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SEEKING TO BELIEVE

As a reporter was through the Central Hotel he found the crowd of near-sighted and putrid folk going into or coming out of the office of Dr. Matthez. The ones that came out wore faces other than those that went in, and curiosity led the reporter to investigate the cause of this sudden and happy transformation. A glance around the room was sufficient.

As he entered, a young girl was being examined to see if her sight was entirely lost, and, if not, what hope there might be for its partial restoration. Dr. Matthez led his patient up to the wall, on which hangs placards bearing letters of all sizes, and asked her, at each step nearer, if she could distinguish any of the characters. At each step the same despairing answer was given. She could see nothing but a blank, white wall. Nature had no charms for her and art no delights. At last, led by her guide close to the wall she placed her face almost against it, and, with upturned eyes, could even then but scarcely decipher the large, clearly printed letters.

There seemed then no hope? Not so. "That is all right," said Dr. Matthez with a tone of triumph. "You shall soon see." He then selected from his cabinet of glasses and lenses two that possessed the desired compound. These were fitted into frames and placed before the poor blind eyes—and the blind saw!

Although at the extreme end of the room, she now saw distinctly every character, large and small, that had before been as the invisible air to her eyes! "Do others see like this?" was the simple question she asked, but there was in it a praise, a gratitude, a modest eloquence and pathos that almost engendered tears. "Nothing almost sees miracles but misery?"

But, as if this evidence were not enough, another instance, as marvelous as the first, immediately succeeded it. This patient, like the former, was brought to the office of this city. Her eyes, from infancy, had been of unequal vision, and, as a consequence, all objects were either not seen at all or seen blurred and obscure. She, too, could see nothing on the wall until brought within a short distance of it. While one eye could have deciphered the characters there at a considerable distance away, the other could see nothing until within a few inches of the object. It did not take long to read this phonic riddle that nature had presented. No glasses of different power were at once placed before her eyes, and the distorted and wandering sight became fixed and determinate. Order came from chaos, and form and beauty from deformity and dimness.

Truly, "seeing is believing." Those who desire Dr. Matthez's service in the adjustment of cases would do well to see him at once at the Central Hotel.

For McKinley and Free Silver. HURON, S. D., March 25.—Several hundred delegates and members of the South Dakota Republican League are in attendance at the annual convention of the State League here today. President Woods called the body to order at 2 o'clock and the preliminary work was concluded then adjournment taken until evening when the addresses will be delivered. Among the orators are Congressmen Dolliver and Cousins, of Iowa, W. B. Sterling, of Omaha, Attorney General Crawford and Hon. J. M. Lawson, of Aberdeen. Secretary Dowling of the national league is also present. While "free silver" is the cry of an overwhelming majority of those present at the league meeting and the state convention are in favor of McKinley if they cannot get a western man.

Republican State Convention. HURON, S. D., March 25.—The Republican State convention, for the purpose of electing delegates-at-large and alternates, to the St. Louis convention, was called to order at noon by A. C. Johnson, chairman of the State Central committee. There are 598 regular delegates and one delegate from each of the unorganized counties. The convention to nominate a full Republican State ticket will be held in Aberdeen on July 5th.

Four Inches of Snow in New York. NEW YORK, March 24.—About four inches of snow fell last night. The thermometer this morning is down to thirteen above zero, making the coldest record for the date known. The Vermont thermometer is far below zero.

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS.

CONVENTION ADJOURNED TO SEVEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

An Action of Importance to Morton—The Platform Will Reaffirm the Financial Plank of 1895, Will Condemn Free Coinage and Declare for Protection.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Republican State convention is being held in the Grand Central Palace today. Four delegates at large to the Republican National convention in St. Louis will be elected. Unless the unexpected happens, which is not likely, these delegates will be Thomas C. Platt, Chauncey M. Depew, Frank Hiscock and Warner Miller, and they will go to St. Louis prepared to work for the nomination of Governor Morton for the presidency.

The caucus of delegates to the Republican State convention who favor Major William McKinley for President, is called for 10:30, at Hotel Metropole. Action of the meeting will be of the utmost importance to Governor Morton, and the question will probably be decided if he is openly opposed in the convention. The plan is that after Platt, Depew, Miller and Lutterbach are nominated, the delegates at large to the convention will substitute the names of General Samuel Thomas and Mayor Jewett, of Buffalo, for Platt and Lutterbach. Jewett and Thomas, are McKinleyites. Senator Lexow has been working on the platform several days. It will probably be presented this afternoon or evening. The financial plank of 1895 will be practically reaffirmed, and free coinage of silver at any rate will be condemned. The tariff plank will declare for protection to home industries. It will commend the reciprocity clause inserted in the McKinley law by express demand of the late James G. Blaine. The hour for assembling is noon. The hall is beginning to rapidly fill.

The Platt machine faction proved to have complete hold of the Republican convention after it met this afternoon. After appointment of committees an adjournment was taken to evening. The McKinley faction is undoubtedly to be squelched.

At 11:45, the convention adjourned until 7:30 this evening.

The McKinley caucus agreed to vote for McKinley as second choice. E. P. V. Rohand acted as chairman and was delegated to act as spokesman on the convention floor. The delegates from Cattaraugus, were without credentials owing to Platt's benchman and door keeper slipping away with them. They said they would get in, come what may.

Call for the Republican County Convention.

As one of the results of last Saturday's meeting, the following call, signed by J. Fisher Correll, chairman of the Republican executive committee and Wm. M. Mullen, secretary, was issued last night:

"A convention of the Republicans of Mecklenburg county is hereby called to meet at the county court house in Charlotte, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, April 11th, for the purpose of electing six delegates and six alternates to the State convention called to meet at Raleigh, N. C., on the 14th day of May next, and to elect six delegates and six alternates to the district convention called to meet at Maxton, N. C., on the 23rd day of April next; and to transact such other business as may be considered necessary.

The Republican voters of the several precincts are hereby requested to meet at their usual places on the 8th day of April, next, and select three delegates and three alternates to represent them in the county convention. The delegates and alternates from Charlotte township will be selected by a primary election, from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. According to article 8th of the R-republican plan of organization only those who voted Republican ticket at the last general election will be allowed to participate in said primaries.

Pay Your Money and Take Your Choice. NEW YORK, March 25.—The Morton faction seems to be perfectly satisfied today with the manner in which they plucked the McKinley boom at last night's convention, while on the other hand, the McKinleyites say they made an excellent showing and that McKinley will get nearly the entire New York vote on the second ballot.

The Yorktown Ashore.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 26.—The Old Dominion Line steamship Yorktown went ashore at Sewell's point during the fog this morning.

FUSION IN THE COUNTY.

SATURDAY'S "SECRET" MEETING OF THE REPUBLICANS.

They were at it Nearly all Day—They Got a Message from the Pops that Gives them Great Joy—An Old Time Republican Pow-wow—The Plan is for an Equal Divide of the County Officers—The Pops are in for it—"First Last and All the Time"—The Brethren Warned to Keep Mum.

There was business on hand for THE TIMES kodack, Saturday. It was charged to its full limit early in the forenoon with candle rays and until 5 o'clock in the afternoon it was making transparent the partition wall of a hall room in the Hartly building over Harris & Keesler's store. It revealed an all day scene of Republican jubilee and joy such as is not known in Charlotte since the days when they ruled over us. They were plotting to once more come into rule through the aid of the Populists. They think they are sure of sweeping everything in Mecklenburg and as the meeting progressed they could not restrain their joy. It was a hilarious meeting. All the Republican whips of the county were there as well as all the active Republicans of the city. One man in the crowd was clothed from head to foot in new store stuff, but there were others whose appearance showed the McKinley boodle distributor had not yet been their way. They had nothing to say about national or state politics, however. It was a meeting to plot solely for the capture of Mecklenburg county. "We'd rather git this here county," said one of them, "than any county in the State."

The first thing sprung on the meeting was a proposition to fuse with the Pops on all county offices. No voice was raised against it, but one of the brethren was a little apprehensive that the Pops might not be willing to divide evenly. "I hears," he said, "that they wants three foves and give us the other one fove." He was assured by several who tried to speak at once, that he was mistaken. "The Pops want to beat the Democrats as bad if not worse than we do," said one of the white delegates, "and I will guarantee that they will join in with us heart and soul and agree to a fair divide." That sentiment was loudly applauded. Then it was moved that, in order to have this matter settled now and for good, a committee be appointed to submit the matter to Richard Razor and Dr. J. B. Alexander, and get them to make a definite statement of their willingness to fuse with the Republicans.

The chairman delegated Mr. Robert E. McDonald to perform this duty, and picking up his hat, he left on his mission. He was gone 2 minutes. As he was admitted on his return by the doorkeeper, his face wore a smile, and Bob is a pretty man, you know, when he smiles. The hubbub that had been going on suddenly ceased, and the room was filled with silence and the odor of twelve for a quarter. The Ambassador from the Court of Pops was jubilant and he pitched his voice high. "Dr. Bunk and Richard Razor," he announced with a flourish, "say they are in for absolute and complete fusion, first, last and all the time, and to tell you so." This announcement was followed by a great stamping of feet and clapping of hands, mingled with the guffaws of some of the colored brethren.

After that, the meeting fell to discussing the division of the offices, and agreed that the two they particularly want is the sheriff and treasurer. The passion that ruled the Republicans in their palmy days to have their hands on the people's money is still strong within them. Their slate was not completed, but they did complete plans to go to work at once in each township in the county to bring about thorough fusion with the Pops and certain duties were laid down for designated parties to perform in this work of building up fusion. Their plan of organization is the most complete they have attempted since 1874.

Towards the close of the pow wow, Mr. Keith, who had been in attendance off and on all day, started to leave. He was called back. "Look here Keith," they said, "remember, not a word. Don't tell a thing that we have done today. It must be kept dark." The same advice was given to all the others.

However, they had not taken THE TIMES cathode rays into consideration.

LOVE FEAST IN THE HOUSE.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES FROM CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

Boutelle the Only Man Who Voted Against It—The Southern Men Refrained from Voting—No Change of Sergeants at Arms and Secretary of the Senate.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS. WASHINGTON, March 26.—There was quite a love-feast in the House when the last disabilities were removed from the Confederate soldiers, enabling those who had been at West Point, but who afterward served in the Confederate Army to become eligible to appointment in the army. While General Walker, of Virginia, was speaking Congressman Pearson sprang out and referred to him as the leader of the good us Stonewall Brigade. Some of those on the floor said that Mr. Pearson gave way to tears. Boutelle was the only man who voted against the resolutions, and Walker was the only Southern man who spoke. The Southern men were determined that the "Christmas gift" of Senator Hill should come as a free gift to them, and they so far as could be ascertained even refrained from voting. Boutelle and Barrett, of Massachusetts, should be hung up over a clothes line by the coat-tails, and allowed to fight until they put an end to themselves.

The "latest" about the Senate organization is that there will be no change of Sergeant-at-Arms and Secretary of the Senate until 1897. Meanwhile each Senator will be allowed to name one messenger, and the other employees of the Senate will be a fixed fact not to be changed hereafter, according to an agreement to be arrived at in a few days. The Democrats have had a caucus and made a plan, and I am told today that the Republicans will formulate a plan in a few days. Then there will be a conference. W. E. C.

Senator Butler Reads the Law to Mr. Pritchard.

The Caucasian will say this week: "Now, Senator Pritchard's estimates are about as follows: Republicans, 135,000; Democrats, 110,000; Populists, 47,000. Yet he is very anxious for fusion. Well, the Pops are not paving the ground up in their anxiety for fusion, even if they haven't but 47,000 votes; and we would like to observe that if they would go it alone for the sake of principle, which they will certainly do if they must, there are some possible consequences. One is that there may be some senatorial changes, and the other is that if the Pops don't beat somebody, they will scare somebody half to death. And these are possibilities despite the fact that the Republicans have 136,000, and the Pops only 47,000—in Senator Pritchard's mind."

The Caucasian says this of the resolutions adopted favoring fusion: "Graceful recognition was made of the kindly spirits that existed between the Populists and Republicans during the last campaign and the results that came from it."

And yet the Populists say that the Republicans are goldbugs, the worst variety of insects; that they are greedy and want the earth.

The Teachers' Assembly.

The next session of the Teachers' Assembly is to be held at Asheville. This decision was reached by Professors Joyner, Potat and Parker, comprising the special committee appointed by the teachers assembly to select a place for the annual meeting this summer. The committee reached a conditional decision, which was made final today by the termination of certain matters, which the committee has under consideration.

Wilmington, Morehead and Mount Airy were active contestants, but their offers were not considered so liberal as the one made by Asheville. The assembly has had its annual meetings at the ocean for a number of years and it was deemed best for the interest of the assembly to have a change.

A Lump of Gold Weighing 113 Pwts.

Mr. F. M. Hinson, who lives in Clear Creek township, this county, was in town today and exhibited a nugget of pure gold, that was found in a branch on his farm by an old negro. The nugget weighs 113 pennyweights. There is just a trace of quartz imbedded in it, but practically it is pure gold. It is one of the richest finds made lately in that section.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 26.—Cotton opened higher, but fell below yesterday's prices. Liverpool is two points lower.

SETTLES' FUNNY CLAIM.

HE HAS NOT FOOLED ANYBODY IN WASHINGTON.

McKinley the East's name the Democrats Could Have—Congressman Woodard's Case Set for the 30th—Three Counties Determined to Get Together—Some Particular News by Way of Washington.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS. WASHINGTON, March 23.—The rumor that Settle seemingly tried to land in Washington that he had won the fight in North Carolina last Wednesday has been heartily enjoyed here among all the Tarheels. Settle has not fooled anybody by his telegram to the Post, and the last news from Caswell but satisfies the folks here that handsome Tommy is temporarily done for. Moreover, while it is virtually admitted that McKinley has the "call" now, not only in North Carolina but elsewhere, some Democrats are saying that he is the easiest game the Democrats could have, that protection has been whipped once by 350,000 majority, and it can be done again provided the money question is thrust aside by the Republicans, and the silver and gold Democrats all could come together against high tariff, as suggested in the speech Friday of Turner, of Georgia.

Barrett, of Massachusetts, a howling Red man in conversation Saturday said that he had to admit that there seemed to be no chance for Reed and that it seemed all McKinley.

The opinion grows that Congressman Woodard will be seated. His case has been formally set for the 30th, next Monday.

I have information that three counties in North Carolina have determined to "get together" for the coming election. It looks like this idea grows as both practical and patriotic. I have letters from Democrats of undoubted loyalty and good judgment, also expressions from Democrats here saying that this movement should start from the bottom, from the county as a unit and work up: that in many counties the Populists would be perfectly willing to have a Democratic representative, and the Democrats perfectly willing to have a Populist treasurer, &c. The basis of "getting together" can be laid in each county. But the fact is the main thing here, namely, that the thing is being done and by the individual citizens and in the interest, therefore, of no man or clique of men.

A Foolish Girl's Experience in New York.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Miss Hattie Dickey, a pretty young lady of Stanton, Delaware, and of an estimable family, donned her brother's clothes and slipped away in disguise to see New York, as she had read of it in the illustrated papers. She ate at the restaurants and slept in covered trucks on the street. She took a severe cold during the rain and snow storm, and now lies dangerously sick and penitent in Bellevue hospital.

Chance for More Doctors.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The civil service commission has announced that the list of eligible candidates for the office of physician in the Indian service is entirely exhausted. The last vacancy is at the Grand river boarding school at the Standing Rock agency in North Dakota. This is a \$900 per annum office and there is no one available for the appointment. Civil service examinations for these places will be held in various cities on different dates from March 30 to May 30.

Immigration Will Be Restricted.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The advocates of the restriction of immigration are much pleased with the present outlook. The Lodge bill in the Senate and the McCaill bill in the House are said to stand a good chance of passing. These bills are so nearly alike that the conference committee will have little difficulty in harmonizing the interests in event of each passing.

Shall It Be Water or Wine?

DES MOINES, March 25.—The people of Moulton at a meeting adopted resolutions directed to Governor Drake, asking him to have his daughter, Miss Mary Lord Drake, use water instead of wine in christening the battleship Iowa at Philadelphia next Saturday. The governor and his party leave for Philadelphia tonight.

Report Confirmed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 26.—The report that Maverukeni Bey the Turkish minister to the United had been recalled is confirmed by information obtained at the foreign office.

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