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SMALL WE HOLD PRIMARIES.

THE TIMES prints elsewhere the full text of Senator Jarvis' letter to the State Democratic Executive Committee in which he suggests the advisability of holding primaries for the election of Senators.

No man, or set of men, has the right to override the wishes of the people. They rule. They are clamoring for an opportunity to express themselves as to the choice of a Senator, and they will be heard.

The time for holding primaries and conventions is rapidly approaching. If dangers are to be avoided and harmony preserved an amicable disposal of this question must be made.

THE ANARCHISTS WORK. M. Carnot, the President of France, was murdered Sunday night on the streets of Lyons by a dagger in the hands of an Italian anarchist.

This spirit of anarchy in many of the countries of Europe has grown to dangerous proportions. By immigration it has been planted upon our own shores.

There is a great country, and the asylum for the oppressed of every land, but the time has come to call a halt in the importation of socialists and anarchists who despise all law, and whet their daggers for the assassination of the officers of the law.

GIVE US FREE SUGAR. We feel now every assurance that the tariff bill, income tax and all, will pass the Senate at a very early day. From the Senate it will go to a conference committee composed of members of the Senate and House.

The bill as it now stands gives much less protection to the trust than the McKinley bill. It also repeals the bounty paid to producers amounting to about \$10,000,000 a year. With this saving and the \$40,000,000 that will be derived from the tax on incomes, and the increased revenue derived from import duties, ample funds for the expenses of the government will be secured, hence Democrats argue that no tax on sugar is necessary, or at most only a very small tax.

The Democrats promised economy in the administration of public affairs. The report of Mr. Lochren, commissioner of Pensions, shows that in his department the promise has been kept. His report shows that \$25,000,000 has been saved this year by economy and by cutting off fraudulent pensions. That is a record for the Democracy to boast of.

The campaign in South Carolina has degenerated into one of personal abuse and mud slinging in which both Butler and Tillman are equally guilty, and no one knows what bloodshed a day may bring forth. We hope no such state of affairs will ever exist in our beloved state.

Some of the candidates for county offices have expressed a desire to have the county convention held earlier than usual, say about July 30th. The Times calls attention to this matter in order that those interested may have an opportunity to raise objections if they have any.

The Hatch anti-option bill intended to prevent gambling in futures, passed the House by a large majority last week. The aims and purposes of this bill are good. Whether it would be effective in preventing gambling in futures is a question. We hope it may pass the senate some day and be fairly tested as a law.

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grounds, but distrusts the combatant who hides behind hedges, breastworks, ditches and make-shifts to obtain any undue advantages. Any one who strikes from such covered positions has been of all the technicalities the shrewdest diplomat could employ.

They say Ransom is a worker? So he is a worker for Ransom; and he takes good care to secure the appointment of men to office who will help to retain him in his seat. His home is virtually at the Metropolitan Hotel at Washington, where he resides the year round, shaping the policies of North Carolina as securing personal and political appointments.

Ransom and Jarvis are both candidates for the same seat. The voters of the state are clamoring for a showing and the privilege of expressing their preference between the two. Let there be no snap judgments, chieftainry nor underhanded, but let both candidates unite and submit their claims to a jury of their peers—the people.

Following is Senator Jarvis' letter in full to Hon. F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee: I see from the newspapers that the State Executive Committee of the Democratic party is called to meet in Raleigh on the 12th instant to put the necessary machinery in motion for the meeting of the State Convention.

As a member of the Democratic party and a candidate for its honors I beg to submit some suggestion for the consideration of the Committee. It will be conceded, I suppose, that there is much discontent and dissatisfaction among the great body of the people of North Carolina, and that the Democratic voters share largely in this dissatisfaction.

The fact that two United States Senators are to be elected gives additional importance to the approaching election. But of this hereafter. There is nothing in which the people of a State have a greater interest than the judiciary. It is of little benefit that the legislature is wise and conservative if our judges and solicitors are not good men, learned in the law and impartial and efficient in its administration.

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agree with me, as I hope they will, there can be no difficulty in providing the machinery for this purpose. That is an easy matter. This office, as well as all others, belongs to the people. We therefore cannot make a mistake in requesting the Democratic voters to assemble at their respective voting places and name the candidates of their party for this well as other offices. It will be my pleasure to abide and support the will of the voters thus obtained, no matter whether I be chosen or not, and no matter from what section the chosen candidates may be selected; and I take it all other candidates are ready to do the same.

The present system of the State government in North Carolina is, with very few exceptions, about as nearly perfect as it can be made. Especially is the system of county government fair and just and satisfactory.

What we have our Populist friends got to say about this? If they denounce Cleveland for vetoing the silver seigniorage bill, ought they not also to denounce their own Representatives who helped to defeat this State bank bill? This latter bill would have been of much greater benefit to North Carolina than the silver bill would have been.

The money power backed by the National banking interests, scored another victory in the defeat of the 10 per cent tax repeal on State bank issues. And it will win another in killing the proposed income tax.

Senator Jarvis showed his faith in his strength among the people by writing the State Democratic Executive Committee that he is perfectly willing that primaries should be called for the people to express their individual preferences for a candidate for United States Senator.

It is plainly noticeable, that among the people this year, there is an ever increasing disposition to vote for the best man in the coming election. This is indicative, not of desertion of party, but of a determination by the people to control parties. This is as it should be.

Senator Jarvis' scheme is for ballot boxes to be placed at the polling places on the day of election for State officers wherein Democratic voters may deposit votes expressing preference for U. S. Senators. The State convention will have jurisdiction in the matter and we hope will adopt some plan for a primary.

There is no doubt of the fact that the Third party is on the wane. It has seen its big days and now goes the way of the Coxy craze, the green-back craze, and others of the same kind. It shows the truth of the remark attributed to Lincoln to the effect that "you can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people sometimes, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time."

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A writer in The Chicago Times sums up thirty years of our financial history in the following: The amount of money in circulation at the close of the war in 1865 was \$2,000,000,000, or \$50 for every man, woman and child. Since then our population has increased 30,000,000 of people, and we have in actual circulation today among the people only \$500,000,000, or \$1,200,000,000 less than in 1865.

for everything were good. The poorest laborer could promise his provision merchant \$10 on Saturday night and keep his promise. There was five times as much money in circulation then as now, and only a little more than half the population. The greater portion of the money was treasury notes, which General Grant said at the time was the "best currency that our country had ever possessed."

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Spring HAS sprung. A pair of barefoot boys have been seen playing marbles for keeps. The champion liar has seen the first robin. A dude paraded Tryon street without his eye-glass. A woman was arrested for kidnapping a pair of undressed kids.

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