

CAN THE DEMOCRATIC
PARTY LIVE?

A GLANCE INTO THE HISTORY OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF
THE PEOPLE'S PARTY IN
NORTH CAROLINA.

The Principles of Democracy Live Forever
—The Party Falls.

In these days of silly Democratic
utterance and treacherous Democra-
tic action, of all the silly things one
hears from press or partisan, there is
none sillier than the self-satisfied
celebration that "the Democratic
party will live forever." You hear it
here and there, from the mouth of
the ignorant who never think, who
never read, and who have no knowl-
edge of political parties or political
events,—the simple-minded
perishing parasites who luxuriate
only for a brief time, and between
campaigns lie wretched in the sea
and yellow leaf. You hear it at the
court house from the minister, who
lives only to do the bidding of a
crafty master, and exults in the
thought that he is counted worthy to
execute unprincipled plans by sharp
practices in subversion of the popu-
lar will. You read it in the news-
papers, small and great, whose edit-
ors would show themselves deserv-
ing of official punishment or
emphatically waiting the dis-
tribution of another campaign fund.
These are public educators who say
among themselves, "Ye know that
by this business we have our wealth,
men who in the days of Paul would
have followed Demetrius the silver-
smith and resisted the progress of
salvation by the foolish cry of "Greece
is Diana of the Ephesians!" Mr.
Barnes' Mr. Kerr of Asheville, in
order to utilize the last ray of dying
embers and to relieve, if possible, the
assertion of its intolerable weakness,
—saying he must use it for lack of
argument, puts the phrase even in
the mouth of the loved and lamented
Vance, as the very pith of his latest
political utterance. And, while we
should be loth to do such violent in-
justice to his memory as to believe
that he said a thing so foolish, still
we can not say that Vance did not
give to Mr. Kerr, and through him
to the country if Mr. Kerr could
have understood him, this certain
evidence of mental failure and pro-
gnosis of speedy dissolution.

If the Democratic party as we
know it to-day shall live, even for a
long time, it must live as a heinous
perversion of a cherished name, and
its life will be an atrocious illustra-
tion of how the enemies of mankind
may enlist under humanity's name
and the more easily accomplish the
destruction of the liberties of man.
So arrayed, and clothed in garments
of love and light, it might live for
ever to the destruction of all its
name implies, only upon condition,
however, that the people should lose
all knowledge and high aspiration,
and all love of liberty, the only pos-
session that makes life worth the
living. This in the nature of things
is hardly possible.

men to secure these rights and have
not just powers except those derived
from the consent of the governed,
very man without regard to birth or
status may freely enjoy life and
liberty and follow after happiness
without individual or governmental
interference, provided such pursuit
and enjoyment shall not contravene
the equal right of every other. This
is the fullest liberty. In such a
government the people are equal
sovereigns and nothing is lawful that
opposes the common right or hinders
the common welfare. There is no
ground for the existence of class or
hereditary caste, no warrant for
monopoly born of privilege, which
had destroyed individual develop-
ment and liberty in older govern-
ments and civilizations, and "that
built up the gigantic monopolies
which fetter the industry and com-
merce of the world, and given birth
to those swarms of lesser immunities
which darken the land like the
"cloud of locusts that came up on the
east wind from the coasts of Egypt
and ate every herb of the land and
all the fruit of the trees." Victory
has been won on the basis of the
Declaration, its principles of equality
were organized into the funda-
mental law of the land; and such
"theoretically is the government of
the United States.

But in every republic there are
two contending factions: the one
small, intelligent, and rich, deny-
ing practically the doctrine of equality
and tending to the establishment of
class and privilege; the other large,
unintelligent, and poor,—the multi-
tude of common men who are the
busy and productive workers in ev-
ery national hive and who demand
"equality as a divine right. So in
the early days of our Republic, we
were divided in their estimate of the
ability of the people to govern them-
selves. Some, unable to rid them-
selves of notions brought from aris-
tocratic England, thought that the
people could not be entrusted entire-
ly with self-government and that a
privileged few should rather think
for and govern the many. This
class, small, intelligent, and power-
ful, was headed by Alexander Hamil-
ton and known as Federalists. Op-
posed to these, following the lead
and teaching of Thomas Jefferson,
was the virtuous common people
who felt that they should be trusted
to govern themselves. Known first
as Republicans, they were afterwards
called Democrats, and used the name
to express their conviction and the
determination that the people should
rule. The Democratic party was
then the party of the people, and the
party of the Democratic party was
the Declaration of American Inde-
pendence. Based upon the holy
principle of equality and opposition
to privilege, it overcame the Federal-
ists and disbanded them as a party;
and afterwards it saw the disorgan-
ing of the Whigs who advocated old
Federalist ideas. Since the war, it
has vigorously taught all these years
that the unpopular principles of
Federalist and Whig alike are em-
bodied in the practice of the Republi-
can party to-day. The masses of
men believed their teaching; and,
because they loved ancient democra-
tic principles and felt the need of
their practice, they wrought an un-
expected revolution and put the
Democratic party into power.

The teaching of the Democratic
party as to the character of the Re-
publican party in these latter days
was undoubtedly true. Whatever
the character of it may have been in
other days when its devotees boasted
that it was "the party of humanity,"
for years it has been the pliant tool
of class against the masses. The
country, however, derives but one
good from its displacement from
power; it is painfully evident that
the Democratic party is equally guilty
of all the crimes which it so justly
charged against the Republicans.
Sight is a long step toward salvation;
and the change of administration has
opened many a blind eye. In the
days of Alexander Hamilton, the
spirit of popular oppression was con-
trolled in one political party and
made the light in the open. The peo-
ple saw it and overcame it. To-day,
having learned wisdom by defeat,
the same spirit shrewdly dominates
both the Republican party and the
Democratic; and the democratic
masses in either party, in their
worship of a party name which may
have meant something in the past,
have been the blind and zealous in-
struments of their own undoing. Of
this fact, the multitudes are now
growing conscious.

A ROUSING CONVENTION IN EDGE-
COMBE.

Strong and Unique Resolutions Passed
Unanimously.

Tarboro, N. C., July 4, '94

The People's party convention of
Edgecombe county assembled in this
place on this date for the purpose of
selecting delegates to the several con-
ventions.

The convention was called to order
by Chairman Lloyd in a brief speech,
touching upon the issues of the day.
Mr. J. M. Cutchins was then called
upon to address the convention. He
discussed the issues in an earnest,
able and effective manner, making
a good impression on the audi-
ence. It was decided to hold a con-
vention later on to nominate a con-
gressman. We had large delegations
in attendance, and the utmost har-
mony and enthusiasm prevailed.

THE CRY OF DISTRESS.

Washington Post.

The people throughout the country
are in an almost unprecedented
condition of unrest and discontent,
not only because of the long-continued
hard times, but for the reason
that their representatives in
Washington are so slow and appar-
ently incompetent to devise
measures of relief.

KITCHEN AT CLINTON.

HON. W. H. KITCHEN SPEARS TO AN
ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD OF MORE
THAN 2000 ON JULY 11TH.

Able, Conservative, Patriotic, Conscientious
and Unswerving.

The 4th day of July, '94, was a
great day for the reform movement
in Sampson county. The principles
of Democracy as taught and prac-
ticed by Jefferson and Jackson were
ably defended and the Peoples' Party
greatly strengthened by the presence
of modern or Cleveland Democracy and
its adherents received a death blow.
At 11:30 Mr. Jno. E. Fowler, a
promising young lawyer, introduced
the speaker in eloquent and appro-
priate terms, presenting him to the
people as a man whose ability is re-
cognized and whose influence is felt
in every section from the mountains
to the seashore. A man who in '92
promised the people to leave the
party which now Democrats call
name only, if the promises were not
kept and relief given to the people.
Though he had served the party
faithfully for thirty years, now that
they had deserted the principles and
traditions of the party, he kept his
promise and joined the Peoples' Party,
not because he loved the name
Democrat less, but because he loved
the principles of Democracy more.

The first part of the speech was
devoted to the Declaration of Inde-
pendence. He said:
It has been the custom of our an-
cestors, and we have followed that
custom from the establishment of
our independence, to meet together
to celebrate with appropriate orat-
ions the emancipation of the colonies
from English tyranny and oppres-
sion, and the independence political-
ly, financially, physically and
commercially from the world.

THE DRUMMER POLITICIAN.

Many people are at a loss to know
how our merchants, who are usually
such intelligent men, are so sinfully
ignorant on finance. Of course
the daily paper, the politician, pres-
sion would darken any ordinary mind.
But the merchant is above the ordi-
nary, and reading the daily press
alone cannot account for his stupidity.
So we have to look elsewhere
for the reason.

For many of our city citizens, this
declaration of independence, this
emancipation of the colonies from
the American continent and placed
upon their highest towers the
patriot, the soldier, the statesman.
Inspired and moved by this declara-
tion, they strove the British
king, and the drummer knows no
other man who would never
have found an abiding and resting
place on this continent, and liberty
would have died unborn, and the
oracle in which it has been rocked
would never have been built.

BOLD AND PATRIOTIC—AN ERROR.

Senator Don Cameron, of Penn-
sylvania, wrote a strong letter
to the National meeting of Republi-
can clubs in session last week in
Denver, Colorado.

He says that the Republican party
made a fatal mistake when they de-
monetized silver in 1873. He says
that a single gold standard means
the destruction of American indus-
tries and therefore it is the duty
of the Republican party to undo that
wrong. We make the following ex-
tract:
"Every one admits that the world
stands on the edge of revolution—
social and political; but every one
shrinks from it."
"To those of us who have had
chiefly in mind the struggle between
silver and gold that is the question
which, for the moment, presses hard-
est, the single gold standard seems
to us to be working ruin with vio-
lence that nothing can stand. If its
influence is to continue for the future
at the rate of its action during the
twenty years since the gold standard
took possession of the world, some-
thing very very remote will see in
the broad continent of America
only a half dozen overgrown cities,
keeping guard over a mass of capiti-
and leading it out to a population of
dependent laborers on mortgage of
their growing crops and unfinished
handiwork. Such sights have been
common enough in the world's his-
tory; but against it we all rebel,
Rich and poor alike; Republicans,
Democrats, Populists; labor and
capital; railways, churches, and col-
leges—all alike, and all in solid good
faith, shrink from such a future as
that."

The above is very true and strongly
said, except there is one very
grave error. Senator Cameron says
that all parties shrink from doing
the right thing to give the people
free coinage of silver. The Peoples' party
does not shrink. It was the only
party that had the courage and the
honesty to put a plank for the free
coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to
1 in its National platform. And if
the Peoples' party were not daily
growing stronger, silver would to-
day be dead and would find few if
any friends among the leaders of the
old parties.

THE TARIFF BILL HAS PASSED THE SENATE.

A tariff bill has at last gone through
the Senate, says it.

On last Thursday afternoon, he broke
out on the roof of the terminal station at
the foot of the mountains, and the flames
spread quickly to the Administration building,
thence to the Electricity and Mining build-
ings and Machinery Hall. The terminal
station, Electricity building and Machinery
Hall were a total loss.

A WEEK'S NEWS

GATHERED FROM EVERY QUARTER
OF THE WORLD

And Briefly Told For the Readers of The
Caucasian.

The State of Connecticut People's party
convention met in Hartford on July 4th and
nominated the following State ticket: Gov-
ernor, Edwin C. Bingham, Cheshire; Lieut-
Governor, Joshua L. Perkins, Killingly; Sec-
retary of State, E. R. Clymer, Naugatuck;
Comptroller, Timothy D. Sullivan, Hartford;
Treasurer, William W. Wheeler, Meriden.
The platform declares for a system of
finance independent of Wall street and
London bankers, in which paper money
and silver and gold shall be on an equality,
an increase of currency circulation equal to
the amount paid out for pensions until there
is \$20 per capita, the election of State
Judges and U. S. Senators by direct vote of
the people; that all land held for specu-
lative purposes shall be taxed on its full mar-
ket value; that there shall be municipa-
lity of all water works, gas and elec-
tricity, and that the salaries of all gov-
ernment officials shall be reduced to
correspond with the reduction of wages in
the country. The other planks of their
platform relate to local matters.

AT GOLDSBORO BATTLE GROUND.

An immense crowd was there on the 4th
and it was a very pleasant and enjoyable
occasion for all who were fortunate enough to
be present. Prof. E. A. Alderman delivered
a splendid oration that was received with
much applause and charmed the audience.
Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson was
present and made a good speech that contained
many kind words of our State. There were
speeches from Judge Sinton, of South
Carolina; S. W. Kinsley, Chief Justice
of the Supreme Court, of North Carolina;
Judge R. P. Dick and Richard H. Kemp
of Virginia; and also from Judge Sinton,
of North Carolina.

A Singular Death.

One day last week a 15-year-old son of
Mr. Phil Taylor, of Raleigh, cut his hand with
a piece of glass. The loss of blood was con-
siderable and at the sight of it he fainted
and fell, his head striking the floor. Not
much was thought of the matter, as he
quickly recovered, and continued to play
with his other boys. Soon after supper he
complained of a severe pain in the head, went
to bed and soon fell asleep. At midnight, his
mother found him unconscious, and his
limbs entirely rigid. Two physicians who
came could do nothing to save his life, and
in two hours he was dead. It is supposed
the cause of death was congestion of the
brain, due to the fall.

WISCONSIN POPULIST NOMINATIONS.

The State convention of the People's party
was held in Milwaukee on the 4th and nomi-
nated the following candidates for State
offices: Governor, Dr. Frank Powell, of
La Crosse; Lieut. Governor, Frank Stock
of Monroe; Secretary of State, M. T. Larabee,
of Chippewa Falls; State Treasurer, G.
Scherzinger, of Fond Du Lac; Attorney
General, Carl Engler, of Milwaukee.

SEVERAL WORLD'S FAIR BUILDINGS BURNED.

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out on the roof of the terminal station at
the foot of the mountains, and the flames
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HOMICIDE IN ROSELTON COUNTY.

Thomas Smith was shot and instantly
killed by Jno. B. McCormack, both white,
Rowland last Thursday evening. Both
men are of respectable connections and
well respected. McCormack was appointed
by the sheriff to guard the body of a man
who was tried for the killing of a mule
man at the same place four years ago at the
house of a respectable Croatan but he
claimed self-defense and was acquitted.

STEAMER MURDERED.

The steamer Murders, running summer
schedule between Wilmington and Carolina
beach, burned to the water's edge near Big
Island, nine miles below Wilmington, last
Sunday. She was on her return trip, and
had no passengers aboard except Capt. Sel-
lers, wife, and two children, all of whom
were saved without injury. The steamer is
a total loss.

PENITENTIARY NOT FINANCIAL.

Patrick Eugene Penitentiary has been
found by the jury to be neither insane or
lunatic and therefore responsible for the
murder of Carter Harrison, mayor of Chicago.
The assassin will be hanged to-morrow,
July 13th.

THE EAST TENNESSEE, VIRGINIA & GEORGIA
RAILROAD WAS SOLD JULY 10TH BY SPECIAL
SALE.

The East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia
Railroad was sold July 10th by Special
Sale. Joseph W. Caldwell by order of the
United States Court. The properties were bid
in by S. S. Power, representing the Southern
Railroad Company, for \$1,400,000.

ARCHBISHOP JAMES (COLONEL) WAS HELD IN
JAIL AT WILSON ON THE 5TH BY THE SHERIFF
OF PITT COUNTY.

James was arrested on the 5th by the
sheriff of Pitt county. He has a wife in
Wilson and one in Pitt county.

MR. EDITOR—THE DEMOCRATS HAD
A MEETING IN THIS TOWNSHIP (TRENCH
CREEK) TO-DAY.

Mr. Editor—The Democrats had
a meeting in this township (Trench
creek) to-day. They could find only
six men out of 175 men who once
voted the Democratic ticket. The
Peoples' party held a meeting the
same day with a large attendance.
Many were present who voted the
Democratic ticket last time. They
are now done with Cleve and Sher-
manian. You can rely on this town-
ship and this whole county to give a
big majority for the Peoples' party.
A. J. B.

TWO MEETINGS IN BRUNSWICK.

COOPER, June 22, 1894.

Meeting was called to order by P.
H. Folsom and Mr. W. H. Wilson
was elected Chairman, and S. W.
Davidson Secretary. Mr. Wilson
made some remarks upon the issues
of the campaign, which were warmly
endorsed.
Hon. Richmond Pearson spoke to
a preamble and resolutions hereinafter
recorded.
Ringing speeches were made by P.
H. Folsom, R. T. Tipton, J. W.
Boone, Mac Stagle and others.
Whereas, The time has now arriv-
ed for the voters of Swannanoa town-
ship to openly declare their political
principles, and to set forth the pol-
icies they propose to pursue in the
coming campaign, and
Whereas, The crisis has now con-
fronted all voters where party lines
must be unqualifiedly drawn between
self-interest and the interests of the
masses, between a policy to support
an empty name and a policy to pro-
tect the industries of the land, be-
tween the shams of machine politics,
and the voice and will of the people,
and
Whereas, To secure the best result
for these objects, it is necessary for
the best means to be employed and
the very best men to consolidate their
voices and votes regardless of former
party name and affiliation, therefore
Resolved, That the voters of Swannanoa
township in mass meeting assem-
bled, do hereby endorse the pol-
icies and purposes set forth in the ad-
dress to the people, dated at Ashe-
ville, June 24, 1894, and signed by
V. S. Lusk, G. W. Cannon, and
others.

Resolved, That we are everlast-
ingly opposed to our practical disfran-
chisement in the government of our
home affairs and we demand a re-
turn to the true Democratic popular
and only fair means of managing
our own affairs—this is a voice and
a vote for every office and public
measure.

Resolved, That regardless of pre-
vious party association, we now band
ourselves together upon new issues
and we believe in a fair, equal be-
fore the law, and we demand a re-
turn to the true Democratic popular
and only fair means of managing
our own affairs—this is a voice and
a vote for every office and public
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Resolved, That we are unalterably
opposed to the present policy of
Grover Cleveland, and not only those
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THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.

4TH OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
AND THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

THE 48,000 FLOW HANDLE DEMO-
CRATS WHO PROTESTED AGAINST
THE TARIFF BILL IN THE SENATE
IN 1891 AGAIN IN 1894.
TERMINED UPON VICTORY
IN 1894.

A Starting Point Between the Corrup-
tion and the Best of Human Kind
Existing in this Country To-day
—Right Events are Approaching and
Every Patriot Should stand on His Arms
Firmly—The Cause—What Has
Happened Since 1892.

(Special Cor. to THE CAUCASIAN.)

WASHINGTON, July 4.—If the people are
wisely advised to the political conditions
that incidentally vindicate the necessity
and wisdom of the independent movement
in North Carolina and abundantly justifies
the revolt against the dominant party, they
will, in their county meeting on this 22nd
anniversary day of the People's party and
the 118th anniversary of the declaration of
our continental emancipation, select honest,
conscientious, bold, patriotic, unselfish
men, as delegates to the organized State con-
vention. If the spirit and intelligence of
the convention inspires the people with con-
fidence in the wisdom and honesty of the
movement and the ability and integrity of
its leaders, it is hardly and necessarily the
domination of a few politics there can be
little doubt of a great political triumph in
November.

FREE COINAGE IS TO BE.

From the inception it has been the in-
stance of the People's party that the financial
policy of the country is the controlling
question in national politics. The party is
primarily and essentially a national organ-
ization, and its success or failure is
dependent upon county and State organ-
ization. The free coinage of silver at the
averaged ratio that obtained for nearly 90
years until it was demonetized in 1873, is not
a State issue, but the men to be elected to
congress, pledged to maintain this principle,
must be elected through the organized effort
of the party advocating it. Assuming that
the People's State convention will demand
the immediate restoration of silver, without
regard to international interference or con-
sent, at the ratio indicated, may not the
Democratic State convention, if it is only
a few days, be equally pronounced and
enlightened in its platform declaration?

THE ISSUE THEN RAISED.

before the people will be the honest
party? The Democratic leaders know
too well that the people will not submit to
any further straddling on the party
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RANSOM'S RECORD.

In two congresses he is on record as voting
for free silver. With Cleveland's permission
he voted to pass the seigniorage bill over his
veto. His vote to repeal the Sherman law
was boycotted by the fact that the silver
question was an issue in North Carolina,
and that the Democratic majority for the
land in the State, in his opinion, to his
own efforts in that behalf, justified him
in following his leadership in this matter,
that Vance took the opposite position, ostensibly
as a recognition of instructions from the Al-
liance legislators, but in reality as a matter
of revenge. The Democratic party is
strong in a defensive campaign. Appeals
to prejudice and sympathy rarely fail to
arouse Democratic enthusiasm. More than
once in North Carolina it has turned defeat
into a triumph. It is no man in the
State, or that the State has ever produced,
comparable to him in emotional and senti-
mental oratory. If he were to do and say
in the Senate what he does in every cam-
paign in North Carolina, he would be known
as the great American freak.

The intimations and outgivings here, sug-
gest the indicated line of campaign now con-
templated in the State. The position on
the silver question will be emphasized
by the record of the Democratic Rep-
resentatives in the House. With the excep-
tion of Bunn the North Carolina Represen-
tatives made an honest free silver record.
Grady alone was consistent in voting to
maintain the 16 to 1 ratio. The present
outlook is that the entire delegation with
the possible exception of Alexander, who
seems to be singled out as a victim of man-
aging, will be re-nominated. Then
the situation will be re-considered. The
dates advocating the same financial policy,
authorized respectively by the Chicago Democ-
ratic platform and the Omaha Peoples' platform.

THE FREE TEST.

Take Grady as an illustration. Is he for
the Democratic party, first, and free silver
if he gets a chance? If the election of Presi-
dent is the question, will he vote for
possible contingencies? Will he act inde-
pendently of the Democratic caucus and vote
for a free silver—16 to 1 ratio—candidate?
North Carolina people are noted for the
second-south thought. They are less likely to
be influenced by clamor and acclamation than
any people on the continent. They are honest,
forbearing, patient. Self-respect has
driven them to the desperate alternative of
revolt against Democratic leadership. Mis-
lead, deceived, betrayed, sacrificed, they
proceed, unremorsefully, finally resolved. The
policy of Democratic press only intensifies
their resentment. Subterfuges and make-
shifts only increase their contempt for Democ-
ratic methods. They are done with trifling
under discreet and capable leadership
it is the power that will redress the wrong
from the reproach of dishonest elections
overthrow machine despotism; re-establish
political morality and make "public office
a public trust" in fact and not in theory.

HOW IT IS TO BE DONE.

A bold, aggressive declaration of political
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gation on the State convention. The assump-
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