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There is a little danger of the Democratic party's overloving the mare's nest enterprise.

Democratic sympathy for Gen'l Miles does not involve a nomination to the presidency.

That Holiness preacher who killed his neighbor the other day settled the question as to his part in that beneficent state.

'Joems' Arkansas Jones can now enter into active sympathy with the fellow who got left. He knows how it feels himself.

The hungry and thirsty leaders of Democracy are giving old Miss Harmony a hot race, but so far she has eluded their embraces.

THE REGISTER of today contains a carefully prepared condensation of the election laws of this State which we commend to the study of every voter.

Every time Col. Henry Watson drinks enough to see double he discerns a chance for the Democratic party to break into the official clover field.

It is not the 20 per cent concession on Cuban importations that excites the disgust of free-traders so much as the other 80 per cent, that is not conceded.

If ever a member of the House of Representatives deserved a succession of terms on the score of sheer merit, Hon. James M. Moody, of this district, does.

Congressman Rhea of Kentucky could tell a long story about what he knows of the wages of sin and the folly of "framing iniquity" into a Goebel election law.

The Goebel election law got Mr. Rhea into Congress but it didn't keep him there. And that is the main thing after all; for what is the good of getting in only to be cast out again?

Mr. Richardson felt sure he had discovered an overshadowing issue, one that would dwarf all paramours of former times. But when he put his finger upon it he found it was just an Irishman's flea.

Senator Pritchard, as a member of the Senate majority, can accomplish more for the South than half a dozen members of a factions minority, and we believe the people of North Carolina will take this view of it.

As soon as it was demonstrated that the oleomargarine people were perpetrating a gross fraud upon the public, Senator Furnifold Simmons rushed to their defense like a kindred spirit. Just to remind the forgetful that he is some fraud himself.

None but expert straddlers can stand on a platform with one plank in Boerdom and another in Filipinoland. It is unreasonable to expect Democrats to "toe the line" and stand on both sides of the globe at the same time.

General Miles' correspondence to the President recently submitted to congress on the request of that body, shows that, as a wanter, the General has few equals and no superiors. It is not thought that those Democratic members who were foremost in demanding the information conveyed by the aforesaid correspondence will care to exploit what they learned before the public.

The resignation of Pension Commissioner Evans has been placed in the hands of the President and, it is said, will be accepted as soon as a better place can be provided for him. Mr. Evans has made a faithful and capable Commissioner of Pensions. It has been his constant endeavor to make the pension roll a roll of honor, and his efforts had the approbation of the President and the

administration. His going is a concession to the pension sharks that ought not to be made and we hope President Roosevelt will return his resignation endorsed, "not accepted."

Congressman Richardson's spring into the arena with his Danish "Christmas" trick was several degrees too previous. A man of ordinary cheek would not wait for a suggestion to "go 'way back and sit down" and be disgusted at himself.

For once the Democrats in Congress have gotten together. It is upon a Philippine policy that they agree. As usual with them, it is a bad policy and adds another to a multitude of reasons why the party should be kept in "innocuous desuetude."

Chairman James K. Jones can hope longer after defeat than any statesman on record. It is a way he has. The balance of mankind has known for a whole week that the King of the round cotton bale trust was beaten out of his boots in his effort to be returned to the United States Senate, but he continues to cheer his lively hope that the final count will be in his favor.

Free-traders in this country are unentirely in their demand for sweeping tariff concessions to Cuba. In this they are in absolute harmony with the Sugar Trust and the Tobacco Trust. This is a typical case of anti-trust Democracy. They cry out against trusts to deceive the people and at the same time do the most servile and unpatriotic work that the worst species of trusts demand of them.

A judge who allows politics to swerve him from the strictest line of justice is something to be deplored and avoided. If half of what has been said of Judge Walter Clark, by men of his own party, be true he is a good man for the people to mark for defeat if he is nominated for Chief Justice by the Democrats this year. A man who cannot leave off politics when he dons the ermine is not fit to sit in judgement upon his countrymen.

The Atlanta Constitution is persuaded that if the Democratic party will go into the next campaign dressed up in some of the Republican party's old tariff clothes it cannot be defeated. If the Constitution can make the leaders see through its "speks," that is the kind of uniform the party will wear. But, as a prophet, the record of the Atlanta Constitution is so full of misses that its counsel is likely to be taken with several grains of doubt.

Those who believe in the people and are willing to abide by their will fairly recorded are not among the beneficiaries of the machine design of which is to land a lot of self selected politicians and their servile volarities into official control regardless of the wishes of the majority to the contrary. The purpose of an honest election is to ascertain and record the will of the majority of the people; the purpose of the machine is to defeat that will and thereby nullify the foundation principle of our form of government.

The idea that has crept into the "noodles" of some of our Democratic friends that the Republican organization in this State proposes, or has ever proposed, to pay the poll tax of negro citizens having the educational qualification to vote, shows what foolish imaginings people who are scared can sometimes conjure up in their minds. The idea of Republicans, generally, is that few negroes who can read and write will be admitted to registration if the Registrars selected by the machine to rob this class of citizens of their rights, perpetrate all the meanness expected of them, and to express the belief that the Republican committee would pay the poll taxes of such citizens, even if it were legitimate to do so, six months before election, and take the chance of getting them to the polls, is just simply to publish one's self an idiot.

MR. PACK'S GENEROUS GIFT.

Asheville is again the recipient of Mr. George W. Pack's generosity. The Vance monument, the library building and the new court house site are not to be the only marks of his love for the city of his adoption. His heart is as ready to give as his keen, practical eye is quick to recognize public necessity. Others may give as cheerfully, but few can give so wisely. Asheville owes him undying gratitude and lasting remembrance. This time he comes forward

with the tender of a gift of eleven acres of land on the west side of South French Broad avenue for a public city park. It is a most admirable location, and could not be excelled in this city for park purposes. There is a nice eminence, a little stream, a good spring, and a number of fine shade trees. There is over 500 feet of front, over 600 feet of depth, and an extension at the south-west corner giving the whole a rhomboidal form.

When property was at high tide in Asheville this property stood at \$50,000, and later at \$25,000. The city has accepted this magnificent gift, and passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Pack. It is to be called Aston Park, at the giver's request, in honor of the late mayor or Aston.

It is hoped that the city will take early steps to improve and beautify the spot.

LEVYING POLITICAL ASSESSMENTS.

The Democratic press professes to be horrified at the discovery that Mr. D. Kirby Pope, of Charlotte, has been soliciting campaign contributions from federal office-holders. Mr. Pope is the regular, authorized agent of the State Republican executive committee for that purpose, and neither he, the committee, nor the party has any apologies to render to the public for his course. The fact that the postmaster of Marshall, either for notoriety, or from other improper inspiration, had him arrested is nothing to his discredit, and will only endear him to his friends. It is not in evidence that he did anything unlawful, improper, or even indiscreet.

Every sensible man knows, and every honest man will admit, that a large amount of money can be honestly, profitably, and legitimately expended in the management of party campaigns. Literature must be edited, printed and mailed; the expense of committees must be borne; corps of speakers must be employed whose contingent expenses must usually be borne, and so on. A political party is an organization of persons of like beliefs for the purpose of putting into practice certain public policies supposed to be for the public good. It has as lawful right to use money for that purpose as a church or a missionary society has to use it for the furtherance of its objects; provided, of course, that no political contribution is used for purposes of venality or corruption. No party management has the right to levy, nor any person to pay, a dollar for the purpose of corrupting the vote of an elector.

As to the persons assessed, it is just and proper that office-holders should pay a relatively larger share than private citizens. In addition to sharing in common with others the benefits of the operations of party policies they also enjoy the honors and emoluments of public stations. This is no greedy or mercenary sentiment. It is the statement of a plain, simple truth which all candid men will admit. Not only these, but private citizens as well, should give of their substance for the honest and legitimate advancement of their ideas of public policy. Will some of these saintly pretenders, whose modesty is so shocked, please name a single public cause which they espoused that has not made demands upon their exchequer for its promotion? Why not be honest and frank about this matter? If there is anything wrong in the system it is made doubly bad by duplicity and misrepresentation.

But dwellers in this glass houses should not invite stone throwing. The Democratic party in North Carolina should be the last to broach the subject. They have worked it for all it is worth. They have tightened it to the last tension. They have put the Republicans to shame. In 1888 and 1896, when they held the federal boards, they levied and collected Caesar's tribute at such a rate as to cause a great howl to go up, and some of the faithful declared that a third of their yearly salary was called for as an offering to party success. In the State campaigns of 1898 and 1900, particularly the former, the forcible and arrogant levying of exorbitant contributions upon all classes of people from railroads to shop clerks was so notorious as to amount to a public scandal. We have no means of knowing how all of these funds were applied, but in a campaign characterized by fraud, intimidation and bloodshed, it is easy to conclude that not all of it went into the channels of legitimate campaign expenses. It is not pleasant to refer to these things, but they are mentioned merely to keep the record straight. THE REGISTER stands ready, at all times, to condemn the levying of contributions for corrupting the ballot, but it

is not so angelic as to condemn it for legitimate party purposes, and has the frankness to say so.

NEW RURAL FREE DELIVERY ROUTES

Congressman Moody Secures Five in Buncombe and Two in Henderson.

Washington, April 2.—Congressman Moody received notice today from the postoffice department that his recommendation for the establishment of the following free rural delivery routes had been favorably acted upon and that the routes would go into operation in the near future.

Two routes out from Candler, Buncombe county; two routes from Fletchers, Henderson county; one from Arden, Buncombe county; one from Black Mountain, Buncombe county, and an additional one from Biltmore.

The report of the House agricultural committee on the Appalachian park bill has been printed and the measure will go on the House calendar tomorrow. Mrs. J. M. Moody returned to North Carolina yesterday after a ten day's visit in Washington.

Mr. A. M. Mathewson, late postmaster at Taylorsville has arrived and will accept a position in the house folding room which was secured him by Congressman Blackburn.

BULGARIA'S ACTION IS OFFENSIVE TO THE U. S.

May Have Serious Effect On the Relations Between the Countries.

Washington, March 31.—Bulgaria's action in refusing to maintain further relations with the United States diplomatic agent, Dickinson, located at Sofia, is displeasing to the administration and may have a serious effect on the relations between the countries. No action will be determined on until Bulgaria's note dismissing Dickinson is received. The reason for Dickinson's dismissal is not fully known but it is believed to be due to his activity in securing the ransom of Miss Stone. It is believed that no successor to Dickinson will be sent and Bulgaria's unfriendly attitude will influence the United States to take steps to secure redress for the kidnapping of Miss Stone.

A Doctor's Bad Plight.

"Two years ago, as a result of a severe cold, I lost my voice," writes Dr. M. L. Scarborough, of Hebron, Ohio, "then began an obstinate cough. Every remedy known to me as a practicing physician for 35 years, failed, and I daily grew worse. Being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, I found quick relief, and for last ten days have felt better than for two years." Positively guaranteed for Throat and Lung troubles by All Druggists. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

One Cent a Mile to Texas.

On account of the Confederate Veterans Reunion, April 22 to 25, round trip tickets will be sold to Dallas, via the Cotton Belt, at a very low rate of one cent a mile. This rate is open to everybody. Tickets will be sold April 18, 19 and 20, and will be limited to May 2 for return, but will be extended to May 15 if desired. Stop over will be allowed at any points in Arkansas or Texas on either going or returning. Low rate side trip tickets will be sold from Dallas to all parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The round trip rate from Asheville will be \$21.60. If you ever expect to visit Texas this will be the chance of your life to do so. For rate and schedule from your home town and for handsomely illustrated pamphlets describing Arkansas and Texas write to H. H. Sutton, Traveling Passenger Agent, Read House Block, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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