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THE DUTY OF THE DAY.

We do not perceive in Mr. Bryan's attitude toward any public question a sound reason why any Democrat should not vote for him to-day. With some one or another of the policies announced in his platform or speeches one may not agree; there never was and will never come a time when every man will agree with his party or its candidate about everything; but Mr. Bryan has stood in this campaign for no un-Democratic doctrine nor for any policy which is dangerous to the public welfare.

There are other considerations, vastly important, involved: (1) This has come to be too much a government controlled by money. The last election was largely bought and there is a widespread belief that the election will be bought to-day. This thing will have to stop or honest, representative government will come to an end.

These are serious subjects and we refer to them not under the excitement of the last hours of a campaign but in coolness of blood and as matters which deserve the most serious consideration.

In the causes above referred to and for many others which have been discussed in these columns from time to time we find overwhelming reasons for voting for the Democratic electoral ticket to-day.

COLONEL GRAVES' COMPANY.

We reproduce here the language used a few days ago by Mr. J. L. Woods Merrill, of Kansas City, in tendering to Wm. R. Hearst his resignation as national committeeman for Missouri of the Independence party.

"Also, I do not wish my name connected with a party whose affiliations are so closely connected with other parties and whose only aim is to help to defeat Bryan. I want to be out of business."

Let there be perfectly free voting in every precinct in North Carolina to-day and every vote cast be honestly counted. If there was ever an excuse for dishonest election methods in this State there is certainly none now, and the honest public sentiment of the State would rise in its might to-day and compel a free and fair election in every precinct.

Let there be such a Democratic majority in North Carolina this year that the Republicans will feel like moving to some other State.

A REMARKABLE SPECTACLE.

We have once before had occasion to remark upon the fact that many Republicans and a few independents in New York and other Eastern States who entertain bitter hostility toward Mr. Roosevelt are supporting Mr. Roosevelt's candidate with some real heartiness as a man who could not be anything like the Roosevelt type of President if he would. In temperament, in training, in habits of mind, the two men, it is asserted, are as far apart as the poles.

Utterances like these were greeted by the audience with rival storms of cheers and hisses, so that a party rally in a doubtful State near the close of a presidential contest was dissolved into factional strife.

Under the caption, "Successful Immigrants in the South," Mr. R. W. Vincent, managing editor of The Observer, has an interesting and instructive article in the November number of The World's Work, just to hand. It is the story of the establishment and success of "five self-sustaining and flourishing colonies, with more than eight hundred agriculturists, and a sixth colony farming"—the work of Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington.

The Observer will do the very best it can to-night and to-morrow morning, to furnish the public the earliest and most complete election returns. It is duly impressed with a sense of its responsibility in the matter, and because it is so impressed will have to ask its friends—who will not construe the request as an expression of inhospitality—not to over-run its working force on this important night, which would be to obstruct their work and lower the quality of the service which it is hoped to render.

Bad weather to-day in New York City, by holding down the Republican majority above New York City, would render Democrats great service and might possibly decide the national election. But the government weather men announce generally fair weather for the whole country except in the extreme northwestern corner.

In advising the support of the Democratic ticket we have of course been understood to mean all of it. If we have said less, specifically, of the electoral and State tickets, than of the congressional, legislative and county—and we have—this has been due to no disloyalty to them but because they are safe while this is not the case with all the others in all the districts and counties.

The very last good man to come to the aid of the party through the agency of The Observer with a contribution to the Bryan-Kern campaign fund was B. C. Moore, Forest City \$100. It was a shame to take the money in the closing hours of the campaign but we took it nevertheless and sent it to Mr. Vanderford last evening.

No speech made in Charlotte during the campaign aroused so much enthusiasm or furnished so many elements of entertainment as that of Mr. Bickett last night, and no other speaker held his audience together better. It was a captivating speech and of the sort that make voters. Mr. Bickett will certainly be welcome when he comes again.

The Observer deplores the death of Capt. W. H. Day, of Raleigh, which occurred Saturday evening. He was an accomplished and lovable man and a lawyer of ability and distinction. The Raleigh bar has been stricken within the past three months in three of its conspicuous members: Fabius H. Busbee, S. G. Ryan, and now Captain Day.

The Observer hopes it has a few friends in the eighth district. If this belief is well grounded it asks them to bestir themselves to-day for their congressional ticket.

FREIGHT RATES AND ELECTION.

There is now a very general agreement," says the Washington correspondent of The New York Journal of Commerce, "upon the belief that the election will be a turning point in contemporary railroad policy and that as soon as it is over rate increases will be inaugurated in a good many directions. It is known that the tariff managers were eager to have the rate advances held up last summer—so much so that there were long and anxious conferences on the subject at Hot Springs and elsewhere. The outcome was the holding up of many of the increases so far as the opening of tariffs was concerned, though the surreptitious raising of the rates went on in the ways already indicated.

The people of this State will wait with a good deal of interest to see whether the "good many directions" include them. They are sufficiently impatient now under discriminative treatment so gross that no excuse for it whatever has even been attempted in any responsible quarter.

With regard to the rear admiral and the naval commander who participated as marshals in the New York Republican parade Saturday, The Observer is advised by competent authority that one is a retired officer while the other is connected only with the naval militia.

Charlotte's principal regret in connection with the campaign just closed, is that it was denied the opportunity to hear Senator Overman. The number of his friends and admirers here is limited only by the number of Democrats in the town.

The silent vote is the thing. It will be necessary to wait until to-night before hearing definitely. There will probably be a whoop then.

Take care of the precincts and the counties; districts and States will take care of themselves.

Now indeed is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.

This is the last call for breakfast.

WARD FROM MR. REYNOLDS.

Republican Congressional Chairman Replies to Card of Mr. Hackett Published in Yesterday's Observer.

In to-day's Charlotte Observer appears a card signed by R. N. Hackett making charges which he cannot substantiate. He attempts to use the last issue of your paper before the election to give utterance to allegations which the shortness of the time will not permit to be answered.

Hackett and his friends after long and secret conferences yesterday (Sunday), became so alarmed and disturbed that they were unable to give vent to his own imagination. "The wicked vent when no man pursueth."

His statement that a conversation was overheard between Cowles and myself to publish and circulate slanders on any other kind of article about Hackett is a complete fabrication. Neither Cowles nor any of his friends are in any way responsible for rumors, false or otherwise, circulated about Hackett.

BIG TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

The Democrats of Hickory and Catawba Have a Big Time on Election Eve—Mr. Klutz Unable to Be Present at the Observer.

Hickory, Nov. 2.—One of the greatest times of the campaign was that of a lively Democratic rally and immense torchlight procession here to-night, which reached from Union Square, Hickory, to West Hickory, and which was one of the grandest spectacles witnessed in Hickory.

Owing to the large crowds, the Academy of Music was inadequate for the plan adopted by Mr. Bryan in New York was carried out in Hickory to good advantage. Speeches were made by Mr. W. B. Gaither and Mr. W. C. Palmer, of Newton, first in West Hickory, where the procession marched for that purpose, then after going over the principal streets returned to Union Square and heard with much interest several warm speeches by the above gentlemen, as well as several Democratic songs.

LAST SHOTS FROM BICKETT.

Democratic Candidate For Attorney General Exuberant Packed Court Room on the Eve of the Presidential Election—Speech Abounds in Wit, Humor and Eloquence—Declares For Justice to the Railroads, But Fair Freight Rates Must Come—Ridicules the Idea That North Carolina Legislature Had Anything to Do With the Panic and Arraigns the Republican Party For Causing It, or For Lying on Cleveland and the Democratic Party.

"Oh, consistency, consistency, didst thou use to be a jewel!" Caricaturing in convulsing word-pictures the inconsistencies of the Republican party from the Democratic standpoint, arraignment of the opposition party as the mother of trusts sounding in clarion tones the warning that failure to check the growing centralization of power and combination of wealth in the hands of a few will inevitably produce either an oligarchy or socialism, declaring for exact justice to railroads as to all other corporations who have the right to a reasonable, even a liberal profit on their legitimate investments, but for war to the end on the question of discriminating freight rates to towns in North Carolina, proclaiming that William Jennings Bryan, the stone whom the builders twice rejected, shall become the head of the corner, Mr. Thomas W. Bickett, candidate for Attorney General of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket, delighted last night five hundred people at the court house in the most interesting speech of the campaign.

Every sentence of the speech tingled with human interest. There was not a line which was not a contribution to the literature of the hour. Mr. Bickett left his auditors as untired as at the beginning, and apparently could have talked with special ease until gray dawn broke over the eastern hills (only there are no hills).

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SEARCHLIGHT WILL TELL THE NEWS FROM TOMORROW.

From the top of the Tompkins tower The Observer will announce to the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county at midnight the result of the national election. At 12 o'clock, midnight, the powerful searchlight at the top of the tower will be directed toward the South if Mr. Bryan is elected, and toward the North if Mr. Taft is the choice of the people of the country. In the event that the election is close as the returns slow, and definite news consequently delayed, the final result will be made known in the manner indicated above as soon after midnight as definite returns are obtainable. The searchlight will be first toward the North or the South, as the case may be, for a period of 30 minutes, so that the people of the city and county may be fully apprised of the result.

Earlier in the night—as soon as the returns begin coming in—the searchlight will be used to indicate the drift of the election. For instance—if the news from Ohio is to the effect that Bryan is in the lead in that State or will probably carry it, the searchlight will be directed toward the South; if Taft is in the lead in the ascendancy the light will shine toward the North. In the indication of these temporary advantages the searchlight will remain at the given point, North or South, for five minutes during the lulls in the bulletins, indicating that there is "nothing doing," the light will be perpendicular. When the result is definitely known, probably at midnight, the light will be directed toward the North or the South for 30 minutes, so there need be no mistake as to the outcome of the day's battle.

all the glory and honor which an adoring people could bestow, he declared that the principles of Democracy are immortal. Moses was a disciple of Democracy, as he stood before Egypt's stubborn monarch and cried out, "Let my people go." And to-day the same spirit is standing with a flaming sword in every city of the land before the Pharos of greed and graft, demanding the freedom of all the people.

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