

SMALL THE TRUSTS OWN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ALSO!

The great question before the people at this time is "Shall the Trusts own the Democratic Party, Also?" That was the object of the Cleveland boom which the Brooklyn Eagle launched last year, and which so ingloriously failed--by "the first intention."

We are glad to note that a portion of the Democratic press is getting its eyes open to the plans of the enemy. These plans began by the familiarizing the people with the idea that Cleveland and Bryan stood on an equality at the bar of the Democratic party, and that the true policy for the party was to steer clear of both and pursue a middle course.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: Observing the trend of things in the political world and a more or less significant volatility in the Democratic newspapers, the Virginian Pilot several days ago had occasion to warn the Democracy that it would be easy to put too high an estimate upon the value of the support of the Wall Street outfit, which is clearly manoeuvring to have its man named on the Democratic ticket.

As regards Roosevelt, it is not so much that he has done as well as most men in the world, but that he has done so well that he has become a political expedient, and does it. But he has lived so much in the open air that he has become a political expedient, and does it.

Now, Roosevelt is temperamentally truculent, not subservient. He is willing to trim and concede as a political expedient, and does it. But he has lived so much in the open air that he has become a political expedient, and does it.

As for the trust control of the Senate, that is a fact, of course. The contemporary will see on reflection that this doesn't help the trust any at this time. It isn't new anti-trust legislation that they are afraid of. It is the enforcement of the laws already on the statute books that they fear.

Concerning the same view the New Orleans States says: We quite agree with the Norfolk Virginian Pilot that the chances of Democratic victory have never been so bright in many years as they are today, because the country is disgusted with the Republican party and its scandals, extravagances and unscrupulousness. The people desire a change; they want to get rid of Roosevelt and are ready to vote the Democratic party into power and thus put an end to the unrest that exists in the business world, but it will be an easy matter for the Democracy to throw away its chances.

Policeman Miller, of Winston, in attempting to arrest Bud Hairston, a negro, near Walnut Cove Saturday night, had one finger bitten nearly off. Hairston resisted arrest, and grabbed the officer's pistol. After releasing the officer's finger Hairston threw the muzzle of the pistol into the policeman's face, saying: "I'm going to shoot you." Ten or more negroes were near by and they persistently advised Bud to shoot. Miller is congratulating himself that he escaped alive.

feared that this is the sort of combination the hungry politicians of the party are preparing to put up." Precisely; there is not in our mind the slightest doubt that if the professional politicians have their way they will make a ditch with Wall Street, and we do not believe that if they do that Roosevelt can be beaten.

And, as our Raleigh contemporary says, if the Democratic party surrenders to Wall Street it will deserve to be defeated.

"NOT INSTRUCTED IN THE LONG HISTORY OF FREEDOM"

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Herald recently wrote that paper as follows concerning the President: "He does not possess the faintest conception of the great principles of civil liberty which are at the basis of government here and in England, and which have made the individual a free citizen. For example, he does not know what 'due process of law' means, and would determine charges against a citizen after the fashion of the Czar of Russia. He does not know what 'free speech' signifies, and holds that those who oppose any of the jingo policies with which he is enamored are traitors, and he believes that they ought to be suppressed. This is a rough way of indicating what I mean by saying that Mr. Roosevelt has a lawless mind. I mean that his mind lacks reverence for the fundamental principles of law, for the majesty of the law in which he does not believe as well as of that law which has his approval, and for the orderly processes of the tribunals of law. This vice is a common one, common to those who act from impulse and are not instructed in the long history of freedom, and because it is common it is the more essential that those who have to do with the execution and interpretation of law should feel that veneration for these ancient principles which are so obviously lacking in Mr. Roosevelt and so characteristic of Mr. Cleveland, for example."

True as gospel that, every line of it--with exception of the last two lines. In these the correspondent falls into a grievous error, for there is nothing to choose as between Cleveland and Roosevelt in the matter of a "lawless mind," of "lack of reverence for the fundamental principles of law," and of want of "instruction in the long history of freedom." It was Mr. Cleveland and his secretary of State, Mr. Olney, who established the precedent that the Executive had complete power over the question of recognition of new governments; and it was Mr. Cleveland who sent Federal troops into the State of Illinois without being called upon, as the supreme law of the land requires, by the Illinois legislature or executive.

Along the Lines of Paden Cumberland and Robeson.

January 4th, 1904. Mr. D. A. M. Goggin has some south with his sons, Messrs. Lee and George, where he will spend several weeks. Chicken pie is raging in the St. Paul's vicinity.

St. Paul's Academy will not open up till next week on account of it. We believe the smallpox reported last week is nothing more than chickenpox.

Dr. J. P. McMillan delivered his farewell address at St. Paul's Sunday. It was deep and touching. The Dr. leaves us for a change in Tampa, Fla. Dr. Deila M. Goggin, 2nd assistant, Miss Pearl Howard.

Mr. A. J. Brannon returns to Scotchville, Ga. today. Mr. Brannon is in the employ of H. T. McKinnon, Esq. Mr. McKinnon was formerly of Robeson county.

Mr. A. R. McEwen is enlarging his store at S. Paul's. Mr. McEwen is a clever man and we presume his trade demands a larger store.

Sunday school at Fisher's church next Sunday afternoon at 2:45; preaching at 3:30. Rev. E. B. Welch, pastor.

Mr. G. L. Williamson returned from Raleigh the other day at about noon. He was in for a short stay. Messrs. Sallis McGoggin and Lillian Clark will leave during the week for King's Business College at Raleigh. These young ladies were students there before Christmas.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. D. J. Williamson, of Parkton, spent Sunday at St. Paul's. Mr. John McMillan, son of F. N. McMillan, Esq., of Elona, came home from Texas last Saturday.

Ninety counties report 212 insane in jails and at home, of whom 65 are idiots. It is estimated that something like 500 are cared for at the homes of relatives. It appears that at least 500 need to be admitted to a hospital for treatment, but there is no room anywhere. Several counties have at the home a special nurse for the insane, New Hanover, Mecklenburg and Rowan being among such counties. In one county 29 persons were in one of these special buildings and in another 22.

Gen. J. B. Longstreet, the last lieutenant general of the Confederacy, died at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, of acute pneumonia, at Gainesville, Ga., aged 84 years.

The tax receipts for the year just closed from the State Adon Society amounted to \$3,884, of which Guilford county paid \$1,000. Carrizack county coming next with \$670.

On Saturday night, at a dance at Mayorville, Rockingham county, John Goss shot Miss Mary Martin for refusing to dance with him, the ball passing through her chest, and inflicting a mortal wound. Goss was deeply in love with the young woman, and had been drinking heavily.

While out hunting near Germantown Saturday, William Tattle received a load of shot in his face and breast, fired from a gun in the hands of his brother-in-law, Alexander Eastgate. The latter raised his gun to shoot at a bird, but it went off before he intended. Tattle will recover, but his eyesight is destroyed.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN A. B. WILLIAMS

This community was shocked by the announcement Sunday morning of the death, the night before, of Captain Arthur B. Williams. It is probable that a majority of our people heard of the sad event shortly after it occurred, for the telephone rapidly bore tidings of it to all quarters of the town. He had not been well for several weeks past, but recently appeared to be recovering his usual robust health, and was chatting pleasantly with friends up town as late as 5 o'clock in the afternoon. After tea, he enjoyed the company of his family and retired about 10 o'clock.

About 11 o'clock one of his daughters heard him breathing heavily, and, on going to his room, found him dead. Death had apparently come painlessly and without a struggle. Captain Williams was born in Fayetteville, and would have completed his 61st year on the 16th of next July. He was educated at the schools of Fayetteville, including the Donaldson Academy, and shortly before the war entered the North Carolina Military Academy at Charlotte, of which Hill, Charles Lee and Lane were the ranking professors. Upon the outbreak



CAPTAIN ARTHUR B. WILLIAMS.

of the war he was promoted a lieutenant in the 2nd North Carolina Battery, though but 18 years of age, and served with great gallantry in that fine organization throughout the war. On March 1st, 1864, he became captain of his veteran battery, and distinguished himself in the terrible campaign which ensued, notably at the Wilderness on the morning of the 5th of May, when his well-served guns held the enemy in check on the plank road until Longstreet came up. He surrendered at Appomattox Court House, and ended his four years of arduous service with the reputation of one of the best artillerymen of his rank in the army.

Since the war, Captain Williams has taken an active and leading part in the affairs of his native town and county. He was Mayor of Fayetteville in 1874, and, at the time of his death, was Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, which important office he had held for a number of years. He was the leading spirit in the laying out and construction of the fine system of county roads which has wrought such a change in the life of the people within a considerable circle about Fayetteville, and he was a careful and conscientious public servant, taking great pride in the performance of his duties. He had been a Director of the Chamber of Commerce since its organization in 1897, and was noted for his regular attendance at all meetings of the Board and Chamber. He served with great acceptability on most of its important committees, and his good judgment and knowledge of men and affairs were of great benefit to his colleagues in promoting the object sought. Perhaps the most important civil position held by Capt. Williams was his presidency of the Centennial Celebration of 1889, and for which he secured a phenomenal success.

Captain Williams was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, in which faith he was born and raised. He married in 1867 Miss Attelia Nash Whitfield, of the well-known and influential Bladen county family of that name, who survives him, together with four sons, Messrs. John D. Arthur, Ambrose and George, and four daughters, Misses Eiza, Fannie, May and Jane. Captain Williams succeeded his father, the late Mr. John D. Williams, in the conduct of his large business, and was a prominent figure in the mercantile life of the community nearly ever since the war. He was, like his lamented father, a man of great public spirit, and was one of the three gentlemen (Col. Starr and Mr. F. W. Thornton being the others) who gave to Fayetteville the LaFayette hotel, one of its most important and useful institutions. He was kindly, tolerant, conservative and generous, and most gentle and considerate of the feelings of others, but lion-hearted when roused to the performance of duty in great crises. He was a man of magnificent physique and commanding presence, attracting attention in any gathering. He was the soul of honor, and true as steel to his friends. He was the friend of the poor. He sympathized with the distressed. As God gave him light, he was just in his dealings with all men.

Lawrence Dewey, brother of United States Senator Chaucey M. Dewey, of New York, and one of the most prominent citizens of Detroit, fell dead at the threshold of his home in that city Monday. Aided from his widow, he is survived by two daughters and one son.

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"Doesn't what you eat?"

THE CLEVELAND IDEA OF HARMONY.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, referring to the dinner that was to be given in New York last night, at which Mr. Cleveland was to deliver the chief speech, says: Practically every section of the country and every faction of the Democratic party will be represented at this dinner, with the exception of the Bryan element. Mr. Bryan will be on the ocean on his way home from his trip to Europe when the dinner takes place, and therefore he was not invited. It is noticeable that none of the leaders who were prominently identified with his campaigns as adherents of his doctrine will attend the dinner.

All the party will be represented at this harmony dinner "except the Bryan element." Well, that is good, considering the fact that Mr. Bryan is on all hands conceded to have the largest following by far of any single Democrat; that he carried the country in 1896 (and only failed of being President because he was cheated out of his victory by Mr. Cleveland's allies); and that nothing but the Philippine war prevented his carrying it in 1900.

N. C. CORPORATION COMMISSION'S REPORT.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Wilmington Star says: The North Carolina Corporation Commission issue their annual report as a State tax commission, which shows among numerous other important items that 27,788,894 acres of land are valued at \$4.35 per acre; Gaston leading at \$13.43 valuation per acre and Dare lowest with only \$2.02 an acre. The towns showing the largest real estate and personal property valuation are Asheville, \$5,198,313; Charlotte, \$8,248,660; Salisbury, \$2,169,708; Greensboro, \$3,885,597; Durham, \$9,382,642; Raleigh, \$5,818,592; Wilmington, \$8,171,190.

Solvent credits in the State amount to \$28,456,156, Forsyth leading with \$1,356,658; Dare least with \$5,807. Counties showing largest indebtedness are Mecklenburg, \$353,506; Robeson, \$148,300; Cumberland, \$123,300.

Towns showing largest indebtedness are Asheville, \$1,000,000; Charlotte, \$2,000,000; Durham, \$452,749; Wilmington, \$682,000. Tax rates, including municipal, State, county, school and special taxes, as in towns are Asheville, \$2.50; Wilmington, \$2.43; Salisbury, \$2.09; Raleigh, \$2.35; Salisbury, \$1.86.

The total amount of taxes levied in North Carolina for 1902, State, county, school and municipal, was \$728,445.74. This was on total property valuations, etc., amounting to \$348,878,023. The report as Corporation Commission shows that during the year only 68.93 miles of railroad were constructed and put into operation, the total at the end of the year being 7,550.58 miles in operation. Not granted during the year more than ever before. Gross earnings amounted to \$18,610,815, and operating expenses \$12,136,977. There are 14,401 men employed against 11,401 for the previous year.

During the year 121 persons were killed and 1,637 injured, against 57 killed and 1,069 injured during the year previous. Of the 57 killed this year five were passengers, 43 employees, 11 trespassers and 12 not trespassers. There were 389 complaints made to the commission during 1903, the greater part being settled by correspondence satisfactorily.

The commission reports that there are now 155 banks in the State, against 120 last year, the present total resources being \$26,188,282. There are 36 building and loan associations operating in the State with assets aggregating \$2,232,507.

Who Does Our Fighting?

Alabama Constitution. The recent statement by Major General Bates that the army is overstocked with green and undeveloped youths is endorsed by other officers of high rank. They unite in recommending a change in the requirements for enlistment that will prevent the entrance of so many of those callow youngsters into the army.

On the other hand it is shown from the statistics of the federal armies of the civil war that they were composed of this same kind of youths by a very large majority. Reports were enlisted in those armies 104,957 boys under the age of 15 years and the whole number of soldiers in the union armies who were under 21 years of age was 2,159,798. Over 21 years of age the total enlistments were 618,511. In other words, nearly three-fourths of the union soldiers were minors and non-voters.

Perhaps this amazing analysis affords the reason why so many of the union soldiers so suffered from wounds, disease and hard usage as to make nearly every one of them a pensioner of the government. Their youth rendered them peculiarly liable to permanent injuries and diseases as the consequences of the hard service they had to undergo.

It was notable, also, in the Spanish-American war enlistments how many of the soldiers were young men below the age of 21 years. But with all their enthusiasm, patriotism and fighting spirit it seems pitiful to oppose armies of our boys to the trained and sturdier troops of other countries. If we are to have other wars it would be both wise and merciful to have the views of General Bates enacted and to exact, if need be, the services in a larger of a greater percentage of the fully grown and seasoned adults of the nation.

Long Street Items.

Argyle, N. C., Jan. 2nd, 1904. We had a very quiet Christmas on the street, and no accidents happened as we usually learn.

Miss Navella Williams, accompanied by Miss Mary B. McFadyen, of Longstreet, spent Christmas at her home near Done, returning Saturday.

Miss Cottie Ray, of Cumberland, spent Christmas at Longstreet.

Mr. D. B. McFadyen, of Beaufort, is spending this week at Longstreet.

Mr. N. P. Thomas visited friends at Hope Mills this week.

Mr. N. B. Brien, of Lenoir, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Carter's Creek township.

Misses Bella and Flora Ann Ray spent Friday visiting Miss Mary A. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. Lindsay spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mr. D. E. Cameron, in Harnett county. Miss Mary Cameron, who has been spending a while with relatives and

friends here, returned last week. Miss M. A. McCall visited Mrs. Ed. Monroe this week.

Mr. D. Mel. Holt visited his uncle, Mr. John C. McVernon, recently. Mrs. Mary A. Monroe and her daughter, Mrs. Annie C. McCall, of Fayetteville, were visiting friends and relatives at Longstreet some time ago.

The young people of Longstreet enjoyed a New Year party at Mrs. Annie McFadyen's Friday night. The music was furnished by the Longstreet String Band. Misses Mary B. and Maggie S. Monroe, accompanied by Mr. James Monroe spent last Sunday at Mrs. Fannie Monroe's near Manchester.

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Montrose Items.

The harvest is over, the summer is ended. How sad to think that the year 1903 with its joys as well as sorrows is gone forever. Another bright summer with its pleasures and privileges has come and gone, and the old winds of winter are chanting their mournful wails again. How forcibly this presents to us the fact that we, too, will soon be numbered with the past. Childhood--the springtime of life with many of it already past, while youth and strong manhood--the summer of our lives--with all their opportunities, and the obligations that we owe to God and our fellow man, whether they have been improved or misused, will soon be gone forever. But while we think of winter with its cold and dreary weather and listen to the sad moaning of the winds, we remember that spring will soon come again and the birds will once more sing their sweet songs; but alas! not so with life, we have but one opportunity, just one life to live, before we go to the Master to give an account of the opportunities we have had.

The committee for this district (No. 3) have just completed a nice new school house and we trust will soon make the necessary arrangements to open school.

We are sorry to note the continued illness of Mrs. Maloom Wilson.

Mr. E. A. Gillis, who has been making his home in Mississippi for the past few years returned for a short visit to his old home last week.

Mr. N. C. McLeod, of Campton, Fla., is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. B. J. Holt and family are visiting relatives and friends in Chatham county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McDonald are visiting in the neighborhood of Jacksonville Springs. PAT MARION.

Beaver Dam Items.

January 4, 1904.

The cold weather this winter is enough to make one feel like we are in "cold and bleak Siberia."

We are sorry to have to chronicle the sickness of Mrs. J. S. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hall went to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. V. Starling.

Miss Lillie Beard has returned home from Cary, N. C., where she has been attending school.

Mr. C. V. Hall, of Wilmington, spent a part of the week in our section visiting relatives.

Mr. M. L. Vinson has come back to old Beaver Dam to make his home. We welcome him back to his "native haunts."

Mr. D. E. Beard has embarked in the steam mill business.

"Jumbo," of Aultryville, passed through our section last week.

Mr. Frank Rollins returned home last week from Salem, where he has been attending school.

The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly and pleasantly. The usual movement among the young folk took place. We can't keep up with them, so please excuse us.

1904 must be placed on our letters as the date. Well, another year has passed, that is all; so that is nothing out of the usual course of events. But yet there is a certain amount of sadness in one's heart when we come to think over the past year with its many blessings.

But let us ring out the old and ring in the new with a full determination to do more for the advancement of our country in 1904 than any previous year. A happy new year's greeting to the Observer, editor, friends and readers. We wish each and all a happy and prosperous year. JACK.



MOTHERS, DO YOU KNOW

the many so-called birth medicines, and most remedies for women in the treatment of her delicate organs, contain more or less of the deadly poison, morphine, and other drugs. Do you know that opium and morphine are stuporific narcotics? Do you know that these narcotics are not permitted to sell narcotics without a license? Do you know that you should not take internally any medicine for the pain accompanying menstruation? Do you know that Mother's Friend is a purely vegetable preparation, and that it is applied externally only? Do you know that Mother's Friend is a reliable preparation, and that it has been in use over forty years, and that each bottle contains the name of The Bradford Regulator Co. Do you know that when you use this potent, cheerful, and safe treatment throughout the entire period of gestation that you will be free of pain and bear healthy, clever children? Well, these things are worth knowing. Do you know that you can get Mother's Friend at a price of \$1.00. Do you know that you can get it at a price of \$1.00. Do you know that you can get it at a price of \$1.00. Do you know that you can get it at a price of \$1.00.

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The Far East Situation Still Grave.

Japan On The Eve of Precipitating War.

Troops And Ironclads Over-shadow Negotiations.

A Terrible Railroad Disaster in Kansas--The War Scare Depresses Cotton and Excites Grains--Republicans Hobnob in Washington.

Liverpool Cotton Raises Its Head.

By cable to the Observer. Liverpool Jan. 6--The cotton market is again active today; prices are up from eighteen to twenty points.

Chicago Grain Market Excited.

By telegraph to the Observer. Chicago, Jan. 6--On the war news, sales of wheat, at the opening of the board of trade today, were made at 84. Trading is excited.

Republican Steerers Confer.

By telegraph to the Observer. New York, Jan. 6--Republican Committeeman J. H. Combs, of Florida, visited Surveyor of the Port James Clarkson at the custom house today, after which he left immediately for Pennsylvania. He refused to be interviewed, but his mission is believed to have much political significance.

Washington Advances Are Alarming.

By telegraph to the Observer. Washington, Jan. 6--Advices from the far East this morning are of the gravest character. It is expected that Great Britain will follow the example of the United States, and land marines at Seoul to protect English citizens and interests.

Bad Weather Blocks Traffic.

By telegraph to the Observer. New York, Jan. 6--This part of the country is still under the spell of the severe cold snap. The temperature is two degrees above zero today. The railroad and telegraph services are badly damaged by the continued cold. The Erie, Lackawanna, New Haven, New York and Central Philadelphia roads are worst affected.

Troops and Ironclads Will Decide.

By cable to the Observer. St. Petersburg, Jan. 6--A Port Arthur dispatch says that the Russo-Japanese crisis is commented on by Vysevoy Adelta's organ, the Vostok, which says that Russia will not abandon its rights in Korea. She does not desire war, neither does she fear it. The result of the negotiations depends on ironclads and troops.

If They Land It Means War.

By cable to the Observer. Chee Fo, Jan. 6--Eight thousand Japanese troops are getting ready to land at Massampo, and their landing will mean war. A regiment of Russian Cosaks is momentarily expected at Port Arthur. Reserves are being moved from Blagovyshehensk, the capital of Amur province, to Taitsher, Manchuria. The position of the troops in Manchuria is being rearranged, but their location is kept secret.

The War Scare Depresses Stocks.

By cable to the Observer. London, Jan. 6--Ten British officers, with one hundred and twenty naval marines, have started for Genoa to take the two Argentine cruisers recently purchased by Japan to Yokohama. The war scare in the far East caused a decline in the stock exchange today. It is not yet known authoritatively whether the Russian reply has been received at Tokio.

Loss of Life in Railway Wreck.

By telegraph to the Observer. Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 6--In a collision between Rock Island passenger train No. 3 and a freight train, five miles west of this city today, the engines of both trains were killed and a dozen passengers injured; it is also believed that several were killed. The passenger train was a through express from Chicago to western points and carried a large number of passengers. The coaches except the last two Pullmans were piled in a heap, and several passengers were caught in the wreckage. The latest reports say that two persons were killed.

The relief train returned here this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Thirty persons were killed, and every person on the train was injured. The cause of the wreck is not known. The fact that the trains met head-on leads to the belief that the smashup occurred on a siding.

Fire Insurance Commissioner Young estimates that he will turn over to the State Treasurer about \$160,000 at the expiration of his fiscal year. April 1st, a gain of nearly \$15,000,000 over the preceding year.

The State charters the Hebron Industrial Home at Montreat, Buncombe county, the object of the institution being to receive and properly train orphans, as well as indigent children, whose parents, guardians or clerks of the courts have entrusted them to the care of the home.

The State has chartered the Shamrock Hosiery Mills Company of Winston, with an authorized capital of \$100,000.

State Senator Mann, of Florida, was paying a visit to Chicago at the time of the burning of the Iroquois theatre, and since that time nothing has been seen or heard of him.

The personal estate of the late Charles Broadway Rouse, the blind philanthropist and merchant, has just been appraised in the New York Surrogate's office and amounts to \$1,977,218. After bequests of \$100,000 each to two brothers, the remainder goes to his son, Peter Rouse.

The first snow in several years fell at Georgetown, S. C., yesterday to the depth of three inches; still falling; extremely cold.

The Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the lower courts in the capital case of Boggan, of Anson, and Register, of Columbus counties. Gov. Aycock fixes February 25th as the date of the creation of the former, and February 2nd that of the latter.

Of the total \$200,000 Confederate pension money, \$124,000 has been paid up to date.



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