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POLK'S PLATFORM.

L. L. Polk is out in a remarkable in terview with a Washington reporter. He says the third party is a thing inevitable, that "it cannot be prevented." Asked as to the probable effect of the third party on southern politics he said:

"I am more familiar with North Carolina. In the approaching state convention it will nominate the state ticket and name the delegates to the national democratic convention, who will be under cast iron instructions to vote for a platform and ticket in sympathy with the third party principles. I expect to see this state convention go to pieces on this rock. Those who favor the nomination of Gov. Hole, being hopelessly in the mi nority, will brake up the convention and ing this, he could find one in the fact nominate a ticket of their own. In this that he cannot do more in the present way, if in no other, the democratic party will be wrecked and crushed under an overwhelming popular majority at the polls."

This, then, is what Polk has been working for-the wrecking of the democratic party in North Carolina; that party, it is difficult to see how he can and the nomination of himself to be long refrain from bowing to public sen- bor bureau in Brisbane, Queensland, vice-president on the third party ticket, timent and throwing his strength to his Australia, and begged for relief. So Folk was also asked what would be the chief opponent. effect of a free silver bill. He replied:

"It will not be worth the snap of the finger. Of course we tavor tree silver coinage, but not upon the idea that it affords any relief to the people."

The inference from this remark is that the tree silver bill is tavored by Polk simply to embarrass the Jemocratic party; there is no relief for the people in it, he says. The interview continues:

"Suppose this congress should pass a strong anti-trust and anti-option bill, would not that mollify the people somewhat?" was asked.

-and will not it it could-apply the only remedy for the evil that curses the people-the laboring people-of this coun-try," said Mr. Polk. "Until Wall street influences and Wall street methods are wiped out there can be no adequate relief. When the third party convention meets at Omaha, if I could have my way about it I would climinate every plank of the platform but one-the financial plank. bat is the great question and the mission of the third party is to overthrow a financial system that robs the poor, enslaves the masses and makes the rich richer.

Of course Polk does not for one moment oclieve that such a problem as a retorm of our financial system will ever be solved by a man of his training and accomplishments; he would laugh in his sleeve at the idea. It is probable that there are many men in public life who daily torget more on this subject than he will ever know. But what he does believe is that by keeping up a demagogic howl on the subject he can deceive voters enough to elect him into some sort of office. He is simply traveling in the footsteps of Powderly on whose words the whole nation at one time seemed to hang, He was interviewed daily, had

nore powerful States. This is right thinking well expres and it goes far more to commend the

author to the suffrages of his fellow citizens that the anxious aspiring-perspiring, it has been witily called-that brings a self-advertised presidential candidate to scheme for votes as though the highest office in the gift of the people had no more of dignity attached to it than that of, say, coroner.

Mill's Chauce.

David Bennett Hill says he is a demoerat, and there are lots of people who believe him. Now if he wants to prove his love for the party and its principles he can do it in one way that would commend him to all democrats for years to come and probably put him in the presidential chair in the fullness of time. Hill can do this in just one way, and we know of no other way. And that is by withdrawing from the presidential race. If Hill could find no other reason for docontest than defeat Cleveland-the most barren of victories and the most disgraceful. Knowing as he must know that Cleveland in the choice of the great majority of the voters of the democratic

No act that any man in public life could take today would so inspire the This is strange news to come from the party as this; no other act would be so fruitful; no other would so solidify the party and so completely remove all elements of doubt from the result of the coming contest.

Will David Bennett Hill persist in playing the dog-in-the-manger act?

KANSAS republicans are scared sick! The democrats out there have concluded "As now constituted, congress cannot electoral ticket, but to vote for the nominces of the people's party. Should this be carried out successfully, the result would probably be to throw the election of the next president into congress which is solidly democratic. By way of retaliation, the republicans propose to endeavor to have their party coalesce with the people's party in the south, and try to carry a state or two. And it is charged in a Topeka, Kansas, dispatch, that President Polk, of the alliance, favors this republican scheme. Will Col. Polk deny the allesation?

> THE April number of The Forum will contain a discussion of the Hill and antitwo democratic state conventions to select delegates to the national convention), by Mr. Frederic R. Coudert of the New York bar, who is the leader of the democratic opposition to Senator Hill. Bearing upon the same subject will be on article by Mr. Matthew Hale, of Albany, the well known constitutional authority, on the process whereby the present senate of New York was changed from republican to democratic.

tute a committee of one to watch the

city's interests now that there is some

WE HAD thought there were enough

decent republicans in the senate to de-

eat the confirmation of Judge Woods,

the charge against whom was that he

made impossible the conviction of

Blocks of-Five Dudley for attempting to

corrupt the ballot box. But it seems we

were mistaken; Woods has been con-

firmed and President Harrison has paid

a dirty political debt, and it is again

made certain that there is no reform for

the republican party from the inside

WHEN so reputable a man and saga-

cious observer of public affairs as A. K.

McClure, of the Philadelphia Times,

money to further his candidacy for the presidency, the North Carolina organ of

names of any North Carolinians who

SENATOR HILL in a speech at Bir

ningham, Ala., pledged the ejectoral rote of New York for the democratic

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arty, declaring that it was not that ial who was the candidate, but that he triumph of democratic principles was be important point. That's the talk. Now let Mr. Hill come out for the pos-tic modifate. Grover Cleveland.

money to spend.

articles in the reviews. and was believed IT MAY seem to be a very small thing old in his grasp the fate of pondent who wrote THE CITIZEN that But he soon tound his level; and it is higher than the level Polk will bring the road roller was not being properly protected-in other words, that the peoup on. Another thing Polk will find. If he ple's property was being treated as succeeds in wrecking temporarily the though the city had lots of money and democratic party in North Carolina he it did not matter how fast it went-did will finally go down with the execrations just right and we wish all citizens to of the very men who, it is now expected, do the same where they see neglect of that kind. Every man should constiwill aid him to his crime.

of it.

victims. Sometimes, too, it is the unovered stirrup that carries woe into the household. This last is a fiendish invention, having no reason for being, and it should be discarded by everyone who knows it may be his turn next to be thrown from his horse. The large covered wooden stirrup is safe for the reason that the foot cannot be caught in it, no matter what happens.

THE Washington Star is authority for he announcement that Congressman Holman, of Indiana. has presidential aspirations. Judge Holman is a staunch democrat, has earned the sobriquet of 'watch dog of the treasury," but is now doubtless afflicted with a slight attack of the grip. He is over io years of age now, and this ambition has struck him too late for realization.

THE Bryson City Times comes out for Thomas D. Johnston for governor, saying that the people "repose in him the utmost confidence as a political leader expect a different report from their tavorand behold a campaign, with him as their champion, followed by victory. They wish to place within his loval hand the helm of the commonwealth of North Carolina. Swain nominates Hon. Thos. Dillard Johnston, of Buncombe."

Four hundred women and children on the verge of starvation besieged the lagreat was the crush that many of the weaker women in the crowd fainted. continent of organized labor, short days of work and great productiveness.

THE New York World puts Representative Hemphill down as a North Carolinian and quotes him as saying North in the second hall and some of his tackles Carolina delegates to the national convention will go uninstructed. The possession of that very useful work of reference the World Almanac would have not to put out either a state ticket or an saved the World that blunder. Hemphill points of a clever hall-back and is a little is from South Carolina.

> IT is said that nearly sixty members of It is said that nearly sixty members of the democratic party in congres wish to rusher and as soon as the snap is made order that we may succeed this camspeak on the free wool bill. This is at he should start on a slow run and re least fifty too many. The thing to do is ceive the pass from the quarter-back to pass the free wool bill and go on at while ouce to the next branch of the McKinley hearly the whole Bingham team, bill that is to be attacked. Results are which secured the only touchdown for what the democratic party now needs, Asheville, was a brilliant play. not speeches. If Capt. Bissell will now repair his not speeches.

This is the year when the Hon. William McKinley will break his custom and not attend the republican national convention as a delegate. The Ohio delegation will be there solid and unanimous, but McKinley, its candidate, instead of being a member as usual, will thing south of Mason and Dixon's line. Hill issues in New York (apropos of the sit in the back room and await developmens. And great developments are promised .- New York Sun.

> But if the Hon. Bill should not be called out of that back room how in the world will he get himself home.

> SENATOR VANCE's home is in Charlotte. but he visits there so seldom that he says even his dog does not know him. -N. Y. World.

"The fact is "Our Zeb" has no dog. He was killed-the dog was-by an alliance shewherd who found the canine SOME FOOTBALL ECHOES.

Words of Encouragement for the

Kickers of the Sphere. While the Bingham football team, in the match at Kenilworth on Saturday, showed a lack of recent practice, Capt. Bob Bingham was none the less able to concentrate his entire force at any desired point at a given signal, and the signal once given each man on his team knew what he had to do and did it promptly, and the effect of the combined effort of the team having been previously determined in practice, the result in almost every instance was a gain for the

Binghams when they had the ball. It should be said for the Asheville team

played a game under inter-collegiate intuse the spirit of system and method into his team, in which event the backers of the red-and-white may confidently

ites in the luture. In the Asheville rush line Sawyer at entre, Hunt at guard, and Lewis and Short at the ends, would appear to be well placed, but they must be taught how to play their positions or such good material will be wasted. Bissell at quarter is everything that is desired and t is the position where the captain ought to be.

French and Thomas are ideal men for half-backs, but Thomas has a great deal to learn. He played left balt-back, and when a play was made around the right end it seldom occurred to him that he and runs were admirable.

with a rush line to block and interfere ers, but some are better than others. slow in getting under way after receiv-ing the ball. As soon as the signal for him to make a run is given he should under way. French's run for nearly the entire length of the field and

rush line, develop a good punter for fullback, introduce systematic method in play, and instill into the minds of his men that dependence and not independence at play wins at football it will not be long before Asheville will have a team

that will compare favorably with any-Owing to a lack of recent practice the Binghams did not play the clean game they have shown heretofore, but it is sale to say they will practice hard for the remaining games of the series, for the writing on the wall is large and lurid in hue and they will have to play ball to win. The individual play of Bob Bing-ham, Shaw, Betbell, McBee, McAlister, and Tillar deserves great praise. Shaw is a great half-back and his warding off when running with the ball the Asheville backs might emulate with advantage.

There was great delay in starting the game owing to a lack of understanding between the players and Dr. Browning, roaming around in the last legislature of Kenilworth Inn, and neither the goal

FROM A CLEVBLAND DEMOCRAT.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN :-- As you have

just heard from a "Hill Democrat" from Weaverville, I hope you will listen to a 'Cleveland Democrat," who is a sort of country farmer. I do not wish to denounce Hill, but if the race for the nomination lies between Cleveland and Hill would much prefer Cleveland. I think if a census could be taken of the country voters of the United States belonging to the democratic party two thirds, if not three fourths, would be for Cleveland teeth and toe nails.

We regard Cleveland as a man of great ability as a statesman; also as a man of great firmness, and as a man that will not barter principle for popularity. Such

that they had never practiced together, a man, I am satisfied, would be the and several of them had never even choice of the great mass of farmer democrats.

I would like to ask a simple question: rules. But Captain Bissell intends to Do not the farmers constitute a large majority of the democratic voters? 1 think the great majority of the farming and laboring classes would prefer a plain practical man such as Cleveland has proved himself to be rather than a Naoleon, who for a while carries all before him, but ends in a Waterloo defeat.

One of our principal objections to Hill s this, that four years ago, as is generally conceded, he by wire working helped to defeat Cleveland and thereby thrust upon us a republican administra tion with all its evils. Let us try to do better this time. Let us try to have harmony. In order to do this we hope the

interests and wishes of all classes will be time for somebody else to have taken strictly regarded. The farmers and laboring classes produce the wealth of the nation, but by republican legislation and time he bore the news to the boy's was expected to take a hand in it, and tactics, the farmer and laborer gets but father. But this will all be brought out when tackled he is too quick to cry a small pittance, just enough to keep on the trial, and the maa under arrest is "down." He is a good player in the soul and body together, while the favor sure of a fair trial. He certainly had English association game, and when he ed few hoard it up by thousands and anything but a guiltless look at the corobecomes used to the American game some millions. We need a great change, a fine work may be expected from him. vital reformation. We need not as sen vital reformation. We need not as sen The timidity he exhibited in the first half sible men ever to expect it from the reof the game very noticeably disappeared publican party. They have run the government for thirty years. It was at first

bad, then worse, and now worst of all. French is a born lootball player, and We have plenty of good democrat leadfor him, he may be depended upon to "get through." He is not up to the fine he is a long shot better than the best We do not regard Hill as the best, but republican that can be started, and if we cannot get Cleveland let us work manfully and faithfully for Hill or any paign let us go forward as honest, oldfashioned democrats. Let wire working be laid aside. Let us try to get a man that will be above wire working. Let not the city, town and village democrats dictate the whole program, but let the

wishes and interests of the great masses be consulted. I am not a politician, but try to read the papers and view the sit-uation on all sides. For Cleveland first; for Hill or any other good democrat second; for Harrison or his associates after Gabriel blows.

The sentiments of a plain democrat. Near Weaverville, March 17. Farmer.

STATE POLITICS.

Laurinburg Exchange The third party meets with very small favor among our people.

Congressman Alexander writes positively stating that he will not be a candidate for the nomination for governor.

Nashville Argonaut: We do not believe the true sons of North Carolina will desert the democratic party to follow the third party ignis fatuus.

sville News: We may not en THE TATTLER.

Some Things He Sees And Hears Worth Talking About.

The murder of the little colored boy, which has lately agitated Asheville, was a most cruel, brutal deed. The person who could deliberately take a six year old child from its home and choke it to death, leaving the body to be mutilated by dogs or other prowling animals, cer-tainly deserves to suffer the fullest and most severe penalty-which is hanging. Every man will admit that. But there is considerable doubt in my mind about he guilt of Goodson, the suspected man. It is a fact that the circumstantial evidence appears to be against him. Then his former record is hard against him.

. . .

But there is a link in the chain of evidence yet to be supplied. It appears that Goodson left Webb's house on the day of the murder about 9 o'clock. About 12 o'clock, it was testified, a nephew of Webb left the boy at home eating dinner. This nephew returned to the house soon after, and found the boy was missing. Not until 3 o'clock did the nephew carry the news to the father. Now if Goodson can get any witnesses to fill in the gap between 9 and 12 he may feel more comfortable. He says he got into the city just at 12, coming through Beaumont gap. Of course there was time while the nephew was away for Goodson to have gone back to the house and got the child-but not if Goodson was in the city at 12. On the other hand, there was the child away between the time the nephew got back to the house and the ner's inquest. Still, if every man who looks mean should be swung up, the population would be decreased at least 80 per cent.

It's strange to me somebody with the equisite capital don't set up at Asheville or near here a cannery, which will furnish this section with all her canned goods. The thing has been tried, in fact, is now being tried, by Mr. Whitson, and has proven a success, from what I can learn. The proprietor has sold every can with republican rule any longer. In of the output, and could sell many times more if he had them. His success may enduce him to enlarge his business, as it really should be. Whitson's peaches have a good reputation on this market, and deserve it, too.

> I would like to see THE CITIZEN'S Cruiser Fund grow to handsome proportions. 'Twould be the neatest kind of an act to present to the Raleigh, a warship named in bonor of the capital of our state, a silver service, and would at least show that we haven't lost any of our pride in the land of the tar, pitch and turpentine. And, it seems to me, there would be nothing amiss in receiving subscriptions from any of the thousands of visitors who come to Asheville. They are almost Tar Heels, because the last one of them get "stuck" on the city and come every year. Let the Fund grow!

leter Prichard is really too good a

talker to be on the republican side of the fence. He ought to be in the democratic fold. . . .

David B. Hill talked very commendably in Mississippi. Now if he will go back to the senate, attend to his own business, make some speeches there when v. and do so balance with his salary, he will have raised himself very much in the estimation of many people.

Hill at Meridian.

It is a pleasure to say of Senator Hill's speech at Meridian Tuesday that it surpassed all expectation. It contained little that is new and almost nothing directly pertinent to the issues of the day, but it was elevated in tone, patriotic, and thoroughly imbued with the great principles of democracy that are at the foundation of this republic. If the senator will make a few speeches on this order in the senate and speak on the subjects on which the two parties differ, he will distinctly advance himself in public estimation, provided he acquits himself as well as he did at Meridian when speaking on issues long ago settled. The following extract from the senator's speech will give an idea of its quality:

gives it as his emphatic opinion that "It is not any legalized excursions by David B. Hill could not carry a single congress outside of the constitution which explains why we still live and and have our being beneath its segis. It is in despite of the transgres-sions, not by the help of them, that we against him would be largest in his own still live; we have not profited by them. It is the abridgement and limitation of state of New York, it would seem that the democracy need hardly be accused the functions of the government to its own proper business despite its trans-gressions; it is the distribution and deve of such a blunder. tion of its powers, despite its usurpans; it is the probibition of state powers; it is the declaration of state rights; it is the reservation and surrender of the res the reservation and surrender of the res-idue to the state respectively and to the people by which we have truly lived and ntill bear our life. It is individual free-dom, not paternal government rule, which explains our switt expansion from a fringe of thirteen feeble colonies to a continent of mighty states. It is individual freedom, not paternal guidance through the censors of an inspired press, an established church, an enobled class, which has converted the collis-ions, competitions and all intercourse of that party demands that he give the thus offer to serve him for his money. The organ will not be answered. Gen. Alger deals in glittering generalities. into the heat and stin dergy an ad progress. It is 2.20

and killed it by throwing silver in that direction.

REPRESENTATIVE BELDEN, of New York, says that President Harrison is the only one he knows of who wants Senator Hill nominated for the presidency. Mr. Belden is conspiciously in error. There is Chas A. Dana, of the New York Sun, and David Bennett Hill.

THE Kalamazoo Telegraph prints letters from republican editors throughout Michigan which show that the preferences of the republican nomination for president are about equally divided between Alger and Harrison. The trouble with Alger's support is that it is half bearted.

THERE is a growing sentiment in some parts of the state towards antagonizing the farmers' alliance politically from the start. And yet very few flies, however valuable, have ever been caught with vinegar.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the opening of a college chapel at Valparaiso, Ind., May 1. The colleges are working Mr. Cleveland pretty hard these

davs. THE popular story writer, Thomas northern state if he should be nominated Nelson Page, has written for the April number of the North American Review for president, and that the majority an article under the head of A Southerner on the negro question.

IT is understood that when the Bland free coinage bill comes to a vote in the senate, Senator Hill, of New York, will at the rate of about \$76,000,000 coir IT is understood that when the Bland of seriously considering the perpetration GENERAL ALGER having declared that southern republicans called upon him for

> ffect that Senator Quay is a very sick man in Florida.

GOVERNOR RUSSELL, of Massachusetts, has signed the anti-free pass bill. Gov. Russell is a good democrat.

IT APPEARS that Peffer, of Kansas, is from Coffeyville. A certain hind of egg, then, might settle him.

How does Palmer, of Illinois, and Flower of New York, strike you?

From the Darkers Orabe. Help the Assessmith Cri fand. The Okolas will cher

nor any of the field lines marked off at the advertised time for the game to begin. The blame for this is believed to be due the management of the Asheville team.

Effect of Some Sensational Ser mons.

From an Interview with Inspector Williams. "Thank God that vice is so hidden that Dr. Parkhurst has to get detectives to find disorderly houses, and that thousands of wives and daughters do not know of even their existence. Such horrible disclosures as were made before innocent women and girls in Dr. Parkhurt's audience do vastly more harm in

arousing their curiosity and polluting their minds than a host of sin that is compelled to hide its head. When I was captain of the twenty-ninth precinct ! went with Dr. Talmage on his errand for sensational information for his sermons I know, from observation and from reports which I was careful to gather, that never in their history were the places he

described so thronged by patrons, argely from Brooklyn, or so much money spent there for debauchery as after those sermons."

The People Would Have the Bag to Hold. From the New York Sus.

The average cost of producing silver bullion is less than 40 cents an ounce The average price in market for thre months has been about 91 cents at ounce. Free coinage of the metal is proposition to tax the country aboy, 100 per cent. on this product for the er ent of the silver miners, a class that vote for it. provided, of course, he hap-pens to be present. Bad weather is said to have detained Senator Quay in the south.—Detroit Free Press. More accurate information is to the effect that Senator Quay is a very sick more

Well, Well, is it Possible?

What are indegantly called "hen dis ers," that is banquets from which the ale sex have been rigidly excluded, are ming into fashion again, and are made ading feature of Lenten any ominent young man them during the 200

joy the fact, but, it is so nevertheless, that there exists in Davidson county a strong sentiment in favor of the Peoples' party.

It is stated at Raleigh that notice has been served on Colonel L. L. Polk president of the national alliance, that if his newspaper, the Progressive Farmer, is to be the organ of the Third party it can no longer be considered the organ of the farmer's alliance. This notice, it is further stated, is given by Marion Butler, the president of the state allance.

A TIMELY OUESTION ANSWERED.

How big is Alexander, Pa, That people call him great, And ask that he for Governor Shall be our candidate? Just big enough, my little kid, To win as sure as fate.

From the Morganton Herald.

And put the fixings on the gang That wants to take the State.

No spear a hundred weight has he. He lacks Goliah's frame, But, sonnie, put this in your pipe-He gets there just the same.

Somebody always rushes to the defense of the police whenever anything is said that can be construed against them. Some person complained that he could never get police headquarters over the 'phone. Then somebody else wrote a piece saying the police could not be everywhere at once, or words to that effect. The police did not need a detence at all, for certainly nobody expects the patrolmen to hang around headquarters just to answer the 'phone. That instrument of torture may be manipulated by by the chief of police or janitor-but, it's not a patrolman's business. . . .

I want to state right here that, in the election of an assistant city cierk, the joint board got the right man in Mr. Bolling. He is beginning his work right, which means systematically, and the city's accounts are sure of being kept straight. That's the way it's looked at by The Tattler.

JOHN A. GILMER.

A Short Sketch of Lits Honorable Career.

John Alexander Gilmer was born April, 1838; prepared for college at the high chool at Greesboro; graduated at the university with distinction in June, 1858, and read law at the University of Vir tinia. In March, 1861, he went into ervice of the Confederate States as third intenant of the Guilford grays. He rap-dly rose to major, and finally to colonel. He was with his regiment is all of its impaigns until he was disabled for field wryte by wounds received at Bristow itation itation.

After the war Colonel Gilmer practiced aw as associate with his distinguished other until the latter's death. He then ormed a co-partnership with Dillard & uffin. He was state senator in 1870-'71 pur Alamance and Guilford. Upon the path of Judge Kerr he was appointed a Governar larging to Guil and the second or Jarvis to fill out the

time of his death, a ears previous, Colonel a of the University of . He had for a a an elder in the First chu h. At one time in his life is of favorably for the power th Carolina, and but for i

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