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A Political Dodge.

The encampment of the Grand Army Republic will be held in Washington city in a week or two. One of the latest developments in connection with this affair is the attempt to turn it to political account through the efforts of a shrewd combination of pension attorneys. There are a few attorneys who have had a practical monopoly of the pension business for some years past, and these men have stood by their friend, Commissioner Raum, in all his troubles. The scandalous manner in which this office has been conducted under President Harrison's administration would of course come to an end if Cleveland were elected, hence, these wealthy attorneys in order to perpetuate their pickings are going to take advantage of the Encampment to make an attack upon the Democratic candidate. Their object is not to advance the interest of the soldier but to keep Raum in office. One of the side arts employed is the preparation of a G. A. R. badge with Harrison's portrait in the center. These will be given away in great numbers.

Weaverism.

"The Republican party was too lenient with the leading Democratic conspirators. The same old gang, save those who were shot or hung, are again conspiring to get possession of the government. Wee to them, for the loyal hosts will crush them forever and ever."

The man who gave utterance to the above is now the candidate on the People's party ticket for President. Why any Southern white man will vote for Weaver is hard for us to understand, unless he be so prejudiced against the Democratic party that he would prefer the election of Harrison over Cleveland, and thus "cut off his nose to spite his face."

There is no show whatever for the success of the third party ticket. Which of the two great national parties, (Democratic or Republican) is the best friend of the South? There is no intelligent man in the South who does not know that the Democratic party is the South's best friend, and the man in the South who votes against this party, votes with enemies of the South.

This is true, and every intelligent man must recognize the truthfulness of our conclusion.

The Boston Herald, in commenting on the doubtful announcement that Mr. Blaine will take the stump for Harrison, recalls the first speech of Daniel Webster when he reluctantly took the stump in support of Gen. Taylor, who had beaten him in the convention. Webster began by declaring that the nomination of Taylor was one "not fit to be made." That is what Blaine thinks in his heart of the nomination of Harrison, though he may not go on the stump to say so.

OUR Republican friends professed to be very happy at the outset of this campaign because there was likely to be very little mud slinging in it. But some of them are working like beavers to get some mud to throw at the Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson.

THE Paris anarchists are calling for blood, thus showing how little they understand things. It is soap they really need.

We believe that there are few Democratic farmers, who will lend their aid to perpetuate the power of the Republican party. A calm review of the situation will convince them that this must be the only result to be achieved by defection from Democratic principles at this time.

The enemies of Democracy adduce as a further argument in support of their party movement, "That the Democrats have not, as yet done anything for the farmer."

We should like these gentlemen to tell you, when making this assertion, what opportunity has ever presented itself where-by the Democratic party could have assisted you. Your leaders will perchance tell you, that a Democratic house defeated a free silver bill, admitting this, we claim it was not a Democratic measure. Its patrons and friends were the



Mr. Harrison Goes Shooting and Fishing.

Listen to Reason.

One of the chief arguments used by some of the adherents of the Third Party movement, who, while claiming to be Democrats, express a determination to vote for Weaver and Field this fall, is that both of the old parties have, by their own policy, so restricted the circulating medium that the amount in circulation is less than ever before. That the reverse of this claim is the true state of affairs, is shown by a statement lately given to the public by Secretary Foster, wherein it is clearly set forth that amount of money in circulation per capita is greater than at any time since 1866.

This being a fact, does it not behoove our farmer friends to inquire why it is that money is so scarce?

To us it would seem that there can be but one answer. The policy of the Republican party, in their idea of protection, has made it possible, by the formation of trusts and monopolies, the accumulation of enormous fortunes by the favored few, reaching, in some instances, millions of dollars; all holdings of this kind, of course, go far towards lessening any benefit that might accrue to the laboring man were these enormous sums more evenly distributed.

The friends of the third party movement are unanimous in the opinion of their inability to accomplish anything at this time, other than show their mythical strength. What Southern Democratic Alliance men expect to gain by such a showing, we must confess we are at a loss to know. Their course can only endanger Democratic success.

Is this their sole motive? We are loth to believe it, when now as never before every interest of their section is so seriously endangered. It's all very well for the leaders of the third party movement to endeavor by specious argument to show that there is no danger to be feared from the force bill. If this be so, why was the pernicious measure embodied in the Republican platform and made one of the chief issues in the campaign? Some of the ablest and most liberal of the Republican leaders, recognizing their fatal mistake, are now clamoring for a disclaimer from the head of the ticket. But up to this time Mr. Harrison is wedded to the idea of a "bayonet behind every ballot."

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silver kings of the West,

who, to further increase their enormous fortunes would compel the government to pay them one dollar for sixty-five cents worth of silver. Would the passage of such a measure be in accordance with your Democratic idea of justice?

You will find no Democratic leader objecting to the unlimited coinage of silver. They only ask in the country's interest, that it contain one dollar's worth of silver and be worth that amount no matter where chance or inclination may find one.

SENATOR Vance speaks of the importance of keeping the House of Congress Democratic. In an interview he says: "The most important thing for the country and for the Democracy in the coming election, is the continued ascendancy of our party in the lower House of Congress. If the Republicans should secure the House (they now have the Senate) and Cleveland should be elected, they would be in a position to practically coerce the President, or at least to force through legislation despite his veto. It is of paramount importance that the Democrats should hold the purse strings during these times of pension extravagance, sub-treasury schemes, the buying of railroads, and the payment to the soldiers of the difference between greenbacks and gold. The present tariff law, with all its wrongs, might better stand for another ten years than the country be turned over to all these schemes for spoil and plunder."

Why He Whipped Johnny. The answer of the boy to his father is pertinent, and the solemnity of the meaning will be none the less, even if you smile. "Johnny," said the father, "do you know why I am going to whip you?" expecting, of course, confession on the part of the child, but the boy replied: "Yes, father, I know; it is because you are bigger than I am." That is generally the reason. You have no right of this sort. You have only the right to train the child by love, by force if must be, but to train the child into the noblest and highest ideas of right.

Tommy Knew Where Charity Began. "Tommy, did you put that money I gave you in the foreign mission box for the benefit of the poor heathen?" asked an East End matron of her young hopeful.

"No, I kept it. I heard you tell me the other day that charity begins at home, and you called me a little heathen yesterday, so I thought the best thing to do was to keep it."

The People's party convention in Ohio was a daisy. The statesmen who figured there improved on the sub-treasury scheme by demanding that the Government issue at once, if not sooner, \$500,000,000 treasury notes to be divided out in installments of about \$10,000,000 to the States, and them to the counties in proportion to the length of roads in each county, so much per mile. And they topped this off with another demand that the Government manufacture and sell liquors.

WHEN we spend our money at home, we are benefitting each other.

That "Iniquitous" Force Bill.

Under the Force Bill a chief supervisor of election is appointed for every Federal judicial district by the Republican Judge thereof. You have no doubt of the politics and character of the men that will be appointed and appointed for life. Under it the supervisors may appoint an unlimited number of Deputy U. S. Marshals at \$5 a day. Under it the same court appoints the subordinate supervisors, three at each election precinct—two of the three being Republicans and the third somebody else.

The supervisors attend to the registration, challenge voters, keep independent poll lists, and make a house to house canvass of their district. The Board of Canvassers is appointed by the U. S. Circuit Court. These canvassers count the vote, DECLARE WHO IS ELECTED and send their certificate to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and he is required by the law to put the names of the MEN THEY CERTIFY, on the rolls of the House, no matter whom the State officers may certify are elected. In brief it takes the election wholly out of the hands of the people and puts it into the hands of the Republican Judges of the U. S. Courts and the Republicans they may appoint as supervisors and marshals. If the army of marshals is not sufficient to carry into execution this law, it provides in Section 32 that each and every section of the Civil Rights section of the act of 1870, is to "apply to this act with like force and effect as if this act was specially mentioned or referred to therein. Sec. 1989 of the Civil Rights section authorizes the President of the United States "or such person as he may empower, to employ such part of the land or naval forces of the United States" "as shall be necessary to prevent the violation, and enforce the due execution of the provisions of this section."

There you have it—the Republican Federal authorities backed by Federal bayonets are to conduct your elections, count the vote and declare the result, and their declaration is by law required to be accepted as the result. All the points of the bill are carefully guarded. From the time the Federal officer invades the home of the voter to "spot" his politics, to the moment that the Federal bullet is fired into the body of the citizen so imprudent as to protest, all is done in "due form of law."

Is it very surprising that Mr. Teller should, while we yet live, in a free country and have a free ballot, have declared this to be the "most infamous bill that ever crossed the threshold of the Senate?"

Will the Republican party pass this bill and put it into effect if they are successful in this election? Thirteen years ago the Republican party found themselves in possession of both Houses of the 46th Congress and of the entire power of the government and attempted to pass a similar law. The determined resistance of the Democratic members of the House under the lead of the lamented Samuel J. Randall of Pennsylvania, and the refusal of Mr. Blaine, who was Speaker, to adopt revolutionary methods, saved the South then. It was a fight full of vindictiveness and hate on the part of the Republicans, and in it Gen. Weaver, now the candidate of the so-

called People's party made his mark as one of the worse enemies of the South, for when Garfield of Ohio, afterwards President offered an amendment ameliorating the law, Weaver who advocated the bill bitterly opposed the amendment. It was then said that that would be the last attempt of the kind ever made in the Republic. But the Republican party has a strong and vindictive memory. Eleven years after that, it found itself again in control of both houses and the Presidency. It at once introduced the Force Bill again. It was passed through the House of Representatives by the rulings of Speaker Reed and the unseating of enough Democrats to give the Republicans a good majority. It got to the Senate and there came within two votes of now being the law of the land. But with the Democrats there were found patriotic Republican Senators sufficient to prevent its passage. This was only two years ago, and they have already pledged themselves to pass it if they carry this election. At Minneapolis the opening speech by J. Sloat Fassett called attention to the fact that it was the "only pledge of the party still unredeemed." President Harrison himself favors it and sent a message to Congress urging it. The N. Y. Tribune, the newspaper of his associate on the ticket, Whitelaw Reid, says its defeat in 1890 was caused by Republican Senators who loved their "purses more than justice or patriotism," and only last week a negro member of the Republican National Committee having asked its chairman what the party would do in the matter of the Force Bill, received this reply: "For an answer to this question I refer you to the record of the party in the past." So much on the determination of the Republican party to inflict the Force Bill on the Southern States if it gets into power at this election.

The gravity of this matter is well understood and the representatives of the so-called People's party well know what the Southern people will do when once they know what is hanging over them. In the House of Representatives on the 14th ult., a resolution was submitted by a Maryland member requiring 10,000 copies of the Force Bill of the last congress to be printed, so that the people might be informed of its provisions. The resolution was promptly and vehemently opposed by Mr. Watson of Georgia, a member of the so-called People's party and a former Democrat. These Third party men know well that if the Southern people are properly informed of the danger that lies before them, there will be few votes cast for any political experiment.

Select the Proper Season. TEXAS Siftings.

A farmer hired a man to help work the farm. One summer day when laborers were very scarce the two were mowing in the field, when several larks flew up.

"Look at those big cranes," said the hired man.

"Those are not cranes; they are only larks," replied the farmer, somewhat surprised.

"If you don't say they are cranes I'll knock off work right now," said the hired man.

As the farmer could get nobody to take the hired man's place, he was obliged to yield to the whim of the menial.

"Yes," said the farmer, "I see that they are cranes, but they are not big cranes; they are only half-grown cranes."

The hired man was satisfied with this concession. Some months afterward, the hired man still being in the employ of the farmer, the latter said at dinner one day as he poured out a glass of water:

"Here is some very fine beer."

"That's not beer; that's only water," replied the hired man.

"If you don't say it is beer you can tender your resignation, for I don't want any offensive partisan about the place. Just taste that again, and if you think it is not beer you can just quit at once."

The hired man knew very well that he could not get another situation at that time of the year, so he tasted the water and cheerfully indorsed the administration, saying:

"Of course it is beer, but it has not got much body to it."

Moral—Strikers should be careful to select the proper season at which to strike.

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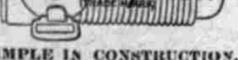
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