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STRANGE DOCTRINE FOR SUCH A COMPANY.

In an address delivered at a joint conference of committees of the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers, held at Philadelphia, September 30th, this strange passage occurs:

"Now, I believe the speaker was a representative of the National Association of Manufacturers... do not undertake to make a tariff schedule that totally disregards other industries, and particularly the consumer."

"When went there by an age since the great flood that from the midst of a body of manufacturers, gathered to consider a tariff bill, there arose a speaker to interject a word in behalf of 'the consumer' or in favor of a tariff 'that is fair and right'?"

The speaker in question must be of the Miles school of protectionists, a class which does not deserve to be hated, and there is encouragement in the fact that the report of the speech closes with the significant word [Applause].

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY IS.

First making our manners to our esteemed contemporary, The Charleston News and Courier—to whose level of ability, worth and general excellence The Observer has for many years vainly aspired—we would remark that it quotes with a degree of approbation an Observer editorial of a few days ago in which it was said that "the talk about the South 'asserting' itself in national conventions hereafter is fol-de-rol."

It was just like the German Emperor to have gone up in the airship with Count Zeppelin yesterday afternoon. President Roosevelt wanted to go up with Orville Wright just before the accident which killed Captain Selfridge and crippled Wright, and it would be just like him to go up with Wright yet when the latter is ready for business again.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has held that the policies upon the life of Samuel J. McCue, the wife-murderer executed at Charlottesville, Va., several years ago, were not invalidated by the fact of his execution and must be paid.

SENATORS BY THE PEOPLE.

We are indebted to The New York Sun for an outline of what it calls "a very sane consideration of the question of the election of Senators by direct vote of the people," as presented in The North American Review for November by Mr. Emmet O'Neal. His review, we are told, the steps which led to the adoption of the present system and declares that although the Senate "has fulfilled the ardent hopes and verified the profound wisdom of its creators by its ability to check what has been termed the democratic recklessness of the House on the one hand and the tendency of Executive usurpation on the other, yet in recent years a powerful movement has been growing to destroy the very feature which in the judgment of all former students and critics has been the chief cause of its excellence—the indirect election of its members."

"Mr. O'Neal finds," we are again quoting from The Sun, "the first demand for the election of Senators by direct vote in the platform of the so-called People's party in 1884. This was the organization which afterward became the Populist party, which was in effect absorbed by the Democratic party in 1896. The Democratic platform of that year declared in favor of a constitutional amendment providing for the election of Senators by direct vote. To the Populists belongs the credit for the discovery that the framers of the constitution made a serious error in committing the election of Senators to the Legislatures of the States."

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LET COL. TAFT SPEAK OUT.

Four years ago Hon. Tom Watson, Populist presidential candidate, declared himself opposed to the practice, customary with defeated candidates, of sending the winner a congratulatory telegram. For his part he declared, he should do nothing of the kind. Perhaps the Hon. Tom did not reflect that such action has seldom been strongly expected of minority candidates. This year he conducted himself as he conducted himself four years ago.

But it is not his case to which we would fain call attention. It is the case of Col. the Hon. Sidney Calhoun Tapp. If any congratulations have been sent to President-elect Taft they have escaped our notice. We cannot believe that the inevitable bitterness of defeat is alone sufficient as an explanation. Does Colonel Tapp, unmindful that after the Tilden-Hayes affair each State was made the final arbiter of its own vote, meditate a contest? Or does he intend next March to take his stand near President-elect and Chief Justice and interpose an eloquent protest against proceeding with the inauguration? Mr. Taft is bound to be a little nervous until he hears that Colonel Tapp, like Mr. Bryan, accepts the verdict of November 3 as final. We eloquently charge our Georgia contemporaries that they learn the intentions of their distinguished compatriot in this matter.

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TWO BIG AUTOS COLLIDE.

ELEVEN PASSENGERS ARE HURT.

Mrs. Harry Miller and Mrs. J. M. Harry Both Sustain Painful Injuries, the Former Having Her Back Badly Turned—Accident Occurred on Belmont Road—Seven Miles From City—Both Drivers Turn Same Way and Hence the Collision—Damage to Cars Heavy—Excitement in the City.

Two automobiles, one a Chalmers-Detroit, the property of Miss Lucy Oates and driven by Mr. Frank McRae, and the other a Buick, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Robbins and driven by Mr. Morson McManaway, collided almost head-on in the Stowe yard on the Belmont river road, seven and one-half miles southwest of the city last night about 9:30 o'clock and two of the passengers, Mrs. Harry Miller and Mrs. J. M. Harry, were more or less seriously injured and the rest of the two parties, eleven in all, painfully hurt. In the Robbins car, aside from Mr. McManaway, were Misses Onie Davis and Jackson Beall. In addition to Miss Oates and Mr. McRae, in the Chalmers-Detroit were Mr. and Mrs. M. Harry, Mrs. Harry Miller and guest, Mrs. Robert Lee Williamson, of Baltimore. The collision occurred on the big bend of the river road just only on Mr. Taft and the Buick struck a fair rate of speed, the road being very fine. 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