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## A DEMOCRATIC SENATE.

AS TIME ROLLS ON, THE DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS BRILLEN.

The Next Senate Will Probably be Composed of 43 Democrats, 16 Republicans, 2 Weaverites.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—Democratic confidence in the election of Cleveland and Stevenson and a democratic congress increases every day, just as republican fear of defeat increases. For nearly a week a local sporting man has advertised the fact that he had deposited \$10,000 with a well known banking house with instruction to wager the whole or any part of it on the election of Cleveland, and that he was prepared to duplicate the amount as soon as this deposit was covered. Up to this writing not a dollar has been put against his money; no republican has sufficient courage to back his opinions with his money.

The loss of the control of the senate is just beginning to be fully realized by the republicans. The latest democratic figures make the senate stand after March 4, 1892, democrats 43, republicans 40, people's party 2, leaving the legislators of Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas, which are at present controlled by the people's party, in doubt. If the people's party can retain control of these legislatures or of any one of them the number of people's party senators will be increased; but even granting what few believe to be possible that the republicans will elect a majority of the legislators in those three states and get the senators that would only give them a total of 43, against the same number of democrats, so that in any event the republicans are doomed to lose control of the senate, unless they can capture the legislatures of some of the states now regarded as certainly democratic. This is very important, as it makes possible, after the election of Cleveland and Stevenson, an immediate revision of the tariff, as on that question the people's party senators will vote with the democrats, and there is little or no doubt that the next house will be democratic by a good working majority. R.

### A Horrible Affair.

A most distressing affair occurred on the plantation of Mr. L. K. Bates, in this township, on Wednesday of last week. That morning John Hall and his wife Lizzie left home to finish some work in a field a half mile distant, leaving their two children, Plumie, aged 12 months, and Sallie, aged 14 months, in the house alone, both being unwell and in bed. About 5 o'clock the house was discovered by Mr. Bates' son to be on fire and he and his father ran to the burning building, which was then enveloped in flames. They suspected that the children were within, but were powerless to check the fire and awaited developments. Finally they saw the remains of the children drop through the burning floor to the ground and with poles pulled their charred and lifeless bodies out of the fire.—Rock Hill Herald.

### New York Celebrates.

New York, Oct. 21.—Columbus day was celebrated in all the public schools today. The president's proclamation was first read and then the flag unfurled. Three cheers and a salute were given "old glory," after which allegiance was pledged to the flag, national airs sung, Bible selections read and patriotic addresses delivered.

In Brooklyn there was a great parade of Roman Catholic parochial schools. The public buildings and private houses in the City of Churches are ablaze with bunting.

## HOMESTEAD CONVERTED.

Heretofore Largely Republican, But Now Sees the Folly of Her Way.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 22.—The story of the political battle which is about to be fought in Homestead was told in tonight's parade in that place. The town, which has heretofore been republican, was decorated in honor of a democratic procession in such a manner as the residents had never before seen. Persons who never before would talk democracy, came out tonight and declared they would cast their votes for Cleveland and Stevenson. As every one knows, the labor troubles at Homestead are responsible for the change of heart of many of the voters. Every band that could be hired was out, as were also the drum corps. The most interesting part of the demonstration was the fact that many of the best known republicans in the borough led a democratic procession. The political outlook in Homestead is probably best explained in the words of Captain Fairfield, who is an ardent republican. He said: "Homestead will not have more than forty-eight republican votes this time."

### Mr. Holton Receives A Caning.

SANBORN, N. C., Oct. 22.—Mr. A. E. Holton, the republican candidate for congress in this district, was caned at the Mount Vernon Hotel about 8 o'clock last night by Mr. T. H. Vanderford. Holton made some disrespectful remarks about Mr. Vanderford, alluding to him while in the revenue service several years ago, at a speaking, at Tyro in Davidson county yesterday. Mr. Vanderford's friends informed him of it and he called upon Holton last night at the hotel to account for it. After some few words Holton told him not to put his hands on him when Mr. Vanderford struck him with a cane. He kept this up until Holton was severely caned, the republican candidate hollowing at each lick.

His friends, Marshall Mott and Clarke Sullivan, a revenue officer, both from Statesville, were present at the caning, at least were at the beginning, but made good their escape. Mr. Mott, it is said, beat Nancy Hank's record on a run. Mr. Vanderford submitted the case this morning.

### Stolen from the Mails.

Letters sent by Chairman Simmon to the chairman of the different democratic county executive committees have been purloined by republican mail agents and sent to Chairman Eaves of the republican state committee. Chairman Simmon has reported the facts to the postoffice department at Washington and demanded a thorough investigation. Such meanness as this could only be committed by republicans and shows to what desperate straits they are driven in their efforts to retain office. Every one implicated in this robbery should be sent to the penitentiary for 99 years.

### Snow in England.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—The weather in northern England is cold and stormy. Along the Tyne a heavy hail and snow storm prevails and a number of vessels are returning seeking shelter. They report heavy weather outside. In Norfolk, one of the extreme eastern counties of England, the ground is white with snow and the whole country presents a wintry aspect.

### Death of a Prominent Young Citizen.

TARBORO, N. C., Oct. 21.—Mr. Laurie Waddell, one of the most promising merchants of this place died here this morning.

## MRS. HARRISON DEAD.

SHE CALMLY SANK TO REST SURROUNDED BY HER HOUSEHOLD.

Unable to Speak or Swallow During her Last Hours—The President a Faithful Watcher.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—2 a. m.—Mrs. Harrison is dead. She sank calmly and peacefully to eternal rest, dying at 1:39 a. m.

Although she had been unable to speak or even to swallow for some hours, she betrayed almost to the end some signs of understanding the sympathetic attempts made to relieve her last moments by partly opening her parched lips to receive the stimulating fluid applied to them from time to time.

Gradually her heart-beats grew feeble until almost imperceptible and then ceased forever.

### ORGANIZING FEDERAL BULLIES.

Kansas City Republicans Will Station United States Deputies at the Polls.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 19.—If blood does not flow upon the streets of Kansas City November 8, even conservative citizens will be surprised. Partisan feeling is growing more bitter every day. Threats, intimidations and periminations are heard on all sides. That the republicans now propose to have Deputy United States Marshals at the polls can no longer be doubted. Instructions have already been printed, and W. C. Ebert, of the republican congressional committee, spent all of today looking for suitable men to act. The republicans have made a poll of this city. It is their purpose to furnish each of their challengers with a copy of this poll for the precinct in which he works. If any democrat whose name does not appear upon this poll, no matter if he be properly registered, attempts to vote, he is to be turned over to a Deputy Marshal. If such a course is pursued trouble is sure to result. It will not work as it did in St. Louis in 1876. The registration, which closed last night, was unusually heavy and many charges of fraud have been made by both sides. The registration of negroes was enormous.

### Fatal Accident at North Wilkesboro.

WINSTON, Oct. 22.—The scaffolding around the bank building at North Wilkesboro, fell this morning, precipitating eighteen men to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. A colored man was killed and a white mason, Rufus McDonald, will die. Seven of the workmen were seriously injured.

### Arbitration in Person.

ROXBORO, Oct. 22.—W. F. Reid, nominee of the people's party for the legislature, and Geo. G. Moore, nominee of the democratic party, in order to defeat the republican candidate, agreed to leave the matter of which should withdraw to two men, these not agreeing a third man to be called by them to decide the matter. Moore selected Hon. J. A. Long and Reid chose Robert Paylor. These gentlemen not agreeing, called on R. I. Featherston, who voted to drop Reid, who promises to aid in Moore's election.

### The Report Downed.

At Friday's session of the Western North Carolina Baptist convention at Hendersonville there was a lively discussion over the report of the committee on temperance. One clause of the report recommended that the members give their votes to only such candidates as oppose the liquor traffic. The convention finally voted down the recommendation.

Register! This is a matter no democrat can afford to put off; it may be neglected or forgotten.

## THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

Harrison's ex-Minister to Russia Gives the Case Away.

National Democracy.

The Philadelphia Press, edited by one of Mr. Harrison's closest friends, Mr. Emory Smith, his late minister to Russia, has the courage to say plainly what all observant men have known all the time, viz., that it is the policy and purpose of the republican party to enact a force bill. But the Press is frank enough to urge a reason for it beyond mere political power, and declares that to pass the Lodge election bill is to destroy the dangerous competition that southern prosperity erects against New England cotton goods and Pennsylvania iron.

Or, in other words, the real, downright republican North seeks to overwhelm the south with another ruin; after the south has so far risen from the ashes of war as to compete with the northern states in commerce and manufactures.

If a single man or woman in the south ever had any doubt about the fiendish intentions of the radicals, let the following words of the Philadelphia Press settle the doubt and determine the only way to avoid the destruction proposed for this section:

"If the democrats had never been allowed to regain control of the state governments of the south, Northern capital would never have embarked in the development of southern coal and iron; and the surest and speediest way to put a stop to this competition from men who are our political enemies, as well as our commercial rivals, is to carry through and enforce measures like the Lodge election law."

### A Republican Senator on the Force Bill.

I have read that bill with care and attention more than twenty-times. I have read it in the light of calm consideration. And I repeat if it were presented to me now with the alternative of party support or party dismissal I should not vote for the bill. A more infamous bill, in my judgment, never passed the threshold of the doors of the senate. Avowedly in the interest of good government, it was instigated, in my judgment, by men whose interest it was to prevent a free expression of the will of voters at the polls.—Hon. Henry M. Teller in United States Senate.

### News From Asheville.

The city authorities last Saturday had the track of the Asheville Street Railway on Patton avenue torn up for a distance of 300 feet, in order that the city might begin paving. The company had been notified to get its track in condition, and not doing so the authorities took the matter into their own hands. As soon as this space is paved another 300 foot section will be taken up and so on until the avenue is paved, unless stopped by injunction.

The employees of the Asheville Street Railway Company have notified the company that unless their salaries are paid up by Tuesday night the men will tie up the system. The company owes several of its men nearly \$400 each.

### A Snap for Mayor Grant.

New York, Oct. 20.—It is said that T. Ford Brothers of Louisville interviewed Mayor Grant yesterday in regard to his taking the presidency of the Bell Nelson Distilling company.

It is also said Mayor Grant was offered \$40,000 a year for five years, and this is his reason for not accepting the mayoralty nomination. None interested will affirm or deny the story.

## DEATH ON THE GALLOWS.

REYNOLDS AND HEADEN EXECUTED AT GREENSBORO.

Ten Thousand People Watch the Last Struggles of Two Dying Murderers.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Oct. 20.—Reynolds and Headen, the murderers, were in good trim this morning. They slept well, and partook of a hearty breakfast, so they told Rev. Mr. Hilliard. Headen said he rested better last night than at any time since his incarceration. For men who were to be executed within five hours they were certainly cool. As before, they expressed their readiness to meet their fate. Early this morning crowds of people came pouring into town by private conveyance, on foot and on the trains. The Millboro train was packed with humanity. Capt. Coble brought up over 200 from Raleigh, while the north and south-bound trains contributed a large number. When dinner was offered to Headen he declined to eat, and he was not hungry and would feel better without eating. Not so, however, with Reynolds, he partook of a hearty meal, but was anxious to see his brother, Gattis Reynolds. At 12:20 Sheriff Cook, assisted by ex-Sheriff Boon, who has helped to hang many in the years gone by entered and bound them. They were then conducted to the scaffold and executed.

### Why Times are Hard.

When the poor man comes home at night, after a hard day's work, wearing a woolen suit taxed 85 per cent., stockings taxed 53 per cent., undershirts taxed 68 per cent., and a hat taxed 85 per cent., he sees his wife smiling at him through window panes that have paid from 69 to 129 per cent. He scrapes his shoes on a scraper (if he can afford one) that has paid 45 per cent. and lifts a door latch taxed 43 per cent. Stepping in upon a carpet taxed 82 per cent., he kisses his wife, who wears a woolen dress taxed 110 per cent. He observes that she has been mending an alpaca umbrella taxed 55 per cent. with a needle taxed 25 per cent. and thread taxed 61 per cent. Looking around he sees the wood work tinted with paint taxed 54 per cent. and wall paper enhanced in cost by a tax of 25 per cent. His eye dwells upon his bureau taxed 35 per cent., where lie a brush taxed 40 per cent. and a comb taxed 30 per cent. Being a tidy man he washes his hands with soap taxed 20 per cent. in a tin basin taxed 55 per cent. He arranges his toilet before a glass taxed 45 per cent. and sits down to supper. On a stove taxed 45 per cent. his wife has cooked him a meal with pots and kettles taxed 53 per cent. His table is spread with plain crockery taxed 60 per cent. and he drinks from a tumbler taxed 60 per cent. The reduction of the tariff on sugar by 2 cents a pound has reduced the cost of his sugar by 2 cents a pound, so that he sweetens his tea with sugar taxed but 18 per cent. But he stirs it with a spoon taxed 45 per cent. and salts his potatoes with salt that has been advanced in price by a tariff of 80 per cent. He has a good appetite. His lay out, however, is small, because he cannot buy much after his wages have paid both the natural cost and the extra cost imposed by the tariff lords on every manufactured article he has to buy.—Baltimore Sun.