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WALTER R. HENRY'S SPEECH.

The campaign speeches thus far have had a measure of mildness and conservatism about them that gives pleasure to those who love peace and unity, though the sentiment be the opposite of that of many of the hearers, but it remained for somebody to give Walter R. Henry a chance to come in our midst with stuff that was surely humiliating to every Populist of the North State. He began by asserting that he would not be abusive and he gave him credit for accuracy, but he said, but we were too easily deceived.

He charged against Democrats about the same vindication as he did against Democrats and Republicans. He said that abuse rebounds on its source. It fits Mr. Henry to a "T." He claims the merit of working for Democracy 15 years and last August a year, but took upon himself the presumptuous task of marking out a line to which Democrats should come or he would leave by his God he'd leave the party if he did. He said he did not run for office but forever. This was the best part of his speech. He never repeats unless by accident. He is a patriot for any party that has patriotism in it.

He said he'd fought the Populists like a Bengal tiger, till he found they were right and he was wrong. He told of his own foolish extravagances that is characteristic of his class when he said in '92 that they would put a bit of Populism in a hole 100 feet deep and fill the hole with dirt and the grass were to grow on the dirt and a sheep were to graze on the grass. He could not eat the mutton. He amended it over with the pitiable thought that he was a muttonhead at the time; and some of the audience cheered him.

He charged that the Democratic ship has a pirate crew. In the interests of all that's grand, noble and good in the party, that makes its name a reality, we are glad Mr. Henry is not one of the crew.

He said the wheels of this government were running dangerously near revolution. This may be only too true, hence such vile harangues as Mr. Henry's ought to be avoided.

He was severe in his strictures of both the Democratic and the Republican parties and claimed great things that the Populists had done in shaping Democratic policies.

The speaker was very entertaining in his description of 50 very wealthy men in New York engaging in a \$10,000 feast when the poor were outside and suffering. Such things are too often true and it makes the heart of every good man ache with regret. But such has been in all ages of the world and probably always will be and we ourselves cannot have an unusually good dinner without being liable to the same reflections, but on a smaller scale. Many a man listening at Mr. Henry works harder than he and suffers privations that might crystalize in envy toward Mr. Henry

if his magnanimity does not exceed Henry's.

He told of how far Vanderbilt's \$202,000,000 would reach, if in silver laid side by side or upon each other and made not a single argument out of it unless it was what could have been said with equal impressiveness in a few words, that the policy of somebody gave rise to such conditions. Of course Mr. Henry would not abuse. The Democrats abuse, he says. But he speaks of the Populist's marching over the "dead and rotten corpse of Democracy."

Mr. Henry affected to have regard for the feelings of Democrats in the use of the term "Stats," then went on using it in a way most uncourtous and said the Chicago convention had stolen the silver plank and the income tax plank and the man to stand upon the platform of the stolen planks.

Mr. Henry does not seem to know that Democracy is not made of such contrariness as to disapprove of a thing just because the Populists approve it. We would feel ashamed of the party if we did not believe it put its own convictions into its platforms without reference to the views of any faction that Mr. Henry assumes to champion.

Mr. Henry thinks Populism is poison to Democrats, and that Mr. Bryan was a big dose for them. We think Mr. Bryan a fairly palatable Democratic elixir, but Mr. Henry's kind of Populism we think is calculated to give Democrats, Republicans and everybody else spasms like that one he suffered from for over two hours Saturday evening, if a fellow just opens his mouth and breathes it down as some seemed to do.

Mr. Henry said much against the national banking system, as if it were full of evil without any great amount of good. Some men will find fault with the bread that nourishes them. The national banking system will be reformed or abolished whenever our patriotic congressmen believe they have found a better system. Many suggestions have been made but no agreement has yet been reached. There are too many like Mr. Henry and ourselves that do not know how to make a better system of finance. Mr. Henry would have us believe that Arthur Sewall changed from a gold bug to a silverite because Cleveland would not give Sewall's son an appointment. Facts would spoil that column in a hurry. He showed an immense array of figures on his wall canvass to prove that the financial system had wrought ruin, and in his tirade of Sewall he said that Sewall was the worst of a protective tariff man. Now if the financial policy of the government is the cause of all our ills, as he would have his figures prove, then why speak of Sewall as the worst kind of a protective tariff man? What has the tariff to do with our troubles if the gold standard has caused them all?

He was fond of literary and historic flights and found Cleveland's parallel in Nero. Let such as Henry reflect on a noble, manly, honest and patriotic official; it seems to gratify Mr. Henry and does not hurt Mr. Cleveland. It was rather amusing to hear him call the gold dollar a thief, as much as a pirate is a thief. We think everyone of us would be glad to have a bushel basket of the thieves of that kind.

He got quite impressively in earnest when he said the issues in the

State were not second to the free silver issue. Think of it! From the end of the war to 1876 the State was under Republican rule, and we had the Holden-Kirk disturbance, a looted and bankrupt treasury, with North Carolina bonds selling at 18 cents on the dollar and general discontent and alarm. From then till '95 we had a reign of peace and quiet and successful state enterprises that could well invite the envy of any State. Democratic supremacy guarantees the same today. Is free silver a sham with Mr. Henry or does he not appreciate good government?

We repeat our regret that Mr. Henry should come and thrust so much objectionable matter in his speech which he knew there was no chance to have a reply to. We invite him or any one else to turn on all the light, but we want nothing misleading to further array man against man whose interests are identical.

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If we understand resolution passed by the Populist convention Saturday, they propose to draw the lines pretty tight. A Populist employer must give employment to a Populist when it is in his power to do so, as over against employing an individual whom he might like better and who might suit him better if such individual's convictions were not Populistic. Is that principle objectionable?



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