



Should the horrid head of SUSPICION
Crop up at the London Parley,
Or GREED show the least disposition—
Like a hungry hound—to be snarly,
Or a "Shearer" gain recognition—
Making knotty problems more gnarly,
Or HATE stage a free exhibition
At one or another pourparler,
'Tis then the apostle of gloom
Would broadcast the seeds of dissen-
sion
And picture for PEACE such a doom
'Twould appal us with dread appre-
hension.
But events so far appear rosy—
All set in Queen Anne's drawing
room—
The Press and Stenogs snuggled cozy
In furs at week-end all abloom;
So why not be cheerful, and slyly
Emulate the Sailor King's son:
There's a bird lives the life of Riley
Yet bases his peace on "innocence"—
Let them harp on "Clerical" "innocence"—
Nor would his lordship wince,
Nor would "Transactional" funnage
Worry this peaceful prince;
Or if faced with "Categories"—
Ten in all is it not? the sum total
He simply would shrug these worries
To some abler Aristocle. A. M. J.

With Apologies to Sandburg.
(By one who fancies vers libre is over-
rated.)
Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!
tinkling sounds of fractured skulls
breaking legs and moaning children
Crash! Bang! Zowie!
tortured metal screeches with hate
close contact of fabricated
machinations—
All Detroit on the San Mill
River Road
Ford, Rolls Royce, Dodge, Packard
Sunday drivers!
—J. R. DAVIE.

If Mr. Davie will please step one pace
forward and answer "present" he will
hand over the following note received
yesterday:
"My Dear Mr. Davie:
"Please accept my congratulations on
the remarkable similarity of your writ-
ings to my best liked poet, Sandburg.
"I am sending this note," says to you
in the hopes that you will inspire you
to continue writing this type of poetry
in the future. I, myself, have tried
doing so, but have found it so difficult
that I was forced to give it up after
many repeated efforts. I feel sure,
therefore, that you will some day make
your name as a poet of free verse in
the style of Sandburg. I have cut out
your poem and am keeping it in the
hopes that I will soon have a collection
of them.
"If it is not asking too much, I hope
that some day I may be able to meet
and converse with you for I feel sure
that we would have much in common.
"Once again may I be permitted to
offer my congratulations for the verse
that you have written and for those
that you will write in the future.
—AN ADMIRER."

"P. S. I am a young girl, 19 years
old, with brown hair and blue eyes, and
would like very much to hear from you
as I am sure your letters would be more
interesting."
We suggest Mr. Davie bring along his
guitar. Mr. Sandburg generally plays
one during his readings. We heard
him once. Sometimes he raises a plain-
tive note; sometimes he croons. But
his first name isn't Rudy.
Book Review.
A story of pressmen
Specifically lush—
"Young Man of Manhattan"
By Katharine Brush.
—RUSSELL RHODES.

Information of large compass-
ing automobile manufacturing
in the world, this nation has
dense interest in rubber, both
ac-time commercial proposition
on the point of view of being
porting in case ocean shipments
interfered with in time of war.
Attention is being carried on in
southern areas under the Amer-
ig, such as Cuba, California,
Panama and the Canal zone.
Great Britain has been
er complete grip on the rubber-
ing industry and the indications
merica will forge ahead in be-
less dependent upon prices as
in London. The first few years
crucial ones in the life of the
plant. Indications warrant at

POLITICS TURNS TO LEGISLATURE

Discussion Relates to Possible Candidate for House and Senate.

MUCH UNCERTAINTY EXISTS

Contest Between Women Looms as Strong Possibility in Thirty-second.

This is the year when the people of
the state will elect members for both
houses to serve at the session of 1931.

Already there is considerable discus-
sion in the constituencies on the selection
of candidates for the senate and
house. Except in a few instances there
is a decided uncertainty as to the can-
didates who may be named for the two
branches of the legislature. Judging
from the talk in the Thirty-second dis-
trict, which includes a number of
towns located in Litchfield county,
there may be a sharp contest for the
republican nomination. At the last
session the district was represented in
the senate by Miss Mary B. Weaver,
who had previously represented her
home town of New Milford at three ses-
sions and is well remembered for her
pains-taking work as a member of the
committee on appropriations.

It is perhaps worthy of notice that
she takes a special interest in agricul-
ture and she never fails to describe
her occupation as "farmer" in the
manual and roll. It is said that Mrs.
C. B. Emery of Terryville may be in-
duced to run for the republican nom-
ination for senate in the Thirty-second
district. Mrs. Emery is associated with
Asahel W. Mitchell, a former state
comptroller, in the representation of
the Thirty-second district on the state
committee.

It would cause no surprise if Mrs.
Corrine R. Alsop, of Avon, were nomi-
nated for the senate by the republicans
of the Fifth district. Mrs. Alsop has
represented her town in the house
and she would bring to the senate a
knowledge of legislation which would
be useful in senatorial work.

The announcement of Judge Ber-
nard F. Gaffney, of New Britain, of his
intention to retire from the judge-
ship of the probate district of Berlin
and of which the town of New Britain
is the greater part, has been the sub-
ject of general discussion during the
week. The decision of Judge Gaffney
was suggested by the fact that he will
soon have reached the age limit for
judges to exercise judicial functions.
The limit was fixed by an amendment
to the state constitution which made
the age limit seventy years. The re-
tirement of Judge Gaffney from the
probate court is regretted by the people
of the district. The district, one of
the most important in the state and
its affairs, administered by Judge Gaf-
fney, have given complete satisfaction to
those who resort to it for the settlement
of their probate business. Judge Gaf-
fney, in his decision, shows a kindly
consideration for the convenience of
the electors in the district, and an ap-
preciation of their confidence in re-
electing him without opposition, after
his first election to the judgeship, for
the quarter of a century he has served
them. No higher tribute could be paid
his record on the bench of the probate
court.

In a conversation this week among
a group of Hartford citizens it was
recalled that to John T. Robinson,
who was then chairman of the republi-
can town committee, was due the fact
that the late Judge W. F. Henney was
induced to take the nomination for
mayor in his first term in 1904. Mr.
Robinson's office and Judge Henney's
were located in the same building, the
Marble block. Judge Henney was not
active in politics, and though differing
in views from Mayor Sullivan, he cor-
dially congratulated the latter when at
the previous election he was chosen
mayor of Hartford. Mayor-elect Sulli-
van and Mr. Henney met on Central
row the morning after the election and
Mr. Henney extended his hand, say-
ing, "I wish to congratulate you, Mr.
Mayor. A man who can achieve such a
victory deserves to be congratulated."
Two years later Mr. Henney, who had
been nominated by the republicans, was
the recipient of congratulations which
included the felicitations of the re-
tiring mayor, Mr. Sullivan. He (Judge
Henney) served in the office of mayor
for two successive terms, and he might
have been elected for a third successive
term but for the necessity of giving his
entire attention to his law practice.

The Bridgeport Telegram, in its com-
ment on the action of the democratic
organization of Bridgeport in recogniz-
ing the service which John A. Cornell,
the chairman of the democratic town
committee, rendered the democrats and
which the latter recognized by pre-
sents him with a diamond ring cost-
ing \$1,000, says that "Mr. Cornell de-
serves well of the democratic party.
He has," says the Telegram, "guided it
to the only decisive victories which it
has enjoyed in the city of Bridgeport
in many years. He now has the oppor-
tunity to build up an organization
which may fight the republicans for
the control of Bridgeport on more
even terms than in the past."
Continuing, the Telegram says that
while the recent municipal election in
Bridgeport proved to be hardly more
than a formality because the victory

Letters of General Joseph R. Hawley

Hero of the Civil War, Hartford Editor, Governor of Connecticut
Congressman and United States Senator.
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His Lifelong Friend and Associate in Newspaper Work.
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Eighteen hundred and eighty was a
presidential year. Blaine, who had
been defeated in 1876 when Morton,
Bristow and Conkling had thrown their
support to Hayes rather than let the
Maine man be nominated, was still
seeking the honor. Grant's friends
were prepared to make a try for him
and in the convention to follow two
months later Roscoe Conkling was to
make his famous speech containing the
electrifying but ineffective words:

If you ask what state he hails from,
Our sole reply will be,
He hails from Appomattox
And its famous apple tree.

Of course Hawley was interested in
presidential politics. He was not go-
ing to the convention, but from the
vantage point of the national capital
he hoped to advise Connecticut republi-
cans as to a course that would make
their participation in the convention
effective. Hawley had developed a
great admiration for George F. Ed-
munds, senator from Vermont, who
came to be known as one of the great-
est constitutional authorities and who,
when he died in California at an ad-
vanced age not many years ago, was
regarded as one of the grand old men
of the law. Hawley did not continue
indefinitely to hold him in as high
regard as a political potentiality as
he did when he wrote to Warner on
March 4 about politics:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIVES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Washington, D. C.
March 4, 1880.

Dear Charlie:
I am always glad to hear from you
briefly or at length.—This is a con-
foundedly busy life. I am in a commit-
tee meeting of one sort or another every
morning and beset on every hand. This
committee sat an hour and a half be-
fore 12 and the sub-committee on Star
routes has come out of the House at
1:30 into their room to go on with the
Star route investigation. The House
was supposed to be likely to take up
the Wood Funding Bill. (A financial
measure sponsored by Fernando Wood
of New York.—Ed.) This evening the
House is to sit at 7:30 to consider pen-
sion bills. Mr. Randall has asked me
to take the chair until the House gets
into committee. I am scribbling while
listening to a sharp and even bitter
cross-examination of Monroe Salesbury,
a mail contractor, who reflected severe-
ly upon the action of the House in
passing the expediency bill which in-
duced the "expedition" on the Star
routes (or stage and horseback ser-
vice.)

My head is full of an editorial on the
presidential nomination, but I cannot
get even half an hour to dictate it.

I would speak kindly in general terms
of all named Washburns. (Elihu B.
Washburns of Illinois.—Ed.) Sherman,
Grant, Blaine and Conkling, and say
that whoever is nominated should be
elected. It is to be a critical year. If
the republicans can retain the Union in
the hands of the men who tried to save
it from dissolution, and who love the
ideas of the great era, the census will
make such great changes in the rela-
tive powers of the solid South that a
great danger will have passed away.

The prime duty of the republican
party is not to reward or honor men.
Parties do not afford gratitude for the
past to any great extent. It is their
duty to maintain principles and take
the best leader for the purpose.

Politicians sometimes err in their
judgment of what is called avail-
ability. If they would more fre-
quently select the best man they would
often find that he would prove the most
available even if he had no theatrical
incidents to blazon on banners.

Favors Senator Edmunds.
Innumerable times the question has
been asked, "Why not nominate Senator
Edmunds?" And nobody has given rea-
sons in the negative. Everybody says he
would make an admirable president. He
is one of the ablest men of this gener-

ation in the senate—a thoroughly
trained politician and statesman. He
comprehends all the great subjects that
have been before us. He is a great power
in debate, not by rhetoric nor what is
called eloquence but through sheer force
of brains, for he detests display and pre-
tense. He is a great lawyer. He is
equally great in practical politics. No
man ever had so much as thought of
questioning his integrity. His stalwart-
ism is acceptable to the most stalwart.
Nor is there a disciple of the "gen-
erous discontent" in criticism who does
not respect him. It is rarely or never
given to a man to so unite the respect
of all shades and classes. Every dem-
ocrat in congress will speak well of
him, yet he is the sharpest critic in the
senate and compels himself to perform
a great deal of vastly important ser-
vice, and objecting to hasty or unwise
legislation. He is able, and in every
field—law, legislation, statesmanship,
practical politics.

He is careful in making up his judg-
ments and firm in maintaining them.
He is utterly without fear or embar-
rassment in expressing and maintaining
opinions.

He is permeated, in every drop and
fiber, with the spirit of American ideas
of liberty and political progress.
He is available. Every republican
newspaper would speak well of him—
every one, stalwart or liberal—every
neutral paper, every religious paper with
republican leanings; indeed, every dem-
ocratic paper would acknowledge his
ability, his learning, his experience, his
honesty, his fearless adherence to prin-
ciple.

In two weeks after his nomination
every journal and every orator would
be enthusiastic. The republicans have
only to say "There he stands." One
insinuation against his reputation would
cause only a laugh anywhere.
He would unite every faction of the
party and sweep in every honestly in-
dependent voter.

Why would not New England present
him?

No: I would make no comparisons
—not one—avoid any possible cause for
the slightest jealousy.

The Connecticut delegation could do
nothing better than to cast a vote for
Edmunds. If he should be nominated it
would be a noble nomination. If he
should not, the record would at least
be honorable.

Now I am inclined to think that if
the Connecticut Convention should ex-
press a desire that its delegation should
assist in presenting Edmunds, it would
have a great influence over the Massa-
chusetts Convention, which follows
soon after. I believe Rhode Island
would fall in. Who knows but that
we might get him nominated?

I have been saying when the ques-
tion was brought up in conversation,
"Well, just for fun let's put up Ed-
munds." Not once has it failed to bring
out a cordial response. Even Mr. Hoar,
who is so much of a humorist, but a
mighty sensible, warm-hearted man,
blazed up and said, "By George! what
a speech I could make for Edmunds!"

Now this is most absolutely confi-
dential. I lunched with the President
a few days ago—fortuitously, and we
drifted to this subject. We agreed pre-
cisely and enthusiastically. We agreed
in our criticisms upon every one of the
other candidates and in what could be
said in favor of Edmunds. Right after
that I met Old Judge Carter of the
Dist. Col. Court, a veteran friend of
Lincoln, etc. I said, "Suppose we try
Edmunds? He went off 'b' cocked,"
(substantive) "I have writ-
ten a substance of a rick Ganipu-
la... to work sending
agents about... a boom, I
could nominate Edmunds."

At any rate, I am willing that the
Court shall with tact and care as to
other candidates, ask the question,
"Why not take Edmunds?" and present
the argument in his favor. We can
feel that if there shall not be a good
nomination it will not be our fault.

But we have finished our witness and
gone back into the House where Fer-
nando Wood is arguing for his funding
bill. He can do well but he is incap-
able of treating the subject broadly and
is maligning Sherman.

Good night,
Yours ever,
J. R. H.

(Continued Monday.)

Hams, who has recently been appointed
by Mayor Tully of New Haven a mem-
ber of the board of assessors of that
city, will be increased from \$4,000 to
\$4,500. Other members of the board
of assessors of the largest city in the
state will be advanced from \$4,000 to
\$4,500.

Appointment of Angus Fraser, former
republican alderman, from the twenty-
ninth ward to be a member of the
city plan commission of New Haven to
fill the vacancy caused by the death of
Colonel I. M. Ullman is probable, ac-
cording to a report.

The writer of an editorial in Thurs-
day's edition of the Bridgeport Post dis-
cusses the system of collecting the per-
sonal tax in that city but without hold-
ing Collector Challenger responsible for
whatever shortcomings may be in the
system. The editorial states that the
collector in Stamford receives twenty-
five cents for every two dollars of the
tax collected. It refers to the Stamford
Advocate as asking editorially whether

When Mussolini cuts out all that roar-
ing
And Rosa Ponselle spurns a chance to
sing;
When Dempsey enters partnership with
Tunney,
When Boston rules no books are really
bad,
When Mr. Brookart ceases being funny
And Jolson says, "I'm only just a fad";
When Greta Garbo gives up heavy
gating
And Gilbert leaves the talking pictures
flat,
When woodpeckers abandon woodland
pecking
And Scarface Whoziss throws away his
gat;
When all the Whitneys sell their racing
stables
And give the sport of kings the open
gate,
When Mr. Mackey gives away his
cables
And Peggy Joyce no longer seeks a
mate;
When Zigfeld ceases all his glorifying
And Georgie White decides to run a

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