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It may be these are not mere artistic allusions. But be they true pictures of life in restful places or be they fancies, only fancies, they have created a general impression that men are scarce. Men are not scarce. Put the fond hope aside as a snare and a delusion. The last census shows that men, unmarried men—bachelors, to be plain about it—are about the heaviest drug on the American live stock market.

The census shows that there are in this country 6,726,799 bachelors to 4,105,440 spinsters. In other words, if the bachelors and spinsters should become reconciled and mated, there would be left over out in the cold world, as it were, 2,931,333 bachelors. The census shows it, and the census figures are absolutely reliable.

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Democratic Platform.

Following is the platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention at Greensboro, at its session on July 16, 1902:

"We congratulate the people of North Carolina upon the adoption of the suffrage amendment to our State constitution and upon the benefits that have resulted therefrom and we pledge the Democratic party to faithfully maintain it by every legitimate means and we demand that the Republican party shall declare its purpose either to accept or reject it, and until it is accepted as a finality by all parties we declare it the duty of the white people to stand together for its protection.

"The Democratic party representing the intelligence, the virtue and the manhood of the people of the State, recalls with pleasure the entire absence of scandals during its administration of public affairs and the gratifying advancement that has been made amongst us in all industrial lines. We have fostered agriculture and promoted manufacturing and have given to capital full security and have protected the rights of labor. We pledge the party to a fair and just system of taxation and we demand that all subjects of taxation shall bear the just and equal proportion of the burdens of government.

"We renew our pledges for the extension and improvement of the public schools of the State so that it may keep pace with the needs and conditions of the people, and point with pride to the great impetus and progress in this great work during the last two years and call attention to the fact that this year, for the first time in the history of the State, every school district has been able to maintain a public free school for four months as required by the constitution. We believe that the permanent prosperity of the people of this state depends largely upon the construction and maintenance of good roads and we pledge the party to the hearty support of all wise measures to that end. We heartily commend and endorse the administration of Gov. Charles B. Aycock and other State officials for their faithful execution of the party's promises in so far as the same has been possible.

"We likewise extend our appreciation and endorsement of United States Senator F. M. Simmons and to our Democratic representatives in congress and congratulate them and the people of the State for their faithful and official services to the State in councils of the nation.

"We affirm our allegiance to the Democratic party and its principles as enunciated in its national platform. We denounce the policy of imperialism as inaugurated by the republican national administration and declare it to be obnoxious to our form of government and fraught with danger to the existence of the republic. We denounce as oppressive and illegal those combinations of capital known as trusts and monopolies that stifle competition, throttle individual effort and destroy the generous spirit of rivalry that should exist in the commercial world.

"We denounce the deceptive and sordid course of the republican party in congress in furthering the existence of the trusts by its refusal to enact legislation restricting them and enforce in good faith the existing laws against them that party being in full control of all branches of the government.

"We denounce the present iniquitous, unjust, and trust-creating protective tariff, imposed upon the people by the Republican party, and demand its immediate revision, to the end that all unjust burdens shall be removed and especially upon the necessities of life. Its provisions enable the trusts to export from the people unreasonable profits and sell their products to consumers at home at greater prices than are charged for the same goods to the foreign consumer. We demand, therefore, that all such trust-made goods be placed on the free list. We favor the establishment of the Appalachian Park and urge that our senators and representatives in congress use their best efforts to secure establishment.

"We again appeal to the people with a confidence that it is only from the Democratic party that there can be expected an honest, capable and efficient administration of the government of the State and point with pride to its past history in the admin-

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