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The selection of Greensboro as the place for the next Democratic State Convention seems to be very generally approved, just as it should be. And while our Raleigh friends are somewhat sore over the apparent slight to their city, yet it may be a "blessing in disguise" and result in securing ample hotel accommodations for them. Already, within three days after Greensboro was selected, active steps were taken at Raleigh to build a hotel the equal of any in the State and we doubt not that these efforts will be successful.

It is a mistake to say, as some papers have said, that this is the first State convention not held at Raleigh. A Democratic State convention was held before the war—in 1858—at Charlotte, when Judge Ellis was nominated for Governor, and another Democratic State convention was held after the war—in May 1872—at Greensboro, when Judge Merrimon was nominated for Governor. We have a very distinct recollection of the latter convention, having been its secretary. It was held in a tobacco warehouse a few yards north of the present railroad passenger station, and its president was Hon. John Kerr, who made a most impassioned and eloquent speech. Gov. Vance also made a notable speech, a short hand report of which was made by Rev. N. B. Cobb and published in Maj. Hearne's paper at Raleigh, which was then considered quite a journalistic feat.

Nearly all the prominent men at that convention are now dead. So far as we can now recall, the only nominee of that convention now living is Maj. John W. Graham, who was the nominee for State Treasurer. Very few who attended that convention will attend the convention next June. The few survivors of that convention who may attend the next will find not only a change in the personnel of that body, but they will also find a wonderful change in circumstances. But of that later. We hope to be there, and while we still live enjoy the present.

The government of Cuba will be surrendered to its new officers on the 20th of May, and the authorities and officers of the United States will then be withdrawn. Cuba will then become a Republic in reality, and it will then be seen whether or not the inhabitants are capable of self government, which many doubt.

While the United States may claim great credit for freeing Cuba from Spain and establishing a Republic, yet our Congress deserves the condemnation of all fair minded persons for not giving Cuba as just trade conditions as Spain gave. After waging a war for "humanity's sake" and freeing Cuba from Spanish rule it seems so strange that our government should impose on Cuba a tariff tax which her newly elected President declares will be ruinous.

President Palma has repeatedly warned our government that a tariff tax on Cuban sugar means ruin to Cuba, and yet our Republican Congress refuses to avert this ruin. And this is another sad illustration is offered of the stupidity and injustice of the high protective tariff policy of the Republican party.

Congressman Pou made a "good strike" when he introduced a resolution last week to appoint a special committee to investigate the charges of the improper use of money in carrying elections for President and Representatives in Congress. Of course the Republican majority in Congress would not permit such a resolution to be passed, nor allow such charges to be investigated. They are justly afraid that their corrupt methods of carrying elections would be exposed. It costs many Republican Congressmen at the North thousands of dollars to buy their elections, and of course they are not willing for their bribery of voters to be exposed by an investigating committee.

The distinguished young Representative from the metropolitan district deserves the thanks of the whole country for his patriotic effort to investigate, and possibly stop, the corrupt use of money in carrying elections.

An exposure has been made of the Republican scheme to raise a large amount of money by assessments on Federal office-holders, for the purpose of paying the poll tax of negroes and others who will vote the Republican ticket. The exposure was accidentally made in a peculiar manner.

A Republican lawyer in Charlotte, named D. K. Pope, who had the promise of being postmaster there, was appointed by Senator Pritchard to go about this State and collect a large amount of money from the Federal office-holders. On this business he went to the postmaster at Madison, in Rockingham county, and demanded $250. The postmaster did not have that much money and gave his note for that amount. After Pope had gone with the note the postmaster suspected that he had been "bunco'ed" and imposed on. Accordingly he pursued Pope and with a pistol made him return the note, and then had him arrested. Telegrams were soon received stating that Pope had been duly appointed by Pritchard to make these assessments, and he was discharged.

Several thousand dollars have been and will be collected in this way, and with this money the Republicans will enable a large number of negroes to pay their poll tax and vote. This should stimulate every white man to get all his well to do neighbors to pay their poll tax and register.

By a unanimous vote the Committee on Elections in the House of Representatives has decided that Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of New Bern, is entitled to the seat which was contested by Hon. John E. Fowler, a Democratic Member from Wilmington, and every member of the committee and every one of them voted with the Democrats to allow Mr. Thomas to obtain his seat.

Of course such a showing that Mr. Fowler's contest was utterly without grounds or merit, and yet he and his attorneys, Faulcon, Russell and Ex-Senator Butler, alleged most serious charges of fraud and intimidation, as Republicans and Populists usually do when they are defeated as they deserve to be. Perhaps had they been present at the hearing before the committee and heard Fowler's allegations the Republicans would undoubtedly have suggested Mr. Thomas and put in his Republican and Populist opponent.

It is very easy for defeated candidates to cry out "fraud," and Republicans and Populists usually do, but proving these charges is another thing and this they seldom do. The Congressional contest offered a splendid opportunity for the Republicans and Populists to expose and probe the many election frauds which they continually allege against the Democrats in this State. After their dismal failure to sustain their charges in this case they ought to cease their continual charges, and either "put up or shut up."

North Carolina was unrepresented in both branches of Congress on last Monday. Senator Simmons and Representative Pou, making speeches that were highly creditable to our State and were much complimented. This was our Senator's first set speech, and at its conclusion he was warmly congratulated by Republicans as well as Democrats. It was against the ship subsidy bill, which is not a partisan question.

Mr. Pou denounced the proposed attempt of the Republicans to interfere with our elimination of the negro from politics, and he deserves the thanks of all true white men for boldly exclaiming.

"If you Republicans think it is right to pension our State for protecting its homes then do your worst. We defy you. We never expect to submit to negro rule for one single day in our State, if there is any legal way to avoid it."

What decent white man will not approve and say "Amen" to this.

The Iron Mountain Route to the Reunion at Dallas offers peculiar advantages and inducements to persons in this State who may attend that grand occasion. Going via Atlanta and Memphis a "stop-over" is allowed at Hot Springs, Arkansas, which is one of the most attractive resorts in the United States. See "ad." in another column.

The first of a series of Educational Rallies will be held at Greensboro today and tomorrow (to-

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, March 27th, 1902.

William Jennings Bryan, Lewis Nixon, leader of Tammany Hall, and Henry McDermott, just returned in time to witness the opening exercises in Congress on the first of the two weeks' recess which will be granted on account of Easter. Mr. Bryan is evident on all sides to be the most important candidate with the Democrats have yet shown for 1904. Just what Mr. Bryan said to his friends in and around Washington I do not know, but a Democratic Senator and a Democratic Congressman told me before I left that the next Democratic platform will be "progressive" and that the Democrats would have to go before the people with a platform containing something more than opposition to the trusts. Bryan is the most conservative of the Democratic leaders from the West. He refused to commit himself on the question of the tariff, but said the Democrats would have to go before the people with a more radical platform than the Republicans would have, provided the latter remained conservative. He declared the gold dollar to be a thing of the past, and said that the Democrats would have to go before the people with a platform declaring for free silver and gas such legislation as had a blasting effect on the business interests of the country. He is confident that the next Democratic convention will endorse his opinions.

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