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The Democratic convention of the 31st senatorial district, composed of the counties of Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey, met at Burnsville last Wednesday and nominated W. E. Abernethy, of Burke, and L. H. Smith, of Yancey, for the State Senate.

MR. BRYAN'S VIEWS.
"Instead of regarding the recent assault upon constitutional government, the overthrow of American principles, as a matter of destiny, we may rather consider it as the last plague, the slaying of the first-born, which will end the bondage of the American people and bring deliverance from the Pharaohs who are enthroning Mammon and debasing mankind."

This is William J. Bryan's summing up of the situation in American politics. It is the conclusion of an article entitled "The Issue in the Presidential Campaign."

In the June number of the North American Review the candidate for the democratic nomination for President outlines his plan of campaign, which he indicates will be made on the issues of bimetallism, anti-trusts and anti-imperialism, this being the order in which he considers the question. He says:

"The issue presented in the campaign of 1900 is the issue between plutocracy and democracy. All the questions under discussion will, in their last analysis, disclose the conflict between the dollar and the man—a conflict as old as the human race, and one which will continue as long as the human race endures."

That the Nebraskan has not wavered in his allegiance to the cause of silver is unmistakably shown in his repeated classing of the money question at the head of the list, says he:

"If a man opposes the gold standard, trusts and imperialism—all three—the chances are 100 to 1 that he is in favor of arbitration, the income tax and the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people and is opposed to government by injunction and the black list."

"If a man favors the gold standard, the trusts and imperialism—all three—the chances are equally great that he regards the demand for arbitration as an impertinence, favors government by injunction and the black list, considers the income tax as a 'discouragement to thrift' and will oppose the election of senators by the people as soon as he learns it will lessen the influence of corporations in the senate."

"If the Republican platform was honest in 1896, bimetallism was desirable at that time, because 13,500,000 voters supported candidates pledged to bimetallism, differing only as to the means of securing it. It is needless to discuss the ratio, since there is no division of sentiment among those who are actually trying to secure bimetallism. There is a positive, earnest and active force behind any other ratio of 16 to 1; there is no positive, earnest, or active force behind any other ratio."

This is the way Mr. Bryan views the trust question:

"Instead of shutting a monopoly out of one state and leaving it forty-four states to do business in we should shut

it up in the state of its origin and take the other forty-four away from it. This can be done by an act of Congress making it necessary for a corporation organized in any state to take out license from the federal government before doing business outside of the state, the license not to interfere, however, with regulations imposed by other states."

"On the question of expansion Mr. Bryan declares:

"If the Filipino is to be under our domination he must be either citizen or subject. If he is to be a citizen it must be with a view to participating ultimately in our government and in the making of our laws. If the Filipino is to be a subject our form of government must be entirely changed. A republic can have no subjects."

Amendment Constitutional.

One hundred and seventy members of the North Carolina bar, after having examined and considered the provisions of the proposed amendment to the constitution submitted by the Legislature of 1899 to the people for ratification, give it as our opinion that the said amendment is not in conflict either with the State or Federal Constitution.

We further give it as our opinion that the 4th and 5th sections of said amendment are so connected in subject matter, each so clearly and dependent and conditioned upon each other that both must stand or fall together, and that it is too clear to admit of a doubt that the 4th section cannot stand if the 5th section should be declared unconstitutional.

It is clear this amendment, if ratified, will not disfranchise, either now or hereafter, any person who was himself entitled to vote at any time prior to 1876, either in this State or any State in the United States in which he then resided, provided he registers once before 1908 and does not thereafter become disqualified by crime.

The signers are the very best lawyers in North Carolina, and among them are such men as the following: Judge Shepherd, Judge Burwell, C. M. Stedman, Lee S. Overman, John S. Henderson, Theo. F. Kluttz, A. M. Waddell, B. F. Long, M. H. Justice, C. W. Tillett and Ham C. Jones.

Would not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Worth.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended hamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my house hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. WILSON, Liverman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by dealers.

Abraham Middleton at Had. Headquarters.

Greensboro Telegram.

Republican State Chairman Holton has engaged a distinguished assistant in the campaign against white supremacy in the person of Abe R. Middleton, colored, one of the most beloved and influential Republicans in North Carolina. He arrived Saturday evening and entered on his duties at Republican headquarters this morning.

Abe wields a power of influence in the party of which he is one of the leaders, and down in the third congressional district, where he resides, he is looked upon as a sort of demigod. So complete is his domination of the Republican party in that section that it has been asserted that he carried the district in his vest pocket.

Often, in times of dire distress, white skinned Republicans have turned to theebon hued demigod in the third district, and Abe has never failed to stretch forth the hand of brotherhood and render such assistance as was in his power. Of course he was rewarded for his self sacrifice and party fealty. In addition to occupying a high seat in the councils of the party, he has been given offices of remuneration. When the fusion element captured the legislature of 1895 he was made assistant door keeper of the house of representatives, and in a right lordly manner did he guard the way of ingress and egress to and from the lower house of the general assembly. It is a matter of history how, on one occasion when the fusionists were exceedingly anxious to rush some legislation through, Abe attempted to arrest two Democratic members of the body to prevent a quorum being broken. He would have laid violent hands on the Democrats and forced them to remain in the hall of the house. When the same crowd went back to Raleigh in 1897 to legislate Abe services were remembered and he was again made assistant doorkeeper of the house of representatives.

In addition to these honors, Abe was for a while a member of the Republican state executive committee at large, being displayed only at the late state convention of that party. It was probably to provide for a more general distribution of honors that he was left off the state committee and given an important position with Chairman Holton at headquarters.

It is not stated what part of the campaign work Abe will direct, though it is probable that to him will be trusted the work of writing and sending out literature to prove that there has never been negro domination in North Carolina, and that there is now no danger of such a condition.

When Abe is at home his postoffice address is Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C. At present his friends are addressing him in care of Republican Headquarters, Greensboro, N. C.

A Fusion Office-Holder Comes Out From Among Them.

News and Observer.

Recently the News and Observer has had the pleasure of announcing the acquisition of many leading Republicans and Populists to the ranks of the advocates of White Supremacy, but to none has it more gladly extended the right hand of fellowship than it now does to Mr. Jno. F. Newsom, the present clerk of Hertford county Superior Court. Mr. Newsom was in Raleigh in 1897 as a Fusion member of the Senate, and was one of the strongest and most influential Populist members of that body. Two years ago he was elected clerk of Hertford county by Fusion votes.

Now he announces that he will affiliate with the Democratic party in the approaching campaign. For this change, Mr. Newsom gives good reasons—such reasons as must appeal strongly to every honest Populist or Republican in the State. He writes as follows:

Editor News and Observer: I take this method of announcing my intention to affiliate with the Democratic party in the approaching campaign. I do so, because the principles advocated by the Populist and Democratic parties are virtually the same, and the more speedy way of accomplishing the aims and purposes of each party is to recognize their oneness—bury all differences, and unite their forces. I do so for the further reason that so long as radical questions overshadow all others, political issues of importance cannot be pleasantly and satisfactorily determined.

Believing that the adoption of the constitutional amendment will eliminate the race question and create a better feeling between the races—encourage the investment of capital and promote peace and prosperity in our beloved State, I shall vote for it, also for all the nominees of the Democratic party. With the light before me this seems the proper course for all thinking and patriotic citizens who heretofore affiliated with the Populist party to pursue, and in so doing I see no cause for regret or need for apology, as our principles are the same.

Respectfully,
JNO. F. NEWSOM.

Winston, N. C., June 1, 1900.
To Mr. Newsom and such as he the Democratic party extends a cordial welcome. Let us have done with cant and trickery. The issue is clearly drawn. It is the race issue. It is White Supremacy or Negro Rule. What the country wants is a decision of this question once and for all.

How can any white man hesitate in making a choice? If Mr. Newsom's in making a choice? If Mr. Newsom's example is not followed by many an honest Populist we shall be much deceived.

A Surprise to Mrs. Jefferson Davis.

Sectional feeling in this blessed land of ours must indeed have passed away forever when such an incident as that which recently occurred in the city of New York could be chronicled as a fact. At the dinner of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was attended by over 400 representative men and women, a remarkable demonstration occurred. While the orchestra was playing one of our national hymns, "Dixie," a grayhaired lady, in widow's weeds, entered. The diners at once arose as did all the spectators on the floor and in the gallery, to wave their handkerchiefs in an enthusiastic greeting to a venerable but sprightly woman, whose gentle face smiled down upon them amid its tears. The lady was Mrs. Jefferson Davis, and before the evening had passed every prominent guest had visited her box to pay his or her respects to the widow of the former Confederate President. It was a generous, spontaneous, heartfelt greeting. If any one, 20 years ago, had said that such an incident was possible in the great Northern metropolis, he would have been thought crazy. Truly we are a united people, with one country and one flag, and long may it wave.—Leslie's Weekly.

Littleton News Reporter says it now seems positive that Judge Ewart will not be judge of the Western District of North Carolina. The senate pigeonholed its report and the president will not reappoint him. This case has occupied more time in committee and in the senate than any case ever before the senate or its committees, and the public will rejoice that it has been forever buried in the files of the judiciary committee.

South Carolina meets a claim made by the Federal government for \$250,000 for stores seized by Gov. Pickens at the opening of the civil war with a counter claim of double the amount for supplies and transportation going back to revolutionary times.

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