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THAT HYPOCRITICAL CANT.

We have before us a pamphlet of 24 pages entitled, "Is the Democratic Party Honest? A Statement of Facts. Issued by the People's Party State Central Committee."

It is a wonderful document. It is not within our province to note more than a small portion of its hypocritical cant. Suffice it to say it is an ingenious array of words displaying the highest degree of impudence and presumption that we have ever yet met.

The purpose and gist of the whole matter is to scold at the Democratic party for not fusing with them and an effort to ingratiate the party with the Republicans enough to get back after cutting loose from them and hoping to be warmed awhile yet under the Democratic cover, in which effort it got left.

We wish every sensible voter in the State had a copy of this pamphlet and would or could read it thoughtfully. It says in the beginning that the Populist party was inspired and practically forced by the vacillating characteristics and deceptive practices of the Democratic and Republican parties. It then goes on to declare that both parties had the same object and end in view to foster trusts and monopolies and to rob the people. It has the two old parties working so nicely together that they co-operated and had an understanding for the last 20 years that the one party should have the presidency one term and the other the next term and presents the great undeniable testimony of the existence of this bargain or scheme or conspiracy by the fact that U S Grant was elected in '72, S J Tilden in '76, J G Blaine in '80, Grover Cleveland in '84, Benjamin Harrison in '88, Grover Cleveland in '92 and William McKinley in '96. Many a gump head that dons everything as truth that has pessimism and salummy in it will read that evidence and be convinced, when the facts are that Samuel J Tilden was elected in '76 but the Republican party, after R B Hays admitted his defeat, by picking various flaws, threatened the country with internal war rather than allow Mr. Tilden to be inaugurated and the famous Electoral Com-

mission of eight Republicans and seven Democrats, on returns known to be false, deprived Mr. Tilden of the seat by a strict party vote and the Republican "Returning Board" Hayes was seated as president.

This wonderful document always makes out the Republican party pretty bad but the Democratic party considerably worse while it plainly says it will co-operate with either and even both if it gets a chance, as it did two years ago (shame to the Democracy.)

The Populists held their State convention this year before the Democratic convention and like some suspicious simpleton the getters up of this wonderful production say that everything in the Democratic platform that resembles a Populist plank is purloined or stolen from the Populist platform, as if the Democratic party was to go out of the way of its convictions of right on any point to be opposed to anything the Populist convention might anticipate.

This "thing" compares the Populist platform of '92 with the Democratic platform of '96, and here, too, everything the least similar is made to say that the Democratic party followed the lead of the Populist party.

This Butler sophistry turns parts of the Democratic platform that have no parallel in the Populist platform as drivelling, moss-back, balderdash.

It says the Populists educational campaign was opposed by the old parties in the form of denunciation, abuse, misrepresentation, villainy, slander and lying. It refers to the lease of the N. C. railroad as the "fraudulent, midnight 99-year lease"—fraudulent after every possible chance was given Gov. Russell to show that there was fraud and the effort convinced Russell himself that the charge of fraud was an error.

This mighty political slogan ends with the charge that the Democratic party nominates lawyers. Then it gives a list of such nominations, and of course all ignorant readers will be led to infer that these offices should not be filled by lawyers, for it is just put in the form to imply that, and it actually contains the nominations for the Supreme Court, as if to say that the Democratic party does not deserve respect for nominating men in the profession of law for the Supreme Court bench.

It is a little severe in its arraignment of lawyers, but says there are some exceptions, thereby making a little hole for Mr. Morrison Caldwell and just a few other Populist lawyers. A large hole was not needed, for the number is not large.

As we said at the outset we can not note all the features that make this pamphlet a monument of hypocritical cant and ingenious sophistry, calculated only to mislead the ignorant and stir the passions of the vicious, all of which is to have the effect to put and keep in office a set that can't hold an intelligent, unbiased following.

We simply wish to take back every expression of confidence we have ever given expression to in any man that can or does endorse its sentiments. Such a man will eat political dirt when occasion suits.

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PEACE NOT IN SIGHT.

There is a strong peace tide setting in unquestionably, but thus far our government has received no overtures from Spain.

The Queen Regent is said to be urging Carrea and Gen. Blanco to cease opposing terms of peace. The action of Gen. Toral at Santiago is a fair sample of the vexing, quibbling and wearisome delay that maybe expected when negotiations do begin. There is good hope for peace, but it does not seem to be in sight by a good deal.

It isn't difficult to understand why the Populist judicial convention did not nominate a man for solicitor Thursday, but played the matter with the executive committee. It's clearly a leave-open for the other party to fill. Since the Democratic party would not fuse with them it is an offer to the Republicans to take the left opportunity. We are now threatened with Republican aid in punishment for not fusing with the Populists. And won't our Populist friends chuckle if the Republicans will come right in as a second choice?

We shall watch with interest the cordial endorsement given by Senator Butler to the "Pritchard Populist" nominee in the 7th congressional district.—Morning Post.

We call our Raleigh contemporary's attention to the fact that Mr. Caldwell is and always has been with Butler. He votes to endorse him on every suitable occasion and quotes him freely. It's the other wing that will have to be satisfied.

In this war we have destroyed about nineteen of the best ships of the Spanish navy, killed some 2,500 and captured from 12,000 to 14,000 Spaniards, and secured by the surrender at Santiago about 5,000 square miles of Cuba. Our loss is between 250 and 260 killed, none taken prisoners, and but one of our vessels slightly damaged. It does seem to us this should satisfy Spanish pride and honor. Ours is satisfied.—Morning Post.

When Governor Russell contemplates all those Spaniards riding home free, and recollects that every time he goes home his leather wallet springs a big leak, they do say that his mind loses its frame forthwith, and Bro. Cade, with that pious Congressional air which is already his, points solemnly to that pretty picture on the wall, "No cousin a loud."—Morning Post.

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It is said that the smoke interfered with the aim of our gunners at Santiago. What would they have done if they had had a clear aim?—Atlanta Journal.

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