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The Way to Elect Senators.

There is a plan which has been worked and found satisfactory. We hope to see the Democratic and other political organizations adopt it to a greater or less extent in several States.

This plan is to allow the various country or district conventions to express their choice for United States Senators. Then those who are nominated on the legislative ticket can be instructed to vote for the election of the choice of the convention.

We have no doubt that the sentiment of the people overwhelmingly favors the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The result of that vote was that 187,958 people in California voted in favor of the election of Senators by direct vote of the people while only 13,342 were against the proposition; the majority was 174,616.

A consideration of this subject leads us to believe that the party which goes on record this year as in favor of some such plan as above outlined will win the confidence of the people and have an immense advantage over the party that does not so declare itself.

Wilmington Star: A gentleman of this city a few days since paid a balance of \$5,000 on a note due the Bank of New Hanover. The note was originally for \$6,200, and was executed in April, 1880.

There were credits on the principal amounting to \$1,200, all given previous to 1894; and the rate of interest varied from 12 to 8 per cent. per annum during the period of fourteen years between date and cancellation of the note.

Bessemer City's Fortune.

The iron miners in the Bessemer mines struck a very large and unexpected find at that place Saturday and the work up to the present has developed it enough to prove that it will be a bonanza for the owners of the property.

The directors of Bessemer company will hold a meeting tomorrow and it is surmised that they will probably authorize an enlargement of the

constituted for Buck Kitchin and 'Kiah Gudger to play in the face of Ransom, Jarvis, Avery and others. Coastwise trading schooners will not be likely to weather a storm in which the mighty ocean steamers are wallowing in the trough of the sea.

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The Party Has Persecuted Capt. Kitchin. There are some unfair people who are disposed to criticize Col. Kitchin for his desertion of the Democratic party. I want to enter my feeble protest against this injustice, and I think I can show to any fair-minded Democrat that he had a perfect right to divorce himself from that ungrateful organization.

In the first place, just to spite and humiliate the colonel, that party nominated Cleveland, the Honest, for the presidency, when the colonel distinctly told them that he wanted Hill, the Bandit. In the second place, the party having been successful solely through the agency of the colonel, its administration gave him only a six-dollar-a-day place when he was frank enough to say that he wanted an eight-dollar place.

And again, the administration only gave places to two of his sons, when there were three of them—sorter of a best two out of three fake, as it were. What free-born, peace-loving American citizen would stand such base ingratitude to himself? Then, too, as a Coxeyite solemnly assured me the other day, Col. Kitchin cannot tolerate the wicked frauds on the ballot that are being perpetrated by the corrupt Democracy. Col. Kitchin is a purist in politics and has no sympathy at all with the Ingalls "fridescent dream" theory.

Kitchin and His Combination. A correspondent of the Winston Republican, writing of Hon. W. H. Kitchin's departure from the Democratic party, says;

Kitchin has formed a combination with a gentleman in the west whose patriotic ambition to serve his country met with a serious set-back when Koss Elias received the collectorship from Mr. Cleveland. The alliance is of the closest and means that Kitchin and his running mate are to divide the senatorial honors next winter. To do this they cannot afford to sever finally their party affiliations, but they are to skirmish, on the outside, thereby posing as reformers in their old party and hold out false lights to the Populists, hoping if they succeed to be able by a successful bolt to re-enact the Merrimon double-backs-action summersault of

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