

OUR POSITION. The principles of the Democratic party are just as essential to good government today as they ever were in the history of the country. They stand for the rights of the people against oppression in any form. The record of the party in North Carolina is one of honor and economical government, subserving at all times the welfare of the people. It has achieved a reputation in which it takes just pride, having accomplished for the State a work of momentous importance. In 1868, with the illustrious Vance at its head, the Democratic party undertook the task of restoring to a desolated and disheartened people a government under which they could repair their wasted fortunes. How well this work was performed is known to every voter in the State. By its efforts order was brought out of chaos; prosperity displaced poverty; the inherent right of self-government was restored; honesty and fidelity took the place of spoliation and plunder; and a new hope of honor and progress sprang up in the hearts of the people where had existed only humiliation and despair. The record is clean and honorable, and the successes of the Democratic party for many years were unbroken.

During several years past, in common with all sections of the country, the people of this State have felt the effects of a general business depression. Political demagogues, with an insatiable desire for self-aggrandizement and a paucity of patriotism, took advantage of existing conditions and by misrepresentation and deceit were enabled to place themselves in positions of power and responsibility. Less than a year of this expensive experiment has convinced the people of the unwisdom of the change. The present State administration has been characterized by incompetency and mismanagement. The leaders of the combination which placed them in power have betrayed the people and consult only their personal interests in the management of the affairs of the State. Their selfishness has caused among them a change from hobnobbing for personal gain to disgraceful quarrels and irreparable fractures of former friendships.

The people look on with indignation and disgust, and it is even now certain that a large majority would gladly embrace an opportunity to restore Democratic control.

Naturally, in this State there is a preponderance of Democratic voters, and a sentiment in favor of returning to a pure and honest government through the Democratic party is rapidly growing and crystallizing.

We can hope for improvement only by a straight-out Democratic victory. The party should not be hampered by a fusion or alliance with any other political organization. We would welcome to our ranks any accessions of voters who will unite with us for the purpose of obtaining a patriotic, efficient, pure, honest and economical State government, but we believe success can be achieved under the banner of the Democratic party, free from undesirable combinations with the leaders of other parties. In the national and State administrations we intend to support true and tried Democrats, whose devotion to the principle of the party has never wavered. Such men can always be relied upon to protect the interests of the people and promote their welfare.

Give us straight Democracy or nothing.

THE REBIRTH OF CLEVELAND.

Trickling down the Atlantic coast upon the waves of the sea, wafted inland upon the nipping breezes of dreary November, spreading out over the entire country much the same as ripples the mill pond's surface when disturbed by the throwing of a stone into its center, comes the news that Cleveland, Grover Cleveland, Stephen Grover Cleveland, ex-sheriff of Buffalo, ex-mayor of that twice-blessed lake city, ex-governor of the State of New York, double ex-President of these United States, and ex-Weyer of the Democratic party, has senatorial aspirations, with New Jersey as his base of operations!

This news has fallen upon the people as falls the night, not with the clamor that undignifies the

candidacy of ordinary mortals. Perish the thought!

Seated on his dais in Banker Benedict's yacht, Flunkey Bayard swinging the incense vessel about the head of the anointed one, the "gray-eyed man of destiny," the "diversity of official prefixes declared that he wished to bestow upon New Jersey the distinguished honor of sending him, Grover the Great, to the United States Senate. And this is no wing-shot on the part of the modern Nimrod. In the event of Republican success in New Jersey next year, Standard Oil, the Sugar Trust, and the great Eastern railroad combination will control the votes of the legislature of New Jersey, and can return whom they wish to the United States Senate. The duck is tied to a stake and the blunderbuss charged with a scatter load.

Let those among us who are pious pray for the consummation of the plans of the fat Berserker if success a twelve-month hence attend the hosts of monopoly in the foreign State of Jersey.

Let us all, when we view the devastation which has resulted from Cleveland's repudiation of party platform and political honesty, close our eyes and project our minds far enough into the future to reach that session of the Senate when the pulchritudinous Cleveland shall take his seat, when John Morgan and George Vest and Ben Tillman and Allen and Stewart step into The Presence with the fires of long pent up indignation and righteous wrath burning and the resulting lava of language ready to flow!

It will almost repay the losses inflicted upon us by his political obliquity.

And the fat-witted fools who worship at his shrine, who believe that if they're good when they die they'll go to Cleveland, are hurrying him on to his destruction—no, not destruction; only his few remaining worshippers and cuckoos will wish that for his own sake. We trust he will, in the event New Jersey should inflict the calamity upon us, be preserved for six years that his political misdeeds may be hourly held up before him garished with the lurid lightning of invective.

What a happy, rosy dream!

OHIO SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Fire Alarm Foraker and his friends in the blessed State of Ohio, where Republican legislators are quoted in the marts of trade much the same as cotton and corn, beef and pork, or any old thing that goes on sale in Bam-bury Cross, have once more reckoned without their host. The foxey Hanna permitted them undisturbed to herd a cool half dozen Foraker followers and publicly to declare that they would never, never, no never vote for the money-changer who was so far below the standard of Ohio political morality. Well, they stood up for Foraker and Bushnell and Kirtz, and declared that, as they and the Democrats and the Independents, five of the latter having been elected to misrepresent Cincinnati, formed a majority of one in the Ohio legislature, they controlled the senatorial situation, and consequently Hanna's name was Dennis—which is Ohioese for death. Did the downey Marcus Aurelius shed tears and tear his hair and rave about the frailty of political promises? Not on your life insurance policy did he! Marcus had been up against brace games before, so he emulated the "big pig" in the nursery rhyme and went to market, and when he returned he wore a smile and brought within his frock coat pocket a bill of sale of those five Cincinnati Independents. And by the same token, if those aforesaid Independents knew their business, they may hereafter be independent in more senses than one—they need never toil again, nor yet spin, for there is no limit to the game of politics as played by the proprietor of a president and the bountiful dispenser of the combined "expense account" of sundry trusts and monopolies which need Marcus Aurelius Hanna in their business!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Alleged leaders may negotiate a fusion, but the rank and file will have to confirm it. The rank and file of Democracy is in no humor to be trifled with. If the believers in the Chicago platform are in a majority in North Carolina, then let them stand up and be counted like men—as they will be if they are faithful to rejuvenated Democracy. If the desire to give a few men positions and political prominence is stronger than their party faith, let them fuse with the Middle-of-the-Roaders, the Republicans, the black-and-tans, or any other class of men who come along. Let them elevate the banner of office-seeking, bearing the device: "Give us office or we perish!" But by all the traditions of the past, don't, don't call them Democrats!

Put none but Democrats in guard!

Organize, organize!

Educate, educate!

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cial, moral and official standing, the present incompetent and disgraceful administration is now looting the Capitol grounds at Raleigh of its beautiful shade trees. These young maples and pyramid oaks were given to the State by the late Senator Vance, but the Russell Butler-Burns despoilers are distributing them as souvenirs among themselves and other members of the political combination. If any of the property of the State remains at the close of this administration it will probably be because it is immovable.

WHY TIMES ARE HARD.

CHAPTER II.

Bonds and Interest.

A financial interest-bearing bond is a written obligation for the payment of the amount of money stated on its face with an interest annuity attachment, and differing from a "note in hand" in that it is secured by certain valuable property as its basis of value. In using the amount of money for which the bond is given, the borrower or user is expected to purchase and handle property in such way as to have it return him, not only the amount of money he borrowed, but the usury or interest-money in addition, and for both of which he has come under bonded obligation.

Solomon truly said that "the borrower is servant to the lender." The obligations of indebtedness—stocks, bonds, notes, etc., of the people of the United States, public and private, amount to about thirty-five billions of dollars, or about one-half of the entire wealth of the nation, and the interest on this at 6 per cent is about two billion annually. The entire surplus wealth produced by all industry, including the mines, is about two billions per annum, or just about enough to pay the interest on the obligations of indebtedness, including taxes. Think of a neighbor who is in debt for about one-half what he is worth. We all know that it is all he can do to keep his family and pay his taxes and interest. If he ever does get the principal paid, it is a life-work. He is a slave to that debt, or rather to his creditor, and he has hard times.

This is just the condition of this great nation of working people today, and consequently we are having hard times. The middle and industrial classes who are most dependent on "days' work" for a living are seeing the hardest times. We are living under a financial credit system of borrowers and lenders, or servants and masters, instead of a full money supply system which enables the people to be independent and "pay as they go." This interest or usury gatherer is the old instrument spoken of by Solomon, that is now used to a greater extent than ever before on the earth, to subjugate the great masses of the people to service of the few that they may become rich and influential.

The bonds that bind the people in this service are as secure, as exacting and as relentless as the bonds of chattel slavery ever were. If God could mend chattel slavery, and He did, He also could mend financial slavery, and He does. So the people going against His will in this matter are having hard times. It's nothing new for they always had it so when they traveled that road. I shall have something to say relating to what preachers are doing, or rather not doing about this interest-bearing bond business before I get through.

It is a most baneful part of our financial system. We have had this interest, credit bond business fostered upon us to a most destructive and alarming extent in the last forty years. It is comparatively not any more necessary now than it was in the days of Solomon, as he had very extensive commercial relations for a nation of that size at that age, with other nations, yet his monetary system practically abolished interest (usury) from his kingdom.

I have sometimes wondered how many of our congressmen had ever studied into the matter to find out how to do it, and I have also had a naughty thought as to how many preachers could go up there and tell them all about it. In this chapter we see the bond system is crushing out our liberty, and for one I say, "away with it and crush it so that at least it will be made a servant of servants and not their master."

This brings me to consider our gold, silver and paper money. If we find that they are, or either one of them is responsible for the credit and bond system, it would certainly be better that such gilly material be blotted from us entirely. Next week let us look into the matter without prejudice. Mica, N. C. SAM'L ARCHER.

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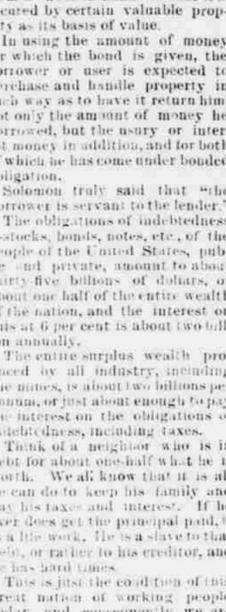
The bladder was created for one purpose, namely a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

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The book containing the sentence is a standard publication and has been sealed up and placed with Mr. W. A. Hemphill, President and Business Manager of The Constitution, who will hold it safely until January 1, 1898.

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