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DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT CONVENTION. A convention of the Democratic party of the fourth Congressional district will be held at Raleigh...

The New York county conventions have all spoken loudly for Cleveland and tariff reform. The son of the Empire State is going through with a whoop.

The Prince of Wales talks of visiting this country next year. He will receive a royal welcome in his de dahlia certainly—he is so very English, you know.

The German Emperor's condition is generally improved, but also the improvement can be but temporary. It cannot last longer than a few weeks.

His name is Melville W. Fuller—the nominee for the Chief Justiceship—and he is from Illinois. He is a sound Democrat and learned in the law.

We yield much of our available space today to extracts from the magnificent speech delivered by the Tall Boyanore of the Wabash in the Senate recently. They embody that part of the speech which referred especially to the sections issue and will be found a remarkably fine defense of the South.

ASHEVILLE'S public building bill, having gone through the House, got on the calendar in the Senate yesterday. We trust it will speedily result in a building for our mountain metropolis that will correspond in beauty and convenience with the rapidly growing importance, not only as to the State but as to the country at large, of the city itself.

The sixty-sixth birthday of Gen. Grant was celebrated in New York by a banquet, to which a number of ex-Confederate Generals were invited, Gov. Lee, of Virginia, Gov. Gordon, of Georgia, and Joe Johnston among the number. Some of these latter attended a d from all the other Confederate Generals who were present.

THE laying of the cornerstone of the Teachers' Assembly building at Morehead City today will be an important occasion, worthy of the elaborate ceremonies which are to mark it and of the probable great outpouring of the people which it is to call forth.

The Teachers' Assembly has been a very potent force in the public education of the State within recent years. It has operated on lines new to our people and has done much in the way of widening the view as well as of refocusing the energies and promoting the mutual acquaintance of our educators.

It has served a most excellent purpose and is calculated to do more good work in the future than it has ever been able to do hereofore. Its management in progressive times has been a model of efficiency and has always been a conspicuous success.

MR. GLADSTONE ON BOB INGERSOLL. The May number of the North American Review contains an article from Mr. Gladstone on the fallacious misstatements and vicious rhetoric of Bob Ingersoll in the latter part of the controversy about Christianity with Dr. Henry M. Field which appeared in recent numbers of the same magazine. It will without doubt attract a very great deal of attention. It is, indeed, one of the most noteworthy of modern contributions to the vindication of the Christian religion.

Mr. Gladstone was recognized as the greatest of English religious controversialists before Ingersoll reached manhood and it is his crowning glory that at the wisdom of age has but strengthened his class champion of Christianity. He deals with the rampaging Bob from the serene heights of perfect truth, impales the flippant

infallible on the point of the spear of truth and holds him up to the scorn of all properly disciplined minds. His eminent services to mankind rendered through a long life conspicuous for purity, command respect for his utterances in the out set, while the petty self-seeking of Ingersoll's existence can never secure anything more than mere toleration at best. This advantage is improved by the sledge hammer blows of the aged champion in this instance, dealing with the skill of the veteran controversialist, and the result is a paper that will delight all those who hold to the sheet anchor of the Christian religion and will appear to all unbiased minds unanswerable from the quarrel to which it is addressed.

Mr. Gladstone first observes with respect to the saucy Bob's production: "I do not remember ever to have read a composition in which the merely local coloring of particular, and even very limited, sections of Christianity was more systematically used as if it had been available and legitimate argument against the whole truth in the reply before us. Col. Ingersoll writes with rare and enviable brilliancy, but also with an impetus which he seems unable to control. Denunciation, sarcasm and invectives may be said to constitute the staple of his work; and, if argument or some favorable admission here and there peeps out for a moment, the writer soon leaves the dry and barren heights for his favorite and more various galling grounds beneath." The paper, noteworthy as it is, leaves on my mind the impression of a battle-field where every man strikes at eye to eye, and all is noise, hurry and confusion.

With biting sarcasm the greatest of Englishmen reminds the greatest of infidels that the feelings and faith of Christians are entitled to respect and says: "Not only is the name of Jehovah circled in the heat of every belated reverence and love, but the Christian religion teaches, through the incarnation, a doctrine of personal union with God so lofty that it can only be approached in a deep reverent calm. I do not deny that a person who deems a given religion to be wicked may be ed toward by logical consistency to impugn in strong terms the character of the author and of those of that religion. But he is surely bound by the laws of social morality and decency to consider well the terms and manner of his indictment." Mr. Gladstone shows the narrow-mindedness of Ingersoll's flippant attacks on the God of the Bible, concluding his demonstration of Ingersoll's attempt to ridicule a God's command to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, for example, thus: "And further, if the few ragging rays of our knowledge in a case of this kind rather exhibit a darkness lying around us than dispel, we do not even know all that was in the mind of the author. It is not in a condition to pronounce upon it and cannot, without departure from sound reason, abandon that anchorage by which he probably held, that the law of Nature was probably safe in the hands of the Author of Nature, though the means of the reconciliation between the law and the appearance have not been fully placed within our reach."

"The study of the Christian Scriptures," says the veteran thinker and scholar, "has been to the people of many and justly famous men a study never ending, still beginning; not, like the world of Alexander, too limited for the powerful faculty that ranged over it; but, on the contrary, opening height on height, and with deep answering to deep, and with increase of fruit ever prescribing increase of effort. But the reply has sounded all these depths, has found them very shallow, and is quite able to point out the way in which the Saviour of the world might have been a much greater teacher than He actually was."

Thus he goes on, but we cannot follow him farther. Time and space both forbid. We can, only, in conclusion, heartily commend to our readers the article in its fullness, adding the following final extract as a bit of wisdom to be treasured to without: "Wherever we are placed in an atmosphere of mystery, relieved only by a little sphere of light round such a subject, it is a clear sign of an American force (which the world as well as described), and rarely one so far-fetched as is necessary for the direction of our own conduct from day to day, we find here, assumed by a particular person, the character of a universal judgment without appeal. And who was the highest self-restraint necessary in these dark but, therefore, all the more exciting inquiries, in order to maintain the ever-quickening balance of our faculties, the right choice to ride an unbroken horse, and to throw the reins upon our neck. I have endeavored to give a sample of the results."

THE FOURTH DISTRICT. MR. THOMAS B. WOMACK OF CHATHAM. The importance of having an active, progressive candidate to lead the Democracy of the metropolitan district in the approaching Congressional campaign is well known to all. The redemption of the district demands a vigorous campaign, conducted by a candidate who can and will infuse young blood and untiring energy into the canvass. As a young Democrat I know of no one in the district more capable of conducting such a campaign than Mr. Thomas B. Womack, of Chatham. He has ably represented his county both in the Senate and House of Representatives and in both bodies acquired a reputation that has made him well known all over the State. His ability was recognized in both branches of the General Assembly by his appointment on the most important committees and by his being frequently called upon to preside temporarily over the deliberations of both Senate and House while a member of either body. The nomination of Mr. Womack would mean an aggressive campaign, and the old fourth district under his leadership would roll up a Democratic majority that would gladden the hearts of every lover of law and order in the State.

Young Democracy. New York democratic county conventions came out strongly for Cleveland and tariff reform.

Let the condition of the South today interpret the full meaning of these propositions. Her development, since left to the control of her own local affairs, and during the last ten years, in all the great industrial pursuits, is a marvel in the history of mankind. Since 1873, careful and reliable statistics show that over 100,000 miles of railroad have been built on Southern soil, and that over \$100,000,000 have been put into the construction of new and the improvement of old roads in that section of the country. Within the same length of time the cotton crop has averaged \$300,000,000 a year, the total value of agricultural products upward of \$700,000,000 a year, and the assessed value of the entire property of the South has increased to more than \$1,000,000,000 since 1870.

In order to show still further that the sound, conservative local governments of the South have encouraged their own citizens, as well as citizens of the North and of Europe, to embark in a wide diversity of new enterprises, and as showing the continued and increased confidence inspired by the law-abiding people in the Southern States, I call attention to their industrial growth in 1887 as compared with the former year, 1886. And when we add to this brilliant picture of material development the successful labors of the people of the South in the cause of those twin blessings, education and the Christian religion, we need no longer wonder that they are hopeful, and indeed confident, of their great future, and that at last they feel that the shafts of their political enemies will glance and fall harmless from their shield of honor, industry, and good faith, a shield more invincible and brighter far than that wrought and fashioned for the Greek hero by Hephaestus, and on which "He emblazoned earth, and the sky, and the belt of the busy sea." I speak not of a New South, as if a new race had arisen; not of new faculties and gifts heretofore unknown, but of a people who for more than two centuries and a half have proved themselves equal to the requirements of the loftiest manhood, who were foremen once worthy of the North men's steel, and who are brethren now worthy of American embrace, affection, and pride everywhere.

What I desire to show before the people of my State in the approaching contest, as I have been for thirty years and more, to answer for the conduct of my political friends of the South, may I not respond with the immortal philosophy of the mighty Nazarene? "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" I rejoice that the corrupt trees once planted in the South has been torn up by the roots, and that the good trees, bearing good fruit, is towering under a Southern sky in perpetual bloom and beauty. The declivities of the Southern mountains are pouring forth their wealth of iron and of coal, and the water courses and boundless soil productions of that country combine to insure a future there more ample in its contributions to human happiness and more splendid in its accumulated wealth than the most prosperous ages heretofore have known.

The South is simply rising to her manifest destiny, and with her gate ways of immigration thrown wide open by the abolition of slavery, with a soil of unapproachable fecundity, with timber, water, powers, and mining resources, practically boundless in extent, and with a climate adapted to the processes of a propagating garden, it bewidens the most imperial imagination to attempt to grasp her condition in a hundred years hence or even fifty, or even a quarter of a century. It would seem, in view of her grand resources, and her speedy and lofty flight, that with slight change of prospect, and no change of meaning, the sublime conception and words of Milton might, with propriety, be applied at this time to the South: "Methinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation rousing herself like a strong man after sleep, and shaking his invincible locks. Methinks I see her as an eagle with wings untried, and with a quivering plume, purging and lancing her long and straight right at the fountain head of Heaven's radiance; while the whole noise of tumorous and flapping birds, with those also that love the twilight, flutter about, amazed at that she means, and in their envious gabble would prognosticate a year of woe and schismus."

Let the dawn of the coming and perfect day of union, nationality, and fraternity be breaking from the morning sky and stream into our darkened windows. Joy comes with the morning and all the flapping birds with their envious gabble can not see and its banners of true back its beneficent course. The South is in and of the Union as much as when Washington, the great Virginian, the great American, led his forces of liberty and union from Bank-Hill to Yorktown. Virginia and New York may clasp fraternal hands as of old; Massachusetts and South Carolina may again embrace; Georgia is her giant statesman is required by our matchless Constitution to bow on equal terms with the petite sovereigns of Rhode Island and Vermont. The Union is restored, the wounds of war have healed, and as cursed as malefactors of their kind be those who would tear them open and make them bleed afresh!

A determined attempt was made during the war of the rebellion, and it has been our policy since, to blacken the name of the great civil war, as well as military leaders, who remained true to the Democratic party, as an enemy with the cause of the Union and in an alliance of sentiment at least with the Confederacy. On the contrary, I assert that the impartial historian of the future will record as a fact that out for the attitude and influence of Horatio Seymour, Thomas A. Hendricks, Allen G. Thurman, William A. Richardson, and their political associates and followers, not only would the Union never have been restored, but that the dearest and most sacred rights of American citizenship would have been swept away in the blinding storm of partisan wrath, which was most frequently mistaken for patriotic zeal. Those who, through god and through evil report, kept the immortal safeguards of the Constitution displayed like beacon lights on a

dangerous coast will be remembered with gratitude as long as the best principles of free government survive. The administration of this government is now once more, after the lapse of years, in the hands of the Democratic party, and its response to the great trust has been worthy of its historic fame. Some disappoinments have been felt, some complaints have been heard, as was inevitable; but the verdict of the American people in November of this year will be that there has been honest, capable government, and that it shall be continued.

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