

A SOUTHERNER FOR '96

WHY NOT A SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT FOR PRESIDENT NOMINEE.

THE WAR ENDED 30 YEARS AGO.

The Washington Post Gives Strong Reasons Why a Southern Man should Head the Democratic Presidential Ticket--Washington News and Gossip About North Carolina and North Carolinians--Tar Heel Visitors at the Capitol--Ransom in Mexico

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.
To-day's Washington Post will say:

"Why should not the Democrats nominate a Southern man next year? Why wouldn't that be the right thing to do--the courageous, the consistent, the equitable thing? Why, indeed!"

"Thirty years have passed since the close of the war between the States. In that time nearly all the men who brought on that melancholy conflict or took active part in it have disappeared of the few who still survive and who occupy public or conspicuous position, it may be truly said that they are as good citizens--as loyal, as patriotic as truly devoted to the re-established union--as any of their fellow-countrymen on this side of the Potomac. They have served in the Cabinet and in Congress, they have held high place in moments of great emergency, and at no time or under any circumstances have they proved delinquent in anything that goes to make a faithful, intelligent, and zealous representative of the Union and its institutions. They have always been among the first and the most enthusiastic champions of the national honor and integrity. They have yielded precedence to none in jealous advocacy of the country and the flag. As for the Southern people in general--the present generation--they know of the war only by hearsay and tradition. To them the war is a mere abstraction--hardly a personal memory. They do not recognize it or its influences in their philosophy. It has sent them no message, bequeathed them no legacy. Saving the pride they take in the valor and devotion of their fathers--a sentiment which honors them--they think and remember nothing of the war, its triumphs, its disasters, and its animosities. Their plans are for the present, their hopes are in the future. This is their country, consecrated for them by two memorable tragedies. They have no thought or dream which does not include the glory, the greatness, and the perpetuity of the Union."

"How much longer is the South--the most distinctly American section of the country--to be the poor relation in the family of the States? Upon what hypothesis does the Democratic party propose to exclude from recognition and from leadership three-fourths of its strength, its substance, and its brains? Without the South the national Democracy would be an inconsiderable factor in national affairs. Its possibilities would be limited to small municipal victories and petty village spoils. It would figure in the nation very much as the State organization now figures in Michigan. The world would forget it, or remember it only for purposes of amusement. Its prestige, its consequence, its weight come from the South. Take away the South, and the Democratic party, so far as concerns National affairs, would be a poor and inefficient thing. It would be reduced to a mere insignificant coterie in the great world of politics. Why, then, does the party hold to the South's reluctant lips the bitter cup of self effacement and why is it that a proud, intelligent, and homogeneous people bring themselves to drink? Where is the justice, the propriety, the wisdom of the arrangement?"

"It is difficult, looking at the matter rationally, to understand the attitude of the national party and the acquiescence of the South. Here we have three fourths of an organization quietly submitting to domination by the other fourth, and tamely endorsing a stigma which it should by every consideration of dignity resent. Possibly it is habit--for two decades, at least, Southern Democrats have agreed to the proposition set up by their Northern colleagues that the country is not ready for a candidate from the section lately in rebellion against the general government. For two decades and more it has been an accepted theory that a Southern candidate would alarm the American people, would revive all the memories, the apprehensions and the antagonisms of 1861-5. And, during all that time, the Southern Democracy have assented without protest, subordinated themselves to the mere phantom of a vanished past, meekly borne the heat and burden of successive campaigns, furnished the rank and file for all the great battles, and stood side by side in humble deference and uncomplaining abnegation while the fruits of their strength and prowess were divided among the members of an insignificant contingent. But why? At most, this was only an expedient. It was never essentially a matter of principle and priority. Southern men were just as much citizens of the United States in 1866 as they are to-day. They had the same rights then that they had ten years before or have to-day in this Republic. As an expedient, however, while the passions of the war still retained a fraction of their pristine heat, while it was possible to urge and easy to concede that the men who had defended and preserved the Union should be the men to control its destinies through the period of trouble, transition, and readjustment--during such an interval it was, perhaps, expedient that a Southern man should not aspire to rule the Nation but should rather endeavor to dismember it. At what point, however, did this expedient cease to be expedient? At what point after the failure of the rebellion, thirty years after the dissolution of the Confederate armies, when nine-tenths of the men who bore arms against the Union are sleeping in their graves and when for more than a quarter of a century, been peaceful harvests have been harvested?"

the scars and seams of fratricidal war? "It seems to us that the Democratic party is illogical, or cowardly, or much too sluggish of perception. It seems to us that the Southern Democrats have too long deferred their proper claims and sunk their proper self respect. The arrangement is preposterous. It is an arrangement under which the national Democracy cannot much longer be held together. The South has sat below the salt for thirty years; and in all that time the South has supplied the banquet, not only with the salt itself, but with every one of the viands it was used to savor. For how many more years will the South endure this degradation and the North continue to profit by it?"

"Why not a Southern Democrat for 1896?" Lieutenant Exline of the Watch force of the Interior Department went over to Baltimore to day to meet his wife who will visit him for the next two weeks. The Bay Boat from Norfolk had quite a party from Pittsboro on board. Among those in the party were Mr. A. G. Bynum and Mr. A. G. Heading of the firm of Bynum & Heading; Mr. W. L. London and Mr. Hal London of the firm of W. L. London & Son, and Mrs. W. L. London. These gentlemen will spend several days in Baltimore and New York buying their summer and fall stocks.

Capt. Arthur Barnes, who has for twenty years held a position in the Senate chamber, will leave this week for North Carolina. Captain Barnes will return here in December and most probably will retain his old position. For fifteen years he has been one of the caucus appointments and his chances are very good for a re-appointment. It is a custom in the Senate that the minority caucus has the privilege to name about six officers.

Minister Ransom and son, Mr. Robert Ransom, will arrive in the city of Mexico on the fifth instant. They were in New Orleans on Monday and left in the afternoon by the Southern Pacific. A private telegram to a prominent North Carolinian was received to day. It reported both well and the Minister standing their ground excellently. The heat has been terrible but it has not affected either. Several ex North Carolinians called on the Minister when in he was New Orleans.

Mr. W. W. Scott, acting Deputy Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, writes thus to his paper, the Lenoir Torpie: "Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who fell sick of the grip because the Douglass Legislature adjourned and lost itself all over North Carolina, arrived here the first of this week to see his friends and to recuperate. He looks much better than I expected of a man who had experienced the double application of the grip and sixty days of Douglassism. His friends in the Interior Department took advantage of his presence here to make a formal presentation of a hand some and costly silver service that the Interior Department employees chipped in and bought for their popular ex Chief Clerk. The occasion amounted to an ovation to the man who has furnished the only known instance of an office holder holding on without dying or getting fired. Referring to his popularity, I must tell this one on him if it makes him my enemy for life. Secretary Smith was remarking upon the popularity of his friend Daniels to a number of his friends and they were accounting for it in various ways, upon the score of his geniality, pleasant manners, accommodation, indefatigability. 'I'll explain it,' said Judge Hull, a devoted friend of Mr. Daniels, 'this is the secret of it: He promised everything to everybody and then lit out!' That brought down the house. Mr. Daniels left for Raleigh last night. Mr. B. R. Lucy, Labor Commissioner, 'the brand from the burning,' whom the Douglassites tried their best to flog, but couldn't, came with Mr. Daniels and his friends were delighted to see him."

Mr. Bunn is here. He visited the department to day and was at the committee rooms. It is said he is here in the interest of a friend in Rocky Mount.

Mr. Snaw, of Rockingham, is here visiting his son, Cliff Shaw. He will leave on Monday. He is confident the State will be regained by the Democrats in '96. He says the Populists in his section are disgusted with the Legislature.

M. V. Blake, a negro from Morganton, who has been claim agent for several years, has been debarred from practicing before the Interior Department, for violation of the pension laws. Blake was convicted in the United States Court and sentenced to imprisonment, his crime being swindling an old woman out of her pension.

James T. McGregor, of Lilesville, is appointed West Point Cadet, alternate B. B. Watts, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Interior and Post office Departments, Curtis, Sims and Kerr craze held a consultation to day to arrange to supply the departments with envelopes for the next fiscal year. The arrangement is estimated, will use above 60,000,000 annually.

The Methodist Conference of the United States met at Alexandria, Nev. Mr. Albright, who represents the North Carolina Conference, was introduced to day and recognized by the Conference. His speech was full of pleasant words, and was well received.

M. F. Sealie, President Morganton

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