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(Henry Van Dyke.) For the comforting warmth of the sun that my body embraces, For the cool of the waters that run through the shadowy places...

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

The fact that the Democratic Convention of Craven county has been called for the fifteenth of April has caused some discussion as to the time of holding the State Convention.

So far as any expression has been heard among Democrats the opinion is general that no primaries or county conventions should be held prior to the election on State Prohibition.

The Democratic National Convention will be held in Denver on the seventh of July, and it will be necessary to hold the State Convention no later than June the thirtieth, in order to elect delegates in time for them to make the long trip.

Chairman Chatham is wise in not hurrying a meeting of the State Committee. The longer in reason it is delayed and the latest possible date for holding the State Convention the better will the people be pleased.

The man who "works the people" finds it a success if the people are gullible. They are therein different as thus stated by the Columbia State: "Mr. Edison's announcement that his success is due to 2 per cent genius and 98 per cent hard work, suggests that some men's success is due to 98 per cent genius for working others."

North Carolina has no referendum in its Constitution, though it adopted it in one case when the prohibition law was submitted. The new constitution of Michigan includes the initiative and referendum. They will not be needed when representatives truly represent the people.

Some people value a thing according to the price put upon it, and the Wilmington Star recognizes that high price does not always mean a better article, for it says, "The only reason the climate of California is more popular than that of North Carolina is that it costs so much more."

A NEW NOTE FROM THE THUNDERER.

Again does the ready letter writer, the Honorable Thunderer Tomtit Hicks, cause us to speak a solemn warning to the susceptible young Democrats of the State not to permit themselves to be blown, snatched, wooed or hypnotized from the moorings of their faith.

Observe the way in which the political sage of Henderson makes his sly attack. Does he make a direct appeal at the beginning? The methods of the letter writer are too adroit for any such bungling scheme as that.

Consider that Mr. Hicks fell not gently but with a thud and has been thundering and threatening to rain ever since, this is doubtless merely poetic license, but he continues with: "An abiding confidence based on an experience of 60 years that those opinions will be carried into successful governmental operation and bring happiness and prosperity to all who desire them, not in or by a scramble for office, but in being allowed to work out successfully their own salvation."

Now isn't this like an organ? Does it not roll and reverberate with cadences like Cathedral music? Under its magic spell one is almost inclined to admit the "all-good" of Republicanism, to forget the Teddy-bear engines; to imagine the annihilation of all the rich malefactors, the elevation of those who toil from the bread line and the soup houses to the Elysian fields of the full dinner pail and the eight-hour day; to see the tariff reformed by its friends, Roosevelt posing as Santa Claus and the G. O. P. elephant distributing cigars and handing around the wine.

But once more the theme changes, and this time the melody is that of appeal to created excitement. At the proper moment, when the millennium is all but here, when the skies are glowing and the mills humming and the poor man struggling with the tails of his dress suit, the key shifts. The voice is almost that of the evangelist, the brethren shouting and the sisters wringing their hands while the exalted and up-lifted voice picks us up, sweeps us forward to repentance and to glory, shouting its own experience, declaring its own comfort—calling, on all to come! Listen:

"Above all, when you move out of the Democratic party and into the Republican party you will feel as I did—that you have moved out of a strait and into a nation, out of serfdom and into freedom, out of narrowness and prejudice and provincialism into the broad world of love and expanding nationality. Come on, boys. The tracks lead this way. Don't look back; you might turn to a pillar of salt. Don't let the flings and slurs of Josephus Daniels deter you. If you join the Republican party from the right motive, the world will be happier and brighter to you than it ever was before."

Who would risk the fate of Lot's wife? Who, going forward into the night with the fires of a consumed Democracy smouldering in his rear, would care to be a melancholy monument to vain regret? The imagery of it! The threat of it! The hopelessness of it! Away from this Sodomy that "brought on the war," eyes ahead to the glorious future waiting on beyond, through the desert of the panic, footsores and empty though you be, away to the Hicks mirage of palaces and vineyards and running waters. The "tracks lead this way," but there are more tracks coming back. Do not look upon them but follow on—help, help. Dry bones in the valley, skeletons along the way, hope ever shining and ever deferred, offices in the distance—come, come, when the time is ripe! But is "Convert" Hicks afraid to look back?

REACHED THE WEGGS STATE. The campaign for the Governorship, though longer than usual, has now reached a stage that must give pain to all the candidates, as well as a long suffering public. It is bad enough to have to endure a ten month's campaign for the nomination without having to read the virtues of the candidates emblazoned in poetry, even though all the rhymesters were second editions of Tennyson.

THE NEED OF THE BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING WORLD IS CHEAP AND QUICK TRANSPORTATION. Water transportation means cheap transportation, for no railroad can compete with water in cheapness. Quick freights must go by rail, but much freight can go as well by water and as a matter of fact railroads have been so slow, owing to congestion of traffic and other causes, that railroad transportation has been slower than water transportation as well as much higher.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN QUOTES MR. WEAVER, returning from from Oklahoma, as saying "the money situation in Oklahoma is not so bad as at other places and the banks are not inconvenienced by shortage of money."

THE CHURCH OF THE STILL HOUSE? Wilkesboro Chronicle. The question in the prohibition election is not between "wine" and "brandy," but between the church and the school house and the still house. The experience in Wilkes during the last few years is favorable entirely to the side of the church and schoolhouse.

THE WORLD HAS TRIED ITS LEVEL BEST TO MURDER IT. Greenboro Telegram. Shall the Democratic party die?—New York World. No, but it will not be the World's fault.

TEACHER DOWN AND OUT. Negro Educator in State Colored Normal Arrested for Carrying a Pistol and Dismissed From School. (Special to News and Observer.) Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 27.—S. M. Grant, a negro teacher in the State Colored Normal School here, was arrested on the streets last night for carrying a pistol. He was tried before Mayor Powers today and bound over to court in a two hundred dollar bond, which he failed to give, and was jailed.

THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS. Greenboro Telegram. Bully for Pou. He talked the straight goods in his speech in the House of Representatives Tuesday. Among other things that he accomplished he showed up the rank inconsistencies of Theodore Roosevelt. "The Republican party," he said, "has surrounded the trusts and monopolies and wealthy malefactors with a wall which shuts out all competition and has delivered to them the American people as their legitimate prey, and because these trusts, monopolies and wealthy malefactors have taken advantage of the opportunities offered by the Republican party the President now cries out righteous indignation and sounds the alarm of great national peril. The tariff is believed by many thoughtful people to be at the bottom of the grossly unequal distribution of wealth. The contention is very reasonable and we believe it is a just one. Of course, the holders of the colossal fortunes contend that it is their special and unusual ability that enabled them to amass those fortunes. But when you give down for the facts, you find out that back of all the great financial genius that is claimed for the mighty men of valor in the financial world are to be found such iniquities as a protective tariff, special railroad favors, watering of securities, and the stifling of

competition. Mr. Pou may be putting it rather strongly when he says that under equal laws impartially administered it is almost impossible for millionaires to exist, but certain it is that under an impartial administration of laws bearing on all equally there could not exist these large fortunes which are the standing wonder of the present day time.

There is no music in a Horne; We'll hang it on the Kitchen wall, And only toot it when We make the dinner call.

But Craig's a euphonious name; In cadence like a waterfall: No tooting Horne, or Kitchen smell—Just Lockie Craig—that's all.

Deserved Commendation for Restraint Under Severe Provocation. Greensboro Record. When you come to speak of restraint, Fayetteville is entitled to the prize, for never was there more cause for lynch law than on Sunday last when a trifling negro shot and killed the chief of police of that town. To make it more exasperating there was no cause on earth why the negro should have wanted to kill him; yet the law is to be allowed to take its course, though a feeble attempt was made to lynch the negro at the time. The staid people of that ancient town are to be congratulated, for we could point out a thousand towns where he would have been swung up in short order.

Controlled by the Few. Senator La Follette says that seventy-six men, holding 1600 directorships in the great business concerns of the country, control the business of the nation, and that the railroads are controlled by eight men. No wonder the last Republican National Convention refused Senator La Follette a seat in that convention, and that there is an evident conspiracy to keep him out of the coming convention. The Republican machine does not allow such home thrusts to be made by those labeled Republicans.

Wanted: Soup House. Cleveland, if we take the Republican testimony was generous enough to establish soup houses, but Roosevelt doesn't seem to care if his subjects are hungry. We want a soup house, Mister Roosevelt, we are hungry. Our factories have shut down and we are out of work. Hot soup is very good this cold weather. It is nourishing. Won't you please send us one down here to Lexington?

The cost of living has not gone down though the panic has pinched most people. The Wilmington Star makes this happy comment: "We are hearing a great deal of late regarding reduced railroad earnings, reduction of the number of employees, reduction of wages and a general all-around reduction, but has any one discovered any reduction in the cost of living?"

It is refreshing to hear Justice Brewer preaching that public debts are not blessings. This sort of talk in an era when Aldrich wants public debts upon which to base currency is healthy.

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House Insurance Companies. Fayetteville Observer. Under the above head, yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer well says: "The meeting of the stockholders of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, held in Raleigh yesterday, received most gratifying reports of the business done by this young company, but one that has the largest capital of any like company south of Baltimore. During its short life the company has written over a million dollars in business, and reports indicated that its affairs are in every way profitable and promising. The success of the Jefferson and other strong home life insurance companies should be of particular pride and gratification to every North Carolinian. They have already done much to stop the drain of money from this State to Northern and Western insurance centers, have proven that the South can organize and successfully take care of its own insurance business, and have in every way justified the large increase in business that they show without exception whenever report is made."

What our Raleigh contemporary so truly says of the home life insurance companies can, with equal force, be said of the home fire insurance companies. We have, right here in Fayetteville, two of the strongest and most successful insurance companies in the State—the Southern Life and the Scottish Fire—and one who insures in either can be sure, if loss should come, that no attempt will be made by an unsympathetic foreigner to bulldoze him into accepting less than the value of his loss.

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SENATE SUMMARY. Two Senators With Indian Blood Carry on an Acrimonious Debate.—Owen and Curtis Lock Horns.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—A highly dramatic scene in which two Senators with Indian blood in their veins and members of former Indian tribes carried on an animated and acrimonious debate marked the proceedings of the Senate today as unusual.

Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, a member of the Cherokee nation, fought by means of a wordy battle, to have the word "late" placed before the designation of the "Five civilized tribes," declaring that he wanted to record the death of the old tribal relations. Senator Curtis, of Kansas, who is part Kaw Indian, taunted his fellow Senator with the statement that he was "under the control of the Secretary of the Interior," and there ensued a wordy battle that entertained both Senators and visitors in the galleries. When the Senate voted on the proposition it was against the contention of Mr. Owen.

Senator McCreary, of Kentucky, spoke on the currency bill, and after further consideration of the Indian bill the Senate at 4:30 p. m. adjourned.

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