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GOLDSBORO, N. C. SEPT. 20, 1894. A PATRIOTIC (?) AMERICAN.

Ex-President Harrison, in his recent picaresque speech at Elkins, West Va., in the interest of the coal combine and monopoly, said:

"Is this a time through the cheap ocean tariffs to bring into competition with your products the cheap coal of Nova Scotia? I speak as a patriotic American who feels an interest in the honest people."

We are gratified to learn from the lips of this distinguished person, that he is not only "a patriotic American citizen," but that, notwithstanding the superiority of his blood and his exalted station, he yet feels an interest in the honest people!

But who are the "honest people" for whom this interest is felt? And whose "product" is it that he would protect against competition?

The West Virginian coal fields belong to one or more capitalized corporations, and the gentlemen composing these "the honest people" Mr. Harrison had in mind; and it is their "product" he would protect against Nova Scotian competition at the expense of other and worthier interests.

By the way, the hideous anomaly of Government aid to capitalistic monopoly and extortion, is about played out. Mr. Harrison should read up.

The "honest men," of the coal combinations, who have enlisted his sympathies, are but as one to thousands of honest poor who are entitled to coal without having the price of it increased by tariff protection.

DO OUR DUTY IS BEST.

It has been said that "duty is the sublimest word in our language"; and no one knows the force of this truth better than the editor of a newspaper who seeks to do the right and who, therefore, is often required, through a conviction of duty, to chastise where it would be more pleasant, and perhaps profitable, to praise, and condemn where it would be more agreeable to approve.

The young man who starts out in life with the idea that anything is justifiable which will help him along is unstable as a guide in politics or otherwise and is making straight for moral ruin. Without fixed political and moral convictions, without that which we call principle, nothing that is worthy to be called success can be achieved.

The world is as good as it is because there have been and are so many women who made a sense of right the rule of their conduct, who did their duty even when it was hard and seemingly unprofitable to do. The names in history which are dearest to us are not those of persons who were distinguished alone for power of intellect, but those of the true and faithful, those who were great because they were good, those who struggled and suffered for the right.

A false public opinion too often puts a premium on rascality by praising and rewarding those who accomplish large results by vicious methods. Society honors wealth even when it has been acquired by questionable, or even by disreputable, methods. The populace is apt to prefer the shrewd and unscrupulous politician to the statesman who scorns deception and trickery. And yet we must depend after all for government and well regulated society upon those who cherish old-fashioned views of honesty and virtue. There can be no new fashion in such things. They are based on eternal principles and the individual or the nation who abandons those principles drifts inevitably to moral ruin.

The noblest ambition is not to gain a name in the world, nor to gain power, nor to accumulate money, but to live so that when the end comes one may look back without regret or remorse and feel the blessed assurance that he has done his duty. It is better to be right and seem to accomplish little than to succeed by short cuts and crooked dealing.

The men and the women who do their duty, who love right because it is right, and who make no compromise with wrong, are the salt of the earth.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC RALLY.

The Democrats of Goldsboro Township met and organized a Campaign Club—Hundred in attendance—Hon. F. A. Woodard's Great Speech.

Pursuant to the call issued by President Broadhurst, of the Goldsboro Democratic club, the Democrats of this city and township assembled at the court house Monday night by the scores, thereby manifesting the lively interest they are taking in the political destiny of our county and State in the campaign that is now fully upon us. And all who attended were indeed more than repaid for their patriotism and made stronger in the faith of Democracy by the superb speech of Hon. F. A. Woodard, candidate for Congress, and present member from this district, who for nearly two hours reviewed the history of the Democratic party, its past, its present and its future, and showing and proving it to be the party for the people; the party of honest purposes and current principles; the party of equitable administration and economical expenditure of public funds; the party of pledges fulfilled and promises sustained. And all through his splendid speech he was regaled again and again by hearty rounds of applause from his enthusiastic audience. It was a great occasion for Democracy in this vicinity, and the general verdict was that the speech was one of the very ablest and best ever delivered here, and all who heard it express the earnest desire to have Mr. Woodard make that same speech in every township in the county, for no man who was ever a Democrat and who has strayed off, can hear that speech and remain longer out of the Democratic fold, if he be honest in his desire to secure good government, which alone can be obtained by and through the Democratic party.

Immediately after Mr. Woodard's speech the campaign club was re-organized "for the war," by the re-election of Capt. D. J. Broadhurst as President, and Mr. A. B. Hollowell as secretary. The names of over two hundred members were enrolled, which is the finest record yet made on the first night by a campaign club here.

MINISTER and Mrs. Isaac P. Gray gave an elaborate diplomatic reception in the City of Mexico the other day, at which Minister Isaac P. whirled Mrs. Diaz through the mazes of the dance, while President Diaz whirled Mrs. Gray. Speaking of the entente cordiale, did it ever have a more binding exemplification than this! If so, where, where, and by whom!

A dispatch to a London news association from Montevideo asserts that 58 Brazilians were executed by order of President Peixoto on April 25 last. The executions took place in the Fortress of Santa Cruz. The condemned men had no trial. Among the number were military and naval officers whose names are given in the Dispatch, commencing with that of Marshal Almeida da Gama.

THE sugar planters of Louisiana, are threatening to vote the Republican ticket hereafter on National issues, on account of the abolition of the sugar bounty by the Democrats. It's a free country, and they can vote as they please, but if they can't produce sugar on the same terms that our Southern farmers produce cotton, etc., the genuine American alternative is to quit. Privileged classes have had their day under a protracted period of Republican misrule, and the long neglected interest of the masses are now being looked after by the party that has been restored to power for that purpose—the party of the constitution and of the people.

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THE DEADLY PARALLEL.

We give below side by side, Marion Butler's editorial on Judge Connor in this week's Caucasian, and Judge Connor's letter to his old friend, Judge Howard—not "the machine," in which he expresses himself freely on Democracy and the Populist nominations.

There is no man in the Democratic party (or out of it) in North Carolina who is the superior of Judge Connor in honor, integrity and fitness for the Supreme court bench. Yet he must be abused and vilified by his own party because he will not bow to the party machine and allow it to set up the standard for his judgment and conscience. A party that will abuse one of the best, if not the best, man in it because he will not bow to its machine, is a party that is intolerant of its own machine. It is a party that is intolerant of its own machine. It is a party that is intolerant of its own machine. It is a party that is intolerant of its own machine.

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