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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

FOR JUDGES SUPERIOR COURT.

First District—George H. Brown, Jr., of Beaufort.

Third District—Henry R. Bryan, of Craven.

Fifth District—Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford.

Sixth District—Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir.

Seventh District—Thomas A. McNeill, of Robeson.

Eleventh District—W. A. Hoke, of Lincoln.

CONVENTION DATES.

Sixth District, Congressional, Wilmington, July 6th.

Third Congressional district, Clinton June 30

WHAT FAVORITISM MEANS.

The chief delay in prosecuting the war has been due to a failure to have the necessary supplies and equipment ready. In some instances soldiers have had to sleep on the ground without blankets, forced to go for days without shoes, denied a change of clothing for weeks, and denied wholesome food in sufficient quantities. We hear, whenever there is a demand to invade Cuba that it must be delayed because the equipment is not at hand.

Why this incompetence? Everybody knows that the Government can get, and in a week's time, all the clothing, food and munitions of war it needs. The people are finding out that the fault lies in the appointment of the sons and dependents of men with a pull to important positions over the heads of soldiers of ability and experience. Young men cannot be taken out of ball rooms and clubs who understand how to equip, feed, and clothe regiments of men.

If these young chaps, the sons of their daddies, want to go to war, they ought to be required to begin at the bottom, and to rise on their merits if they have any. Favoritism has cost much discomfort. If every father's son appointed because of his father's pull could be put down into the ranks tomorrow, and competent and experienced men be put on horseback and in important positions, it might not end the war this month, but it would put a speedy end to the discomforts and lack of necessities to which their incompetency and red-tape methods have subjected many brave and patriotic soldiers.

Senator Teller and Senator Butler are right when they say that no party ever employed methods in a campaign so corrupt as were the methods of the Republican party in the campaign of 1896. They may not be able to show it, for the Hannacrats are shrewd enough to cover their tracks, but the people know it just as well as if they had seen the money passed over the counter. It was used in North Carolina to elect a Senator, as well as elsewhere, and it will be plentifully in evidence this year. Let Teller, Butler and the rest keep up their fight against the corruptors of our politics.

If General Miles would leave his bathtub and photographer behind, this war might close soon. A man who thinks more about a bath and taking pictures than submerging Cubans and taking Havana, is not the man to look for a vigorous prosecution of the war.

Winston also owns his water works, says the Journal. Every town and city in North Carolina ought to own its water and lighting system. The experience of Wilson proves that it pays, and pays handsomely.

The Blue Ridge Rifles have endorsed Colonel V. S. Lusk for colonel of the Third regiment. Senator Pritchard is said not to believe he is too old to stop Spanish bullets.

Now while the Spanish fleet is bottled up at Santiago, why not land 40,000 men in Cuba and bottle up the whole island?

IT IS A WAR FOR BONDS.

The Senate yesterday voted a big issue of bonds—\$300,000,000—and threw a sop to Wolcott, Pritchard and a few other Republicans who are posing as free silver men by incorporating a provision to coin \$4,000,000 of silver bullion per month. It also declares that this action does not commit the country to the gold standard. It will be observed that there is no provision to issue the bonds when needed. They are to be sold at once, but the silver money is to be issued in small quantities each month until the bond syndicate is ready to call a halt. There is no certainty that this coinage will last three months. The only certain thing is that the bond syndicate which bought the elections is to be reimbursed in the shape of an immense issue of non-taxable bonds, and by the same takers the national banking system is to be perpetuated.

Last week, when a proposition was pending to impose a small tax on corporations to meet the burdens of war, Washington was crowded with lobbyists to prevent its passage. They succeeded in securing its defeat.

This week again the representatives of the same interests have been in Washington seeking to secure a big bond issue. They have succeeded.

Two weeks ago this paper, seeing the "shilly-shallying" methods of conducting the war, said:

"The Spanish war will not end until the bond syndicate secures a big issue of bonds."

The action of the Senate yesterday, shows that this editorial paragraph was in the nature of a prophecy.

The bond sharks having now secured a big bond issue, why not let the army and navy forces end the war without further delay?

NOT FOR FUN OR TO SUMMER IN FLORIDA

"General Lee is not in this thing for fun, or to spend the summer in Florida," writes our war correspondent, Mr. Merritt, from Jacksonville.

General Lee seems to think that when we declared war in order to stop the starvation and barbarity practiced in Cuba, we were in earnest. He sees that, instead of stopping war, our plan of warfare has increased it ten-fold. Before the war food could be carried to Cuba, and though the reconcentrados were not permitted to have it, there was no suffering among the masses not confined as were the reconcentrados. Our blockade has stopped the importation of food, and the sufferings of all classes, except the officers, have been multiplied.

We have destroyed the Spanish fleet at Manila, and made it therefore easier to take Cuba. We have stormed Porto Rico and made it impossible for the soldiers there to render help in Cuba. We have at last discovered that some of the Spanish warships are bottled up at Santiago de Cuba, and hurled a few shells to tear down the fortifications. All these things are good and give cause for gratification, but the object for which war was declared seems to have been made secondary, and the Cuban invasion has been postponed, and postponed until the rainy season is upon us, whereas it could have been taken in twenty days with fifty thousand men when war was declared. Time has been given to strengthen old and put up new fortifications, and make the invasion when undertaken cost more dearly in the lives of brave men.

Every week we have heard that the plans were ready for an immediate invasion, and yet postponement for one cause or another has been made until it looks as if it was not the policy of those directing the war to permit it to be short, sharp and decisive, but to drag its weary length along so as to be still waging when the November elections occur. If General Lee's position is correctly stated, it is a thousand pities he was not permitted to take troops to Cuba the day after war was declared. The men who want to spend the summer in Florida ought to bear in mind that in most wars disease kills more men than bullets, and that humanity has all along cried out to make this war determined and short. On to Cuba!

The Railway Age estimates that the construction of railroads in the United States during 1898 will exceed that of 1897 by a thousand miles. The amount spent in construction this year, it says, will not be less than fifty million dollars, and it may reach sixty million. At the present time work is in progress on about ninety roads, aggregating 2,725 miles.

A northern exchange says that Commodore Schley's name is pronounced "slay." Let us hope so.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Text: 'The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.' Includes image of a tin of Royal Baking Powder.

A Washington special says that the friends of ex-Congressman Settle are urging the President to make him a brigadier general in the army. That would be one way of escaping Kitchen's deadly fusillade.

The Chicago Times-Herald says that any man is an immune, who has read three copies of the Chicago Tribune. If this is true, the government should work to increase the Tribune's circulation in order to fill up the immune regiments.

Raleigh was glad to have the privilege of hearing Hon. James H. Southgate in his address before the Morson school yesterday. It fully sustained his reputation for eloquence and ability.

The Washington Post says that the war is to be prosecuted vigorously. Perhaps so—after the bond syndicate has all the bonds it wants.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

COL. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Washington Post.

It appears that Mr. Bryan may get his regiment after all. We hope he will. He has come forward at his country's call, anxious to serve it in any useful way, and has devoted himself to the creation and organization of a Nebraska regiment. He has not vaunted himself. He has displayed no spirit of vanity or ostentation. While hordes of popinjays—favorite sons, proteges of great men, curled darlings of society—clamored for staff positions or big commands, William J. Bryan, with more ability than any hundred of them put together, has gone to work modestly and without self-seeking. He recruited a force and it was taken from him. He persisted and got another force. The newspapers have made fun of him, his enemies have sought to cover him with ridicule and derision. He has taken no notice and has pursued his purpose. Now there is another Nebraska regiment, and both the soldiers and the Governor want Bryan to command it. We trust it may be so. Mr. Bryan is young, he is patriotic, he has courage, nerve, brains, initiative, equilibrium. There is nothing discreditable in his ambition to lead a regiment of his fellow-citizens in this emergency. We do not know where Bourke Cockran, Billy Byrum, and the rest of the spluttering heroes who deserted the Democratic party two years ago, are at present exhibiting their prowess. We do know, however, that Mr. Bryan is trying to do his part, and we believe that he is worth more to the country and deserves more at its hands than any of them.

DEALING IN FUTURES.

New York World.

Again we have new outgivings from Washington as to when Spain is to get the "solar plexus"—the smashing of Havana.

When Mr. McKinley and lawyer Long, in charge of the navy, and lumber-dealer Alger, in charge of the army, discovered that Blanco could live longer without food than the Cubans, they said that they would invade Cuba "very soon." Then they gave out that the invasion would be put off until "next week or the week after." Next the waiting people learned that "twenty days more at the least would be necessary for preparations." Then they learned that Mr. McKinley and his advisers in their wisdom "thought that next fall would be about the earliest advisable time."

And now it is "definitely decided, after carefully considering all the conditions and difficulties," that Havana cannot be attacked "until an army of 100,000 men is thoroughly organized, drilled and equipped." With Sons of Sombodies doing the organizing, drilling and equipping, with contractors filling orders at their leisure, with the Spanish manana making sluggish tea blood of all our officialdom, this time seems so remote that the enlisting of troops for so short a period as two years becomes an act of short-sightedness.

A GOOD WAR MEASURE.

Virginian and Pilot.

Senator Daniel's speech in favor of the war tax on corporations was unanswerable in law and logic, but the corporations answered it very summarily, despite law and logic, by having the tax voted out of the bill. It would be a good war measure to employ as much of the army as necessary to exclude lobbyists from the capitol and its approaches.

THREE MINUTE CONVENTION.

Marsh Mott Renominated for Solicitor By Acclamation.

Elkin, N. C., June 3.—(Special.)—The Republican convention for the Ninth Judicial convention, was held here yesterday. Dr. M. D. Kimbro, of Davie county, was chairman and J. W. McNeill, of Wilkesboro (Mott's law partner) secretary. Every county in the district was represented. Some of the delegates coming up on the noon train, wished to go on to Wilkesboro, so the conductor was told to hold the train while the convention was held in one of the waiting rooms at the depot. Just three minutes from the time the convention assembled, Mott was nominated by acclamation. It is the shortest convention on record. Thus the lion and lamb lie down together. A few weeks back Clarence Call, sheriff of Wilkes county, was going about saying that Mott should not be nominated if he could prevent it, and only last week the Forsyth Republican convention refused to endorse him. But Mott seems to have carried the day, and run over them rough shod. But will he be elected? That's the question.

THE RIGHT KIND TO RUN.

(Oxford Public Ledger.)

No doubt ex-Judge Graham believes in the free coinage of copper now as well as silver, as he is deeply interested in the magnificent copper mines in North Granville. We want the people to take enough interest in him to nominate him for Senator from this district. He is made of just the kind of stuff that we will need in the next Legislature.

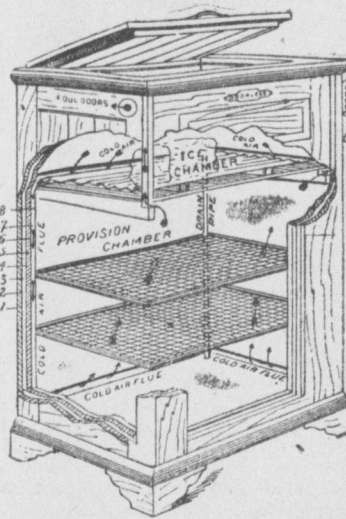
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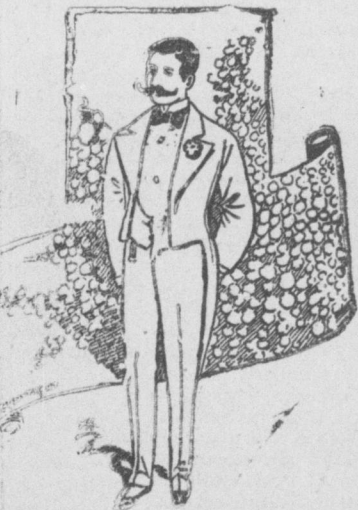
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