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A BAD CONDITION.

"Ten thousand people are murdered in this country every year. This is equal to the number of Greeks which marched from Persia, to the sea, as chronicled by Xenophon in his picturesque narrative. It's a bad record we have. In London there are 20 murders a year; in Chicago 120. In Paris there are but 15 a year. In Georgia there are more of these violent deaths than in all Britain.

The conditions which lie at the bottom of this sad state of affairs ought to be thoroughly investigated. It is, however, undoubtedly true that the average citizenship has been lowered by immigrants from the poverty-stricken and semi-criminal classes of Italy and other nations.—Winston-Sentinel"

It is true, that the condition is bad, and there is no remedy in sight. What the Sentinel says in the first paragraph of this article we presume is based upon statistical information, at least we accept of it as a fact, but we do not agree with the Sentinel as to what it alleges lies at the bottom of this bad state of affairs.

The importation of the rifraf, and the common rabble of Europe has helped to swell the percentage of crime, but we do not for one moment believe that they have by example, or precept taught our people any new lessons in the way to take human life, or lowered the respect for law. It is our own system, prevailing, and practiced that leads any, and all men to think it less dangerous to shoot down a fellow man, than it is to misappropriate public, or private funds. There are a number of contributing causes and chief, among these is the "pistol totin" habit, and the usual frace of a legal trial, especially where money is permitted to play a conspicuous part.

We have a law in this state which prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons, and then we have another law that license men to sell the most dangerous weapons that can be constructed, and no question asked the man who buys them. If he is an escaped convict, or a most disreputable man, it is all the same to the dealer in dirks, and pistols. The purchaser knowing that every man carries a pistol if he wishes too, finds excuse for drawing his weapon on the slightest provocation, and a man falls at his feet dead. The next thing is to hunt a good lawyer, who is able to find a plenty of loop holes in the criminal laws that he himself has help make, through which his man may escape. And if the man charged with the crime has a plenty of money the Judge does not usually find it in his heart to be very hard upon him. This is the incentive for crimes, this is why life is so cheap. This is why more innocent men are being shot down in cold blood in the South every year, than fell from Spanish bullets in the war in Cuba.

When the last Legislative was appealed too, to pass a law to prohibit the sale of pistols, a number of the members said no it wont do, it would make it too hard on the policeman to buy a pistol. Willing to tempt ten thousand criminals to provide themselves with weapons to commit crime; for the insane excuse of making it easy for the policeman to get his weapon. Oh, you easy mark of the lobbyist.

THE DEMOCRATIC HOO-DOO

If the Democratic party has one hoo-doo, that is capable of giving it more trouble than any

other hoo-doo, its the Nebraska hoo-doo, designated as one W. J. Bryan. He has persistently injected his personality in the party councils, he has volunteered his advise, and suggestions, when neither was sought, or desired. His own incarnated selfishness, has dominated and controlled his every political step, and with an ingeniousness that has been marvelous for its mysterious force he has always been enabled to ride his high horse of rule or ruin over party precedent with as little compunction for results as one could attribute to the most mercenary, and yet maintain a strong hold upon his weak kneed proselites. His mixing in the matter of the caucus leader in the Senate, and his opposition to Senator Martin of Virginia, is an other wave of the torch of this political incendiary, this churlish malefic, Bryan should be thrown over board, he can not be assimilated, and make a harmonious elements for good purposes in the Democratic party. His character will not permit it, and the people are determined that no set of political buckeneers shall ever ram W. J. Bryan down their throats. They can play the fool as much as they want to, and as long as they will, but that fact is settled.

Col. W. J. Bryan in his speech in Burlington N. J. last Thursday night, under the Euphonious title of "what of the night" tells us that debts contracted fifteen years ago are now being paid by dollar worth only two-thirds of what they were worth when the debts were contracted.

If Mr. Bryan could have had his way the dollar that those debts are being paid with, would not be worth 10 per cent of the amount of the debt.

A PIVOT IN POLITICAL HISTORY MAKING.

We clip the following editorial from the Washington D. C. Times, which is so apt, and appropriate that we make room for it on our Editorial page. It is timely put. It appeared in last Tuesday's Times the 4th of April.

For fourteen years the Democratic party has controlled, till today, no branch of the National Government: President, Senate, House, and even Supreme Court have at all times been Republican. It is the longest period of simular unqualified control by one party in the whole course of constitutional government.

That the events turning on the pivot of this April day's ceremony at the Capitol are fraught with portent for a long future seems certain when thought is giving to the character and sweeping extent of the change in a twelvemonth.

One year ago today the Republican had forty-seven majority in the House. Today they have lost that, and the Democrats have sixty-three majority.

One year ago today the Republican in the Senate was twenty-six; today it is reduced to nine.

Two years ago a newly elected Republican President was just entering on his term under most favorable auspices of observers in all parties that a near-miracle will be required to prevent his renomination and another to secure his election.

Thus the outlook is bright for Democracy. The swing of thing is toward the party so long excluded from the seats of power.

But the Democrats have need to realize that with this day they lose the greatest advantage they have for two years enjoyed. They can no longer thrive merely by the mistakes of their enemies. They have lost their greatest advantage. They were swept into a share in national power, not because they had earned the right to power, but because the country believed the Republicans had forfeited the right to control the House.

As the Democrats today lose their greatest advantage, so the Republicans are stripped of the burdens that in recent years have handicapped them most seriously in the race for public favor. Last night's Republican caucus was the final curtain on the career of Joseph G. Cannon. De mortuis, nil. He will remain yet a little time, a figure, but not a colossus bestriding and overshadowing the popular branch.

With him go Aldrich and Hale; and as these three old men of the sea relax their grip the party they have shackled will rise in new strength which may yet enable it to cope on winning terms in another battle.

The Democracy will win no more battles merely because the people have lost confidence in the Republican Congress. They must hold what they have gained by proving that they deserve to hold it. They must gain more, by demonstrating their competency at administer more. To their prayerful consideration is commended the parable of the talents.

"Democratic economy in Washington," says the Baltimore American, "Sounds funny." No doubt, considering that Republican extravagance has run riot there for nigh onto fifty years.

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C. D. V. Conn,
TPA., Norfolk Southern R. R.,
Raleigh, N. C.

Pullman Company's Big Profits

The traveling public will be saved approximately two million dollars per year in reductions of Pullman fares through the efforts of George S. Loftus, of St. Paul, and his attorney, James Manahan, according to reports to the company in Chicago regarding the increased demand for upper berths.

When the warfare opened four years ago Mr. Loftus filed complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission only as to sleeping car rates between the Twin Cities and Chicago, asking for a reduction from \$2 to \$1.50 for lower berths and from \$2 to \$1 for upper berths.

The investigation brought out a most remarkable set of figures. It was shown that the increase capitalization of the Pullman Company between 1898 and 1909 from \$36,000,000 to \$100,000,000 included \$44,000,000 capitalized from surplus earnings. In the course of the eleven years the company's dividends totaled \$59,664,224 in addition to which several big "melons" were cut. One of these was a cash dividend of twenty per cent, and another was a stock dividend of fifty per cent., and the third a stock dividend of thirty-six per cent. Thus in eleven years an investment of \$36,000,000 was shown to have yielded a total net income of \$154,879,480, or over 430 per cent.

The result of the complaint was a reduced schedule voluntarily proposed by the company and tentatively approved by the commission fixing the price of upper berths at eighty per cent, of the price of the lowers and fixing as a basis the rate of \$2 for a twelve-hour run. The jurisdiction of the commission over the Pullman company was established and the right of a corporation to make exorbitant profits regardless of the rights of the public was effectually dispated.

A Little Puff O' Breeze.

A gentleman saw an old negro picking cotton away down south in Dixie when the sun was shining hot and not a breeze was stirring, and he said to him "Uncle, don't you get mighty hot and tired?" "Yes, boss, I does, but just about the time that I feel like givin' up an' faintin' along comes a little puff o' breeze."

How many times on this life's road, Under the burden of a heavy load, We've been in the act of giving up The toil and strife and the bitter cup, When, in the gloaming, on bended knees Hope's been fanned by 'a puff o' breeze,

How many times with bitter tears, Hope's given way to doubts and fears; We've said: "There is no use to try," You've said it often, so have I, But Doubt gets out, Fear always flees When Hope is stired by a "puff o' breeze."

When the road is rough and the sun is hot, Can't tell whether we're lost or not; When friends don't seek us with words of cheer, And we can't see for the briny tear, When we've lost Hope and there ain't no ease, Along comes "a little puff o' breeze."

Don't give up 'cause the road is rough, "Keep a-keepin' on," there'll come "a puff."

You may grow weary an' feel like dyin', You may grow sad an' feel like cryin'; You can't get to heaven on beds o' ease, But you may be fanned by "a puff o' breeze."

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