

POLITICAL PARTIES.

The Young Man Must Choose Between Them.

WHAT DEMOCRACY OFFERS HIM

Equal Rights to All and Special Privileges to None—Home Rule and Honest Government—It Courts Publicity and Welcomes the Closest Investigation.

The universities and colleges and high schools are again sending out thousands of young men equipped, as far as education can arm them, to fight life's battle. They will enter into every profession and business and must struggle for a living with the older and more seasoned army that has preceded them. Many of these young men, especially from the law schools, will enter upon political careers, and all will have to decide upon the political party they will support. Those that are honest and true, and nearly all young men are so until contaminated, will naturally turn from corruption and grafting, and some at least will strive to correct those terrible evils that have so vastly dimmed the luster of the party in power. Family ties and associations naturally have great influence in deciding the political course of young men about to cast their first vote. The bias of the teachers of economics has led many to look on but one side of political issues, and hence many young men are very apt to decide their political future without due investigation of both sides of the great political questions that divide the parties.

As the Democratic party has everything to gain by the investigation and publicity of its contentions and being the great historic party of the nation, its principles should be thoroughly scrutinized and given due weight before a decision is arrived at.

The fundamental doctrine of democracy is "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." The Democrats believe in home rule and that every community has the right to decide its local issues and the amount of the local taxation, to decide upon municipal ownership and the regulation of the liquor traffic and such other local matters as affect the community. All these under Democratic rule are settled as a majority of the legal voters may decide.

The great national questions of the tariff, subsidies to corporations and individuals, regulation of railroad rates and control of trusts and combines, the management of the finances of the country, the rights of capital and labor, the question of individualism or socialism, militarism, imperialism; taxation without representation, all must be investigated before the young man can fairly decide with whom he will politically ally himself.

As government is the chief agency and adjunct of civilization, it is entirely worthless unless it protects life and property and provides liberty without license. A government which takes from the people by taxation more money than is needed to defray the expenses of the public business economically administered or takes money from the many in order to favor and enrich the few by indirectness under the false pretense of protecting labor commits robbery and fraud and is undemocratic.

A UNITED DEMOCRACY.

Kansas Sounds a Slogan to the Party of the People.

The chairman of the Democratic convention of Kansas in his address to the delegates sounded a keynote that will have interest in Massachusetts and shows that a united Democracy from the east to the west and north and south is again to be an accomplished fact.

"The people of Kansas," said he, "send this slogan across the Mississippi valley and over the Appalachian mountains to New England. We are for free raw material, and we are willing to give the laborer of the east free hides in competition with our hides, because the beef trust robs us even of the hair and then sells the balance to the eastern manufacturer at a higher and fixed price, so that the poor are shoeless. Our Republican congressmen have misrepresented us long enough. We are in favor of the old fashioned doctrine as enunciated by Samuel J. Tilden and re-announced by Grover Cleveland of a tariff for revenue only. The time is past when we should protect trusts and capitalistic combinations. Protection, as declared by the Republican party, is now used as an aid to the rich to become richer and for the poor to become poorer." Hurrah for the untried Democracy of Kansas!

Worse Than Adversity. "Prosperity breeds tyrants," said Abraham Lincoln. It also through the Republican policy breeds Cassatts, McCurdys, McCallis and Hamiltons, Rockefeller, Morgans, Schiffs and a cloud of marauders of the same kind. Prosperity that centralizes wealth is a worse curse than adversity. But prosperity in which all participate according to their natural abilities, unfettered by vicious laws, produces neither tyrants nor plunderers.

Oregon Republicans. The Republicans of Oregon have selected their candidates for congress and are trusting that the indictment of those they elected to the present congress will be overlooked by the voters.

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H. Clay Grubb, who was almost killed by Nat Crump and Frank Hairston in Davidson county last year, has offered \$500 reward for the capture of Crump, and 500 for the arrest of Hairston.

In 1887 Peter Dodd used a razor on the throat of Margaret McConaughy, and escaped. After 17 years of hiding, Sheriff Julian, of Rowan, has located him at Mooresville where he was arrested for vagrancy. He will be held for August term of Rowan court.

The change of schedule on the Southern between Greensboro and Raleigh is being fought by citizens all over the State. Protests are being filed all over the western part of the State on the grounds of interference with the traveling and reading public and commercial interests of cities and towns along the line.

The State Building and Loan League which met at Winston-Salem last week decided to meet at Greensboro next year. S. Witkowsky, of Charlotte, is president.

A \$20,000 stock company has been chartered at North Wilkesboro to operate electric light and power plants and street railway systems.

A recent census shows the population of Winston-Salem 22,803.

Wm. Bohannon, a farmer of Yadkin county, aged about 40 years, committed suicide last week by hanging himself to the joint in his barn, using a plough line.

John Owens, the Morgan township Rowan county farmer, who was seriously wounded a few weeks ago by Chas. Brady continues to improve slowly, but it is not believed he will ever entirely recover.

Kansas State Convention of Democrats last week declared for Bryan for President in 1908.

P. M. Phillips, living nine miles from Salisbury lost \$1,500 last week by hanging striking his wife's house and corn crib. Flames immediately followed the stroke, razing the buildings to the ground in a few minutes.

Mr. H. L. Horton and Miss Ethel Hearne, both of Albemarle, were married last week at China Grove. Miss Merrie Richardson, of this city, attended and beautifully sang "I Love You" just preceding the ceremony.

Work has been started on the new \$12,500 school building at Spencer.

The trustees of Elon College have voted a \$15,000 appropriation for installing an electric lighting plant, water and a steam heater systems.

The saw mill of G. W. Stout, of Moore county was burned recently.

The Southern Railway Company has reduced its force a cent. The shops at least ten per cent. The reduction will save more than \$90,000 per day.

Mr. Benj. Millikan has gone to visit his son living in Kansas. He expects to be gone about two weeks.—Greensboro Patriot.

Will Gaston, a full grown young negro who has been robbing houses all over the city in broad daylight, was drawn in by the police Saturday and bound over to court in four or more cases. Gaston was caught with some of the stolen goods in his possession and he readily admitted having robbed several houses.—Greensboro Patriot.

—Mr. Holland Thompson, son of Prof. D. Matt. Thompson who is now an instructor in the City College of New York city, will this week receive the degree of doctor of philosophy from Columbia University, New York city. Mr. Thompson has just completed the composition of a book entitled "From the Cotton Field to the Cotton Mill," which will be issued from the press of the MacMillan Co. in a few weeks when it will be placed on sale.—Statesville Landmark.

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IN THE PILLORY.

The President Has Shown Himself to Be a Blunderer.

One of the leading newspapers of the country, referring to the disclosures made by Senator Tillman respecting the "conspiracy with the president," says of Mr. Roosevelt that he has been "finally caught in the trap of his own duplicity and exposed there for the regretful gaze of a mortified nation."

Another great newspaper—and a Republican newspaper, too—declares that "too much has been made public" in connection with the Tillman exposures "to please those who wish to retain esteem for the occupants of honorable positions in the public service" and suggests that "the public can be best served and the dignity of the presidential office best sustained by the sober performance of its duties and non-interference with other branches of the government." In regard to the president's denunciation of William E. Chandler, the same paper (the Baltimore American) says in an editorial:

"While it is as patriotic to assume that the executive is always right and every one else wrong, it would seem to be the part of wisdom not to strain that sentiment too much. Heretofore there have been some wise and virtuous people in the land besides the presidents, and it is possible that there are still a few scattered over the country."

The president has shown himself to be a blunderer, if no worse, and it is clear from such expressions of public opinion as we have quoted that he has at last forfeited the confidence and respect of Republicans and Democrats alike. It is evident, moreover, that even while dealing with him senators have been obliged to use the same precautions against fraud and duplicity which prudent men use in dealing with known tricksters by securing documentary evidence of the nature of the transactions in anticipation of bad faith. This documentary evidence sustains the charge of duplicity made by Senator Tillman, which is in substance that Roosevelt with the design of appearing to be the real author of rate legislation secretly trafficked at the same time with both factions of the Republicans and with the Democrats and that after receiving the support of the latter he betrayed them and his Republican allies and sought to deceive the country by means of false accusations against William E. Chandler, whom he had authorized to treat in his behalf with Senators Bailey and Tillman. Fortunate indeed it was for Tillman and Bailey that they used the precaution now ascribed also to Republican senators "lest there should be traps for them."

The president says, "There was not the slightest opportunity for any honest misconception of my attitude." But the evidence shows that there was ample ground for suspicion, though possibly the very existence of that well grounded suspicion shows that there was no real misconception either of his

attitude or his character. The suspicion was justified by his past life and was verified by the result of the transaction.

The president has been convicted of perjury, and he has told us in his serious what to think of a liar. "The liar," he says, "is no better than a thief." And again: "If any one lies, if he has the habit of untruthfulness, you cannot deal with him because there is nothing to depend on." "Truth telling is a virtue upon which we should insist not only in the schools and at home, but in business and in politics just as much." "The business man or politician who does not tell the truth cheats, and for the cheat we should have no use in any walk of life." These are some of the aphorisms uttered by Roosevelt. They are not the children of his own brain, but have been appropriated by him as the devil quotes Scripture to serve his purposes. They are as true as if he had never uttered them and unfortunately find application in the present case to the great grief of honest men.

GRAFT AND USURPATION.

Serious Charge in Connection With the Isthmus Pipe Line.

In the debate on the rate bill May 15 the charge of graft and usurpation was made against the president in connection with a monopoly for a pipe line on the Isthmus of Panama, which had been granted to the Union Oil company. Senator Morgan had secured an amendment to the rate bill making pipe lines on the isthmus common carriers.

Mr. Hopkins moved to reconsider the motion by which the amendment was adopted.

Speaking to the motion, Senator Morgan said the concession by the president for a pipe line in the canal zone had an oily, not to say a fishy, smell and was a peculiarly pronounced case of graft. He declared other pipe lines had been denied the same privileges granted to the Union company, and it was "a sheer, cold usurpation of power."

This is a very serious charge and one which if well supported should result in the impeachment of the president. It was bad enough to say of him that in his negotiations with Tillman and Bailey he entered upon them with a dilemma, arranged affairs with a subterfuge, withdrew with a mental reservation and prevaricated when caught. But it is still worse to charge that he is a grafter and usurper in league with Cromwell and the oil trust. If this last charge is as well sustained as the charge of bad faith has been it is high time to rid the executive office of its present occupant.

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