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"DEMOCRATIC HARMONY."

The Progressive Democrats of Illinois held a meeting in Chicago a few days ago for the purpose of re-organizing the Democratic party and to round up the Hearst Democrats. A declaration of progressive Democratic principles was approved and the meeting was apparently coming along lovely until H. W. Wheeler, Democratic State Central Committeeman, arose and from the floor of the Conference repudiated "Heartism" and declared that Illinois Democracy will have none of it. This utterance broke up the harmony in the meeting.

We have heard much of Democratic harmony, but the evidence is lacking. Bryan has read Judson Harmon, John Sharp Williams and Oscar Underwood out of the party, and Underwood and his friends have put their mark upon Bryan.

At the meeting of the Governors in New Jersey Tuesday Governor Wilson and Governor O'Neal of Alabama had a "fall-out" over what they termed Democratic principles. All the Democratic leaders seem to have a platform of their own and the prospects are for a knock-down and drag out time when the Democratic National Convention meets next summer.

DEMOCRATIC "GOOD GOVERNMENT" IN ROBESON.

Democratic "good government" has been a failure in Robeson County, as well as in the other counties in the State. The Rowland Sun is unable to find any results from the thousands of dollars spent in that county each year for roads. We quote the following from the last issue of the Sun:

"We don't believe there is a county in the State where there are more bad roads than here in Robeson, and yet thousands of dollars are spent on them every year. We hear so much about Robeson being 'the greatest county in the State,' and it is, but in the matter of good roads we are among the most backward. We get a new road law passed at nearly every Legislature, and if there is any improvement, we fail to see it."

Some of the money supposed to be spent for good roads in Robeson County was spent in working a private road in front of the home of one of the road overseers, and if we mistake not, the same road force spent a week digging up stumps out of a field that belonged to the said overseer. Possibly the rest of the road money was spent for similar purposes.

Monday's issue of the Robesonian, in commenting on the number of crimes being committed in Robeson County, says:

"Since noon day before yesterday three men have met violent deaths in Robeson County, each of a different race—white, negro and Indian—and another Indian has been wounded, a suspender buckle being the only thing that saved him from the fate of the other three."

It will be remembered that Robeson was the county the Democrats were asked to steal some years ago in order to save the State for the Democratic office-holders. And the crimes condoned in those days are possibly responsible for the careless way in which the road money is handled and for the crime wave that is now sweeping that county; and the Democratic rank and file in Robeson are not through hollering. The Democratic machine in that county has not only increased the taxable value of property, but have also increased the tax rate, and as a result, the taxes this fall will be almost unbearable.

Robeson would be an excellent county if it could get rid of the Democratic barnacles that are now hampering its progress.

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THE LIMIT OF THE LAW.

At Fayetteville some days ago Judge Whedbee sentenced a "white slave" trader to one year on the roads and his wife to one year in jail for aiding in the crime. At the time of sentencing the pair Judge Whedbee said he regretted that "this new law" did not give the maximum punishment at more than twelve months.

At Lexington and Salisbury courts Noel and his wife were sentenced for fifteen years for the same offense. We knew that the Democratic politicians had a new platform for every locality, but didn't know before that they also had new "State laws" for every county. Isn't a crime committed in Cumberland County just as bad as a similar crime committed in Salisbury or Lexington?

One of our farmer subscribers, who has received from Senator Simmons a copy of his speech explaining his vote against the reciprocity bill, says that the Senator banks heavily upon the credulity of the farmer if he thinks that his explanation explains.

The Charlotte Observer, in an editorial, says: "That a two million dollar increase in taxable values is a mighty good showing for Buncombe County." This and the news of such increases in taxation in all the other counties in the State can only be good news to the Democratic office-holders and office-seekers, whose chief business is in creating new offices and in increasing salaries. The tax-payer will certainly not see in this any good news for him.

Governor Kitchin and his Democratic administration have just borrowed another quarter of a million dollars. This borrowing of money to meet a Democratic deficit has gotten to be such an every-day occurrence that it has almost ceased to be news. If the Democratic party continues to stay in power and continues to borrow money, pray who will pay back this money, and when? The debt is growing bigger and the interests is growing apace every hour both day and night.

A wag on the streets, a few days ago, discussing the Senatorial mix-up in the Democratic party, observed that since Governor Kitchin was losing so many of his friends because he had broken his promises on the trust question, that the trusts would have trouble in rallying to him in sufficient strength to make up the defection because the trusts were probably under obligations to Simmons before they were to Kitchin, and that the least they could do would be to divide their support evenly between these two candidates.

If Governor Kitchin was elected as Governor on his "personality" and expects to be elected Senator on the same capital stock, his friends would do well to take note of the fact that his "personality" is on the wane. His "personality" seemed to be at high water mark when he was canvassing the State for Governor and making bold and patriotic promises. Thousands who supported him then, either for his "personality" or for his promises, are now deserting him.

The report of the Raleigh police department show a larger number of arrests during the month of July and that the fines for the month amounted to \$743.61; in fact, the arrests and fines for that month beats the record in the history of Raleigh. After all, it is not a record to be proud of. If Democratic claims could be taken at par, crimes of every kind should be on the decrease instead of on the increase. As Raleigh is under Democratic "good government" of the "Re-fawm" brand, such a record as the one made in July certainly needs further explanation.

Says the Durham Herald:

"When cotton was selling for 15 cents it happened to be in the hands of those who would not take less than that for it."

And it also happened after the farmers had been prospering for a number of years under laws enacted by a Republican administration. If the Democrats should gain full control of the National Congress, and did not exercise any more judgment than when they were in power before, the farmers would soon be too poor to hold their cotton, and it probably would not benefit them any if they were too.

President Taft condensed a whole volume into one sentence when he says that the Democrats are "for tariff for politics only."

The Durham Sun says: "The crime wave is still waving."

The Sun should write ex-Governor Aycock and try to ascertain the cause of this great crime wave throughout the country. Twelve years ago he said it was due to Fusion rule. Wonder what is the cause to-day?

Judge Clark's friends and supporters for the Senate point frequently to his personal platform and challenge the other candidates to say where they stand on the issues promulgated therein. Governor Aycock, in making his announcement after Judge Clark had issued his platform with his announcement, made a dig at Judge Clark by saying that he did not have a personal platform, but that he stood on the Democratic platform without any "ifs" or "ands." It is pertinent for Judge Clark's friends to ask Governor Aycock's friends to explain what the Democratic platform means, and it would be pertinent for Governor Aycock's friends to ask Judge Clark if he belongs to the Democratic party, since it is necessary for him to get entirely off of the Democratic platform and make one of his own.

In addition to the great number of crimes that are being committed in the State by "civilians," some of the officers of the law are adding their quota to the death list. Only a few days ago a policeman in Henderson shot a man of good family who was under the influence of whiskey and did not want to be arrested. A guard at a convict camp near Wilmington was looking for escaped convicts and shot the first negro he saw, and of course shot the wrong negro. At Goldsboro a few days before a gentleman who was aiding in the arrest of a suppose crap-shooter shot down the negro because he would not stop running.

There are enough crimes being committed in this State without the officers adding to the death list when there is no provocation for murder.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS NEGLECTED.

Many Children Are Kept in Ignorance in Order That a Few May Receive a Higher Education—The Schools a Political Football.

Mr. P. A. Hooker, of Kinston, N. C., writing to the Raleigh Evening Times, says:

"I have wondered if it is possible to pass laws wherein one man has the school machinery more under his control than is the case in North Carolina. Perhaps a review of the situation wouldn't be amiss. The Legislature of 1909, through the influence of Mr. Joyner, passed the necessary acts to establish what we know as district high schools. Those district high schools are maintained in three different ways: (1) By State aid; (2) by aid from the common school funds; and (3) by subscription or local taxation. The law is so arranged if the district raises from \$250 to \$500 that district can get the same amount from both the country school fund in which the district is located, and also the State Treasurer pays a like amount, for every dollar the district raises the county and State pays one each. These special districts take from the common school fund of the county from \$250 to \$500 and their proportional part of the remainder. The common school will ever be common school will ever be common as long as the Legislature of North Carolina allows their funds to be used by special districts. Each district should have its proportional part and no more. From the last Legislature comes the farm life school, or rather by the way of, and it is the election and selection of the teachers for both the farm life and district high schools that I wish to have something to say. The district high school teachers have to go before the State Board of Examiners, and there get their permit. The State Board of Examiners are appointed by the State Board of Education upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The principal of the District High School gets from \$500 to a \$1,000 per year. The principal of the common schools get from \$100 to \$140 per year. The District High School average time is about seven and a half months, while the average time of the common school is about four months. The District High Schools get their proportional part of the common or free school funds, and also from \$250 to \$500 extra from the free school money of the county in which they are situated. North Carolina's Superintendent of Public Instruction, by the aid of the Legislature, he created a condition that makes it possible for him to say who should teach in the schools that pay salary sufficient to be most attractive. He has so arranged the law as to take from the funds of the common schools and

give it to the District High Schools; that the conditions that he has created do have a tendency to educate a few people well and keep the great mass of free school children in ignorance no one can truthfully deny. That this arrangement does make for our superintendent a combination the like of which the American Tobacco Company, Standard Oil and Steel, are but pigmies, as to their effect on the rights and liberties of the future North Carolinians, we learn that there can be only four of these schools in any one county. If it isn't right to have but four, why is it right to have four? And if it is right to have four, why is it not right to have more than four? And again the law says the county must first have enough funds to run their free schools four months before the District High School has the right to take any. According to that the patrons of the common school have no right to a share of the increased prosperity of this great State. While over 80 per cent of the people get their only schooling in the common schools, and they are the people that make schooling possible for us all, and while all branches of education are feeling the impetus of increased wealth, yet the free schools stay the same. From the very source that we should expect our greatest aid emanates the conditions that further impoverish the common schools.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of North Carolina is using the influence that comes to him as head of our free school system to establish and maintain other schools more to his liking, while the very thing that he is elected for is being neglected. As the conditions exist, which are largely of his making, we have the means of establishing from one to four District High Schools in the State. The patrons of those schools realize that they are getting their children educated at one-third of its actual cost. That such an arrangement does have a tendency to make the recipient of those favors feel kindly toward the donor goes without saying. Therefore by establishing from one to four of those schools, it necessarily puts a good following of the wealth and influence under obligations to Mr. Joyner.

"I have previously explained the election and selection of the teachers. The arrangement affects the teacher similar to the patrons; for he, too, must recognize the power behind the throne. For the same influence that makes the school also makes the teacher of it. What more could be desired by any man than the power vested in our Superintendent to further his political ends? Who dares to tell us that the school teacher is not subservient to this influence, and that there are not other requirements besides his knowledge of books to get a position in the afore-mentioned schools? Can we boast of our freedom and allow the influence of one man to dominate any branch of our Government?"

"P. A. HOOKER.
"Kinston, N. C., R. F. D."

WITH THE EDITORS.

If the Democratic party ever did any one any good except the Democratic office-holders who draw the salaries we have never heard of it.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

Those Democrats who think it religious to steal votes in order to keep the Democratic party in power, will perhaps get real happy when they go to pay their taxes this fall.—Clinton News-Dispatch.

If you do not believe a Democratic State administration increased taxation this year, compare your tax receipt with the one you received last year and note the difference.—Union Republican.

During the starvation days of Grover Cleveland the foolish war on a protective tariff threw nearly three million men out of employment. What ticket will these men vote at

the next Presidential election? It is hardly probable that they will be found carrying the Democratic banner with free trade for their battle cry.—Union Republican.

"It has cropped out already—prohibition in the gubernatorial campaign," remarks the Charlotte Chronicle. Of course, the old football will be kicked around in the Senatorial race or anywhere else it can be used to advantage in a Democratic campaign.—Albemarle Chronicle.

The Charlotte Observer says that Georgia claims to have a roster that sings like a mocking bird. Ex-Governor Aycock should import him as his North Carolina songster, of the

Even the Democrats Are Getting Tired of High Taxes.

Editor Caucasian.—Some of the Democrats have begun to howl hard times and high taxes, and, sir, they are getting just what they voted for last fall; yet some of them say they don't know so much about that, but I ask them who was the party that elected them to the Legislature, and they hang their heads down and say, "I guess we did, but we didn't want the taxes raised like they raised them," and a few of them say: "We will do better when the time comes to vote again." Some say they are done with the Democratic party for good if they can't do any better than they have been doing in the past, and expect to quit for good. I tell them I can say Amen for them if they will stick to what they say.

Yours truly,
P. M. CARAWAN.
Hobucken, N. C., Sept. 11, 1911.

ATTACKS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

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