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DEMOCRATIC EMANCIPATION NOT AT ALL UNLIKELY.

The New York Herald's political forecasts have long been one of the most conspicuous special features of a newspaper. Few newspaper readers need be told that these forecasts are characterized by entire impartiality and that they enjoy a high reputation for accuracy even down to details of any real importance.

What stands out from the situation as seen by The Herald is a plain showing that Mr. Bryan has of late sustained a series of hard checks culminating in the Illinois Democratic convention's expected rejection to-day, and that unless present desperate efforts on his part to stop the slump are successful he will fall decisively short of the necessary two-thirds vote at Denver. This is what the facts as marshaled clearly mean and what The Herald declares them to mean.

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A ROAST FOR TRAITORISHNESS. A correspondent writes The State paper, of Columbia, from Laurinburg in the good county of Scotland, N. C., in form and manner, as follows: "Thousands and hundreds of thousands of our people see your manly courage in defense of Bryan and thereby of country, by holding up to proper scorn of these by-products of pure Republicanism—News and Courier, New York World and Charlotte Observer. Yes we all see you for your true courage of your conviction and the nerve to speak in their teeth, telling them of their traitorishness to, not the South only, but Democratic principle of our bleeding country."

The large possibilities of independent action among the many States "probably for Bryan" hardly need to be pointed out. New York's attitude, of course, is of extreme importance. "The New York situation," remarks The Herald writer, "has impressed the Democracy of the country. If the New York leaders are going to fight Mr. Bryan until he or they are exterminated it shows a very serious condition in the party. It means, of course, that the New York Democrats, backed perhaps by the Democrats of New England, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, will go to the convention united against Mr. Bryan and prepared to show that if he is the candidate New York is lost to the Democratic party." Four Senators are quoted upon the New York situation:

"Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, who is friendly to Mr. Bryan and whose State has instructed its delegation for him, said, when asked about the New York convention that the conditions in New York bring the party to a consideration of the question what it would do without the vote of New York. He thought the record of the convention might well be given serious consideration, and must be weighed in the events of the next few months."

"Senator Johnson, of Alabama, said that what had happened in New York was a more serious matter than a mere local struggle. It indicated that there was opposition to the leading candidate in the field for the nomination, and this may increase to the extent which may require careful reconsidering."

"Senator Stone, of Missouri, whose State is strongly for Mr. Bryan, said he looked upon the trouble in New York as purely local; that it was not expected that the convention would instruct Bryan, so that in that sense it was not a disappointment."

"Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, said it was possible that the result of the New York convention may lead to the election of a considerable number of delegates in the South. He thought this would be a wise course to pursue, so the convention could approach the work of making the nomination in an open-minded way."

Meanwhile, it is stated, the movement for Judge Gray in Delaware is active. His friends will shortly send out a biography and appeal in book form. Delaware has already instructed for him over his objection, and much emphasis is laid upon strength which he is believed to possess in the principal mining States. Toward every candidacy except Mr. Bryan's the Nebraska and his active lieutenants have begun using abusive tactics. "Mr. Bryan and his spokesmen in various parts of the country," we read, "are adopting the policy of charging all who are opposing his nomination of Wall Street and 'predatory wealth.' They are thus taking to themselves the sole right to represent all interests of the 'people' and to be the custodians of the opposition to Wall Street. This was shown in a recent editorial in The Omaha World-Herald, whose editor is supposed to be the special mouthpiece of the Nebraskan candidate in the daily press."

Illinois will probably be heard from within the next twenty-four hours. If that State's action is as predicted by The Herald the Democratic party will have gone far along the path toward deliverance.

Why is a "reverend smell?" The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, answering our recent cry for light, declares that this is an expression born of the time when the preachers used to exhort folks to repentance by lurid pictures of horrors—abounding in the physical school. "So vivid was the word painting by some of the artists in verbal pyrotechnics," shudderingly recalls The Virginian Pilot, "that it was not unusual for the deeply stirred among the congregation to protest that they could 'actually see the licking flames and hear the groans of the agonized souls, and smell the fumes of the brimstone and sulphur.' Hence any odor suggestive of those elements, that arising from a Lucifer match for instance, came to be characterized as a 'reverend smell.' So 'reverend smell' originated from hell-fire preaching. We are again beholden to The Virginian-Pilot.

S. C. BANKERS MEET TO-DAY.

Annual Session Will Convene in Columbia This Morning to Continue Through Friday—Many Interesting Social Features in the Program. Observer Bureau. The Skyscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., April 22. The South Carolina Bankers' Association will hold its annual session in this city, beginning Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when the convention will be called to order by the president, Mr. W. D. Morgan, of Georgetown. The invocation by Rev. Kirkman G. Finlay, of Trinity church, will begin the proceedings, after which there will be an address of welcome by Mr. W. E. Reamer on behalf of the City of Columbia, by ex-Governor D. C. Heyward, president of the Columbia Savings Bank and Trust Company, on behalf of the Columbia Clearing House Association, and the report of the secretary-treasurer, by Mr. G. L. Wilson; the report of the executive committee by Chairman Mr. D. D. McColl, of Bennettsville; the report of the legislative committee by Mr. W. A. Clark, of Columbia, chairman; report of delegates to the American Bankers' Convention at Atlantic City, by Mr. P. Matthews, of Columbia, and a general discussion of the reports, with introduction of visiting bankers, appointment of committees and introduction of resolutions will conclude the first session of the convention.

The second session will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, at which time there will be two addresses. Mr. John P. Ficken, president of the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, will speak on "Some of the Principles of Sound Banking." Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, now of New York, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, will speak on "Naked Currency Legislation," and Mr. W. E. Reamer, of the National Loan and Exchange Bank, of Columbia, and vice president of the association.

The business sessions will be resumed Friday morning, when addresses will be made by Mr. W. E. Reamer, of the National Loan and Exchange Bank, of Columbia, and vice president of the association. Mr. W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, on "The Advantages of South Carolina Adopting the Plan of Guaranteeing Bank Deposits," by Mr. A. P. Coles, cashier Central Bank and Trust Company, of Atlanta, on "Policies in Banking," by Mr. J. W. Brown, of Florence, on "Some Experiences During the Recent Panic," by Mr. A. E. Padgett, of Edgefield, on "The Multiplication of Banks."

The programme of Friday morning will be concluded with a "roll call of counties," and under this head a representative from each county will be expected to relate the financial conditions of his county, such reports to be limited to five minutes. At the afternoon session of Friday there will be only one address, by Mr. Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, on "Bank Advertising." The convention will conclude with the election and installation of officers.

Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, starting from the Columbia, all the visiting ladies will be given an automobile ride over the city, and on Friday evening they will attend the dance of the Columbia Cotillion Club. The annual banquet will be given Friday evening at 9 o'clock at the Columbia. This elegant tourist hotel is remaining open for this convention and will close its season when the convention adjourns, the official headquarters for the bankers. The business sessions will be held in Craven Hall.

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Mr. L. Banks Holt, of Graham, Pays Fine Tribute to the Man Who Would Be Commissioner of Agriculture. Special to The Observer. Burlington, April 22.—Your correspondent had the pleasure of calling on that very genial and justly popular gentleman Mr. L. Banks Holt, the prominent and successful manufacturer and farmer, at his office in Graham, and in view of the approaching convention and general agitation of political matters prevailing throughout the State, it seemed no trouble in drawing him into a discussion of the political topics of the day.

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TOBACCO TRUSTS PLANS.

Re-Organization Contemplated—Three Machine-Made Cigar Plants Closed and Expected to Re-Open as Another Company—Rumors Said to Be Advised by Lawyers. New York Journal of Commerce. Rumors are current in New York and Richmond that the American Tobacco Company is about to be reorganized. This step, it is said, has been decided upon by the advice of attorneys in Washington in order to avoid any apparent conflict with the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law. Besides the reason assigned that the company is acting under the advice of counsel, another reason mentioned is that the company has grown to such enormous size and its business methods have become so complicated that re-organization has been resolved upon as a matter of business expediency. Further, it is stated, the chief officers of the company are not pleased over the success of the government in gathering evidence at the recent hearings in New York.

Just what steps will be taken in closing down the other branches has not been learned. The three plants mentioned are known as the machine-made cigar branches. When they start again, it is said, they will no longer be known as connected with the American Tobacco Company, but will be the Federal Cigar Company. W. S. Luckett, of New York, general manager of the three branches, is said to be expected for the president of the Federal Cigar Company. A. G. Woodford, assistant general manager, will be the vice president, and the general manager will be J. Norman Dart, present manager of the "Whitlock" branch. Mr. P. H. Simulaneously the Jersey City (N. J.) branch and the branch in Lancaster, Pa., closed for the same purpose.

It is believed that the American Cigar Company, the American United States Cigar Stores Company, the American Cigar Stands Company, the American Snuff Company and the American Licorice Company, with the many underlying and subsidiary companies comprising the American Tobacco Company, will undergo the same process as that of the three machine-made cigar plants and that several supposedly independent companies controlling the tobacco and paper cigarettes, boxes, "Hoots, Russian" and Turkish cigarette, leaf, export and other companies, will all be re-organized under separate heads. All this, it is said, is to be completed ere Congress adjourns.

Representatives of the American Tobacco Company in Richmond declined to discuss the situation further than to admit that the rumored pending reorganization of the trust is substantially true. George Arents, of the board of directors of the American Tobacco Company, said in New York: "The American Tobacco Company neither has been dissolved nor is to be dissolved." William H. Hoots, who during the recent proceedings by the Federal government against the tobacco trust in the Federal courts in this city, represented the Imperial Tobacco Company, the English connection of the American Tobacco Company, said: "I think if the report of a dissolution was true I would have heard of it, and until to-night I have not heard anything about an impending dissolution."

Directors of the company said factories might be closed in Richmond, as a factory was closed in Newark a few months ago, without that fact being a breach of the contract of the American Tobacco Company. The closure of factories in Virginia would, they said, be a local matter to be handled by the representatives of the company in that State, but the dissolution of the company was a question concerning which all the directors would have to be informed and about which as yet nothing had been said in this city.

It is "Reverent," Not "Reverend." Statesville Landmark. A mutual friend of the Landmark and The Observer who is interested in such matters (in the origin and application of words, we mean, not in booze), calls the Landmark's attention to the fact that the word is "reverent," not "reverend." The Century dictionary gives one of ten definitions of "reverent" as pure, undiluted liquor, and the Standard dictionary says: "2. (Local, U. S.) Having much body; strong; said of liquor." Of course "reverent" and "reverend" in some particulars mean the same thing, but the latter term is usually applied to individuals, such as ministers. The Observer, therefore, will take notice of the word "reverent" and not "reverend" as used locally it means to take anything straight, etc.; and it might be a good idea in similar cases in future for The Observer to ask some French man direct and get the correct information at first hand. The correct information, however, doesn't profess to be an authority on this subject, but it has heard, and believes the report true, that "reverent" or "reverend" liquor—meaning something pure—is a thing of the past in this country.

Graduating Exercises This Evening. To the Editor of The Observer: The graduating exercises of the training school for nurses of St. Peter's Hospital will be held Thursday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the Colonial Club. Rev. Dr. Kincaid has kindly consented to make a short address. No cards will be issued. The friends of the hospital and of the nurses are cordially invited to be present. The graduates are: Miss Elizabeth C. Lowry, Miss Florence T. Bradford, Miss Carrie L. Brown, Miss Minnie Landmark, Miss Della A. Cook. THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

A Good Word For Mr. C. L. Abernethy's Candidacy. To the Editor of The Observer: Please allow me space in your columns for a word in favor of one of the candidates for county commissioner. I know Mr. C. L. Abernethy to be a man of affairs, and thoroughly business; a man of the strictest honesty and integrity, and one in whose hands the county's interest would be as carefully guarded as if it were his own. C. W. ROBINSON. discharge of the duties of this office than Robert W. Scott, and I shall give him my determined support and shall advise my farmer and all other friends to do likewise. Michael Strogoof, a Courier of the Case, at The Ocasio To-Day.

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