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The Danger.

The greatest danger which now threatens the South is the election of a Congress that may pass a force bill, and a President who will approve of it. This fact invests the Federal elections with an importance that cannot be overestimated. If such a calamity should befall the country, there would not be a government in a Southern State under democratic influence, after the term of office expired of the democrats who may be elected next Fall. With the election machinery under the guidance of the republican party, and with republican United States marshals to count the votes and declare the result, who will be so credulous as to say that democratic candidates would be declared elected? Such election machinery would have been manufactured for the express purpose of defeating democrats in the Southern States, and the engineers and officers in control would receive special instructions from Washington as to how to run it. It would be run in the interest of the republican party, and for the express purpose of keeping white men out of office in the South.

We have been induced to submit the above to the thoughtful consideration of democrats, in view of the report that some, who have always voted the democratic ticket, are being persuaded not to vote that ticket in the National and Congressional elections. We would not be understood as in any sense underestimating the importance of electing our democratic State ticket, but if the republicans should be in control of the next Congress and Mr. Harrison President again it would evidently be the last democratic State ticket that might be elected within a long time in North Carolina or any other Southern States. Let us not forget, then, to elect a democratic President and democratic Congressmen, as well as the excellent democratic State ticket nominated by our late State convention. All of this can be done if the democrats will make up their minds to do it.—News and Observer.

Mr. Duke's Card in State Chronicle.

Franklinton, N. C., June 28.—I attended the third party convention held in our county at Louisville a few weeks ago and was there elected a delegate to the third party convention which met in Raleigh June 16th. I attended this convention as a delegate, thinking it was gotten up by the farmers' alliance, solely for the advancement of reform, and to further the interest of the depressed agriculturist. But after further investigation I see it is nothing but a republican dodge to try to capture the white democrats of North Carolina, and in this way put us back in the dark days of 1865-9.

I am a democrat in the fullest sense of the word, and especially so since our party has adopted such a platform as it did in Chicago last week. This platform will satisfy every true democrat. If I ever get reform, I can't see where it will come from unless it is through the democratic party. There are lots of true men who saw things just as I did—thought they were being led by the alliance—and find to their disgust that it is nothing more nor less than a fraud.

No sir! none of the so-called "third party" for me. My only regret is that I went as far as I did before I saw the "wool in sheep's clothing." Now I see it, and repudiate the whole thing from beginning to end. All I have to say to you my fellow farmers and alliance-men, come out of all such, for there is nothing in it productive of good for us or our order.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]
Great as Mr. Harrison's egotism is, his mind has been in a disturbed condition ever since he knew that Mr. Cleveland would again be his opponent, and the conferences he has held with the members of the republican national committee, which is today in session here, have not had a tendency to add to his serenity. These men are practical politicians and as such they fully realize the situation and by some very plain talking they have endeavored to open Mr. Harrison's eyes to the dangers which confront him, and there are indications that they have at least partially succeeded.

Nearly all of the Democratic Senators and Representatives who attended the convention have returned to Washington, and, when one considers how many of them left here in favor of nominating some one else, it is really surprising to find the unanimity of opinion which now prevails among them regarding the strength of the ticket and its chances to win. Some of them think the fight will be harder than others do, but they all think that with a united effort Cleveland and Stevenson can be elected, and the democrat who doubts that such an effort will be made is yet to be found. Representative Covert, a Tammany member of the House, says: "The ticket will receive the united support of the New York democrats; there are no traitors in Tammany Hall." Another Tammany member says: "I have no authority to speak for Senator Hill, but I will stake my existence that when the fight begins he will be found in the thickest of it working for the election of the ticket. His much caricatured motto 'I am a democrat' is not a sham."

Mr. Stevenson's nomination for Vice President was most enthusiastically received by his very large circle of personal friends in Washington.

Whitelaw Reid was one of the originators of a scheme to get something for nothing, which has since become more or less popular with newspaper correspondents and others having a "pull" with the congressional appointing powers. It was away back in 1865 that Mr. Reid, while serving as a Washington correspondent, was appointed Assistant Librarian of Congress, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. Mr. Reid was duly sworn in and for quite a long period he drew the salary, while a negro whom he employed at \$50 per month did the work. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Reid made an early beginning in the "thrift" which later was the cause of his making the N. Y. Tribune a "rat" establishment, and of his violating the alien contract labor law by importing cheap foreign laborers to do the stonework on his Ophir Farm residence.

Speaking of Reid, he made a hurried trip to Washington as soon as he learned that some of the Harrison men were scheming to drive him from the ticket, and as soon as he got here he made a bee line for the White House, where he proceeded to read the riot act to Mr. Benjamin H., whom he accused of having instigated the anti-Reid plot. He frightened Mr. Harrison, it is said, by claiming that it was only his (Reid) being on the ticket that had prevented an open revolt of the tricked Blaine wing of the party, and threatening, unless the scheme to ask him to retire from the ticket was at once squelched, to lead a rebellion against the office holders nominee. Mr. Harrison pleaded ignorant of the whole thing, notwithstanding proofs presented by Mr. Reid showing that it had originated with men whose relations with the White House are of the closest and most confidential nature. It is good news to democrats that Reid will stick; he will throw thousands of votes to Cleveland and Stevenson, which they would not otherwise get.

Representative Oates, of Alabama, is not one of those who are in doubt as to who would be elected if the election of President should be thrown into the House. He said, speaking of that possibility, "In the South the third party may succeed in wresting South Carolina and possibly North Carolina from the Democrats, and

in the west that party is strong in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas, and, if it abandons some of its visionary schemes, it may draw enough votes in the silver States to take those states out of the republican column. If neither party controls a majority of the electoral college, this House would elect, which makes it certain, in my mind, that Grover Cleveland will be the next President of the United States."

The investigation of the Pension Office will not be completed until next winter, but the committee will, probably this week, present a report to the House embodying its findings up to date, very dirty and disgraceful findings they have been, too.

Chances at the Send-off.

New York World.

Time enough has elapsed to develop some of the obvious weaknesses of the Republican ticket.

It is a weaker ticket at the start than was Blaine and Logan in 1888.

Both Blaine and Logan were names to conjure with. They had magnetism and burrah in them. They had staying power as well, as the Democrats discovered. The present ticket is cold and chilling at both ends.

Four years ago all the elements in the Republican party were united in a determined effort to wrest the Government from Democratic control. Factional quarrels were suspended, individual jealousies were forgotten and personal rivalries were subordinated in a determined effort to put the party again in power.

The great body of steadfast Republicans was strengthened by fearful protection Democrats and guided by the most adroit politicians of the country. The worshippers of Blaine were brought into line by the persuasive eloquence of their chief. There were no disappointed office-seekers, no grudges against an unfortunate dispenser of patronage, no vengeance to pay, no dissension. All were bound together by ties of supposed public policy and certain personal interest. There was unlimited capital to use and men skilled in the corruption of voters to use it.

No lack of money need be anticipated now. The McKinley bill has built up a campaign fund for further protection, and it is reasonable to suppose that Mr. Reid would not have been nominated but for an understanding that Mr. Mills will match Mr. Morton's contribution and go considerable better.

But where are the men accustomed to the effective use of money on so large a scale? Quay cannot be expected to buy up Kings County for Harrison a second time, even if our new election law did not render efficient bribery difficult. Platt can hardly assume charge of the canvass of an administration for which he has words only of scorn and derision.

If the logic of this convention be borne out Hiseock and Depew will be held responsible for New York. The Democratic advantage from such an arrangement cannot be estimated in votes. Similar conditions prevail in other States.

So much for the practical side of the coming campaign.

In principle the protection Democrat ceased to be a factor. His successor, as demonstrated beyond question by the last Congressional elections, is the low-tariff reformer. The Democratic party is thoroughly united in support of tariff reform. And the country has learned through higher prices and lower wages what McKinleyism means.

The magic name of Blaine cannot be invoked in aid of a President and his friends who have displayed only petty jealousy, ungrateful suspicion and finally brutal contumely towards the real leader of his party.

The record of the Administration, in its ascent to extravagance, its looting of the offices as spoils, its protection of rascals and reward of corruptionists, its blimp-tions diplomacy, has made history of Democratic predictions.

The Labor revolt against the candidate for Vice-President, who cannot be separated from his chief, promises to be formidable.

Nothing could be more obvious than the disadvantage of the Republican party in 1892 compared with 1888.

John W. Mauney.

Jno. W. Mauney was a native of this county, a son of our esteemed fellow citizen V. Mauney, Esq., and was a lawyer of more than ordinary talent. He was one of our best personal friends, and it was with a sad heart that we heard of his fatal illness, resulting in his death at his home in Salisbury, on the 23rd ult., while at the meridian of a life bright with future usefulness. We deeply sympathize with his family and relatives. The following tribute to this worthy son of Stanly is not too highly drawn:

At a meeting of the North Carolina members, clerks and attachés of the United States House of Representatives held Tuesday, June 28th, 1892, Hon. S. B. Alexander its chairman and Mr. H. H. Roberts its secretary, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted upon the death of Mr. John W. Mauney, late clerk to Hon. J. S. Henderson's House Committee on the post office and post roads:

Whereas, In the death of Mr. John W. Mauney, we are again admonished of the uncertainty of this life and the inevitable result of all that is mortal, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we can in our sadness refer briefly to the many good qualities of our deceased friend; therefore,

Resolved, That recognizing that all of God's works are inscrutable and for the best, still we can but mourn the loss of our associate and friend, and by our united action place to his memory our memorial of the many virtues with which he was endowed.

Resolved, That as his countrymen, associates and friends, we do most cordially bear witness to his record as a Christian gentleman and a citizen of our State, to his sense of honor, his sterling integrity, his earnestness to every duty, his tender love of family, his true manhood and steadfast friendship for his native State and to his fellowman, and while we are deeply moved by his death in the very prime of manhood, when his counsel and efforts were worth so much to his country and his family, we bow in submission and great sorrow to the inevitable.

Resolved, That with profound grief and with hearts overflowing with tenderest sympathy we extend to his bereaved wife and children and all who were near and dear to him our most sincere condolence and assure them that we sensibly feel the great loss and affliction they have sustained, and while the dark mantle of death has cast about their home its gloomy cloud, it has its silver lining in the bright hope of a future meeting with their loved one who has but gone before to that beautiful home, the pearly gates of which will open on the resurrection morn.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting and these resolutions be properly engrossed and forwarded to the family of our departed friend, and that the Raleigh News and Observer and State Chronicle and the newspapers of the seventh North Carolina Congressional district be requested to publish the same.

S. B. ALEXANDER, Chairman.
H. H. ROBERTS, Sec'y.

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