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## BENJAMIN B. ODELL JR., "The Man Who Downed Platt."

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B. Odell, Jr., brought him more prommently before the people of his state than the stand he took against Senator Thomas C. Platt during the recent Republican convention in Saratoga.

For the first time in the 10 years that he has been absolute dictator of his party in New York, Senator Platt was compelled to yield to another and against his will.

He had promised George R. Sheldon the nomination for lieutenant governor. It has always been the boass of Senator Platt and his friends that his promise once given was sacred. For the first time a stronger influence than that of the acknowledged leader compelled him

The acknowledged leader compelled him to break his word. That Gov, Odell should have taken that stand is most remarkable. That he was able to have his will is even noore extraordinary, for it seems to mark the beginning of new things. Senator Platt is tottering under the weight of advancing verse and dill

weight of advancing years and ill health. The part played by Gov, Odell at Saratoga makes him appear to be the logical successor to Senator Platt as the leader of his party in New York. And this would mean that he would enter into the larger field of national politics as a factor of great importance,

Therefore Gov. Odell becomes a pershow what manner of man he is. Of a'l those competent to give facts and a'l those competent to give facts and e-timates none can speak with such au-thority as his father. Benjamin B. Odell, Sr., has been in public life for 40 years. He is now 77 years old, a hale, hearty, vigorous man, with a fine-ly shaped head, a long shaven upper bip and a patriarchal white beard. He has always been one of the political ad-visers of his son, and he was at Sara-toga and, it was reported, strongly urged the governor to keep Sheldon off the ticket. the ticket.

Of his now famous "boy" this proud father says:

father says: "Ben is just the kind of a man he promised to be when he was a boy," said Benjamin B. Odell, Sr. "He was never brilliant and yet he always seem-ed to do the right thing in the right place and at the right time. But he never made any show about it. Maybe that is why we didn't give him all the credit he deserved. "All of his friends wonder how he managed to get where he is. I wonder

managed to get where he is. I wonder about it, too, sometimes. He is a pretty oung man to be governor of this state and there is no telling where his career will end. He has it in him to fill an position. If he isn't ready now he will make himself ready when the time comes comes

"He was a good boy. I don't believe there was ever a better boy than 'Ben' was. It happens pretty often that very good boys don't turn out well as men-that is, they often give their fathers much concern in after life.

"As I look back I cannot remember that 'Ben' ever gave me any real trou- I

Nothing in the career of Benjamin | ble. I cannot recall any time when I was worried about his future. I never expected him to be a great man, but I always knew that he would be a use-

always knew that he would be a use-ful one. As I said, he didn't give any promise of brilliancy, but he had ca-pacity and he was a great boy to stick to a thing. "As a youngster he had two qualities which have clung to him all his life. He had the kindest heart of any boy I ever knew, and he was absolutely trust-worthy. Honesty was born in him and worthy. Honesty was born in him, and he couldn't be anything but honest if

he tried. The tried, "As a boy he was not a leader. He was rather shy and reserved and he seemed to think a good deal, but we never knew what he thought about. He could keep things to himself and still not make you feel that he was hiding anything.

"He took to politics as naturally as a duck takes to water. He was inter-ested in it when he was going to school ested in it when he was going to schoel He was about 9 years old when I first went into public life. I've been pretty deeply interested in politics for 40 years, and so it came natural to him. "He was rather a studious boy if he could get interested in anything that was hence tawath him. He wanted to

was being taught him. He wanted to know the good of knowing anything, and when he was convinced that it was worth while mastering it he would buckle down and learn it. "He went on the wagon delivering

ice when he was about 15. It was de-cided early that he should join me in Oded early that he should join me in the ice business, and he learned it from the ground up. He started in at the very bottom and there isn't anything about it that he doesn't know. 'Ben' was on the wagon more or less until he went to Congress about 12 years ago. He always rather liked the ice busi-ness. There were never any fuss or ness. There were never any fuss of feathers about him.

feathers about him. "That boy had a natural gift for politics and for anything that required organization. And he never wanted of-fice. He liked to do the work and sort of run things, but he preferred some-body else to have the outward and visible reward. For instance, he became deeply interested in military affairs and was active in organizing the Tenth Separate company, and while he didn't want to command it he was always strong in it.

ways strong in it. "By the time he could vote 'Ben' had a good deal of political strength, and ne kept right along increasing it. It was his chief amusement. When I ran for sheriff in 1879 I placed 'Ben' in charge of my campaign because I thought he was the best man I could ind for the place. I knew that it was going to be a hard and a mighty close fight, and if we didn't take advantage of every opportunity and poll every



The results of the recent Gubernatorial election in New York are eminently pleasing to David B. Hill. That famous Democratic leader who is known to have an eye on the Democratic Presidential nomination of 1904 was more anxious to have his party make a good showing and thus place New York within the doubtful states than he was to see his candidate, Coler, success-

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is that way today. "He could and can act about as quick as any man I know when he has decid ed upon the proper course, and when the emergency arises he doesn't waste any time in coming to a decision, "To my mind these things explain his SUCCESS "Probably a good deal of his succes

sure that he was right before he went chead. But that isn't born of timildity. I don't think 'Ben' knows what it is to be afraid, in the ordinary sense, but while he isn't afraid of getting burt himself, he is afraid of hurting other nearly.

people. "When he was a youngster he was al-

ways willing to listen to advice if it appealed to him. If it was good it gen-

willing to act upon it. But it he made up his mind that he was right, no argu-

ment or persuasion could keep him from carrying out his own ideas. He

erally did appeal to him and he

Vas due to the fact that he was never anxious to hold office. He didn't care anything about going to Congress, but once he was persuaded to run he was bound to win. I think he was much toore pleased when he was made chair man of the Republican state committee than he was when he entered the house of representatives.

"He didn't want to run for governor to the first place. I know that for an absolute fact, and, although people rather laughed at it at the time he was dist nominated. I think they have come to believe it. As chairman of the state committee he accent much be the time. committee he wasn't much in the line-light, except during a campaign, and people could criticise him only as a partisan. And he had opportunities to de thisses in the machine which do things, to run the machine, which is the kind of work he likes.

### FAMILY DIFFERENCES.

Miss Cholmondeley was born only two years earlier than her brother Tom. When Tom was 10 years old, Clara Cholmondeley gloried in the fact that she was 12 ; when Tom was known to be 15, she candidly confessed to sweet 17; when Tom proudly boasted of 18 she timidly acknowledged herself past 19; when Tdm came home from college with a mustache, and had a party in honor of his twenty-first birthday, she said to her friends:

"What a boyish fellow he is! Who would think that he was barely a year younger than I?"

When Tom declared he was 25, and old enough to get married, she said to

an intimate friend: "Do you know, I feel savagely jealous to think of Tom getting married. But, then, I suppose, twins are always more

SALT LAKERS IN GOTHAM.

Mr. Bean Still Struggling to Obtain "Corianton" a New York Hearing-Utah Girls Clubbing Together-Farewell to Elders-The Gates' Arriva!.

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#### Special Correspondence.

New York, Nov. 10, 1902.-O. U. Bean, author of "Corianton," is seen here occasionally by his Salt Lake friends. Several managers here are in-clined to give the piece a metropolitan trial, if satisfactory arrangements can

be made with the Utah syndicate. That the piece has merit, no one denies. The keen maker and builder of successful plays will recognize the fact that because a work has failed financially through lack of experienced management, it is no indication that there is not paying material in it, if taken under the wing of parties with assured capital at their back; every friend of

the author will wish him good luck, and will trust be may meet with some re-turn for the years of fabor and dis-couragement he has faced in the effort to produce a play worthy of the source from which it originated.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gates, their son Hal, with Miss Bertha Crawford, of Manti, arrived in New York last Sun-day morning, going direct to mission headquarters, where they remained on-ly a few days, and at once began the delightful occupation of hunting a flat, They will locate as near the missionhouse as possible, as Elder Gates is to fill the position formerly occupied by Elder Freeman in the office. The whole conference extends a hearty welwhole conference extends a hearty wel-come to Mr. and Mrs. Gates. Mrs. Gates is lovingly remembered by all the Latter-day Saints she has met during her visits to this city, and will feel amply repaid in deciding to make this her home for awhile, by the love and confidence with which she will be created

greeted.

Harold Orlob very suddenly decided to go to Detroit for the winter, and establish himself at the Michigan con-servatory of music. No doubt this is a wise move, but he was such an import-ant member of our musical circle that everyone regretfully parted with him.

W. A. Needham and Robert Patrick, Jr., both of Z. C. M. L. are recent ar-rivals, and are hard at work buying and shipping for the winter trade at home.

Miss Bertha Crawford will take up

instrumental music, and has joined with Miss Gwen Hubbard, who is now at Columbia college, and Miss Ward in their flat at No. 536 West One hundred and Twenty-fifth street, where the "bon camaraderie" idea is carried out as systematically as it is at Harvard or Yale among the sterner and stronger sex. They are close neighbors to Miss Luclia Ferrin and Vera Hardy, who have adopted the New York way of living

predict a bright future for her. Miss Hardy has made no definite arrange-ments as yet, but is taking time to look around before making selection of a teacher.

Elders Robert L. Anderson of Salt Lake, J. H. Barlow of Bountiful, and E. H. Capener of Centerville, are here on their way to Great Britain to fill missions. They sall from Boston Nov. 5, on the Commonwealth.

Miss Sallie Fisher is getting her Miss Sallie Fisher is getting her name in the papers very often, and is being delightfully discussed for her excellent work in the "Chaperones." The company plays Brooklyn next week, when the Utah colony will turn out in force to pay their respects to a girl from home. girl from home. . . .

A farewell party was given to Elders A farewell party was given to Elders Freeman and Morrison last week at 250 West Twenty-third street. In the absence of Mrs. Catherine Laine, our acting president of the Relief Society, President McQuarrie, in a characteristic speech, presented each of the returning Elders a book of neares Elder Freeman has filled a most peems, Elder Freeman has filled a most important mission in New York and Important mission in New York and Erooklyn, and there isn't a member of the branch that won't regret his de-parture; modest and unassuming, he has walked into the affections of every one, leaving behind him only the good will, and esteem of the whole mission. At the entertainment, Miss Gates, Miss Thomas, Miss Hardy, and the Misses Wilson and Morris, all took part, giv-ibg a fine program of music and elocuing a fine program of music and elocution.

The new arrivals from home have been seeing some of New York's best plays during the last week-Mrs. Leslie Carter, in her new theater, on Forty-second street, Mrs. Patrick Campbell at the Madison Square in "The Joy of Living," and John Drew at the Empire. Their enthusiasm is unbounded for each artist. Of course "Du Barry" leads in dramatic interest, and during her engagement, will only be second to the opera, that is when the metropoli-tan season opens. John Drew's new be has excellent support, in fact, young Barrymore of his company, has risen to the level of a star, in the wonderful character of the Italian musician.

Miss Emma Lucy Gates arrived a few days after her parents, being detained in indianapolis longer than she had In indianapolis longer than she had planned. At the reception given in her honor by Mrs. May Wright' Sewall, where the city's best and wealthlest citizens were represented. Miss Gates met with a flattering reception, and was obligd to accept invitations to sevan opted the New Jork way of firing quickly, and taken unto themselves a flat, at the same number, where all are rin's voice has been a great surprise to the teachers she has consulted, and all was obligd to accept invitations to sev-eral other houses where Mrs. Sewall's friends entertained. On her return she immediately began her studies with Mme. Ashford, and is hard at work every day. JANET.

fight, and if we didn't take advantage of every opportunity and poll every possible vote, or if a single mistake was made. I should lose. • "I didn't have any fear about 'Ben' I knew that he could win if anybody could. And he did win. He was just the same kind of a politician then that be is now and always will be He is a good citizen and a good partisan. He can work longer and harder than most of his opponents. To begin with, he

"But when he was nominated he fought to win, as he always does, and I think everybody knows that he is a good fighter, although he cannot see the use of going into a struggle unless there is something worth fighting for.

# -New York World.

