

*Senate of the United States,
Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands,
Washington, D.C.*

May 7th, 1896.

Personal.

Hon. Mark A. Hanna,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 6th inst., the C. H. Parmalee you speak of is a good man, one whom I have always found to be truthful and reliable.

Noting your remark about Judge Carey, that is right; take him into camp and make him do the fair and generous thing in the few last moments he will serve as a National Committeeman. By the time of the meeting of the Committee to make up the temporary roll of delegates he will, without doubt, be hanging on to the hand rail of the band wagon, because the McKinley force will be too strong for an attack. He, like many others I have had to deal with in politics (and doubtless you have met some of the same) will be with you if you do not need him--and of course you won't--but would surely be "forinst" you, if you were in a pinch and had to have him.

As to a McKinley instruction at our convention at Sheridan the 15th inst. (or 14th I think it is) you can as surely depend upon it as if the meeting had already taken place.

Yes, I have talked to Senator Shoup who is Idaho's member of the National Committee, and I think you can depend upon his doing whatever he thinks is fair and right in the contested cases--and of course this is all that you will expect or desire. Shoup is peculiarly situated, the different county conventions having all so far adopted strong silver resolutions, all pointing to a possible boat from the St. Louis convention unless a "16 to 1" free coinage plank is adopted there. There has been considerable talk in this direction in Colorado, Idaho, Utah and possibly Montana. I hope the threat or prophesy will not be carried out or materialize. Shoup has always seemed friendly--certainly not unfriendly--to Major McKinley and his campaign, and he knows, and I have heard him express it concerning other members of the committee, that should the National Committee make up an unfair roll, the Convention itself will reverse it, for it does not now look possible to seat enough unfriendly contestants to obtain possession or control of the floor as against a fair deal for McKinley.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Warren

P. S. Among the delegates from Wyoming will be Hon. B. F. Fowler, postoffice address Cheyenne, Wyo., Hon. J. C. Davis, Rawlins, Hon. C. C. Hamlin, Rock Springs, Hon. B. B. Brooks, Casper; probably also Hon. Otto Gramm from Laramie--and Hon. Willis VanDevanter, if he wants it. Possibly H.G. Nickerson, Lander, J.H. Ryckman, Evanston, C.H. Parmalee or some friend of his from Buffalo; and I might mention others that would be alternates, etc, but as none of our delegates or alternates will need any drumming beforehand and as the convention is so soon to take place, I will not go further into the subject.