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WALK INTO MY PARLOR, SAID
THE SPIDER TO THE FLY.

The invitation of the State Democratic Committee to all white men who would vote their ticket to participate in the Democratic primaries is not likely to deceive any intelligent Populist.

Well do we remember how, in 1892 and prior to that time, we fought in the primaries till we had a majority in counties, districts and the State and yet by the most open fraud, were prevented from accomplishing anything against the will of the machine.

A sample of this old saw was the county convention of '92 in Wake county.

It is fresh in the minds of most Wake county citizens—how when we and others as delegates from Swift Creek Township elected by a vote in open primary of 55 to 13 were not allowed to sit in said convention, because said township vote would give a majority against the machine.

The method used on that particular occasion was, they finding a majority against them got up a contest from said township (same methods used to nominate Russell Governor) when they had no grounds for the same, but had a purpose; that purpose being to thwart the will of the majority.

In Catawba county the reformers had a large majority and the ring bullied the majority by taunts, threats and insults, till they were forced, out of self-respect, to leave the convention.

If this is the dish that is to be set before Populist, it is a foolish fly that will sip at that tea. If any are so foolish as to accept the invitation, he will not live long enough to see the fatness of a feast of good things, because he, like the fly, will be on the inside of the host.

TIMELY ADVICE.

We would say to some of our Democratic contemporaries in this State, "You are too slow. Get a move on you and that p. d. q. We have got one of the hardest fights on our hands this year we have ever yet had."—*Wilmington Review.*

If this advice was adhered to by the D. O. P. machine, they would make trouble for somebody.

You will see from this paper that they are very much divided.

We wish to warn all Populist and Republican papers that as soon as the convention marks out a policy, be it fusion or anti-fusion, they will all fall in line.

Hadn't we better apply the advice?

THE MAINE.

Ever since the fatal accident to the Maine, investigations have been in progress to discover the cause.

The Board of Investigation is using every means to ascertain the cause, and while at this writing nothing has been given out, everything points to show that it was purposely blown up by an enemy. As to who the enemy was is a matter of opinion and speculation.

One thing is certain, and that is the U. S. Government is making unusual preparations in our coast defenses.

It seems quite clear that if the Spanish Government was responsible, she will get a lambasting from Uncle Sam.

RESULT OF DEMOCRATIC RULE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The burning of the house of the negro postmaster in South Carolina and the killing of him and other members of his family is one of the blackest deeds recorded in civilization.

We do not charge that this is a result of Democratic rule in South Carolina but we do know that the methods of proscription and intolerance of that party toward the negro, so inflamed the whites that they lost sight of all things except ridding themselves of the negro postmaster.

It will be remembered that a boycott was instituted against the postoffice at that place and that race feeling run high.

Who sowed the seeds that brought forth this fruit?

Democratic papers in this State charge up rapes, murders, scandals and all other disgraceful things to fusion. According to their logic, who is responsible for this crime?

We have been told that when the negro postmaster was appointed at Scotland Neck, N. C., Democratic citizens notified him that it would not be well for him to act and that he did not dare to do so, but put a white man in to manage the office for him.

Our informants were Democrats.

AFTERMATH OF DEM. EX. COM. MEETING.

The fuse has been touched off, the mighty dynamo has exploded and the result is phyz.

The Democratic press of the State are all pleased with the action of the committee, as such can, like the Chicago platform of 1892, interpret it to mean anything they wish. Straddlebugs are what they are on all questions except the "nigger."

We give elsewhere extracts from the State press on that wonderful production.

SPEAK OUT.

During the last campaign, our people were pulled and hauled around, and kept in the dark as to what they would do till within about a month of election.

This seems to us to be the height of folly and should not be repeated.

If you are afraid to take a position, stand aside and make room for men with opinions and manhood to defend them.

SPANISH-AMERICAN SITUATION.

It seems that the Board of Inquiry in the Maine disaster are keeping for the U. S. Government their findings. Meanwhile all kinds of reports are being circulated.

The President seems to be acting with discretion and remembering the motto of "trust in God and keep your powder dry."

Websters Weekly comes out for Dem-Pop fusion and goes for those who oppose in a two-column editorial. Mr. Webster thinks he will at least, fuse with the Populists in his county, and knows that it is the only salvation of Democracy in Rockingham county.

Won't it be playing his cards well for Marion Butler to announce his favorableness for free silver and a white man's government in North Carolina and invite us to join him? Of course we never expect to see the day when we will go with him but he might put us in a hole if we didn't. Our plan is if he is in favor of free silver and a white man's government in North Carolina, let him work for it in his own party and the Democrats do likewise. Suppose we keep out that newly mixed wine out of our old Democratic battles.—*Stanly Enterprise.*

Convention Called to Meet on Thursday, 26th day of May—Meeting of Committee.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings that has ever been held by a Democratic Executive Committee in North Carolina was held in Raleigh last night. The members of the committee came in on every train yesterday, and when the meeting was called to order every member who could possibly get here was present. Letters were read from those members who were unable to be present full of enthusiastic and patriotic utterances. The individual members gave encouraging reports from their respective sections and from these reports it is perfectly manifest that the honest white people of North Carolina have about made up their minds that they will have no more of corrupt, incompetent and scandalous rule of affairs in North Carolina. There was a divergence of opinion as to the time the State convention should be held, but it was almost the universal sentiment that the convention meet early and shape a broad and conservative policy under which all those who desire reform in National affairs and good wholesome government in North Carolina could enlist and fight for victory in November.

The committee met at 8 o'clock in rooms 41 and 42 of the Yarrow House.

The following were the resolutions passed:

"Whereas the Democratic organization of North Carolina is a part of the National Democratic organization, and whereas this committee is the custodian of the interests of said organization in North Carolina.

"Resolved 1. That the committee endorse the patriotic address of our National Chairman, Hon. Jas. K. Jones, seeking to unite the silver forces in the impending Congressional contests.

"Resolved 2. That the chairman of our committee be requested to call a State Convention to meet in Raleigh, N. C., on the 26th day of May, 1898, which early convention has supreme authority and will shape all matters of party policy.

"Resolved 3. That in accordance with the resolution heretofore adopted, all white electors who intend to vote with us in the next election and who desire the re-establishment of Anglo-Saxon supremacy and honest and good government in North Carolina, are cordially invited to participate in all our primaries and conventions."

After the resolutions were passed the committee spent some little time in an informal discussion of the political conditions of the State and Nation.—*News & Observer.*

Can Give no Orders to us, and Why.

Weekly, for months past, Webster's Weekly, of Reidsville, has read the Observer and its editor out of the Democratic party, and this week, commenting upon our declaration of a week ago that we do not propose to march under Mr. Marion Butler's banner, it says:

"The Democrat who is too good to march where Mr. Bryan and the chairman of the national Democratic executive committee and the congressional committee do is too good to stay in the Democratic party and ought to seek more select company."

This is substantially what the same paper has been saying over and over to the Observer. The editor of Webster's Weekly is Mr. John R. Webster. In 1886 he was an independent candidate for the Legislature in Rockingham county and was elected by the votes of independents and Republicans. We had much sympathy with him under the circumstances and were glad he was elected. But he went to Raleigh and instead of going into the House Democratic caucus stayed out of it and was elected Speaker by a combination of independents and Republicans, over Lee S. Overman, Esq., of Rowan, the Democratic caucus nominee, every Republican voting for him. When the election of officers of the House came on he voted for Geo. M. Bulla, Republican, of Davidson, for clerk, and his vote elected him over the gentle and learned John D. Cameron, Democrat, who had been the capable clerk of the House for years.

Along about the same time he was writing ponderous editorials in favor of a protective tariff and for a long period before and after the events above referred to nobody could tell, by reading his paper, what party he belonged to, if any.

Now this same Mr. Webster has constituted himself the judge of the Democracy of other men and is standing at the door of the party, taking them in and throwing them out according as his sweet fancy suggests. When it comes to be recognized by public opinion as in good form for a street drab, who has reformed, to go around lecturing on virtue to women who have never gone astray, and dictating to whom society's doors shall be opened and to whom closed, then it will be time for reformed bolters and associates of Republicans to assume the right to read out of the Democratic party men who have never yet voted for a Republican nor failed to vote for every Democrat who was in sight on election day. Meantime we decline to take any political orders from Mr. John R. Webster.—*Charlotte Observer.*

The Wilmington Review voices the sentiments of the democratic papers of the State, with two or three exceptions only, when it raises the cry of only one issue—the offices in North Carolina for the Democrats. Of course they say much about white supremacy but this is only a means by which to ride into office it can be counted only one issue at least. The Review says:

Never mind about the mugwumps. If there are any in North Carolina they can take care of themselves. They may profess whatever faith they please so that they vote with us, which they will surely do. Any kind of a Democrat is better than any kind of a Republican, and every man vote counts. Drop the mugwump business and let up on free silver and pay more attention to actual State interests and less to those which are fanciful. Our first and mightiest effort should be to redeem the State. If North Carolina goes Democratic with the State ticket next fall she can surely be counted upon to sustain the Presidential ticket in 1900. Free silver can take care of itself.

"They may profess whatever faith they please so they vote with us *** every man's vote counts." What matters it what a Democrat believes—high tariff or low tariff, gold or silver, for railroad lease or against it so he votes for Democrats to have the offices.

"If North Carolina goes Democratic with the State ticket next fall she can surely be counted upon to sustain the Presidential ticket in 1900." You see? Let them get control of the legislature and arrange an honest (?) election law by which they can again count themselves in and what need they fear about the future?

Give them the legislature and they can solve the problem of how to stay in power. You say everybody votes now whether he can read or owns any land or not. Yes and you know what Democrats do in South Carolina and Mississippi, and what they count on doing in North Carolina. If you want such a law for North Carolina give the Democrats the legislature.—*Chatham Citizen.*

Some of the old time prudence and patriotism which formerly characterized Democratic councils predominated at the meeting of the State Executive Committee Tuesday night. It was asserted that only to the Democratic party can the people look for good government in the State; that the party can only accomplish its high mission by proclaiming honest doctrines, and manfully and heroically proclaiming and maintaining its own integrity and self respect. Going thus before the people, our party will receive their respect and confidence, because it will show that, possessing such for ourselves, we are entitled to it from them. A fair honest comparison of the combination now in control with their performances, and a comparison of their performances with the administrations of the Democratic party from 1870 to 1897 will enlist the attention

and, we believe, the earnest support of the majority of the people, and thus secure a return to control of the Democratic party. Let Democrats, not only whose integrity, but intelligence and good judgment, are recognized, be chosen for the officers. Let men whose aims are for the general and the greatest good for all the people whose integrity will exert itself in behalf of equal and just treatment of all interests, that will impose, nor permit to be imposed, no unfair, unequal or unjust burden upon any class or interest, that will administer the laws honestly, impartially, as well as intelligently—we say let the Democrats select Democrats who will come up to this standard, and, as Democrats, with the history of the past and the disgrace of the present, go to the people. Who can doubt the result? We have faith in the integrity of the people.—*Raleigh Post.*

The resolutions of the executive committee last night are within the lines laid down yesterday by the Post. The endorsement of the address of Chairman Jones carries with it no proposition for fusion with Butler or any other party, as has been suggested should be done, as Mr. Jones' address of itself makes no such suggestion. It does nothing more than invite, as did the other resolution adopted by the State committee at its last meeting and reiterated last night, all who believe in Democratic principles to unite with the Democratic party and restore good government to the nation as well as to the State.—*Raleigh Post.*

We Don't.

Who believes that the Populist leaders in this State favor silver when their record brands them as supporters of a gold bug Senator?

Who believes that they favor white supremacy and honest government in view of the fact that they elected negro legislators and have assisted very materially in the mismanagement of the loosest government our State has ever experienced?

The Herald does not. In fact, we have no faith whatever in their utterances and we repudiate all ideas of a fusion, either congressional or otherwise, with a gang of such infamous characters.—*Smithfield Herald.*

In another column we publish the proceedings of the State Committee at Raleigh, on Tuesday night, and the resolutions adopted. It will be seen that the time for holding the State convention is fixed for May 26th. Outside of that if anybody will tell us just what those resolutions mean he will do us a favor. And what was it they did not want to give out for publication? These be curious times and the man who can keep up with the schemes and schemers in politics is wiser than his generation. We do not mean to apply these terms to the State committee but they fit the general situation. Between silver democrats and Gold democrats, Pritchard republicans, Butler populists and Skinner populists and dear little Otto Wilson, all by his lonesome, where are we going? Our hope is for a MAN to lead us out of this tangled political skein.—*Tarboro Southerner, Democrat.*

Announcing the "return" of some Populist (whose name they always keep a profound secret) is getting to be rather monotonous with our Democratic quill drivers, and we don't wonder at it. The thing that astonishes us is that they could keep up the same old song for six years and not get tired of it themselves. They ought now to rejoice that their Ananias club has furnished them with the novel idea of reporting Populist meetings called for the avowed purpose of "devising the best means of returning to the Democratic party in a body." Let every two legged Democratic editor take up the refrain at once. Pass it down the lines that Populists are quitting their plowing to "hold meetings" and determine the best plan of sailing back to the dear old party in a body. Then when a new falsehood is started, trot it down the line, too. Nothing like keeping things on the move.—*Peoples Paper.*

Is the Corset Doomed?

Has the death knell of the corset been rung? Are the days of the feminine coat of mail numbered?

At every fashionable function this season, on all the fashionable thoroughfares and conspicuously around the shopping centre of this city the Russian blouse, in one or another form, is in evidence. The blazer and the short jacket are giving way before it. When either the one or the other is worn it is sure to be over a dainty underwaist made with a Russian blouse front effect. At luncheon, breakfast and dinner it is seen, and even in full evening dress the blouse effect asserts itself. The Herald has already told and pictured the story of woman's new figure, brought about by the lowering of the corset. But there is something more to come. Is it the total abolition of the corset?

Now, a well-formed woman does not need a long, stiff, boned corset under this novel and pretty garment. Any moderately slender woman can wear it without a real corset. She needs only an underwaist well fitted to her graceful mould of form. Even the short French corset is unnecessary except for those whose adipose is decidedly pronounced.

The ribbon corset, which is really only a bust supporter, is the only garment—if it can be so called—that is required. This dainty little creation allows full play of the intercostal muscles and may justly be hailed as the sure promoter of that sinuous grace of movement which always accompanies a supple and untrammeled waist.

A well-known dress artist, one who is highly educated and familiar with art in the plastic form as well as in the history of dress, antique, mediæval and modern; one who has entered long and successfully to the world of fashion and the caprices of fashionable women, both in America and on the other side of the water, predicts that the corset is moribund—that it has been slowly but surely dying for the last ten years.

The argument urged is briefly this: Since the genesis of the new woman, the woman who plays tennis and golf, who rides after the hounds, who takes keen delight in all outdoor sports and devotes herself to those physical exercises of the new school known as gymnastics without apparatus, there has been a steady demand for dress adapted to that kind of life.

This same artist in dress also declares that the women who fence and take their daily poses, movements and exercises in breathing, swaying, pivoting and contraction and expansion of their muscles are more easily fitted and more easily pleased than those who do not. They have, as a rule, she says, smaller waists, fuller chests and less adipose development than those who do not devote some of their time to gymnastics and outdoor sports. Better than all this, she asserts, they have sweeter tempers, are less capricious, more intelligent and have a larger amount of common sense than most women. Now the question is: Will this kind of new woman be sufficiently in the majority to kill the old-fashioned corset?—*N. Y. Herald.*

South Carolina has been going down hill pretty fast of late years but firing the house of a negro postmaster and shooting the whole family, two of them fatally, when they ran out to escape the flames is the worst that has been recorded against her. Until the dastardly villains who committed the deed are legally hanged it will remain a blot upon the whole State. Shooting down women and children in cold blood—and that occurred not in Armenia, not in Cuba but in South Carolina.—*Greensboro, Telegram.*

It seems that Governor Russell has all at once discovered that the N. C. R. lease matter is a "hot brick," and has decided to let it alone. It would have been better for the State if he had arrived at this conclusion earlier, as his efforts of "buncombe" have only resulted in a miserable fizzle and have cost the taxpayers of North Carolina several thousand dollars.—*Smithfield Herald.*