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FOR STATE SENATE.

NEW HANOVER AND BRUNSWICK:
THOMAS W. STRANGE.

Bill Nye

Often spoke his witticisms laden with the greatest truths. Among the most noticeable, most Nyeish and most apropos is the following:

A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back coach of a train to save interest on his money until the conductor comes around; stop his watch at night to save the wear and tear; leave his "i" and "t" without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his mother's grave to save corn; but a man of this kind is a gentleman and a scholar compared to a fellow who will take a newspaper, and when asked to pay for it, puts it into the post-office and has it marked, "Refused."

When Hon. Hoke Smith was working for the United States Senate in Georgia, and Secretary Carlisle was begging for it in Kentucky, Mr. Cleveland didn't see any "pernicious partizanship;" but when Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, permits himself to be nominated as a free silver candidate for Congress, his official head comes off.

Just about the time that a sure-enough cotton-picker was announced along came the statement that a fellow near Atlanta was growing cotton from seven to fourteen feet high, with which he proposes to stock the South, and which no picker, not even a darkey, without a ladder, can reach.

Charles Covell, of San Francisco, holds the medal as a long-distance swimmer. A short while ago he swam across the "Golden Gate," which is about two miles, but he had to swim about seven miles to make the trip as the strong tide was against him.

Palmer and Buckner do not expect to be elected, they do not expect to carry a single State or county in the Union, and yet they are parading around the country as if there was some show for them. Who is paying the expenses of this decoy side show?

CLOSE UP THE LINES.

In this issue of the STAR we publish the address of the Democratic State Committee to the people of North Carolina, and commend it to the perusal and thoughtful consideration of every voter who wishes well to North Carolina. This address is a plain statement of the efforts made by the Committee to draw together and solidify the friends of silver and of good government, even at the sacrifice of surrendering to some extent for the time being our party organization, and it shows the motive and reasons for the action which, although approved by some Democrats, was disapproved and harshly criticised by others.

If this movement had been met in the patriotic spirit which prompted it, by those who spoke and acted for the Populist party, the friends of free silver, and the opposition to the Republican party, would be moving in solid line to-day and there would be no shadow of doubt as to where North Carolina would be found on the third day of next November.

In its tenders of co-operation the Committee representing the Democratic party made patriotic and what many Democrats regarded as humiliating concessions, but it did what it thought the wise and dutiful thing to do, of which little doubt will remain after reading this address. There is to be no more parleying now, no more propositions, nor counter-propositions. The Committee has, as it saw it, discharged its duty, made every effort to draw the friends of silver and good government together, and if it failed and unfortunately the State fall into the hands of the Republicans, the responsibility will not rest upon them, but upon those who for motives best known to themselves rejected the propositions, when they knew that the only effect of their refusal and of the independent action was to give aid and comfort to the Republicans, and to put obstacles in the way of the cause to which they professed loyal allegiance.

The die is cast, the Rubicon is crossed, the fight is on, and we Democrats must make it and win or be vanquished.

It is not going to be any Fourth of July parade. We all know that; but if it was going to be a Fourth of July parade we wouldn't take half as much interest in it as we do, for while there might be more display, there wouldn't be the glory and honor that this fight will bring us if we go bravely into it, put the McKinley cohorts to flight and lay the Populist contingent to rest.

Good soldiers always fight the best when the odds against them are the greatest and the chances of victory depend upon the heroic efforts of each.

What more could a Democrat who loves his country and his State have to inspire him to noble effort than he has in the pending conflict? For his country he has not only the rescue of our financial system from the Shylocks who have been dominating it for a quarter of a century but the preservation and perpetuation of the only party which stands for the people and by the people, which believes that this Government is, or should be, a Government "of the people, by the people, for the people." While this is not a sectional contest such as has confronted us when the North was arrayed against the South, or rather the Republican party of the North, the South is still even more vitally interested in it than the West, with which it is temporarily allied on the line of free silver, for the South is vitally interested not only in securing free silver but also in the preservation of Democratic supremacy, for the Democratic party has been to her a defender, protector and preserver of her liberty.

As important as the preservation of the Democratic party as a national organization is, (and there is no exaggerating the importance of that) Democratic supremacy in North Carolina is even more important, for that comes home to the household and the fireside and appeals to every North Carolinian who desires the peace, prosperity and happiness of the State and prefers the just and orderly rule of the law-respecting Democracy to the possible and probable lawlessness and chaos which may follow unbridled Republican rule.

Since 1876, when the Republicans put forward their best and most popular representative, Tom Settle, and matched him against the glorious and immortal Zeb Vance, the Republicans have never made the organized, determined effort they are making in this campaign, and they have never had the same strong backing, for Hanna has supplied them freely with money. Their hopes have been strengthened by the fact that there are three State tickets in the field, which makes it possible for them to outvote either of the other two, a hope which has been made the stronger by the success of the Republican rounders-up in registering many illegal negro and doubtless some white voters, which was a very easy thing to do under the registration law which they patched up doubtless with this very view.

Chairman Holton, of the Republican Committee, vauntingly told the correspondent of the New York *World* that they counted upon carrying the State by means of this fraudulently increased negro vote. If that law had been framed with the express purpose of aiding, abetting and making fraudulent legislation easy and unlimited it could not have accomplished the intention better.

All this has inspired the Republican leaders with confidence in their ability to carry the State, so much so that Daniel L. Russell boastingly proclaims from the stump that he is as good as elected now, and is now engaged in thinking up his inaugural address. But that is Russell bombast. He doesn't feel confident by any means, although he is a sanguine kind of a man, but he thinks this kind of braggadocio will have a stimulating, enthusing effect on the mobs he talks to and contribute to solidify them where they are not already solidified.

Brag is a part of the regulation programme of the Republican leaders, who go on the principle of claiming the earth and howling fraud when beaten, just as they will when they are beaten this time, and beaten they will be if the Democrats of North Carolina close up the lines, march shoulder to shoulder, and remembering the past when our mother State was under the heels of the imported and the native plunderers, resolve to keep out of power the party which the Democrats of twenty years ago drove out, and gave us a Government of law and order, instead of a Government lawlessness, license, plunder, oppressive and chaos. This is the charge, the patriotic and sacred charge, entrusted to the Democrats who love North Carolina.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.

Capt. Dave Sherman Found Dead in His Boat With a Severe Wound on the Head—The Body Brought to the City—Coroner's Inquest in Progress.

About 10.30 o'clock this morning the *Crasus*, a steam flat owned by Capt. Walter Taft and captained by Mr. David Sherman, returned to the city from Mr. Fred. Kidder's rice plantation, Kendal, about fifteen miles below the city and tied up at her wharf on Water between Dock and Orange streets. A rumor was soon afloat that Capt. Sherman had been brought back dead, having been murdered. A STAR reporter hurried to where the *Crasus* had landed and found Capt. Sherman's body lying in the lower part of the flat, just below where the pilot trap is arranged. The reporter interviewed one of the deck hands, J. F. Benton, who made the following statement:

"We left here this morning at about five o'clock to go to Mr. Kidder's barn, about fifteen miles down the river and a short distance up Lillington creek, with Capt. Sherman in the pilot house, John Williams (colored) engineer, William Hayes deck hand, and myself aboard. When we arrived at the mouth of the creek it was found necessary to pole up the stream, and steam was shut off. When we had gone about a hundred and fifty yards poling, we ran aground. The signal bell to the engineer rang one time to go ahead. Hayes and I were at the end of the boat away from the pilot's quarters and succeeded in clearing the stern of the flat, which is covered like a house, with a little place cut in the roof about waist-deep for a pilot house, and about ten feet from the floor below. I went to the front of the flat to help shove off; failing to see Capt. Sherman in the pilot house, and thinking it strange that he should ring us ahead, I looked in the bow door and saw Capt. Sherman lying prostrate on the floor. I immediately called the two colored men, and upon examination found that he was dead; his head lying on a piece of board with a cut just above the left temple and a pool of blood near by."

The body was taken from the boat to the residence of Mrs. Sol. Robbins, with whom Capt. Sherman boarded, No. 113 Dock street, where a jury was empanelled by Coroner Jacobs, and after taking the evidence of the three boatmen, Doctor's Shepard, McMillan and Russell viewed the body and made examinations as to the conditions of the heart, brain and stomach, the jury adjourned the inquest which will be continued at the Court House to-day at 10 o'clock.

The autopsy made by the doctors showed that the heart and stomach were in a normal condition and that the wound on the head caused the death of deceased.

Captain David Sherman was well known in Wilmington and along the Cape Fear as a river pilot. He was a native of Pender county, about sixty years of age. He was at one time Captain of the steamer *John Dawson* running between Wilmington and Point Caswell. His family, consisting of his wife, three daughters and a son, reside near Point Caswell.

DEATH OF REV. DR. M'BRYDE,

One of the Most Prominent Ministers of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. D. D. McBryde, of Little River Academy, died at his home yesterday morning at seven o'clock. He had been ill for several weeks, and the end had been expected for several days.

Mr. McBryde was in the seventieth year of his age, having been born in Richmond county, June 12th, 1827. He united with Centre Church in 1847, and entered Davidson College the following year, where he graduated with honors. Having determined to study for the ministry, he finished his theological course at Columbia Seminary, and was ordained by Fayetteville Presbytery in 1854. He has been the successful and beloved pastor of several of its churches, the longest charge being at Sardis and Bluff. His ministry has been blessed with frequent revival, and has been fruitful in the organization of several churches. He gave much attention to education, being the principal founder of Little River Academy, and a Trustee of Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary. He was a man of strong character, clear thought and affectionate disposition. His wife, who was Miss Fannie N. McKay, and eleven children survive him. His daughter, Josephine, is the wife of Mr. James S. Worth of this city.

— Daniel L. Russell said this in July, 1888: "The negroes are largely savages."

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LUCUS COUNTY.

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Cyrus B. Watson

WILL BE ELECTED GOVERNOR.

A Conservative Forecast of the Vote for Watson, Russell and Guthrie.

Watson's Plurality Will Be 10,000.

Nothing is easier than to show that the claim of the Republicans that Russell will be elected Governor is made without regard to either facts or figures. Now, let us analyze the vote of 1892, when there was no Fusion, and that of 1894, when there was Fusion.

In 1892 there were three candidates in the field for President, just as there are three candidates in the field for Governor now; and the vote was as follows:

Cleveland (Democrat)	132,957
Harrison (Republican)	100,846
Weaver (Populist)	44,732
	278,535
Cleveland's plurality	32,111

In 1894 there was complete Fusion on the State ticket between the Republicans and Populists, and the vote was as follows for State Treasurer:

Worth (Fusion)	143,972
Tate (Democrat)	123,729
	267,701
Worth's majority	20,243

It is interesting to note just here two important facts made apparent by the foregoing figures. First, the Fusion vote of 1894 varied only 1,606 votes from the combined vote of Harrison (Rep.) and Weaver (Pop.) in 1892, showing that Fusion was complete. Second, the Democratic vote of 1894 was 9,228 less than the vote of 1892. Evidently none of this vote (or a mere fraction, if any,) went to the Fusion ticket. If it had, Worth's vote would have been much larger. Those 9,228 Democrats were disgusted with the Cleveland administration and the course of the party in Congress, but were not willing to join in the Fusion movement; so, they did not go to the polls. And right here the STAR claims that nearly every one of those votes will be cast for Cy. Watson for Governor.

Now, as a basis for further calculations, let us determine the total vote that will probably be polled in North Carolina in the coming election. Experienced politicians estimate this total at from 290,000 to 315,000 votes. Suppose we call it 300,000? Then the interesting question arises, how will this vote be divided for Governor? There are several elements of uncertainty involved in this proposition. For example, we can only approximate the increase in the Republican vote by reason of the fraudulent registration of negroes. Likewise, we cannot determine just how many negro votes will be carried for the Guthrie ticket through Dockery's influence, and through hatred of Russell. Again, we must make allowance for Populists who have returned to the Democratic party, and for silver Republicans, who will vote for Watson. The leading point, however, in favor of the Democrats is the fact that the Republicans and Populists, instead of being "fused," as they were in 1894, are *divided* now, and each has a candidate in the field, just as they did in 1892. On the other hand, the Democrats are absolutely and enthusiastically united on Cy. Watson for Governor. This being the case, we think it absolutely certain that Watson will poll 140,000 votes, which will be only 7,043 votes more than Cleveland received in 1892. This leaves 160,000 of the 300,000 to be divided between Russell and Guthrie. Now, we will be liberal with Russell and give him 130,000 votes, or 29,154 more votes than Harrison received in 1892. This would leave 30,000 votes for Guthrie.

According to the forecast given above the vote, then, for Governor should stand as follows:

Watson (Democrat)	140,000
Russell (Republican)	130,000
Guthrie (Populist)	30,000
	300,000
Watson's plurality	10,000

These figures cannot be rubbed out with brag and bluster. They are fair and conservative. And we wish to call special attention to the fact that while we give Watson an increase of only a little over *five* per cent. on the Cleveland vote of 1892, we give Russell an increase of nearly *thirty* per cent. on the Harrison vote of the same year.

Escaped the Morrill.

The little steamer *Three Friends* got away from the U. S. revenue cutter *Morrill* after all.

Sunday morning last at 8 o'clock both vessels left Southport, the *Morrill* following close in the wake of the *Three Friends*.

Sunday afternoon the Clyde steamer *Cherokee* arrived at Charleston from New York and reported that at 11 45 a. m. that day, off Frying-pan light ship, she was spoken by the *Three Friends*, inquiry being made if any wrecks had been seen. The *Morrill* was following the suspected filibuster.

A press dispatch to the STAR last night from Savannah, Ga., says:

The filibustering steamer *Three Friends* which has been ostensibly looking for wrecked vessels, escaped the revenue cutter *Morrill* which has been following her since she left Wilmington, somewhere off Tybee Sunday night. The *Morrill* lost track of her and not seeing her anywhere this morning, came into port here for coal and supplies.

A later telegram from Jacksonville Fla., says: "The steamer *Three Friends* arrived at the St. John's bar at 5 o'clock this afternoon and anchored close to the revenue cutter *Boutwell*. The cutter *Morrill*, which left this port in company with the *Three Friends* last Thursday, has not yet arrived. The captain of the *Three Friends* reports that he saw no wrecks along the coast."

Populists Coming Home.

Mr. F. B. Arendell, of the *News and Observer*, writes that paper from Tarboro as follows:

There is a mighty rallying of forces around the silver banner in this eastern country. Where there were thirty-one Populist votes, twenty-nine of them have declared, since the refusal of the Populist committee to unite the silver forces, that they were going to vote the Democratic ticket from constable to President.

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WATCH THE COUNT.

A Matter of Vital Importance to the Democratic Party.

It is of the utmost importance that intelligent and wide awake Democrats shall watch the counting of the ballots on the night of the 3d of November. We give an extract from the law:

"That when the election shall be finished, the registrars and judges of election, in the presence of such candidates, *or their duly authorized representatives*, as may choose to attend, shall open the boxes and count the baliots, reading aloud the names of the persons who shall appear on each ticket * * * * * and the said counting of votes shall be continued without adjournment until completed and the result thereof declared."

It will be seen that, under the law, candidates, if they prefer to do so, may choose their own representatives to watch the count, and in this way the most intelligent and capable Democrats in every county can see that every ballot is honestly counted.

This matter is so important that we hope every Democratic newspaper and every Democratic speaker will call attention to it.

HON. CYRUS B. WATSON

Still Sick and Confined to His Bed But His Condition Not Considered Serious.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WINSTON, N. C., October 21.—Hon. Cyrus B. Watson was not quite as well to day, but he is better than he was last week. While his condition is not considered at all serious, it is almost certain that he will not be able to do any more campaign work. He is still confined to his bed.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

THE CAMPAIGN.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

News From All Over the State, As Shown by Special Reports to the Star.

Mr. Wm. H. Bernard, of the State Democratic Committee, is now making a poll of the State by counties, in a general way, with a view to ascertaining what the real political situation is, and the information received will be printed in the STAR. On the 18th instant he mailed circulars to leading Democrats in every county, including all the Chairmen of County Committees, and a synopsis of the replies will be printed from day to day. Special attention is called to the fact that the circular closed with these words: "But make your estimates conservative."

CHATHAM COUNTY.

The vote of Chatham county will be about as follows: For Bryan 3,000, for McKinley 1,700; for Governor, Watson 1,800, Russell 1,500, Guthrie 1,400, for Congress, Pou (Democrat) 3,200, Stroud (Populist) 2,000, for Legislature, Democrat, 1,800, Republican, 1,700, Populist, 1,200. In 1894 the Democrats lost the county by a majority of 1,188.

There will be some division in the colored vote and it is very probable there will be more than estimated.

I heard a prominent colored Republican say a short time ago that he wanted to trade his interest in Russell for a suck-egg dog.

Do not think there has been any illegal registration.

There is not a Democrat, so far as I know, who will bolt the Bryan electoral ticket. About two hundred negroes will vote the National Democratic ticket.

CARTERET COUNTY.

Carteret county gave 115 majority against the Democrats in 1894. This year we will gain in every precinct except two. Negro vote solid for Russell. No illegal registration. There are eight or ten gold-bugs in the county. A few Republicans will vote with us on State and National tickets. Probable result: Bryan, 500 majority. Watson for Governor, 300 to 400 majority. Thompson (Dem.) for Congress, 200 majority. Democratic Legislative ticket, 200 to 300 majority.

NASH COUNTY.

This county went against the Democrats in 1894 by 1,233 majority. This majority will be cut down to about 700 on Congressman. Negro vote will be solid for Russell, but his majority will probably not exceed 400; a Democratic gain of over 800. The Bryan electoral ticket will carry the county by about 600 majority, which will be a Democratic gain over 1894 of more than 1,800. Very few, if any, bolting Democrats.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

There will not be much difference in the vote here. The negro vote will be nearly solid for Russell. But little illegal registration of negroes. Not more than 25 Democrats in this county who will vote for McKinley or the Indianapolis decoy ticket. About 150 Republicans will vote the Democratic State and National tickets. There was a small Fusion majority in this county in 1894.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

The Democratic outlook is better than in 1894, and is improving. Russell will get the full negro vote. No bolting Democrats for McKinley or Palmer. Democrats practically a unit for the joint Bryan electoral ticket. No "scratching." A great many Populists will refuse to vote for any candidates for the Legislature who are for Pritchard for U. S. Senate. Upon the whole, we will do well.

JOHNSTON COUNTY.

The Democratic outlook is much better than in 1894, and is improving. There is great improvement since State fusion was declared off. Our majority will increase nearly 50 per cent. over 1894. Bryan will carry the county by 900, and balance of our ticket, State and county, by 750. Probably 50 negroes illegally registered. There are perhaps 10 former Democrats who will vote for McKinley and 10 for Palmer. Russell will get about all the negro vote.

DURHAM COUNTY.

A telegram received here from a distinguished North Carolinian, whose home is Durham, says the Democratic outlook throughout that section is growing brighter every day. This refers to the State ticket, it being conceded that Bryan will carry the State.

The STAR'S Durham correspondent says the Democrats confidently claim the county by 500 majority. This will be a gain of 989 votes over the vote of 1894, when the Democrats lost the county by 489 majority.

WAKE COUNTY.

A prominent citizen of Raleigh, who has been actively in politics thirty years, and who is always conservative, writes the STAR that there is decided improvement in Wake county as compared with 1894. The Democrats have strong hopes that they will elect two members of Assembly, and that the vote between Watson and Russell will be about even. Some Populists will vote the State Democratic ticket as well as for Bryan. Bryan will carry the county beyond a doubt. Our correspondent thinks Bryan's majority in the State will reach 40 000, that Watson's majority over Russell will be 15,000, and that the impression prevails in Democratic circles that we will control the lower House of the Legislature. The Democrats were overwhelmed in Wake county in 1894. Worth (Fusion), for State Treasurer, having a majority of 1885, and Faircloth (Fusion), for Chief Justice having a majority of 1 500.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

A leading citizen of Duplin, who is thoroughly familiar with his section of the county, writes the STAR from Magnolia that the Democratic outlook is better than in 1894, and is improving every day. He estimates the Democratic gain over over that year at 15 per cent., at least, in his section of the county. This means a similar loss to the Republicans, and should that percentage hold good throughout the county, Duplin will go Democratic. In 1894 the majority for Worth (Fusion), for State Treasurer, was 468.

CHATHAM COUNTY.

The following splendid report comes from Chatham county: We expect to elect our county ticket by 300. Will give the Bryan electoral ticket 1,500 majority, and our State ticket a good majority. I think Guthrie will withdraw. If he does Chatham will give Cy Watson 1,000 majority over Russell. There will be a stand-off between Pou (Dem.) and Strowd (Pop) for Congress, and if the negroes vote as they now say they will Pou will beat Strowd 300 votes. In 1894 the Democrats lost the county by 1,283 votes.

TO THE PEOPLE.

ADDRESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE.

Close Up the Ranks and Protect North Carolina From Ridiculous Radical and Negro Rule.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 16, 1896.

To the Voters of North Carolina:

Fellow-citizens—The Democratic party, now in the midst of its greatest battle for the rights of the people and good government in our beloved State and in the nation again calls on those having the sacred right of freedom—the ballot—to sustain its cause.

For twenty years we had victory following victory. Two years ago a division in our ranks lost our Legislature to Democracy. This we must redeem. Twenty years ago, under the masterful leadership of Vance, we went from defeat to victory. Again, with the Democratic banner in the hands of the champion of the people, Cyrus B. Watson, we go again to victory.

The Democratic party has ever stood with the masses. Its principles have always been the embodiment of the necessities of the plain people, that class of producers and breadwinners whose labors of head and hand represent American manhood and form the essential structure of the State. Never has this truth been more practically illustrated and exemplified than to-day, when again it asks the suffrage of the freemen of North Carolina.

If the Chicago platform of 1892 did not express the people's wishes, or if the administration of the principles then enunciated have not been in accord with the popular demand, the Democratic party, as the ancient and well-tried organization through which the people have sought and obtained their rights, is now in the people's full control. The clear and positive expression of the popular will in our State and national declaration of principles leaves no lingering doubt in the minds of a long-suffering people. And this complete assurance of the reforms demanded has satisfied every ardent expectation by fixing as the executor of the laws to be enacted men whose lives are the living issues of the day.

Democratic faith lies in those immutable principles which preserve human liberty. It has brought them out of the past as principles immortal, and ever living, and, in the course of years, as exigencies have arisen, Democracy has gone out boldly to lend its helping hand to the present wants of the people, and join with them in the establishment of their wishes. This has been its triumph. Those representing this great Democracy have this day acted in accord with this vital spirit of the party. To-day three parties in this great financial crisis, demanding that silver be restored to its proper position with gold as a money of final redemption at the ratio of 16 to 1; an income tax, that the rich may bear their proportion of the burden of taxation, and kindred reforms, have nominated the same candidate for President to carry out these reforms. There was in two of these parties a difference as to Vice President. On account of the constitutional regulations providing for the election of a President and Vice President we must act together or divide our vote. The Democratic party in North Carolina had no hesitation as to its proper course, but proposed and arranged a composite ticket of electors of the three parties, that the people's will might prevail.

Again, that Bryan's administration might not fail for want of silver legislation, our party definitely proposed to the People's party a united effort for free silver Congressmen in every district in the State. This proposition, made August 13th, has been insisted on since by your committee, but declined by the People's party.

More recently it has become apparent that the Republican party was amassing an enormous registration of illegal voters, made possible by an election law of boasted fairness, but the provisions of which plainly permit fraud, as many of those who assisted in its enactment now plainly see. The colored race has drawn the color line, and, seeing the white people in division over the questions of gold and silver, have, with a few exceptions of the more considerate and enlightened of their race, withdrawn from any participation with the white people in consideration of questions affecting the public interest, and arrayed themselves in an unbroken Republican column, trusting that the apparent division of the white people would give them a dominant position. Not only this, but we have the boastful assurance of the Republican party officials in the press of the country that the illegal registration of the blacks would give the State to McKinley.

All these matters have met our consideration. In such a crisis the Democratic party rallies to the support of the people. North Carolinians must come together to protect North Carolina. The intelligence and virtue of the land must control. White men must be asked to unite. In this spirit, the spirit of Democracy, your committee, on October 13, frankly asked co-operation of others whose interest should be our interest. A co-operative ticket was offered to the People's party for a complete arrangement in the interest of silver and the rule of North Carolina by wise and upright officials. This proposition the People's party, through its executive committee, declined.

In this effort at unity, the Democratic committee felt that the heart of the people was with it. If some thought this action was without proper authority or humiliating to party pride the answer is plain. The Democratic party acted in this as in all its great movements, regardless of form when it seeks the substance, knowing no pride save its proud heritage of serving the people. And we cannot think that the action of the People's party can express the wish of many of that organization who honestly favor silver legislation and good government. Nor can we think that those who have so long and earnestly advocated the restoration of silver, can give their adherence to any arrangement which demands their votes for gold standard candidates. A vote given directly or indirectly to a gold standard Congressman or a Senator, fetters the hands of a silver President, for he can sign no bill for the relief of the people until a bill passes Congress and is presented to him. Mr. Bryan himself has emphasized this important fact by pleading with his friends that they do not, by the election of a hostile Congress, tie his hands to prevent his breaking the chains which bind the people.

The records of the census of the United States for 1890 discloses 109,346 qualified negro voters, and 233,307 qualified white voters in North Carolina; and the Auditor's office of North Carolina discloses that in 1895 there were 63,391 colored polls and 167,300 white polls listed for taxation in North Carolina. Since the census of 1890 the exodus has largely depleted the colored vote, and there is not now 100,000 qualified negro voters in North Carolina. And if there is any such negro registration claimed by Republican party officials as is notoriously circulated, it will be manifestly fraudulent. Therefore, there can be no doubt of the result in the State if an honest election is held, and there are no factious divisions of the friends of honest government, and these shall register and vote as their evident interest appears. And although some division of the white vote is imminent, with this great majority there should be no doubt of our power to marshal for the Democratic party sufficient votes to save the State from Republican rule and ruin.

The committee has not been insensible to the criticism of some of its friends, because of its efforts to bring together the silver votes, but they felt sure that the unselfish and patriotic impulse which guided each member of the committee and the good results which must follow its action would be finally understood and approved. Offers to the People's party for a union of voters of that party with us were not made from any distrust of the Democratic hosts or because of a want of reasonable confidence in the result; but the Democratic party felt the importance of uniting the white people of North Carolina for their common interest. It made no empty declarations for unity, but acted in accord with its purpose. The committee felt that all men who think alike should act together, and it is believed that the voters of this State, feeling the sincerity of our motives, will sustain it.

Now, however, having failed in our earnest efforts to unify the parties favoring silver and white supremacy, we call on all the voters of North Carolina to support the only ticket presented to them which offers a hope of success against a ticket headed by McKinley and Russell, and which, from township constable to President, offers them candidates pledged to the restoration of silver.

From all parts of the Union come assurances of approaching victory. North Carolinians, rally to your standard and place your State in the long column which will sum up Democratic triumph! Let us gird up our loins for this battle; let us all work in harmony and good will; let each man think that on him depends the fortune of the day, and victory will follow the oriflame of Democracy. From this day, work! Let no private demands prevent this public duty. You who honor your native land, who love your firesides, remember this battle and its victory is yours. Remember that on your efforts depends the question whether Bryan or McKinley will be your next President, and whether Watson or Russell shall be your next Governor.

CLEMENT MANLY,
Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com.

GORMAN SAYS BRYAN.

The Astute Maryland Senator Predicts the Election of Bryan by an Unprecedented Majority.

[*New York Journal.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 19.—Senator Gorman stated to-night in a private conversation that he is now confident Bryan will be elected in November.

"Elections have been bought in this country," said he, "but the danger of this election being purchased is slight. There is danger of course in the great cities, where money may be spent to advantage, but the sentiment in this country in favor of free coinage is such that it will result in the election of Bryan by a hitherto unprecedented majority. Maryland is sure to give Bryan a good solid majority, and more than enough of the so-called doubtful States of the Middle West will be carried to give Mr. Bryan the needed majority in the electoral College."

Senator Gorman has before this predicted success in Maryland, but up to to-night he has been mute so far as the general result is concerned. His belief that the country will cast Democratic votes enough to elect Mr. Bryan is the result of a careful study of conditions about which he has become very familiar during his political career.

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