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DEMOCRACY IS IMMORTAL. THE WORD DEMOCRAT STANDS FOR HUMAN LIBERTY AND HUMAN FREEDOM AND CANNOT DIE.

—*Zebulon B. Vance.*

THE Republican party "swallowed the dog" yesterday, and the result would probably have been the same if the animal had been four times as big and ten times as nasty. The only doubtful element in the transaction is the retaining powers of the average Republican stomach.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's speech at the dedication of the Martha Washington monument in Fredericksburg yesterday, while not so simple at one or two points as could be wished, was nevertheless of a high order, and struck the significant meaning of the occasion in a few sentences that deserve to live longer than speeches usually made at such occasions.

MAYOR PATTON has suspended Health Officer Noland for offensive partisanship in the recent municipal election. Let the Mayor now do his duty and remove Chief of Police H. S. Harkins, who was as active on the Reform side as Mr. Noland was for the Straightout ticket, and the public will believe that fair play and not punishment of Democrats is intended by the new administration.

PEARSON in his speech asserted that 60 gallons of whiskey, belonging to the Democrats, had been captured during the recent municipal fight. The fact is, not a drop of whiskey was captured by any one in the hands of Democrats in Asheville, and Duke Pearson knew it, or should have known it, before making such a public utterance. It would be interesting, however, to know what the Pearsonites did with the bag of whiskey bottles they left at "Tie Tom's" on Valley street last Sunday night.

A HALF BAKED CANDIDATE.

The present Republican candidate made the platform, some of the planks of which are not Republican and never have been. After the platform was made some self-elected leaders made arrangements to drag the party on to it. They held a convention, and in that convention, contrary to political usage and precedent, no nominations were made. It was probably feared that opposition would develop. Hence the candidate was smuggled through, half concealed in another platform, not Republican, nor Pearson's. Then the resolutions were rushed through with a hurrah—and Mr. Pearson was sent for to make a speech as if he had really been nominated!

It is a curious performance all around. Mr. Pearson's platform resembles nothing on the face of the earth, nothing in the heavens above, nor anything in the waters under the earth. He was not nominated in a Republican convention in the regular way, but his candidacy is simply endorsed in resolutions. He is only a half baked candidate at best.

THE NOMINEE.

The Republicans have nominated Richmond Pearson because they hope against hope that he can be elected where a candidate like Jerry Pritchard, who might stand for the principles of the party, as Mr. Pearson cannot consistently, has already failed. They prefer to try to win with a discarded Democrat in preference to making a fight with a true Republican on a Republican platform. Mr. Pearson's candidacy reminds one of the history of a useful but not ornate animal, in that it is of brief ancestry and without hope of posterity. Nothing just like it has ever before risen above the political horizon in North Carolina. Neither will it ever be imitated. It has its beginning at exactly the point where it will end. It holds out the hope of nothing, and it will redeem its pledges in that coin. Nothing of reform is associated with Mr. Pearson's name, his candidacy stands for no high principle, his political personality promises no high performance.

Mr. Pearson does not come from the common people, and knows nothing of them. What sympathy he may think he feels for them is of a kind easily simulated for a special emergency, namely his own success at the polls; but the real article he cannot produce on whatever provocation. The proposal to nominate Mr. Pearson has already aroused opposition, and it is doubtful if the rank and file of the party can be dragged to his support. The Democrats of the Ninth district will have equal pleasure in electing their candidate and in rebuking Richmond Pearson. Both will be done in November.

COTTON AVERAGES.

Will Be Diminished This Year Apparently.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The cotton report as consolidated by the statistician of the department of agriculture for the month of May relates to the progress of cotton planting and contemplated acreage. The proportion of the proposed breadth already planted on May 1, was 81.6 per cent. against 85.3 per cent. last year, which is a little over four points lower than the amount unusually planted at that date.

The returns by states are as follows: Virginia, 45; North Carolina, 74; South Carolina, 88; Georgia, 86; Florida, 95; Alabama, 83; Mississippi, 83; Louisiana, 81; Texas, 84; Arkansas, 61; Tennessee, 65. The delay in Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana is caused by continued cold weather, while in Texas planting is retarded by both late cold and continued dry weather. Reported indications point to an acreage of 1.9 per cent. less than last year. Percentages by States are as follows: Virginia, 93; North Carolina, 94; South Carolina, 98; Georgia, 98; Florida, 89; Alabama, 98; Mississippi, 98; Louisiana, 94; Texas, 1.04; Arkansas, 95; Tennessee, 95, the general average being 98.6.

WHENCE PEARSON'S SUPPORT?

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—I have commented on what Mr. Pearson favors. It may be interesting to some of your readers to know how and by whom he was, or will be, nominated, with which party he will ally himself, whether he can be useful to the Ninth district or not, if he is sent to Congress, &c., &c.

First, Mr. Pritchard declines to run for any office, thus making the track clear for Mr. Pearson, and tho' Jim Moody "kicked," he will have to walk up and "lick salt." Then a handful of self-appointed leaders meet in conference, convention or whatever you choose to call it, and decide that the Republicans and Populists shall (not may) support Mr. Pearson.

Mark you, none of these Congressmen-makers (not Warwicks) were people chosen, nor had they been commissioned or authorized to speak for the Republican or Populist masses. On the heel of this Mr. Moore, secretary of the Republican executive committee, Ninth district, calls his convention to "nominate" or "endorse" a candidate for Congress! "*Endorse.*" Is it not rather suggestive and anticipatory? What a hasty and unseemly effort to forestall and create Republican and Populist sentiment in Mr. Pearson's favor. And if you want to smile out loud, just look at Pritchard, Ewart, Bob Patterson, Wallace Rollins and J. Wiley Shook doing missionary work with Mr. Pearson, and listen to Mr. Pearson (by whilom Democrat) calling to Mr. Marion Butler (erstwhile a Democrat!) "Come over into Macedoria and help us," and both of them, all the while, bedabbling with "moss-back" Republicans! Charming picture this, and oh "so true to life!"

Is it not surprising that so accomplished a man as Mr. Pearson, and so astute a politician as J. Wiley Shook should fail to read aright the most significant and instructive lesson of modern political history, namely, "snap" or "midwinter" conventions are not in it. It may present simply an illustration of the saw, that "whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad."

But let us suppose Mr. Pearson fairly nominated. Whence will his support come? It is impossible for the Republican leaders to "deliver the goods." Get a Madison or Henderson county Republican to support a man for Congress who has just recently been voting Democratic tickets, and who is now, by his own declaration, an "Independent" who favors "restoration of silver." "Not much!"

Populists cannot support Mr. Pearson for they hate a protective tariff as much as do the Democrats.

The Democrats will be a trifle shy about voting for him, if he is endorsed by Republicans. So please tell me where the man will get his votes. He doesn't even claim to be a Prohibitionist or a Goldbugite. He is simply "Independent." Independent what? He is so independent that he will not even tell what in his letter announcing his candidacy. Just "Independent," that's all. If you don't like it you need not vote for him. He may not be in sympathy with the toiling masses, but he is rich. And doesn't need office. But if you should elect him, where will he sit in Congress, or will he erect a little house of Independent Representatives all to and for himself? There is no Independent party in Congress. He is not a Democrat, Populist or Republican. Whom will he affiliate and vote with then? Whom will he support for Speaker? Himself. On his present platform he cannot support Reed, Crisp or a Populist. I guess he will be compelled, by the logic of the situation, to support himself. If he does he will be sure to get one vote.

Junius censured the Duke of Grafton most for "never having been right by mistake." May not such a criticism be directed at Mr. Pearson? As a Southern Democrat he is a protectionist. As a populist he favors Federal interference with "home rule." As a Republican he is pronounced for the "restoration of silver," and as an "Independent" he is for himself for speaker. Wrong every time, not even right once by "mistake."

Mr. Pearson proposes to "challenge" 25,000 men, whom all political parties have been permitting to vote heretofore, though not registered in accordance with the letter of the law, on a technicality, and thus disfranchise that many men, if in his power. He is indeed confronted with many difficulties, but I guess the sympathetic voters of the Ninth district will relieve him of embarrassment, by permitting him to remain in Buncombe.

J. M. LEACH.

Washington City, D. C., May 4.

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What is Transpiring in The Way of Deed Transactions.

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Just a Bluff.

From the Brevard Hustler.

Richmond Pearson, independent candidate for Congress, visited Brevard last week and examined the registration books, which to his surprise were, as he expressed it, "in pretty good shape." The Hustler interviewed Mr. Pearson and found him a pleasant gentleman, but an awful "bluff."

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