

AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.

CHAIRMAN MANLY'S APPEAL FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.

He Urges the White People to Come Together for Protection Against Negro Rule and Ruin.

Below is an address issued to the voters of North Carolina by the Democratic Executive Committee and signed by Clement Manly, chairman, which was made public last Saturday.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 16, 1896. To the Voters of North Carolina: FELLOW-CITIZENS: The Democratic party, now in the midst of its greatest battle for the rights of the people and good government in our beloved State and in the nation, again calls on those having the sacred right of freedom—the ballot—to sustain its cause.

For twenty years we had victory following victory. Two years ago a division in our ranks lost our Legislature to Democracy. This we must redeem. Twenty years ago, under the masterful leadership of Vance, we went from defeat to victory. Again, with the Democratic banner in the hands of the champion of the people, Cyrus B. Watson, we go again to victory.

The Democratic party has ever stood with the masses. Its principles have always been the embodiment of the necessities of the plain people, that class of producers and bread-winners whose labors of head and hand represent American manhood and form the essential structure of the State. Never has this truth been more practically illustrated and exemplified than today, when again it asks the suffrage of the freemen of North Carolina.

If the Chicago platform of 1892 did not express the people's wishes, or if the administration of the principles therein enunciated have not been in accord with the popular demand, the Democratic party, as the ancient and well-tried organization through which the people have sought and obtained their rights, is now in the people's full control. The clear and positive expression of the popular will in our State and national declaration of principles leaves no lingering doubt in the minds of a long-suffering people. And this complete assurance of the reforms demanded has satisfied every anxious expectation by fixing as the executor of the laws to be enacted men whose lives are the living issues of the day.

Democratic faith lies in those immutable principles which preserve human liberty. It has brought them out of the past as principles immortal, and ever living, and, in the course of years, as exigencies have arisen. Democracy has gone out boldly to lend its helping hand to the present wants of the people, and join with them in the establishment of their wishes. This has been its triumph. Those representing this great Democracy have this day acted in accord with this vital spirit of the party. To-day three parties in this great financial crisis, demanding that silver be restored to its proper position with gold as a money of final redemption at the ratio of 16 to 1; an income tax, that the rich may bear their proportion of the burden of taxation, and kindred reforms, have nominated the same candidate for President to carry out these reforms. There was in two of these parties a difference as to Vice President. On account of the constitutional regulations providing for the election of a President and Vice President we must act together or divide our votes. The Democratic party in North Carolina had no hesitation as to its course, but proposed and arranged a composite ticket of electors of the three parties, that the people's will might prevail.

Again, that Bryan's administration might not fail for want of silver legislation, our party definitely proposed to the People's party a united effort for free silver congressmen in every district in the State. This proposition made August 13th, has been insisted on since by your committee, but declined by the People's party. More recently it has become apparent that the Republican party was assuming an enormous registration of elector voters, made possible by an election law of boasted fairness, but the provisions of which plainly permit fraud, as many of those who assisted in its enactment now plainly see. The colored race has drawn the color line, and seeing the white people in division over the questions of gold and silver, have, with a few exceptions of the more considerate and enlightened of their race, withdrawn from any participation with the white people in consideration of questions affecting the public interest, and arrayed themselves in an unbroken Republican column, trusting that the apparent division of the white people would give them a dominant position. Not only this, but we have the boasted assurance of the Republican party officials in the press of the country that the illegal registration of the blacks would give the State to McKinley.

All these matters have met our consideration. In such a crisis the Democratic party rallies to the support of the people. North Carolinians must come together to protect North Carolina. The intelligence and virtue of the land must control. White men must be asked to unite. In this spirit, the spirit of Democracy, your committee, on October 13th, frankly asked cooperation of others whose interest should be our interest. A co-operative ticket was offered to the People's party for a complete arrangement in the interest of silver and the rule of North Carolina by wise and upright officials. This proposition the People's

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

HE FINDS FOOD FOR THOUGHT IN THE TRUTHFUL CAMERA.

Photo Gallery by the Countryside Marks Civilization's Progress.

The photograph gallery in a country town is one of the most pleasing marks of Christian civilization and the advancement of modern science. I pass by one every day and it is gratifying to see its patrons awaiting their turn or coming out with smiling faces and all arrayed in their best apparel. It is a family discussion before they come what dress to wear, what ornaments, and how the hair shall be arranged, or whether to sit or stand, whether a side view or a front or whether the baby shall be taken alone or with its mother. All classes are on an equality before the camera, for the sunlight of nature has no favorites. So far as faces and features are concerned, the camera tells the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This morning as I passed I saw a countryman sitting on the steps with a child in his arms. His wife and little girl were inside awaiting their turn. I used to know him before he was married, and so I stopped and gave him my hand. His folks were poor, honest and industrious, and I have great respect for all such. The women do the housework and have the care of the children. The men cultivate their little farms, work the roads, sit on the juries, nurse their sick neighbors, bury the dead, go fishing on Saturdays and take the family to meeting on Sundays. They are generally Populists, not because of any political principles involved, but because of affiliation and association. Most of their kind are Populists and therefore clannish. They stick together because they are either poor or less than rich. Their fathers fought in the late war, and these will fight in the next if it comes in their days. It may be a rich man's war, but it will be a poor man's fight.

"Are you going to have the baby's picture taken?" "No; not this one," said he; "I want my wife's and our little girl's. They are in there. I thought I would like to have them about the house, for life is uncertain, you know. Jim Moore's wife died last year and Jim says he would give the world for her picture, and Jack Brown lost his little girl in June. She was a mighty pretty little thing, but Jack hasn't got no picture and so I concluded to have some taken for fear of accident."

"That is all right," said I, "but suppose you die; wouldn't your wife like to have one of you?" "I reckon she would. She mentioned that, but pictures don't become a rough man like me, and besides, it would cost more money than I have got to spare. The winter is comin' on and we all have to have our cotton stockings and the like, and my cotton crop was powerful short, but I will have mine taken sometime. I reckon all your folks have got 'em, haven't they?"

Love for wife and children is the best virtue of human kind, and poor folks have as much of it as rich ones. Yes, more. Many of them haven't anything else to divide their affections. It is a pleasing thing to see them at the picture gallery and to witness their pride when the work is done and the faces of their loved ones are before them on enameled cards, fresh and clean from the artist's hand. What a wonderful art it is. I remember well when the first daguerreotype was taken in our town. It was only forty years ago, and when she left us little girls were four and when she had her picture taken. She was a little beauty then, and I thought the picture was the sweetest gem on earth. We have it now in its old-fashioned case. That little girl is long since a mother and has pictures of her own little girls, and they are much finer in their finish, but I prize the first one most. It carries me back in memory to the days of my sweetest, fondest, predestined, parental love. I idolize that child and I love her dearly yet, but she left us for a young man who was no kin to in the world, and who has never done anything for her but to give her a ring and books of poetry and a little French candy now and then. We had to give her up to him, and as Tom Hood said:

PROSPECTIVE DUEL.

Two Aggrieved Kentucky Politicians Want to Fight.

It is stated in Lexington, Ky., on what seems to be reliable information, that State Senator Charles J. Bronston and ex-Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee John D. Carroll are on the verge of a duel. The trouble grew out of the late Frankfort convention, when Carroll caused Bronston's defeat by throwing his strength to Evan E. Settle of Owen county. It seems that Bronston had counted on Carroll to nominate him, and was badly disappointed when he was nominated. His opponent was benefited by the withdrawal of the Henry county man. The report says that Bronston cursed Carroll roundly and that Carroll coolly told him to think over the matter and apologize for his remarks. Bronston proposed to settle it then in a personal encounter, but Carroll refused and told him that he should have time in which to take back any objectionable language. Letters have passed between them, but it is stated by those close to Bronston that he does not intend to retract what he said and they see no way out of the trouble except in accordance with the code adopted in settling such grievances. Both are brave men and if the field is restricted to the only way of settling the matter, it is believed each will face his foe manfully.

Asked to Return.

The twelve clerks who were discharged by Crawford & Co., at St. Louis, Mo., because they favored free coinage of silver, were asked to return to their positions in the dry goods establishment and Daguerre was made president and with full salary. Several of the clerks have accepted the invitation. In a published statement, Mr. Crawford regrets his hasty action in dismissing them.

POPULISTS TO DEMOCRATS.

THEY DECLINE THE PROPOSITION FOR STATE FUSION.

Three Reasons Given for the Rejection—Want Watson to Withdraw Voluntarily—Both Propositions.

The past week has been one of propositions on the part of Democrats and Populists, and below are found the workings of the two committees, as well as the letters:

Thursday the Populist State Executive Committee, after an all night session, with intermission from five to nine o'clock, adjourned at twelve o'clock.

The declaration of the Democratic committee's proposal for complete fusion was adopted with but two dissenting votes. Three reasons are assigned for the rejection of it: First, the failure of the Democratic committee to accept the Populists' August proposition for a complete fusion. Second, the belief that owing to the short time before election, satisfactory arrangements could not be effected so that the fusion would receive the hearty and loyal support of both parties. Third, "We entertain no hope of being able to make you a proposition that would be acceptable and at the same time be sustained by the full force of both parties."

It is suggested, however, that the voluntary withdrawal of the Democratic nominee for Governor would eliminate the danger of the election of Russell. Senator Hoover and Mr. W. O. Stratford wanted to submit a counter-proposition to the Democrats. This is what prolonged the session of the committee. They dissent from the above reply. Chairman Ayer announces that his committee will meet no more before election.

THE DEMOCRATIC PROPOSITION.

The following are the resolutions of the Democratic Central committee, as embodied in a letter from Chairman Manly to Chairman Ayer: "This committee, believing the white people of the State are intensely earnest in their desire and purpose to secure the benefits of the reform for which Bryan stands and to preserve good government in North Carolina, is prepared to invite a close alliance among all those who hold to these views. This, in our opinion, is made imperative in view of the fact that the colored voters of the State have been united in a compact body in support of those measures for which McKinley and Russell stand. The colored people and their leaders have made a union of the white people necessary to defeat McKinleyism and Russellism in North Carolina. To provide for a union of those believing in white supremacy and good government the chairman of this committee is instructed to propose to the executive committee of the People's party a ticket to be voted for in the coming election as follows:

"For Governor, C. B. Watson, of Forsyth; Lieutenant Governor, W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; Secretary of State, Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow; Treasurer, W. H. Worth, of Wake; Attorney-General, F. I. Osborne, of Mecklenburg; Superintendent of Public Instruction, John C. Scarborough, of Johnston; Auditor, R. M. Furman, of Buncombe; Supreme Court, A. C. Avery, of A. Montgomery; Superior Court, Fifth district, J. S. Manning. For Congress that the several districts shall be arranged as follows: To the People's party, First, Third, Fourth and Seventh districts; to the Democratic party, Second, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth districts.

CLERMONT MANLY, THE POPULIST EXEMPT.

The following are the members of the Populist State Executive committee: H. W. Ayer, chairman; Dr. Cyrus Thompson, Richland; Capt. A. B. Peace, Oxford; J. B. Lloyd, Durham; S. O. Wilson, Raleigh; W. E. Figford, Clinton; Col. Harry Skinner, Greenville; J. T. B. Hoover, Elm City; V. J. McArthur, Lenoir; Sampson county; W. O. Stratford, Greensboro; Y. C. Morton, Rockingham; J. H. Sherrill, Catawba; R. A. Cobb, Morganton; Theo. White, Hertford; Geo. E. Boggs, Wayneville; R. B. Kinsey, LaGrange; W. C. Wilcox, Carthage; Jas. Amos, Henderson; S. A. Edmunds, Lumberton; Jno. A. Sims, Concord; A. D. K. Wallace, Rutherford.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S MEETING.

This committee met at Populist headquarters at 8 o'clock. At midnight a sub-committee was appointed to prepare a reply to the Democratic proposition. The committee is composed of Chairman Hal Ayer, Capt. A. S. Peace, State Senator Westmoreland, Capt. J. B. Lloyd, and Commissioner S. Otho Wilson. The committee took a recess of an hour, when the sub-committee reported the reply, which was adopted. The reply was sent by Chairman Manly at an early hour Thursday morning. Wild oats cost as much as ever, in spite of the fact that everything else has been greatly reduced in price.

STILL ON THE GO.

Wednesday Bryan Campaigning in Michigan and Wisconsin.

The weather has been considerate to Mr. Bryan. Where the candidate had reason to anticipate cold and disagreeable traveling he has encountered sunshine and warmth. As usual he began work early, starting in with speech-making at 8:45 a. m.

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KECKLEY'S VISITORS.

He Visited the Circus and is Presented With an American Flag.

Miners, mechanics and other citizens of the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania, visited McKinley at Canton, Ohio, Tuesday. They were received at the Tabernacle, where the Major delivered a speech.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL TRAIN.

A special train of eleven coaches, as arrived over the Pennsylvania line, bringing an enthusiastic party from McDonald, Pa., with greetings and congratulations for Major McKinley. The delegations were composed largely of railroad men, farmers and other citizens. Major McKinley, responding to the speakers, was constantly interrupted by applause. A circus was in town and the parade was extended beyond all ordinary limits.

GROVER COMES OUT FOR GOLD.

Writes a Letter to the Chairman of the Chicago Sound Money League. In Chicago, Ill., Saturday at the "sound" money league meeting the following letter from President Cleveland was read:

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Secretary Carlisle has telegraphed Hon. George M. Davis, of Louisville, Ky., that he was prepared to deliver five addresses in Kentucky for the year ending June 30, 1896, has just been completed, from which the following information is extracted: The total expenditure for the year was \$20,000,000. The total receipts were \$22,500,000. There was thus a deficiency of \$2,500,000. The increase of receipts was five per cent, the increase of expenditure a little less than 4 1/2 per cent. The service is shown to have been economically administered. The result in figures is as follows: The annual cost of the postal service, but under the law is certified to the secretary of the treasury as a credit in favor of the companies in their account with the government.

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HE STAND IN THE MUD TO HEAR THE FREE SILVER ADVOCATE.

Friday, Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President, was at Elberton, Ga., where he received a great ovation. Elaborate preparations had been made, and a procession of no mean proportion was drawn up at the depot when the special train carrying the Bryan party pulled in. It was raining and the day was not calculated to inspire enthusiasm or large crowds, but there were large crowds from adjoining States. After luncheon Mr. Bryan was taken to the bicycle track near the city. By this time the rain was pouring in torrents, but when he reached the mud waiting to hear him. Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted mainly to exhorting Senator Westmoreland to resign the charge of disloyalty to the Republican party.

SHE STOLE TURKEYS.

Mrs. Mary Moore, a white woman, who is 30 years of age, has been sentenced to one year in the Tennessee penitentiary for stealing turkeys from Maj. T. E. Jamison, her neighbor. Her son, Walter Stone, alias McDonally, received a like sentence. This is a peculiar case and gives place for a time to a neighborhood that has long been disturbed. Mrs. Moore was tried only a few days ago for stealing hogs, but the jury disagreed, eleven being for conviction and one for acquittal. Mrs. Moore is worth at least \$40,000 in her own name, owning a farm of six hundred acres.

WATSON'S ACCEPTANCE.

A special from Thomson, Ga., says Thomas E. Watson has mailed his letter of acceptance of the Populist nomination for Vice President to Senator Marion Butler at Chicago. Mr. Watson has not given out the contents of his letter, but says that he has put it in the mail. Mr. Watson's throat is improving. Dr. Richardson, his physician, says that he is gradually getting better and with Mr. Watson except a trouble local to his throat, and that it will be well in a few days. The doctor says Mr. Watson will not make any more speeches for some time to come.

AN EX-SLAVE RECOVERS WAGES.

At Louisville, Ky., Annie Weir, the ex-slave, who used her maiden name, William Weir, for twenty-four years past at \$3 per week, has been given a verdict of \$1,050, which is about half the amount she asked for. She had worked for him ever since his emancipation without wages on his agreement to furnish her with food, clothing and shelter as long as she lived. Upon his second marriage he discharged her.

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