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Hotel Property for Sale.

On account of failing health of myself and wife, I offer for sale my hotel property in the town of Boone, North Carolina, and will sell low for cash and make terms to suit the buyer, and will take real or personal property in exchange. Apply soon.
W. L. BRYAN.

Notice.

For sale, 900 acres of land, on Rich Mountain, Watauga County, on which is asbestos, and fine land for sheep ranch. Sales private. L. D. Lowe & J. T. Furgerson, Ex'trs. of Mrs. A. P. Calloway, decd. Banner Elk, Nov. 15 '90.

Money to loan.

Persons wishing to borrow money, who can secure it by mortgage on good real estate, can be accommodated by applying to J. F. Spainhour, Boone N. C. or A. J. Critcher, Horton N. C. 4. 24.

NOTICE.

Parties putting papers in my hand for execution will please advance the fees with the papers and they will receive prompt attention, other wise they will be returned not executed for the want of fees. D. F. BAIRD SHFF.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

Hon. James G. Blaine, the acknowledged dictator of the next republican Presidential nomination, has solved a conundrum which for several months puzzled the people of this country, by returning to Washington and resuming his long neglected duties as Secretary of State; but there is another problem which is yet to be solved—does he come as a friend or an enemy of Mr. Benjamin Harrison? Some of Mr. Blaine's friends insist that he will again be the nominee of his party and that it is his intention to so shape things during the next few months as to compel Mr. Harrison to abandon the dearest desire of his heart by announcing that he will not allow his name to go before the next republican convention; but your correspondent does not believe that Mr. Harrison has any idea of surrendering the lead he has already secured by barter of appointments for delegates to that convention, and which he hopes to increase by the large number of important appointments now at his disposal, which are undoubtedly being delayed for the express purpose of obtaining additional Harrison delegates. Six months ago Mr. Blaine could easily have carried out such a plan, but Mr. Harrison has made such good use of the absence of the man from Maine that it will be very difficult if not impossible now. One thing is very certain, if appearances count for anything, and that is, that Mr. Blaine's health will not interfere with his entering the field as a candidate.

Just around the corner from Mr. Blaine's house there was Saturday and Sunday domiciled another man from Maine, who less than two years ago was a rival for popularity in the republican party of Mr. Blaine. His name is Thomas B. Reed, more popularly known during the life of the billion-dollar Congress as Czar Reed. He did not call to pay his respects either to Mr. Blaine or Mr. Harrison.

Senator-elect Palmer, of Illinois, has in a published interview, given eastern democrats something to think about. He said: "The fact that the elections next week may change the whole current of speculation, makes it vain to engage in political prophecy now. I am hopeful, however, of democratic success. It appears to me beyond question that we will carry Iowa and in my opinion, success in that State puts another Presidential or Vice-Presidential candidate in the field. Gov. Boies is a man of great intellectuality, and he has made a most excellent governor. The democracy has done and could do a great many more foolish things than to nominate Gov. Boies. He is admirably situated from a geographical point of view, and this is an important factor to be ta-

ken in consideration. He is much better situated than Gov. Russell, who I suppose will be a candidate for the Vice-Presidency if he is re-elected in Massachusetts.

The alleged investigation by Post office inspectors of the charges made against the employees of the Baltimore post office by Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt, which is now supposed to be going on, will not be finished until after the elections, and the result of those elections will largely determine what, if any action will be taken on the report by Mr. Wanamaker. What a blooming lot of civil service reformers these administration fellows are any way.

It will not be the fault of the administration if the mob in the streets of Valparaiso, Chili, which resulted in the death of one and the wounding of several U. S. sailors, is not used to bolster up the waning republican fortunes in the State Campaigns now rapidly drawing to a close. Ever since the official account of the mob's actions was received, the cable has been kept hot with messages between the State department and Minister Egan, and the official atmosphere of Washington has been full of talk about 'demands for abject apology,' 'dignity of the flag,' 'indemnity for the families of the killed and wounded sailors,' etc. And there are men who talk about enforcing these demands just as if we had a strong naval force in Chilian waters. We have just two vessels there—the Baltimore and the San Francisco,—and the Boston, which sailed from New York Saturday will be there in sixty days. Had the new vessels which spent the summer in the neighborhood of the fashionable summer resorts been sent to the South Atlantic as Mr. Harrison and Secretary Tracy were urged to do, we might be in a position to talk about enforcing demands, but as things are at present such talk is arrant nonsense.

In spite of all sorts of intimidation and threats the amount of money contributed by the republican employees of the Government departments has been unusually small this year, and not half of those entitled to vote in Ohio, New York, Iowa and Massachusetts, will go home to vote. This is significant. These people expect that a democratic President will be elected next year and they deem it good policy not to take too active a part in politics.

"No, sir, I do not need to belong to any such alliance. It can do me no good. I need no office. I have no axe to grind. I am getting to be an old man, and I have seen things like this come up many a time, and I have seen them run by men who had nothing in common with a sure enough farmer. I believe in farmers combining, but I do not believe being run by a miserable set of old hacks who will fleece the farmers just as the carpet bagger did the negroes at the close of the war.—[Maj. Drewry, a Virginia farmer on the alliance.

For Democratic Farmers.

Ashville Citizen.

A newspaper having the good of the whole county sincerely at heart, and as an un-mixed advocate of democratic principles, the *Citizen* feels called upon to say a few calm, deliberate, and unvarnished words to the thoughtful, honest democratic farmers of Buncombe, and W. N. C.

In the outset the *Citizen* acknowledges freely and frankly, that the farming class now have, and have had, during the past twenty-five years, the most unjust and iniquitous burdens heaped upon them. They have been persistently and unfeelingly robbed by the government whose duty it was to give them an equal chance with every other class, and they have been deceived by the politicians who sought and received their votes. As a consequence, the condition of the farmer, as a class, is most deplorable. The grievances are numerous and sore. They have a right to demand relief, and in all honesty and fairness, their demands should be granted.

But who has controlled the government and made the laws by which the farmer has been robbed and crushed down by these burdens too grievous to be borne?

This is a most serious question. The farmer has been wronged, deeply wronged and by somebody? Who is that somebody? It is that aggregation of individuals composing the political party which has had control of the government and enacted the laws during the generation just behind us. What party is that?

Can any intelligent farmer in Western North Carolina have any doubt as to what political party is responsible for these laws?

As a matter of fact, the democratic party has not been responsible for a single law placed upon the statute books of the United States since the war, except by the consent of the republican party.

It is also a fact that the democratic party to-day is standing squarely upon record as favoring every demand the farmers are making for relief, save and except the sub-treasury, which would have the government loan the farmer money at two per cent. per annum, when the government itself can not borrow money at such a rate of interest. And the government has not a dollar of money, and can not get a dollar of money, unless it borrows it or taxes the people—the farmer included—to raise it.

The democratic state platform in North Carolina last year included every demand of the farmer except the sub-treasury scheme. Is there an intelligent farmer in Western North Carolina who thinks that scheme is practical? Is there an intelligent farmer in Western North Carolina who thinks that the federal government was ever intended to be converted into a great loan brokerage establishment? Is there an intelligent farmer who wants the government

to do any more for him than to relieve him of the weights that have borne him down, and give him a fair chance with every other man and every other class in the race of life? The *Citizen* thinks not.

And now this serious question is propounded to every farmer. Do you want to destroy the democratic party, which has fought to save you from the wrongs which the republican party has been heaping upon you for the past twenty-five years, and create a third party, simply because the democratic party will not say it endorses the sub-treasury scheme? It favors every other demand.

Will the farmers think seriously and honestly of these things? If so, the *Citizen* is certain that their conclusion will be right.

The News and Observer has the following:—The Financial Chronicle says that the farm products will run this year as follows:—Corn two thousand six hundred millions of bushels as against one thousand, four hundred and eighty nine millions last year, a gain of nearly six hundred millions of bushels. Wheat six hundred millions of bushels as against four hundred millions last year a gain of two hundred millions of bushels, being the largest crop ever made in this country. Everything else is in the same proportion. The result will necessarily be to throw a large surplus on the market, and there would be correspondingly low prices were it not that the crops in Europe have tailed. This gives us a fine market for our food products.

It is to be observed that those men who complain that agriculture has not advanced like manufacturing has in this country are not wise counsellors. The truth is our farm crops are in excess of our home demands, and we have to look abroad for a market. When there is a failure of crops abroad, our surplus finds ready sale; but when there is only a small foreign demand, our surplus products bear down prices

The political situation in North Carolina is such as to require the exercise of prudence and caution. The News and Observer has been a faithful watchman and has warned the people of the movement that has been in progress to prejudice the Democratic people against the Democratic party and to lead them off into a third organization, in opposition to Democracy. This project having been made known and being recognized by leading Alliancemen in different parts of the State, it only remains for them to exert their influence as Alliancemen among their neighbors to check the drift and to defeat the plans of those who would divide the people and disintegrate the Democratic party. United we stand, divided we fall.—News and Observer.

Rich men have a good deal of fun in making their wills; but the heirs have a good deal more in breaking them. And its wonderful how many heirs a man had that he never heard of. They pop up behind every stone wall, all cocked and primed, to prove that the old fellow who did not leave them anything, was a stark, staring maniac.—New York Herald.

THE THIRD PARTY.

Wilmington Messenger.

It is announced from Raleigh that the farmers' alliance men—the leaders, so called, we suppose,—mean to put a third party in the field in N. C. in 1892. This is said to be determined upon. By whom, we have not learned. If this policy is pursued it will be ruinous, and to no class more than to the great farming class.

If we were to be asked which class would suffer most in case of the perpetuity of the republican party and its coming into control in national affairs, we would without hesitancy—the farmer. If we were to say which class would feel it most in case of a return to power in North Carolina of the old radical gang that bankrupted North Carolina and were guilty of so many monstrous outrages upon the people, we would be forced to say—the farmer.

All along since the third party scheme was set afoot by the republican tricksters in the north west the *Messenger* has sought to prevent it in North Carolina by appealing to the reason of our readers. It is as plain as the sun at noonday that if the democratic vote is divided that the radicals will carry North Carolina.

There are 175,000 democratic voters in North Carolina, but not more than 145,000 can be counted on to vote, if so many. The alliance claim 90,000 members, we believe. Of these we may well believe that 50,000 will not follow the northwestern third party started in the interest of the republican party. The game is to divide and capture the South. The radicals have 110,000 negro and 20,000 white votes—total 130,000. They can "whoop up their crowd" in twenty-four hours. The whites can not do it in two months hard work. The republicans can count on 125,000 votes if they are animated and cheered by the inspiration of hope. Let them see a good chance of victory and a grab at the spoils and they will rally as one man.

The democrats with a vote of some 145,000 will be divided. There will be say 40,000 third party men. Add the 50,000 alliancemen who will not follow the leadership of the Polk set into disrupting the old party to the democrats, and we have a total of 100,000 democrats. The republicans can have a plain, clean unmistakable walk-over.

Less than a hundred years ago England was so infested with robbers of the road that highwaymen abounded, and everybody who traveled realized that they were at the mercy of the next foot pad they might meet. It is getting almost as bad as that in this country. Not a week passes but the telegraph brings an account of some railroad train held up, and either express messengers or the passengers spoiled. It is an odd development. Mr. Gatling ought to invent some light ordnance for trains to carry that would sweep the robbers away with the force of a cyclone. News and Observer.