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### A WARNING FROM TEXAS.

MR. D. W. PHILLIPS WRITES TO WARN HIS BROTHERS

Of the Danger of Being Led Astray By the Third Party Movement—A Republican Scheme to Break the Solid South.

LAMPASAS, TEXAS, Aug. 8, '92. MR. JAS. A. PHILLIPS, Riley's X Roads, N. C.

Dear Brother:—I have just learned that you are still a good Democrat, but that brothers Gid and Leven are somewhat tainted with Republicanism or 3rd partyism, which is worse. Please say to them that I am as well posted on the political issues of the day as the average man, having made it a profound study for the past 15 years, therefore I know whereof I speak when I tell you that the existing ism known as the 3rd or People's party is nothing more or less than a well-laid scheme of the Republican party through the Alliance and other labor organizations to rupture the Democratic party. Well, do they know that a great many of the colored voters of the South and West and the poor class of Whites in the North have been awakened to the fact that they have been deceived for the past 25 years by the said Republican party promising everything and doing nothing in their favor. But upon the other hand have passed laws which have added millions to the already rich in way of protecting the capitalists and manufacturers of the North which causes a continual drainage of money from the South, the result of which is, to-day there is no money, nothing to eat, everybody in debt, and no credit in the entire South. Of course this did not affect the West to the same degree or extent as it did the South, it being undeveloped and a constant stream of emigration coming in all the time from the North and South which brought with it considerable wealth, and our lands are also a great deal more fertile and productive than yours. Yes, this unjust, discriminative Republican party, with extravagant appropriations, protection of manufacturers, and their hellish pension laws have almost bankrupted and enslaved the South and West and made thousands of millionaires in the North. Our State elections two years ago proved to them that unless they made the greatest fight of their existence in 1892, the reins of this Government would justly be wrenched from their hands and to-day they have hundreds, yes, thousands of subsidized newspapers and 2x4 (wolf in sheep's clothing) politicians all over our Southern and Western States calling themselves People's or 3rd partyites, who are holding continued religious and political camp meetings with the honest farmer and workingman and trying to pollute the fair name of the Democratic party by thus taking advantage of the illiterate and dissatisfied masses by telling them that the Democratic party is responsible for the present deplorable condition of affairs. Yes, some of those black-legs, or black-hearted South-haters would have you believe that the Democratic party is responsible for the droughts in the West, the cyclones and yellow fever in the South and almost for the cholera and famine in Russia. Of course this does not apply to all the members, or rank and file of the 3rd party, for these Republicans in disguise have converted some of our very best men, and to-day they are the bitterest enemies of our party and as the negro said seem to be "not in their ways and all-hell can't change them." Some of them have actually quit work and are sitting around on goods boxes waiting for the establishment and reading of the 2nd Declaration of Independence as they call it. They are strong in some localities of our State, and I see from the Press reports that they are the same in your State. But

we have had something of this kind to contend with every 4 years for the past 30 years. These new isms spring into existence like a mushroom on a July night and die in November like a sapweed in an August sun. They usually elect a full county ticket in some counties where they are very strong a few legislators, and now and then a Congressman, who invariably votes with the Republicans on all questions where the interest of the South is at stake. I am the Democratic nominee for County Court Clerk, have a strong opposition to fight, and sink or swim, live or die, I will ever be found standing firmly at the helm of the old Democratic ship, and should she ever go down to a watery grave, you will have one brother (the writer) aboard, and who will have at least one great consolation left, which is there is a God in the Democratic party.

Had I time and space there is nothing that would afford me more pleasure than to try in my feeble way to explain all the charges and wrongs which are to-day being thrust at us by this so-called Jeffersonian 3rd or 4th People's party Democracy. Your brother, D. W. PHILLIPS.

The Old Vets.

Wilson Mirror.

We turn away for a moment from the maddened political current, with its surging billows of crimination and recrimination and accusation and anathemas, to touch upon a theme that reaches the heart and awakens its tenderest emotions. We wish to speak of those war-worn and battle-scarred heroes, those glory-wreathed Confederate Veterans who hold their reunion in Wilmington this week. And while the reunion will awaken memories of hallowed days gone by and bring back the treasured scenes of the long ago, still there will be presented a sombre background of gloom whose shadow will darken many a heart, for not until the drum beat of eternity is heard will all that noble band unite. But it is meet and becoming that the survivors should come together once more, and recount those scenes of glorious strife, which made the name of a southern soldier famous the world wide over, which gave to the Southland a theme for the highest notes of poetry and of song. And when truthful history shall record the grandeur of the devotion, and the splendor of daring exhibited by these very men who have met at Wilmington, the very pages which recite their struggle, though bearing now the dust of defeat, and still wet with the undried tears of remembered disappointment, will be found glistening with the resplendent lustre of that magnificent effort, which alone should follow triumph, and which now gives to their reputations that immortal glory which time will never wither.

Three times has Weaver introduced a bill in Congress to pay the Yankee soldiers the difference between the value of money they received and what gold would have been. This Weaver is the candidate of the Third party whose platform was made at St. Louis, and in that platform or an ancillary thereto, was a resolution declaring for the same thing. This Weaver estimates that three hundred million dollars will be required to pay this, an average of five dollars for every person in the land. To hear the calamity howlers one would imagine that the people were poor enough, but to take the party which they so love we must conclude that the people are to be made poorer. Any third partyite is requested to disprove this.—Tarboro Southern.

The political situation in South Carolina in respect to the Democratic national ticket is encouraging.

### Political Opinions.

Is there anything in the People's party doctrine that has a tendency to pervert men's moral natures? It looks like it.—Statesville Landmark.

When a voter makes up his mind to read only one side of a subject he is in a condition to vote away his freedom without knowing it. He accepts from the hand of a political master the literature that will soonest make him a mental slave, and soon thereafter he reads only what he is commanded to read.—State Chronicle.

Just how any Southern white man, in possession of his faculties, can bring himself to vote against the greatest statesman of the age, Grover Cleveland, and for the political Don Quixote, Weaver, who has been about everything a man can be except a patriot and gentleman, is one of the incomprehensible things that we have not been able to solve.—Shelby Review.

What a spectacle! The leader of the North Carolina Republicans writing to the Progressive Farmer, advising the people of the State what to do. Democrats do you see? To Third party men he says: "You run your Congressional and State ticket. We will vote for and help elect it. In return we expect you to see that our vote for Presidential electors is counted and we will carry the State for Harrison and Reid. You may have the State ticket if you will give us the Presidential electors." Was there ever before in the history of the State such a bold, light-handed piece of political trading? Will the Democracy of the State sit still and see this outrageous thing done? We do not believe it.—Wilson Advance.

It is to be deplored that the people are being misled by ignorance and mendacity. Prejudice is the ruling feature, in all the appeals made against the Democrats and that is grounded on ignorance and littleness. The people want relief; they ought to have it; they listen to what seems plausible and eagerly seek for advice. Such men as Freeman and Hoover have the ear of a great many. They don't hesitate to advise without a knowledge of what is for their best interest. They know nothing about the general politics of the country, they don't know the details of any of the plans they promulgate; they take the premisses offered through the Progressive Farmer and follow the lead of men whose advice they would not take in the commonest affairs of life.—Wilson Mirror.

### Living in The South.

The following taken from the Fly leaf of the Manufacturer's Record is well worth studying:

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"A man who can command large amounts of capital can find in the South opportunities for investments that will pay him larger returns than any other investments that the world can offer."

There is but one party capable of killing the Republican schemes of bayonet rule and negro domination. All who are opposed to these atrocious measures should rally under the Democratic flag.—Reidsville Weekly.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

### Playing Too Brash.

It is apparent to everyone who keeps his eyes on the political field that the third party never would have taken shape in the South if the men who conducted the movement had not counted upon the support of the Republican leaders and the votes they could barter. The Republican leaders encouraged the movement because they thought they saw in it a prospect of dividing the Democratic party and of ultimately regaining the power which they lost years ago. From the first there has been an understanding between the schemers on both sides. They sop out of the same dish on the most friendly terms.

Did anyone ever hear these third party headlights abusing the Republican leaders?

Did anyone ever hear them criticize any of President Harrison's official acts or denounce him for being opposed to the free coinage of silver, for which they have and still do abuse Mr. Cleveland so roundly?

Did anyone ever hear them referring to Mr. Harrison as a "tool," "attorney" &c, of Wall street?

These are stereotyped, pet epithets when speaking of Grover Cleveland.

Who ever heard them denounce the Republican party in the unmeasured terms they do the Democratic party for the defeat of the silver bill?

And yet there was a majority of the Democrats in the House and a majority of the Democrats in the Senate in favor of free coinage, while there was a majority of the Republicans in the House and a majority of the Republicans in the Senate opposed to it.

This is hypocritical and dishonest, but they are at least consistent in it, for their fight is not against the Republican but against the Democratic party.

When little Tom Watson (who was elected to Congress as a Democrat and by Democratic votes, and betrayed his trust by going over to the third party), played for any applause in Congress he always looked to the Republican side and got it, because Tom Reed was using him as a tool to help carry out the Republican programme.

They are not making a fight against the Republican party, because they are counting upon the co-operation and assistance of the Republicans and don't dare to array any antagonism amongst them by criticizing and abusing Harrison's administration or the Republican Senate.

They think they are playing the game so fine that they can fool the good people of this State whom they expect to rope into their so-called People's party, but they are fooling themselves more than they are fooling the people, who will, if they have not already, see through the bungling game.

The fact is they presumed too much on the gullibility of the people, and played their game a little too brash.

When for the purpose of fooling the colored voter they played the agreeable to the colored brother, and invited him to come in and take seats as delegates in their conventions, and then nominated them in some counties for county offices, they opened the eyes of a good many whose eyes had not been opened before, and disgusted a good many others who don't believe in this black and tan business.

And when they followed this up by hobnobbing with Republican wire-pullers at the State Convention last Tuesday, they opened the eyes of and disgusted a good many more.

When they sat down on Harry Skinner because he refused to accept the nomination for Governor unless it was understood that he could withdraw if the Republicans ran a ticket, they not only showed their hands, but threw off the disguise they had been wearing and appeared in their right garb as Republican allies.

They have had the rope, and they have got themselves tangled up in it so badly that they can't get out now, even with such Republican assistance as may come to their relief.

The simple truth is, they were not smart enough to play the game they undertook to play, and permitted themselves to be played by the Republicans who played them to use them.—Wil. Star.

### A Good Point.

The Progressive Farmer copies, and commends as a "good point," the following from the Clinton Caucasian:

A great deal is being said by many of the papers about some partisan and sectional utterances made by Mr. Weaver during and just after the war. But we fail to see the point. What would we have thought of a Southern man during those years of bitter sectional feeling who would not have used similar expressions about the North? The leaders of thought and action on both sides did the same thing; and were applauded by their people, and if they had done less would have lost the respect of even the other side. In fact, it was the most patriotic and high spirited that were the strongest partisans in those times; and the test of true manhood both North and South is now to be able to bury all those feelings and to join hands in a great fight for the cause of humanity, in a great fight between the people and the enemies of justice and liberty.

Yes, there is a "good point" here but it does not come out very pointedly until we sift the article to get at its "true inwardness." That is all very well. Partisan bipartid "during those years of bitter sectional feeling" was natural.

But here is the difference: So far as we know, it has never occurred to the people of the North necessary to make a political leader of one of those "high spirited" partisans of the South, and we doubt if a Confederate brigadier could be elected constable anywhere north of Mason and Dixon's Line. It has remained for such Southerners as made the "good point" in the above paragraph to stultify the record of their section and to betray the most vital interests of their fellow-countrymen; to apothosize into a political "Moses" the villain of a cause which their fathers held sacred; to desert a leader of the patriotism and broad statesmanship of Cleveland for a party hack whose chief glory in past years has been his ability to "out-Herod Herod" in maligning the South; to imperil white supremacy, and, consequently, good government in the Southern States by defection to the Third party, with no better motive than a hope of a split in the Democracy.

The "good point" in a native North Carolinian—who has been accustomed to call himself a Democrat—voting for Weaver has not yet developed; perhaps it may after a time.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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