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HERE ARE SOME REMARKS

ON DEMOCRATIC METHODS IN THE GREAT COUNTRY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

A Man Who Knows. Some Tricks and some Whims. Some Ideas to be Demanded. And They Happened in The House of Representatives. Democracy. For The Cause.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—As the "Declaration of Independence" county is likely to become famous in the next Legislature for contests between those who were fairly elected will be contested and the methods used to run politics in this county since the death of the Populist Party.

The registration time in that county for appointing election judges, the chairman of the Populist Party went before the Democratic commissioners with a list of names and asked that they be appointed. He was informed that he had no party.

One of the commissioners who was at that time a Democratic candidate for the Legislature was asked by a newspaper reporter how he could vote for negro judges, he being a Democrat. His answer was that he did not know they were negroes.

When the sun went down on the day of election 1,896 had the pleasing news that if they had a Democrat, it was not a Democrat, that he was a Democrat it was corrected if it was not right.

Men were hauled in from the county poor house in heavy carriages and made to vote in Democratic ticket who were both blind and dumb. We could name many of them who died and were buried in the potter's field soon after the election.

In 1894 there was no co-operation between the Republican and Populist parties, consequently there was no demand for wholesale frauds. The elections just closed give the people of the county another sample of rule or ruin.

The next thing, when that failed, was to hunt up every negro that had not side his tax, arrest him and put him in jail. That worked to a considerable extent for they got about eighty in jail and that was the effect in another way. It was a success in that it was changed without law or shadow of law after the registration was over and 79 votes were counted out of that crowd who were Democrats. Men were arrested on their way to the

WANTED—FOUR MORE SENATORS.

counted house to pay their tax and yanked into jail without a trial. They were arrested and they could get into the court house.

A whole page might be written and the hall would not be told; but as the Democrats who were declared not elected are going to contest the seats of the Populists that were declared elected and the Republicans are going to contest the seats of the Democrats who were declared elected, we think it well that those who will have the matter to settle should know some of the methods that have been used to carry elections in this county.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY. The Close of a Successful Term.—The Spirit of Self-Help and Sacrifice on the Part of the Boys.

CHapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 19, 1896.—The students have left in small groups almost daily for their homes during the holidays. It has been a good term for work. The attendance has been large—reaching 539, and excluding the summer school for teachers and duplicates, 375.

Self-help and self-sacrifice to gain an education have characterized the term. The students do anything to earn an honest penny. Some manage clubs, some type-work in laboratories, cut hair and shave their fellows, serve as stenographers and typewriters, sell books and clothing, clerk in stores, wait on table at commons, cut their own wood, do cabinet and carpenter work, attend school at neighboring farms, and a variety of other things that their own ingenuity has suggested.

There are rich boys here, but no snobs. Men rise or fall by merit and there is a good feeling between all sects, parties and conditions. It is many-sided life and it tastes as if it were the best in helpful lines.

There has been much improvement in the outside of things, especially the changes in the chapel and the improvements about Commons Hall, which is fast winning its way into favor of all.

Some time ago he discovered that the stalks could be made into cellulose, which, when used to line ships of war, would be practically water-proof. This discovery was made public at the time, but since then Mr. Cramp has found many other still more wonderful uses to which corn stalks can be put.



CAUSE OF BRYAN'S DEFEAT. FIFTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT TO MAKE MCKINLEY PRESIDENT—HOW HANNA'S MACHINE WORKS.

Only \$25,000 Left Out of the Vast Campaign Fund—Twenty Millions Raised From New York Trusts and Banks—Cost \$60,000,000 For Postage Alone.

Now that the election is over, the people have begun to figure on how Hanna spent the money that rolled so generously into his coffers, and through that how much it cost to elect Major McKinley. People have realized that an immense amount of money was used.

Money flowed into Hanna's barrels from every section; but New York, the home and hotbed of trusts and blood-sucking corporations, outstripped the rest of the country 2 to 1. More than \$20,000,000 was raised in that city alone from banking institutions, trusts, and importers.

Within the past week about all the accounts of the National Committee have been set down, and Treasurer Cornelius N. Bliss finds himself in possession of a surplus. This was somewhat a different experience than Mr. Bliss had in 1892, when the National Committee closed up its fifth avenue headquarters the Saturday after the election a little above \$67,000 short.

Now that Coxey has withdrawn from the Peoples Party, and will start a party of his own and invite all other Coxeyites to join it, we suggest that N. A. Dunning start a party of his own, and invite into it all the fellows who got Republican money in the last campaign to help elect McKinley, by patting Tom Watson on the back and encouraging him in his foolish and blundering policy. It is time that there are not many who would be eligible to membership in this party, but yet it is very desirable to have them all out of the Peoples Party and huddled together in one little swart scented gang of their own.

WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS.

A TRAIN OF THE SEABOARD AIR LINE SENT INTO A DITCH BY A MISPLACED RAIL.

The Wreck Occurred on the Raleigh and Augusta Division—Locomotive and Cars of Freight Destroyed and Fireman Killed—The Cause of the Disaster Was a Misplaced Rail.

A frightful wreck occurred on the Raleigh and Augusta division of the Seaboard Air-Line, one and a half miles west of Raleigh, at 12:30 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 22. A rail which had without question, been removed but a few minutes before by professional train wreckers, precipitated the disaster.

The receipts from the oyster industry have been \$3,859,231 and the disbursements \$3,060,319. The Treasurer says in commenting upon this: "There seems to be a lack of thorough understanding of this whole subject on the part of our law makers. With the oyster industry should be under proper laws and their proper execution, a source of considerable revenue to the State.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT. ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS—SUGGESTION AS TO RATE OF TAXATION.

He Cites a Falling Off of Five and a Half Millions in Property Valuation—A Proposed Increase of Appropriation in Only Two Cases—The Banks in Good Condition—The Sheriffs and Tax Collectors Complimented.

The South annually spends immense sums for products of this kind, which are brought from other sections, and which could be raised at home even better advantage than elsewhere. In taking the lead in this kind of educational work, the Governor has a hearty commendation every one interested in Southern advancement.

While one or two other Southern States have established an experimental farm, and while a number of Southern roads have immigration and industrial departments, we do not believe that any one has had such a broad plan as has been outlined by the management of the Seaboard system.

It was to the success of the experimental farm of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad that much of the immigration along the country reached by that road was due. When Major Gleason was carrying such large numbers of Western fruit growers and others to that territory and making such a great success of his work in attracting population and advancing the interests of the country, his success was mainly owing (after giving full credit to his untiring energy and good judgment) to the experimental farm which has been operated so successfully. But this was only one extensive farm, and could not be seen by every body.

WISE AND HELPFUL LEGISLATION NEEDED.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ELECTING A U. S. SENATOR WHO IS IN HARMONY WITH THE MASSES.

All Populist Members Should Support Good Business Men.—The People's Party in North Carolina is one of opportunity and responsibility. The case are few in history in which a minority party has done so much in so short time as to become accomplished by the Peoples Party of our State.

Whatsoever may be said as to "mistakes" of fusion, etc., it is very evident that hands have been directing our forces, and that we are holding its position on various economic points.

The Peoples Party was called into existence to do for the people of the country what never of the old parties would do. It came to be an active and progressive party and not simply a party of promises. This is why the party has received the people's support, and this is why it holds its position of advantage today.

Some good work was done through the efforts of the Populists in our last legislature. Their opportunity will be much better in 1897 than it was in 1895.

The good people of the State are expecting the legislature of 1897 to give us some wise and helpful legislation. They are expecting it through the efforts of the Populist members of the party, co-operation with other Republicans and Democrats.

Let the Peoples Party come up to the needs of the people, and the election of a Senator and also in the needed legislation for the State and there need be little concern about the voters that we shall have in 1898 and 1900. Let it be known that the party is a party of action and not simply a party of promises; that the declarations of our State Convention were not simply an array of hollow words, but that they represent the spirit and purpose of a party with the determination and ability to carry them into effect and even make Democrats will be rather glad after all that the Pop are in the saddle.

THE FUTURE OF THE PARTY IS LARGELY IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO OFFICE. THE PEOPLE'S PARTY HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE MISTAKES AND INDIFFERENCES SHOWN BY THE OLD PARTIES. AFTER THIS SUPPORT RECEIVED WILL BE DETERMINED BY HOW WELL THE PARTY IMPROVES THE OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY ARE GIVEN.

With capable men alive to the State's best interest and a favorable combination of circumstances to look forward with hopeful confidence. JOHN W. WOOD.

POLITICAL POST-SCRIPT.

Condensed Mention of What People Are Saying and What Parties Are Doing.

Agrees With Governor. HOR STANLEY, Ark., Dec. 24.—Mr. Stanley, the United States Minister to Mexico, has given up his formal endorsement of the Administration's position on the Cuban question.

For International Agreement. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senator Wolcott is said to have prepared a plan to secure an international agreement for the recognition of slavery as a standard money and he will present it in the Senate immediately after the recess. It is reported he will recommend that this government take the initiative in calling another international conference.

There have been five international monetary conferences, and they all adjourned without accomplishing anything definite.

Indiana Proposed. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—After being in session for two days, the Populist in this State in the following resolution adopted by a majority of 100: "Resolved, That we deem it advisable that the organization of the Peoples Party should be continued throughout this State, and we recommend that the organization of clubs throughout the State, without any reference to party affiliations."

Remember. "Remember that further and better provisions by law ought to be made to properly protect the voters of this State in a true expression of their votes, and we recommend that the end that the voter, when cast, shall be accurately counted."

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