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THE SOUTH AND THE NOMINEE.

Not all the calls upon the South to furnish the Democratic party its next presidential candidate come from within the shadow of Wall street. There is no section from which they have not been heard, and there can be no honest doubt about the sincerity of some of those who utter it.

THE REMEDY IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

The Asheville Gazette-News says that "if it is true that a new organization of business men has been brought into being—no doubt chiefly recruited from the Democratic party—the movement can have but one explanation: that the same of the State are fast arriving at the conclusion that they cannot find a permanent welcome in the Democratic household, as matters now stand, and are convinced of the necessity of turning elsewhere for relief."

AN INNOCENT CONVICT.

The New York Commercial finds "in the case of William Evans, a life convict in the San Quentin penitentiary in California, suggestions that are not at all assuring as to the effectiveness and fairness and the practical workings of our legal machinery. Thirteen years ago," it says, "this man was convicted of burglary in Amador county, chiefly on the testimony of a witness who had secured his arrest and prosecution and was active in securing his conviction; this witness recently died after having made oath to a decaided statement declaring Evans' complete innocence of the crime and his own perjury; positive proof confirming this statement has since been unearthed; the judge who passed sentence has made an investigation of the testimony and declares the convict to be an innocent man; and the public prosecutor and other county authorities are joining in taking the necessary legal steps for securing Evans' release."

NORTH CAROLINA STILL AT THE HEAD.

According to the figures of Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, North Carolina still leads the States of the South in the consumption of cotton. Following is an extract from his report: "The actual consumption by the mills of the South during the commercial year just ended has reached a total of 4,833 bales more than last year, and is that of the highest record in the history of the cotton ever before recorded. Most of the States show increases, the largest being in North Carolina and Georgia. North Carolina continues to lead as the largest consumer of cotton of any State in the South. Most of the mills report having made this time as possible, but complaints continue general of insufficiency of labor, and, while resort to finer numbers has, in a measure, reduced consumption, inability to obtain sufficient help effected results to the extent of about 200,000 bales."

tables credit to North Carolina 289 mills, 52,032 looms and 2,474,100 spindles, and to South Carolina 174 mills, 39,541 looms and 2,425,037 spindles; that "North Carolina's consumption for 1907 is placed at 733,698 bales and South Carolina's at 466,697;" and our contemporary finds it hard to reconcile the figures as to cotton spun with those as to looms and spindles. Still, though this does appear on its face a little odd, there is no doubt an explanation and the figures must stand until contradicted by authority at least as high as Secretary Hester.

MURDERED FOR REVENGE.

A New York Italian Done to Death With a Silletto—Two Employes Held as Suspects—Jealous Woman Believed to Have Been at the Bottom of It. New York, Sept. 22.—Eppisio Arcara, proprietor of an East Side ladies skirt factory, was done to death by his factory to-day. His enemy, not satisfied with inflicting 19 silletto wounds any one of which might have caused his death, mutilated the body in a horrible manner.

UNCLE SAM FOOTS THE BILLS.

In speaking of the gubernatorial campaign the other day, a gentleman said: "W. W. Kitchin is making his canvass for the nomination for Governor under the most favorable circumstances of any man who has aspired to this high office in my lifetime. He is not embarrassed in the least about money with which to prosecute a vigorous campaign. Mr. Kitchin himself is drawing from the treasury of the government the comfortable sum of \$25 per month as his salary as Congressman, and he has his private secretary, drawing \$125 per month from the same source, who can stay at headquarters and see the voters are furnished with every reason that can be given for Mr. Kitchin's nomination. And then there is his brother Claude's private secretary getting \$125 from the same source, and who, it is said, has also been deflected in organizing the State for Mr. Kitchin. This is what I call running for office under the best possible auspices. Uncle Sam is footing the bills."

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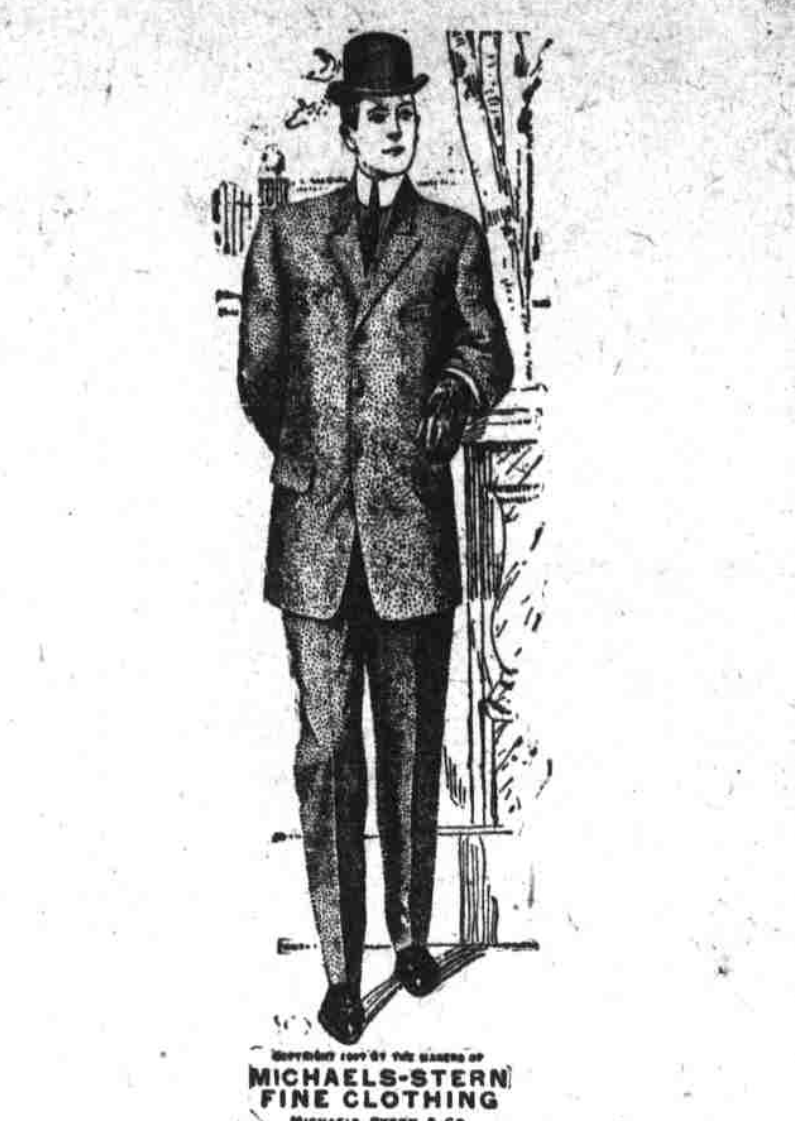
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