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This ARGUS o'er the people's rights,
Doth an eternal vigil keep

No soothing strains of Maïa'sson,
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep!

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FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

Republican State Convention— Marse Jeter on Deck—But- ler Scheme No 1 Foiled.

Raleigh, N. C., May 1.—Now it is Marse Jeter's turn!

As these lines are written the coon politicians of Raleigh are standing on the street corners discussing the probability of what their State Convention may bring forth to-morrow, when it assembles in this city to ratify the will and fiat of Marse Jeter.

Few out-of-town Republicans, black or white, have shown up, so far: at lengthy interims and wide distances only a few "old timers" are seen. But all of Marse Jeter's "invited guests" will be here to-night and early in the morning, and by to-morrow night the slate will be exposed to public view. The probable action of the Convention—or "ratification meeting," more properly speaking—and the personnel of the ticket will soon be known.

The action of Chairman Simmons in refusing to arrange a joint canvass for Butler's little toy-soldier ticket with the Democratic State nominees, and for Butler individually with the "Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate," as requested by the Pop. Chairman (who is now Maryann himself) is generally approved. The reasons given are conclusive, concerning the State ticket, and as for the Senatorial candidate, Mr. Simmons very truly and properly informs Mr. Butler the Democratic party at present has no "candidate" for the U. S. Senate, and will not have until the result of the State Primary for Senator in November takes place—by which method the Democratic candidate is to be nominated this year, by the Democratic voters directly, at the ballot-box.

It has not been so long ago that Butler has forgotten it that he and the other Pop leaders refused to permit Democratic candidates or speakers to address Populist audiences. Now he knows he can no longer prove to be a drawing card himself, and he and Doctor Cy. would like to get a chance to inflict the great crowds that turn out to hear the matchless oratory of our Aycock (and the balance) with their harangues. But no; it will be better for the people to let Butler "chew the rag" instead—and it is so ordered.

Doctors Cy. and Maryann, I hear, swear they will "meet" (and annihilate of course), the Democratic candidates. But the date of this miraculous catastrophe has not yet been "fixed" by the fixers.

The Christ of This Year's Cast is a Hard-Working Stove Maker.

The devout peasants of Oberammergau are preparing for the decennial performance of "The Passion Play," which will be given at frequent intervals during the spring and summer. The greater part of the cast has been changed since the last presentations. The Christ of this year's play is the son of a stove maker himself; the Magdalene is the daughter of an innkeeper, who helps care for her father's hostelry, and the Mary is the daughter of the the Burgomaster, a pretty girl of eighteen. A most interesting and profusely illustrated article on the play and the players will appear in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

A Monster Devil Fish

Destroying its victim, is a type of Constipation. The power of this murderous malady is felt on organs and nerves and muscles and brain. There's no health till it's overcome. But Dr. King's New Life Pills are a safe and certain cure. Best in the world for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. Only 25 cents at J. H. Hill and Son's Drug Store.

Tom Watson says he is out of it to stay.

SPIRIT OF KNIGHTHOOD.

Ghastly as is modern warfare, sentimental phases are constantly recurring. The recent death of the French engineer who had so long and so successfully directed the strategic movements of the Boer forces caused a thrill in every human heart. General De Villebois Mareuil died in the thick of the fight, and the British who found his body on the field, buried it with military honors at Boshop. Bravery commands the universal homage of brave men. The English code has changed since the days of Seanne d'Arc and Marshall Ney.

General Mareuil was the latest type of the military adventurer, who loved war for war's sake. He was undoubtedly a believer in human liberty, though the British people justly thought his enthusiasm misdirected. He was not a hired mercenary, such as the American people associate with the Hessians sent here to destroy the Colonists. Money had little consideration with him. We have known two examples of this type of man. One was General Tchernayeff, who espoused Serbia's cause, and by his masterly conduct in the unequal struggle made by the little State against the might of the Turk won the admiration of all Europe. The other was General Ryan, who was captured on the Virginia and shot at Santiago. He was an Irishman, but he had served on the Federal side in the civil war, had assisted in the overthrow of Maximilian and his heart responded to the cry of down-trodden Cuba. He couldn't keep out of a war in which his sympathies were enlisted.

But in these days knighthood has not been in flower. A suspicion of self-interest has too often obscured true motives and generous purpose. Ah! but there was a time when the soldier of fortune was the popular idol. Bard and troubadour extolled his deeds; Froissart, Scott and Dumas embalmed him in history. Throughout all the wars of mediaeval France and the long feud of Guelph and Ghibeline, he bore a gallant part. Often the friend of to-day was his foe to-morrow. Cabals and conspiracies that occurred around him made him the natural victim of any man who could draw and thrust before he could get on guard. His sword was the only protector he knew. Though his feudal lord or his king might show him favor, he was the guardian of the body of his royal master, not the king of his.

The Italian chronicles are made interesting solely by the dramatic action that the condottieri gave them. The republics, always embroiled against each other, went to auction for their fighting captains. Turbulent Parma, Florence and Lucca entrusted their destinies to alien knights of the sword. The Englishman, Sir John Hawkwood, was the Mareuil of his day. He was the soul of honor and Florence gratefully acknowledged his services.

Murat and Bernadotte are two stars in the galaxy of brave men who rallied under the burgee of the greatest soldier of fortune that the world has known.

The soldier of fortune fought with Garibaldi; he was praised for valor in our civil war; he was found on the barricades of

the Commune and re-entered Paris with the Versailles army; he bore a large part with Don Carlos in the Basque provinces; the Turke-Russian conflict blazed with his fellows; and his brother of the sea stood behind the guns at Manila and Santiago.

The soldier of fortune is brother to us all. The world is the brave man's country.

General De Villebois Mareuil, we give you the salute of the dead, as the guns of the British firing party echo across the yelds from the furthest kopje: Died, gloriously!

Hanna and Quay Are Out.

New York Journal
The old proverb that "when republican statesmen fall out honest men get their due" is likely to be thoroughly illustrated in the case of Hanna and Quay.

An honest investigation of the bribery charges against Hanna was prevented by the manifest wish of the administration. Thereupon Hanna mounted the roost of senatorial purity, where he has since remained, cackling at intervals and planning subsidy raids.

Hanna's "holier than thou" attitude defeated Quay. He violated every principle of honor among thieves. He not only fled the scene of combat, but he tied the hands of that old party crusader, Chauncey M. Dewey, who would have voted for Quay.

Quay is recovering from the shock and is planning revenge. He proposes to find out something about the Hanna bribery charges. And worse than anything else, from a Hanna point of view, Quay proposes to defeat his ship subsidy steal.

Think of it! Quay defeating a steal. No wonder Hanna has taken to the woods. When we consider these things we are almost disposed to forgive Governor Stone's violation of the constitution in appointing Quay to the Senate.

Our Growth in Population

Ladies' Home Journal.
There were but 5,300,000 people in America when this century opened. France had five times as many people; Germany, and even Austria, had four times America's population. Italy had three times as many, and so had Great Britain. Even Spain had double our number of people, and little Portugal was almost our rival in numbers. We have more people now than any European nation except Russia, which alone leads us. We have as many people as live in all Great Britain and France combined. We have one-half more people than Germany. We have, practically, 75,000,000 people in the United States, and 10,000,000 more in our new possessions.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It is positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c. at J. H. Hill & Son's Drug Store.

MILLS MAY SHUT DOWN.

Strikes of Building Trades Has Brought Lumber Market to Standstill.

Norfolk, Va., April 30.—From an authoritative source it was learned to-day that interesting developments are expected from a meeting of the North Carolina Pine Lumber Association which is scheduled to be held here next Tuesday. This association is composed of owners of about twenty mills in Virginia and North Carolina and practically controls the lumber market. It is understood that the association will very probably order all its mills to shut down on account of conditions brought about by the strikes of carpenters in the north and west. These strikes have affected the lumber trade to a great extent. Two months ago the mills could not supply the demand. To-day they have millions of feet of lumber for which there is no demand. The closing of the mills would throw at least 20,000 men out of employment.

HOW REPUBLICANS RULE.

It is beginning to look as if Mark Hanna will have another million-dollar campaign fund to use in putting McKinley in as president a second time. Hanna's vote prevented Quay from being seated in the senate of the United States. And it is generally believed in political circles in Washington that Hanna has made a trade with Wanamaker and his followers in Pennsylvania, by which he is to get a big campaign fund and put Mr. Wanamaker, or one of his right-hand men, in charge of the national campaign in Pennsylvania.

In return for this it is said that Hanna and the present republican administration will throw all of its influence in Pennsylvania to the election of Wanamaker to the United States senate.

John Wanamaker is many times a millionaire. He was in the cabinet as postmaster-general under the Harrison administration. Since that time his greatest ambition has been to go to the Senate. It will cost him a million or two, but that will not be a great price to pay in order to gratify his personal ambition. If elected he will be seated and will hold his seat, though he may spend a great fortune to get it.

Clark, of Montana, however, is to be turned out of the Senate because it has been proven that he spent something like \$250,000 to be elected. The trouble with Clark was that he loaned money to individuals in the legislature and to those who had political influence in Montana. There are others in the Senate to-day who have spent more money than Clark to get into that body, and yet they hold their seats without question—Hanna, for instance. Wanamaker will hold his seat if he gets it.

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COTTON MANUFACTURING

Boston Herald.

The improvement in the cotton manufacturing business which has characterized the last year or two has made itself felt in the South in an astonishing manner. It is estimated that since the first of the year 1899, the number of new cotton mills that have been built in the Southern States represents an increase in productive power of nearly 50 per cent.

No doubt the cotton mills in the North have had a profitable experience since the first of 1898, but it had not led to anything approaching this tremendous percentage of increase in productive power. We imagine that in some classes of manufacture, particularly the coarser counts, the profits in a Southern mill for the last two years have been much greater than the profits in a similar mill located north of the Mason and Dixon's line; hence, if our Northern mills have made good profits the Southern mills must have made astonishingly great ones, and it is this that has induced so many capitalists, both North and South, to vigorously engage in this business.

The time when this competition is keenly felt is when business is depressed. When prices are rising and the cotton manufacturer can find a ready sale for his product at almost any price which in reason he sees fit to ask, even a poorly located and inefficiently conducted mill may be able to not only make both ends meet, but to return a profit to its owners.

But when the conditions are reversed, and it is only by shrewd business management, economy in administration and the possession of local advantages that profits are possible, then the less favorably situated mills must drop behind. This was the case a few years ago, and the chances are that we shall not avoid a repetition of this experience.

Ex: Tom Watson.

Charlotte Observer

The letter of Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, to the Atlanta correspondent of the Associated Press, saying that under no circumstances would he accept any nomination for any office, and asking to be numbered among "the politically dead" and to be allowed "to rest in peace," is significant and interesting. He is a bright man—an attractive speaker and writer: a few years ago much more so than any other Populist in the South. Moreover, he appeared to be an honest, straightforward fanatic. Now he sees every one of his former opinions negated by the facts. He was wrong about everything; his party was wrong about everything, as events have demonstrated. He and it are back numbers, are only memories now, and in a few years will be forgotten, and seeing this he gathers up his robe and retires cheerfully into oblivion.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Strategist Spencer Wilkinson is standing the test of experience very well. He is vindicating as it were his much abused calling.

The Hon. Richard Crocker denies the stories of his untimely demise, and it must be conceded that he is well informed on the point involved.

Sequoyah, the Indian chief who reduced the language of the Cherokees to written characters, will have a monument erected to his memory by the people of the Cherokee nation. Then, doubtless to show how civilized they are, the Indians will wrangle as to the artistic merits of the statue.

In these times of forwardness the moderation and modesty of San Diego county, California, is notable. The county voted to support the candidacy of U. S. Grant, Jr., one of its citizens, as a delegate to the Philadelphia convention, but refused to consider a resolution indorsing him for Vice-President.

Controller Coles, of New York, now has statements made under oath that double payments were made for the removal, by the cart load, of snow from the streets of the metropolis during the winter. More than this Street Commissioner Nagle has admitted that he certified the double payment as correct. It has been estimated that 283,000 illegal tickets were issued.

A physician who moved from his home in Scott county, Kansas, for the reason that he could not make a living there, has now gone back because the citizens, who miss his services, succeeded in having the County Commissioners make him an appropriation of \$500 a year. Of course this extra taxation will be paid by sick and well alike.

Here is a story that Boston has not yet denied, but the newspapers of that town are now all engaged in preparing scare heads big enough to express their indignation at the libel. Little Harry, 3 years old, born and educated in the Hub, was shown an engraving of the Angelus. He looked at it a long time and finally said, with an air of relief, "Golf!"

If the gossips are right Governor Roosevelt's trip to the West involving speeches and interviews with political leaders has the most curious purpose of any such journey yet recorded. It is simply to prevent his friends from joining in any attempt to nominate him for the Vice-Presidency or creating a situation whereby he would be unable to refuse the offer of such a nomination.

Admiral Dewey's political managers are—according to the New York Times—finding out that it is very hard to manage him because of his vigorous mind and his impulse to act on his own judgment. It now becomes the public duty of our New York contemporary to print the names of these managers in large type. What they are finding out is for the moment of minor importance.

London's reception of "the African Beauty" is a dubious one. company was warmly welcomed by its old friends and Edna May ready denying her engagement to this or that nobleman or the gift of priceless jewels from Lord So-and-So, but the comments on the new play are in all degrees of blame and praise. The cake-walk, however, which is new to Londoners (just think of that!) made a great hit with the first-night audience.

It was hardly picturesque nor poetically just that Ex-Captain Carter was clothed as a private citizen when he was taken from Fort Columbus, N. Y., to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. The idea seems to have been to keep his removal as near a secret as possible. According to one detailed account he wore a well-made dark cutaway suit, a meal-colored whipcord overcoat, short, with strapped seams; a black derby, a high turndown collar with dark purple butterfly bow and buff-colored kid gloves. His escort wore full uniform.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Census takers are armed with legal authority when they ask, "What is your age?"