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HOW THINGS LOOK FROM OUR STAND POINT.

The Opinion of The Editor and the Opinion of Others which we Can Endorse on the Various Topics of the Day.

THEY WILL UNITE.

The Wilmington Messenger says that it may be necessary for the Democrats and Republicans to unite,—"to join shields" to prevent the reforms demanded by the people. Now the great rank and file of the plain hard-working people of the Democratic party and many Republicans are demanding these reforms. Then what part of these parties does the Messenger speak for? Largely for the machine element of these parties. Of course, there are many good men who are at present opposed to these reforms, that do not belong to the machine, but they are suffering with what all mortals are liable to be afflicted with at times—prejudice. Yes, they are prejudice against reforms because they have not investigated them, and then, too, they are so patronized and cajoled by the machine that they do not see the machine. This shows what we have often asserted, that the machine element of parties have no political principles for their guide. They fight for spoils and for selfish ends. Yet there are the "patriots" who will be called upon to "join shields," to fight the great mass of the people. We had expected this, but did not expect to see it announced so soon. In short, Dr. Kingsbury has acted indiscreetly in giving the thing away. The bosses had better muzzle him!

COL. L. L. POLK DEAD.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE N. F. A. & I. U. DIED IN WASHINGTON CITY ON SATURDAY AT 11:15.

The End Came Suddenly After a Short Illness.

THE SAD NEWS WILL SEND A SHOCK TO EVERY QUARTER OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

The Funeral at Raleigh Last Sunday.

Col. L. L. Polk is dead. This sad announcement will probably carry sorrow to the hearts of more people than would the death of any other American citizen. He was admired by thousands, if not millions of people. Truly "death loves a shining mark," and the strongest know not at what hour the reaper will call. Less than three weeks ago this writer saw President Polk. He never looked better—he was a fine specimen of strong and vigorous manhood. With his indomitable will and constitution of steel, he seemed to have the promise of still a score of years or more. About a week ago he was taken suddenly ill and confined to his bed. A physician was summoned, who said that he was suffering with a serious affection of the bladder, and that his condition was doubtful. Mrs. Polk and his daughters of Raleigh, and other relatives in North Carolina, were

HARRISON NOMINATED.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION DOES ITS WORK.

BLAINE DEFEATED.

Whiteclaw Reid for Vice-President—The Platform.

The National Republican Convention met at Minneapolis, Minn., last Tuesday, the 7th. It was a long and tiresome meeting. The fight between the Harrison and Blaine men for the nomination prolonged the meeting by several adjournments. Though the convention met Tuesday the balloting began on Friday. The contest from the first has been very sharp and bitter. The Blaine men fought with undaunted courage.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

The following short sketch of his life is sent out by the Associated Press: Washington, D. C., June 11.—Col. L. L. Polk, president of the Farmers' Alliance, died at Garfield hospital at 11:15 o'clock a. m. He was a native of North Carolina, where he was born about 55 years ago. His education was received in the common schools. During the war he served for a time in the Confederate army and resigned to go to the Legislature, to which body he had been elected. Later he filled for several years the office of Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, and later still he began the publication of the Progressive Farmer, which he managed for a long time. At the time of his death he was serving his third term as president of the body to which he has given so much of his time and attention. Col. Polk's home was at Raleigh, N. C. He leaves a wife and three children.

WHAT A GIRL SHOULD LEARN.

A girl should learn To sew, To cook, To mend, To be gentle, To value time, To dress neatly, To keep a secret, To be self-reliant, To avoid idleness, To mind the baby, To darn stockings, To respect old age, To make good bread, To keep a house tidy, To control her temper, To be above gossiping, To make a home happy, To take care of the sick, To humor a cross old man, To be a helpmate to a husband, To take plenty of active exercise, To see a mouse without screaming, To read some good books besides novels, To be light hearted and fleet footed, To wear shoes that won't cramp the feet, To be a womanly woman under all circumstances.—Selected.

ELECTRIC CARRIAGE.

There will soon be exhibited in Boston an electric carriage of novel design. This illustration in the Inventive Age indicates the appearance of the vehicle. The motor is mounted on the front axle, and works at a thousand revolutions a minute. It goes a level grade. It is said that a speed of from ten to fifteen miles an hour can be accomplished. The steering apparatus and brake are readily operated by the person in charge of the vehicle. The inventor of the storage cells used in supplying the current claims that, while weighing nearly two thirds less than the ordinary accumulators, they are equal in capacity of other cells of similar size, and may be operated economically.

WHEN AND WHAT TO READ.

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job. If you are just a little strong-headed, go to see Moses. If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah. If there is no song in your heart, listen to David. If you are a policy-man, read Daniel. If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah. If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you. If your faith is below par, read Paul. If you are getting lazy, watch James. If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.—Exchange.

PARTISANSHIP VS. PATRIOTISM.

This principle which puts partisanship in the room of patriotism, and fear in that of conviction, only regards the regular party that is morally wounded ahead, but debases character more than anything else. The fear of public opinion in a free country, where character and motives are discussed without reserve, is strong enough to control the conduct of most men; but when it becomes a moral principle that a man, if a representative, owes it to his party to vote with it through thick and thin, and is bound, if a private citizen, to support the regular candidate, there is turning of moral rule upside down which may corrupt the character of a whole country.—Political Science, by Woolsey, vol. ii, p. 557.

CONDENSED TRUTHS.

Our department often depends upon our dress. Clothes have a wonderful deal to do with our dress. A waistcoat of broadcloth or of fustian is alike to an aching heart. As our means increase, so do our desires, and we ever stand midway between the two. Memory is a rare ghost-raiser. Like a haunted house, its walls are ever echoing to unseen feet. It is well we cannot see into the future; there are few boys of fourteen who would not feel ashamed of themselves at forty.—Selected.

CAPITAL AND LABOR'S PRESENT ATTITUDE.

First Factory Hand.—We will never be able to better ourselves until we organize and have a fund to fall back on when our demands are refused. Second Factory Hand.—That's so. We must save all we can. Factory Superintendent (some months later)—I learn that some of our factory hands are saving a little money every week. Owner.—My stars! We must reduce wages, or they'll soon have enough ahead to go on a strike.—Puck.

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THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The platform of the Republican party is clear and exact in only two points. It represents the leading issues—hated for the South, high taxes for the poor. It speaks forcibly for taxation for the farmers, mechanics and laborers, exemption for the rich. High taxes on the necessities of 83 per cent of the people, low or no taxes on the remainder. On the financial question—the equal of any of the leading issues—it is either silent or so confused you get no idea of what it wishes to say. Its plank on silver is a grand force and a deception. It was written, but for one purpose—to deceive the people. Wall Street dictated the plank. It is simply a stratagem, but leans rather far towards a gold standard. In fact it is in favor of gold, but wishes to catch the silver vote. The Richmond (Va.) Dispatch says of it, and of what the Democrats will do: Yes, that silver resolution was intended to have a double meaning—one for Wall Street and the other for the people at large. It was not penned for the purpose of expressing the real opinion of the men who made it, or of the party for which it was meant, but to mislead the silverites throughout the Union. We do not know that the Democratic National Convention will improve upon the Republican silver plank, but we think that our candidate and our creed should be consistent the one with the other. If we nominate a silverite let us style him one.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

Benjamin Harrison is the nominee of the Republican for President of the United States. We are not surprised. He is in reality, what we call, the logical candidate of the party born in war, fostered on war issues, and to day hopes to gain the election on such issues and high taxation. The nomination of Mr. Harrison distinctly emphasizes the policy of the party—hated for the South, high taxation for the poor. He is the nominee of the champion of the Force bill. We would have been glad to have seen Mr. Blaine, the "great unwarmed leader of his party," nominated. He is friendly to the South, and would have guarded her rights. But he was opposed to the Force bill and was defeated. Shame it is, that a party, over a quarter of a century after the war is over, should nominate a man for its high office because he hates one section of the country engaged in the war. This is not a campaign of dead issue. The live one are too important. Mr. Whiteclaw Reid, nominee for Vice-President, is too, a typical representative of the wing of the party which nominates him. He will not fail to add lustre to its principles and ingeniously and enthusiastically carry out its teaching. The character of the man, the platform upon which they stand, and the policy of those who nominated them, is separately, distinctly and jointly against the interest of the people.

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