

LETTERS OF THE PEOPLE.

DEMOCRATS IN FAVOR OF WHITE SUPREMACY MUST HUNT ANOTHER PARTY.

A WORD ABOUT THE OFFICE SEEKERS.

The Democratic Party Has Never Carried out the Program It Has Made to the People—Time to Try Another Party.

THE TIME HAS COME WHEN ALL GOOD MEN SHOULD LEAVE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY!

How any good and intelligent man can arrive at any other conclusion, I cannot see, provided he will lay aside prejudice and calmly consider the past and present record and teachings of the leaders of the Democratic party.

We readily admit that there are good men in the rank and file of that party who are like Paul of old. V. J. Paul was an honest man at heart and wanted to do right, but such had been his early teaching and training, that he was under delusion, as evident from the fact that he thought he was doing God's service, when he was persecuting the true church of Christ. See Acts 16:19-20.

Then it is clear that Paul was deluded by his early training. His teachers, either because of their corrupt hearts or their ignorance, had taught Paul wrong, and that led him astray.

And here let me say, there is a striking analogy between Paul's condition and the condition of thousands who are in the Democratic party today in North Carolina.

That the above assertion is true is evident from several considerations.

- 1. Paul was taught wrong, and by that he was led astray. 2. Paul was honest and thought he was right when he was wrong. 3. It required a miracle to convince Paul that he was wrong.

Now let us see if the three positions taken above are true, when applied to rank and file of the Democratic party, their teachers and leaders.

But to keep from making this article too long, we must condense all we possible can. But let us notice

1. PAUL WAS TAUGHT WRONG.

Now I ask in all sincerity, has not the rank and file in the Democratic party been taught wrong by their leaders for over 40 years?

They certainly have been! And while I dislike to refer to it, yet as an honest man and in defence of truth, I must ask the honest reader to go with us back to 1860 and '61. Who was it that taught you then, that secession was right and legal and to secede from the great compact of states composing this glorious Union, would be to your interest?

Answer democratic leaders by the press and from the stump and pulpit. You know this to be true as the same leaders to look with contempt on your brother in the church, provided he was not a secessionist, being deceived, you did it, and by this the church lost in a great measure its power for good!

Well I take it for granted that you are ready to acknowledge you were deceived by your leaders. Then I ask, was secession for you good, as your leaders taught you? Not a thousand times no! Saying nothing of the millions of property lost, the bones of hundreds of thousands of our loved ones North and South, the blessing in the soil proclaimed that secession was for your good, although your leaders by the press and from the stump and pulpit, declared it was for your good.

Now let me appeal to every honest, but deceived democrat and ask you, have not your leaders and teachers been deceiving you for over 60 years?

Have not they been on every side of nearly every great issue that has come before the people? They certainly have!

They have declared in the most solemn terms, that free trade was the only salvation of the country and got you to believe it and you put them in power! Did they abolish the protective tariff? No! They told you the free coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, was the all important issue, and if you would put them in power you should have it &c. You believed them and gave them control of the National Government—President, House and Senate. Did they do what they promised? No! But killed every bill introduced favoring what they swore they would give you! Like Paul, you were deceived. They promised you prosperity if placed in power. You placed them in power and the result was they gave you poverty, suffering, and stagnation of business all over the country.

CLAIM AGAINST TURKEY PAID.

An Indemnity of \$95,000 Paid Through the American Legation at Constantinople.

Washington, July 11.—The State Department has received the amount of the American indemnity claims against Turkey \$95,000 through the American legation at Constantinople.

As is always the case, the claims in the aggregate considerably exceed the amount of the indemnity actually paid, but our Government has expressed itself satisfied with the payment. It assumes full responsibility for the distribution, the Turkish Government leaving it to the State Department to distribute the money among the claimants at its discretion and after its own fashion.

These claims are principally based upon losses sustained by American missionary and educational institutions in Turkey, notably those at Harpoot and Marash, but there are a number of individual claims, such as for instance as that of the family of the unfortunate bicyclist Lenz, the Pittsburgh man who was killed by Turkish soldiers while attempting to go around the globe on his wheel.

A Negro Uchra Kills Another Presumably for 2 Cents.

Durham, N. C., July 11.—News was brought here tonight by passengers on the Norfolk and Western train that a negro boy named Drumright was murdered late yesterday afternoon by his cousin, both were boys, one twelve and the other fourteen years of age.

Some men at work on a bridge gave the younger boy two cents to go after a bucket of water. The two boys went off together, and late in the afternoon the younger one was found in a dying condition, passing away soon afterwards. Since then nothing has been heard from the older boy, and the supposition is that they got into a row over the two cents and that the murder resulted. The particulars about the affair are very meager.

A Disappointing Election Law.

From the New York Tribune.

If the test to which it was put at Annapolis last Monday proves anything, Maryland's new ballot law—rushed through a subservient Democratic legislature—seems destined to disappoint in practice the hopes of partisan advantage which prompted its enactment.

Well, democratic leaders have claimed to be very loyal to both, the Federal and State Constitutions, and they made some of you believe it. But the facts as shown up by the Democratic legislatures of 1898 and 1900, shows conclusively that they are not loyal to either. They could take the oath of allegiance to Federal Constitution, and then violate the 14th amendment. They violated the Constitution of North Carolina by enacting laws contrary thereto.

They tried to make you believe that the Populists and Republicans were all office seekers, but democrats were not, that they were only working to "save the state." But when they reached control of the state, by lying, fraud, deception intimidation, theft and murder, what did they do? Answer. They commenced increasing salaries and creating new offices, so as to give place to as many of their favorites as possible.

But honest democrats, I call your attention to the fact that your taxes and mine must be increased to meet all these things.

Now I ask you to pause and calmly consider all these things. Unless you do, like Paul, nothing but a miracle will convince you that you have been and are now wrong by following democratic leaders.

I know how hard it is to brake off from them. I was raised up in a democratic community, I heard their teaching, viz: "That only democrats are right, and a man, he could take the oath, what it might, was not worthy of respect or fit to associate with, if he was not a democrat. And so strongly and persistently were these things instilled into my mind as I grew up, in the main I believed them, and like many others, I acted accordingly.

I well remember when I would not go and hear a certain minister preach, because he was republican. And I hardly showed him respect when I met him. Yet no doubt he was a good man. How I wish now that I could beg his pardon, but I cannot, for he is dead. Like Paul, I was deceived, for democrats said I was treating him just as he should be treated. About 1883 I commenced doing my own reading and thinking, and like Paul, I was convinced that I was wrong in following democratic leaders, so I left them and burnt the bridge behind me, and God being my helper, I will never return. And now one of the great regrets of my life is, that I cannot apologize and beg pardon of that minister that I would not hear preach because he was not a democrat. He is dead, I cannot beg his pardon, but God knows I am sorry I treated him as I did. For 20 years I followed the Democratic party.

Now honest democrats, if you will only pause and consider, read and think for yourself, I believe, for your own good, and that of others, you will leave the party, that has caused so many heart aches, bloodshed and variances among brethren, neighbors and is impeding the progress of Christianity in our land. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and I will receive you &c." 2 Cor. 6:17-18.

Geo. E. HUNT.

President of Child Dead.

Buenos Ayres, July 12.—Senor Federico Errazuriz, president of Chili, who had been in feeble health for more than a year, is dead.

OFF FOR ALASKA.

A LARGE AND DISTINGUISHED PARTY OF POLITICIANS AND MINING EXPERTS.

MIXING PLEASURE AND BUSINESS.

An Interview With Senator Butler Who Is a Member of the Party—He Outlines What the Policy of the People Party Will Be.

St. Paul Dispatch, July 1st.

The Ryan hotel and St. Paul today entertained an unusually large number of politicians.

Senator Hansbrough was in conference with Jud La Moure over North Dakota affairs.

There was an Alaska excursion party, consisting of Senator John C. Jones, of Nevada, and his son Roy; former Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina; former Senator R. E. Pettigrew, of South Dakota; Congressman William Sulzer, of New York; former Senator Stephen W. Dorsey, of New York; and a number of mining experts; Maj. Robert M. Catlin, San Francisco; his brother, H. G. Catlin, New York; J. D. B. Coates, of Atlantic, Iowa.

The party came in on a special car, and will leave for the coast this evening. From Seattle they will go to Alaska on a revenue cutter, and will spend a few weeks visiting points of interest along the coast.

The visitors were all thoroughly disgusted with the hot, muggy weather, and did not hunt up any of their friends about town.

Senator Jones, who in point of service, is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, member of the senate, is a typical Western philosopher in appearance. He declined to discuss politics, either from the standpoint of Washington or Nevada.

Congressman Sulzer, who is supposed to revel in things torrid, made the weather an excuse for saying nothing about politics, except that the democrats in New York city have clinched everything in sight for the next municipal election, and will not let the morality or any other office worth having get away. The congressman is smooth faced and boyish looking.

Senator Butler, chairman of the populist national committee, talked more politics than any of the others. "The populist party will go it alone next time, and we will poll more votes than we ever did before," said he. "The main issue will be public ownership—not of everything underhand—but of the natural monopolies. We are not socialists. The so-called is like a dog. You step on his tail and he doesn't turn around to see who hurt him. He bites the fellow who happens to be nearest. The populist believes in competition. Let the public own the natural monopolies, and then for the rest, let it be every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost. All we ask is that there be equality of opportunity. We don't believe in any Bellamy scheme where the government owns everything and everybody works for the government. A scheme of that kind will never make men. Men are made by keen competition, where steel clashes against steel, and Greek meets Greek.

"The silver question is dead for the time being at least, and for one I never favored the use of that word silver. All the true populist contends for is money enough to transact business and maintain the equilibrium of prices. There is probably gold enough now being mined to supply all the needs of commerce in the way of money, and it makes no difference to me or to any one else, whether the money is made of gold or something else, so there is enough of it. On the other hand, we don't want too much of it, for that means inflation, which is bad in its way as contraction is in another. I believe that coinage and the supply of money should be regulated by law. The people can certainly trust the people who fix their taxes to regulate the supply of money. If the banks are to control the supply of money then they should also have the right to regulate taxes.

"The Populist party is the progressive party of the South. In our state it enacted the legislation to encourage manufacturing which has brought so much prosperity to that section. We are now just beginning to get some of the benefits of protection. New England had the benefit of that system a long time, while the South was furnishing the raw material to make the people up there rich. It is our turn to prosper now."

Former Senator Stephen W. Dorsey, of New York, said that Gov. Odell had made one of the best governors New York ever had, and there had never been a more popular state official, especially with the farming element.

A Big Fire at Leesville.

Leesville, N. C., July 11.—A fire broke out here today in the McDonald Furniture Store at 2 o'clock p. m., and raged until 4 o'clock. At one time it looked as if the town was doomed. Eleven stores and a barber shop were consumed. The total loss was \$75,000 with insurance of \$40,000.

THE MUNSON WRECKED.

CAPT. WATTS AND HIS CREW THREE DAYS UNDER A BLAZING SUN WITH NOTHING TO EAT OR DRINK.

A TERRIBLE TALE OF THE SEA.

The Men Were Beaten and Battered by The Wreck—Wounds of Some of the Men Had Begun to Mortify When Rescued.

Tampa, Fla., July 13.—Captain C. F. Watts, of the ill-fated brig, L. F. Munson, from Mobile to Sagua Grande, is in the city en route to Mobile. He himself is a physical wreck and tells a most thrilling story of the wreck of his vessel. The suffering of Captain Watts and his men is something which is almost too horrible to be put into words.

"Wrecked upon a little raft, without food or water, under a blazing sun for three days, followed by huge, glowing sharks, seeing vessels pass within hailing distance, and then fade into the distance, was almost too much for a human to stand," he says. The men, beaten and battered by the wreck, lay more dead than alive upon the raft, and many of them with wounds, which had begun to mortify when they were rescued.

"Sunday, while about 200 miles west of Tortugas, the vessel was literally battered to pieces in a storm. Almost in an instant all on board realized that the vessel was sinking. The life boat had been made ready, and provisioned for several days. All hands rushed to lower it, and in their haste the boat was overturned and rendered useless to them. They only had time to climb upon the after house when the vessel sank, and left them twisting in the eddy of the water where the vessel had been.

"For three days the crew, lashed to the top of the after house, were upon the tossing waves of the Gulf, the improvised raft upon which they sat being covered a foot or more with water and keeping that distance all the time. Thus for three days their bodies were under the water. The lashing waves soon tore the clothing from the men and their naked bodies were exposed to the tropical sun.

"They saw four vessels loom into view, and then disappear. When the night came on, chilling winds made the men shiver and suffer, to be followed by the blistering heat of a tropical sun the next day. With dry and parched lips and throats they suffered only such agonies as can be experienced, but not described.

"Monster sharks followed in their wake and occasionally one more venturesome than the rest would come and place his snout against the little raft. These harbingers of death were always with the unhappy and helpless crew. Beaten and battered in a storm of a few days before, three men were wounded. They could do nothing for themselves and mortification set in soon and added to the horror of their situation."

Captain Watts says he does not believe his men will recover from their terrible exposure. As he left them at Key West they were in a horrible shape.

Trade of the Southern Mills With China Philadelphia Times

A large New York company engaged in the export trade with China finds that its earnings for the first six months of the year as compared with the same period last year fell off about 50 per cent. This loss was in the cotton goods business, which has been greatly reduced in volume because of the war. Now it is said that exports to China are being resumed, and there are prospects that the trade from now on will show a return to former proportions. This will particularly favor Southern mills, which had been highly prosperous, while the New England industry could scarcely keep in motion, but which will be the decline in the Chinese demand for sheetings, drills and the coarser wools has lately passed through rather evil times.

June Bags Put out the Lights of a Town Zanesville, O., July 14.—Zanesville is almost entirely in darkness to-night, as a result of the violation of June bags in countless numbers. Electric light globes are filled and the lights are completely submerged by the ashes of the burned bugs. The hotel offices are infested with such swarms that it was necessary to close the doors, notwithstanding the intense heat.

In several instances church services were interfered with. The river bridges are almost impassable to pedestrians. The atmosphere about the lights is filled with clouds of live insects and floors are covered to a depth of several inches by dead ones.

Ex-Gov. of Texas Dies.

Dallas, Texas, July 12.—Hon. Richard B. Hubbard, formerly Governor of Texas and during President Cleveland's administration United States Minister to Japan, died at his home in Tyler, Texas, today.

PROB'S FATAL TASTE FOR DYNAMITE.

THE STRIKE IS OFF AT NEWPORT NEWS.

FLURRY IN WHEAT AND CORN.

Seven Shot at a Country Dance.

Columbia, S. C., July 11.—Last night in the home of Aaron Chavis, near Nemes, Orangeburg county, there was a fight in which seven persons were shot, including two women. Thomas Williams and Pope Chavis were shot through the lungs and will die; Mrs. Tom Chavis was wounded twice through both legs; Miss Mary Chavis, shot in the shoulder; Aaron Chavis, wounded in the knee; Tobe Hoover, in the head, and Andrew Williams, through the hand. The fight occurred at a dance.

Cobb Appointed Collector of Customs

Washington, July 13.—The President has appointed Geo. W. Cobb, of North Carolina, collector of customs for the district of Albemarle, N. C.

THE GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.

VIRGINIA WILL NOT INCORPORATE IT IN ITS FRANCHISE LAWS.

It is "Class Legislation of the Most Vicious Kind and in Violation of the Principles of the Bill of Rights."

A special to the Charlotte Observer from Richmond, Va., says: "The grandfather clause of the franchise laws of Louisiana and other Southern states meets with little or no approval by the members of the Virginia constitutional convention and it is quite certain that the principle involved in this legislation will not be incorporated in the organic law of this state. In the convention today Mr. O'Flaherty of Warren, introduced a resolution in which he bitterly attacks the grandfather clause. 'It is the sense of this convention,' Mr. O'Flaherty's resolution declares, 'that the adoption of any provision whereby a privilege is given one citizen over another in the matter of suffrage by reason of his or his ancestor's military service is class legislation of the most vicious kind and in violation of the principles of the Bill of Rights as promulgated to the world by Virginia more than a century ago, wherein they declare that no set of men are entitled to exclusive privileges, and in violation of both the letter and spirit of the constitution of the United States, which we voters have sworn to defend, as well as in violation of the principles of equal rights.'

Brother Dickey's Sunday Sayings.

"Hit don't make no difference ter me," said brother Dickey, "of de whale swallered Jonah, or Jonah swallered de whale. W'en I see Satan wid his mouth wide open, de leadin' question wid me is, who gwine swaller Dickey? Dat's what. En dit don't cut no figger wid me w'ether 'Lijah gone ter glory in a cherryyoot er fire, or hit de fire after he got dar. Still de question come; How is Dickey gwine ter git dar? Dat's de pint! Dat's de question dat come up last 'ol grocery bill, on ez fer settlement. 'Eve' man 'sponsible fer his own soul—do some men soul is so small dey 'sponsibility is mighty little! Wuz wuz bo'n by yo'self—unless yo' wuz twins—en yo' mus' die by yo'self, unless de doctor taste de medicine fast. Min' what I tellin' you. Dey ain't no way outen it. Hit's deez ez plain ez a bald head in fly time. W'en you git up yander dey ain't gwine ax you, 'Whar yo' wife, on whar yo' mudder in law? Kaze why? Dey wuz de know, yo' some dar ter see.' Sides dat, yo' mudder in law mus' ingenuously goe de yuther way. No, suh! All yo' got ter do is ter answer fer yo'self; en yo' pulls thro' after de heavenly cross-questionin', yo' ain't gwine to cut up kaze yo' ain't got no front seat: Ef you kin des squeeze in yo'll be satisfy wid a secon'-class jewsharp, en heller halleluia fer six inches standin' room!"

Opposed to Singing "I Want to be an Angel."

Detroit, July 11.—The fourth annual convention of the American Society of Religious Education, opened this afternoon. Prof. L. H. Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio, and F. W. Walker, of Chicago, spoke on "The Sunday School as it should be."

Both speakers advocated teaching children what they ought to be morally at the same time they are instructed in their books in the day schools. Prof. Jones argued that normal schools should be established for the instruction of Sunday-school teachers, and that they should be paid salaries. Mr. Parker came out strongly against the singing of such hymns as "I Want to be an Angel," and urged that the Sunday-schools be put on a more common sense, practical basis.

Missouri Farmers Want a Day of Prayer for Rain.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 11.—Governor Dockery has received numerous petitions asking him to issue a proclamation setting a day of fasting and prayer for rain. It is said that unless rain shall come soon, the failure of crops in Missouri will be the greatest since 1864.

THE DROUGHT IN THE WEST.

BAD OUTLOOK FOR COTTON AND CORN CROPS IN MISSISSIPPI AND MINNESOTA.

ANOTHER HEAVY STORM IN TEXAS.

The Mercury Reached on Monday and Six Degrees at Stone Falls, S. D.—Stays 90 per Cent of Corn Crop Retained in Store.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 14.—The long-continued drought has resulted in the entire ruin of corn and oats crops in this section of the country. No amount of rain will now be of any benefit to those cereals. The fruit and vegetable crops are also complete failures, and the pastures have dried up so that the farmers are paying enormous prices for hay and feed.

Omaha, Neb., July 14.—This city and the state has had another torrid day. The mercury registered 101 degrees. The atmosphere was fresh, however, with an absence of anything that tended to hot winds. This condition has prevailed for almost a week, and its effect on the corn crop has not been serious, although rain is needed to insure a fair crop.

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 14.—Heat again intolerable, temperature 106 on the street. No great damage has yet been done to crops in this vicinity, but much is feared.

Lincoln, Neb., July 14.—Nebraska sweated in in the heat today. The sun beat down on the parched earth with unusual fierceness, even for this dry season. The highest temperature reported by the weather bureau was 102 degrees at 4:30 p. m., but thermometers in the business districts recorded 109. The mean temperature of the day was 90 degrees, the highest of the year. Reports show that no rain has fallen in the state during the past twenty-four hours.

BAD OUTLOOK IN MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson, Miss., July 14.—From all over the state come reports that corn, cotton and other farm crops have been seriously damaged because of the long-continued drought. Very little rain has fallen since April, and none at all, except in a few favored spots, since the 1st of June. Mississippi raised no corn last year because of continuous rains during June and July, and to fall two years in succession is a serious matter to thousands of farmers. The weather has been blistering hot for a week.

Burlington, Iowa, July 14.—Today was the 14th day of succession that the mercury went to 100 and over. The humidity in the atmosphere makes it very oppressive. There are no indications of rain.

Ardmore, I. T., July 14.—Cotton belt reports show that cotton is being injured by the drought that has prevailed in Chickasaw Nation for the past five weeks. Unless rain falls within the next few days crops will be cut short. About 60 per cent of the corn crop has already been ruined. There will be no marketable corn. The crop of other grains is a total failure.

HEAVY RAINFALL IN TEXAS.

Denison, Tex., July 14.—The worst drought ever experienced in this section was broken this afternoon by a terrific rainfall of over two hours' duration, the volume of water being almost equal to a cloud-burst. The storm was accompanied by a wind of almost tornado force. Reports indicate that the rain is general in this vicinity. It came just in time to save the cotton crop. It will benefit the fruit crop and furnish stock water, which had entirely failed, causing much distress. It will also benefit lowland corn.

The Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, recently erected at a cost of \$15,000, was partially demolished and a number of small houses in the northern portion of the city were blown over and wrecked. Sludge, trees and windows all over the city were demolished. A tornado is reported to have passed over the Chickasaw nation.

CONVENTION OF BRYANS FOLLOWERS.

They Will Hold the Former Convention—To Meet in Council in Columbus 8th of July.

Cleveland, O., July 14.—On July 31, Ohio democrats who believe in Bryan, the issues which he represents, and that the recent democratic convention ignored, will assemble in Columbus and make up a state ticket. Ten men met this morning in a down-town office building in this city and decided that a ball should be made and that a new party should enter the field of Ohio politics. The attendees at the conference, it was stated, was larger and represented a greater area in the state that was expected by those who called the meeting.

A formal statement of principles was submitted to the conference and was adopted. This will be printed and sent throughout the state those who are known to be faithful to the Nebraskaan. A convention was decided upon, to be held at the Great Southern Hotel, on the last day of July. To this convention may come all those who sign their names to the declaration of the principles.