire Fly, patronized it in preference to the Advance, for they knew that I was a good democrat, and would stand by the party through thick and thin. Soon the Fire Fly caught all the legal advertising, the city and the county advertising, and this year it printed the delinquent tax lists. The organization has treated me badly. In the last campaign all the posters, notices, and even the democratic election tickets were printed in the Fire Fly or one of the cheap job offices. The private printing of my old democratic friends goes elsewhere, and yesterday we received invitations to the wedding of Senator Castle's daughter, and they were printed at one of the job offices. Of course this neglect of the Advance has hurt it with the public, and the business has run down until I am no longer paying expenses. I am in debt three thousand dollars, and unless I can produce some change must sell out close up shop."

"It is hard," he continued. "I have lived the best twenty years of my life to the party, and now, almost broken down in health, and spirit, I am about broken financially through the neglect of those in whose interest I have worked. Charles, my eldest son, is ready for college, but I cannot afford to send him. Alice, my daughter, has a talent for music, and I cannot afford to do it. The younger children I can hardly keep in clothes, and my wife has not had a new dress for a year, and, as you see, I am shabby."

The visitor had listened to the editor's story without looking up, and now he said: "At what do you value the Advance?" "I have an actual investment in it of eight thousand dollars," was the reply. "Will you take four thousand for a half interest?" asked Joe. "Mr. Webster started. 'What do you mean?'" "I mean," said the young man, "that I came here in the hope of buying an interest in the office where I learned my trade. I have an ambition to make a record, you know, as a proprietor, you know." "The younger children I can hardly keep in clothes, and my wife has not had a new dress for a year, and, as you see, I am shabby."

"I know what you are going to say," said Mr. Coleman. "The boys haven't treated you fairly. I protested at the time, but they thought they knew best." "How about the election tickets and the posters in the last campaign? You controlled their printing." "Well, you said I was the chairman and then stopped and hesitated." "I know," said Joe deliberately. "But, Mr. Coleman, let us understand each other. Mr. Webster and I are democrats and we run a democratic paper, which advocates democratic principles. We deny the right of the party bosses or candidates to dictate or question our policy under any circumstances, and when these candidates and bosses deny us the legitimate party patronage that we have a right to expect their dictation becomes positive insolence. We are ready to be advised and reasoned with by our party friends, but we decline to even listen to those who ignore us in vital matters. That is all, I believe, and he resumed his writing, while Mr. Coleman walked thoughtfully away.

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"Yes," said his partner, "our circulation is growing, our advertising space is pretty well filled, and job work is good. I put another man in the job-room to-day. I think our new policy will pay." The Advance continued its independent course, and its business and profits grew steadily. The printing of the committee and of officials began to drop in, and by the end of the second month all work of that character was being done at the Advance office. The candidacy of Mr. Welch having accomplished its purpose was dropped and treated as a joke, and the campaign glided on. It was soon evident that the independent but conservative course of the Advance was helping the democratic party, though it might be injurious to some of the candidates. The election resulted in an increased democratic majority in Broad county, but several of the local candidates on that ticket ran behind the ticket. All were elected, however, and the Advance took advantage of the result to read the party a lesson on the necessity of using care in making nominations. If any of the officials contemplated punishing the Advance by the withdrawal of patronage they were deterred by seeing in that paper a succession of articles advocating rotation in office, the infusion of new blood into the party councils, and a closer examination of public accounts. It was nearly a year after the

change of policy in the Advance had been inaugurated. Mr. Webster and his wife had just returned from a trip in the south, and he was having a chat with his partner. "You have improved," said Joe, looking admiringly at his portly form.

"Of course," said Mr. Webster, "I feel like a boy. Mrs. Webster and I called it our wedding trip. We feel like young folks again, and are as happy as larks. But how are you and the Advance?" "All right of course," said Joe. "We are making good money, and we are making a good paper. Everyone says we are helping the party, too. By the way, the Fire Fly has croaked." There was no place for it here, and it has moved into a more congenial atmosphere.

The Advance is still a prosperous paper, and the democratic party in Broad county has grown stronger than ever under its ministrations. A Few Thoughts. For those who are puzzled what to buy for their gentlemen friends: Umbrellas, Neckties, Braces, Scarfs, Mullers, Shirts. Extra quality and patterns for the Xmas trade. Jenkins. A Lasting Benefit. Don't suffer with rheumatism. Get cured, as did Johnston Laymon, Oso Station, Ont. He had rheumatism in one of his hips for years used all kinds of medicine without getting any relief. Two bottles of Hall's Rheumatism cure cured him completely. He has not had a pain or ache for three years. This great blood purifier is put up in bottles containing ten days' treatment, 50 cents at Wade's.

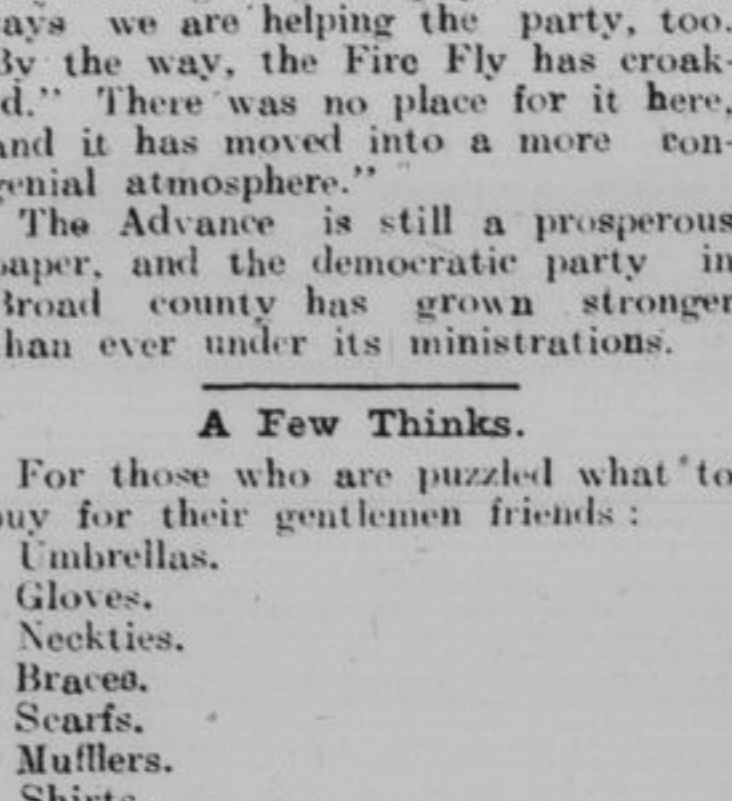
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