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OPINIONS IN CONGRESS AS TO DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP.

It is apparent now that Col. W. J. Bryan is the choice of his party for the nomination in 1900 for the presidency.

The non-committal men here from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and one from South Carolina, William Elliott.

Every few days you will see in northern and southern newspapers that "silver is dead."

Among the northern men who spoke out bravely for Bryan and silver were J. F. Shafroth and John C. Bell of Colorado.

Senator Martin, of Virginia—The Chicago platform and Bryan are as strong as ever in Virginia.

Senator Rawlins, of Utah—Bryan, free silver and the Chicago platform will be reaffirmed in 1900.

Senator William N. Roach, North Dakota—From the present outlook free silver will be the paramount issue.

A. M. Todd, (Fusion), Michigan—Bryan is still the national leader, and will be in 1900.

Richard P. Bland, of Missouri—Surely in Mr. Bryan and the financial question we have the man and the cause.

C. C. Hartman (Silver) Montana—Bryan is the leader, and the money question the issue, without any qualifications or additions.

J. F. Rixey, Virginia—Neither the party nor the times have evolved a better leader than Mr. Bryan, and no issues of more living interest than the financial question.

William Sulzer, New York—Bryan is the national leader, and the financial question will be the issue in 1900.

But "Bryan is shelled and silver is dead." Ah! Stand under.

PRITCHARD'S TALK.

Governor Russell is wisely, discreetly reticent in Washington. But the Tennessee adventurer, Peter Pritchard, is "shooting off his mouth" freely and brazenly.

He denies that he will introduce a force bill. Probably he has discovered that the Congress will not go into any such high handedness and foolishness.

Pritchard is not a fool if not a demagogue no bigger than he is. He admits that a force bill could not be enforced.

He polled 159,000 votes in the last election, with only 17,000 majority against us. Let the negroes show sense and independence and cease to be blindly led.

GREAT WAR TAKES IN PEACE TIMES.

It is healthful and right that so many of the ablest and most reliable of northern newspapers are so strongly opposing the increase of the army so huge.

There is found to come a fight over extravagance. Already it takes over \$40,000,000 each year to carry on the government in peace under the incapable and masters of the people's money.

War taxes in peace times are indeed a curse and a burden. There is a great issue in that war tax and the big army to cost such an immense sum.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it does not cure you.

There is talk now in Washington among the Mark Hanna gang that the Louisiana protectionists of the sugar making order are to be overhauled.

It is understood to be the opinion of Senator Hanna that the sugar industry of Louisiana are now in some danger of the behavior of the president.

Senator Vest presses his opposition to expansion and imperialism with great vigor and ability in the senate.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Cinden, of Richmond, Va., and former pastor of First Baptist church in this city, has resigned his charge.

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AS TO THE SOUTH'S DIVIDING POLITICALLY.

The Messenger has pursued the general discussion of the "late unpleasantness" as far as is necessary, although southern and northern newspapers are still daily considering questions arising out of it or even discussions waing did happen.

The New York Sun has never been in sympathy with the south—has never understood it, in fact—and abundant proof of this assertion is to be found in its treatment of the matter now under discussion.

The white race will be forced to ignore all political questions that divide the states in the north whenever the question of good government, the preservation of free institutions and the security of our civilization is up.

With the near approach of the HOLIDAYS we have endeavored to secure for our patrons numerous USEFUL articles for presents, and think we have something for all.

On our FIRST FLOOR will be found a large assortment of the following goods: DRESSEDS, WEDGWOOD and JAPANESE WARE, CITY GLASS, HUNTING and COLGATE PERFUMES, TOILET SOAPS, TOWELS, NAPKINS, DOYLIES and TABLE LINENS, MARSEILLES and HONEY COMB QUILTS, SILK and LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, EMBROIDERED LACE, NECK-WEAR, HOSIERY, 35 boxes of LADIES' SILK HATS in BLACK, WHITE, LIGHT BLUE and TAN.

The farmers have received many costly lessons during the year. It is indeed a tragedy of depending upon a single product as a money crop.

It will be the duty of the legislature to make the burdens of the people as light as possible. It can make a great saving by lopping off a great batch of useless officeholders put upon the list by the legislators.

The newspapers are commenting on the fact that two years ago Congressmen Kitchen carried this district by a very small majority, while this year he was in a straight fight with the majority of two years ago.

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Advertisement for CARPET DEPARTMENT, featuring the text 'CARPET DEPARTMENT' and 'We have been very busy in this department the past week, and from now until after Xmas, will be rushing things, so we would advise those who contemplate buying CARPETS, to do so as soon as possible, so you may have your work done promptly.'

Advertisement for LACE CURTAIN STRETCHERS, featuring the text 'LACE CURTAIN STRETCHERS' and 'A. D. BROWN, SUCCESSOR TO BROWN & BONDICE'.

Advertisement for WILSON HEATER, featuring the text 'WILSON HEATER' and 'Do not be humbugged by several dealers here, who are offering an inferior Sheet Iron Stove as a "WILSON HEATER."'

Advertisement for OWEN F. LOVE & CO, featuring the text 'OWEN F. LOVE & CO' and 'DAVID'S, DAVID'S, DAVID'S, DAVID'S'.

Advertisement for A. DAVID & CO, featuring the text 'A. DAVID & CO' and 'LEADING CLOTHIERS and GENTS' FURNISHERS'.

Advertisement for J. W. MURCHISON, featuring the text 'J. W. MURCHISON' and 'We are offering Fresh CAKES, CRACKERS, CHEESE, New Catch Mulletts, Meat, Meal, Flour, Coffee, Sugar'.

Advertisement for D. McEACHERN, featuring the text 'D. McEACHERN' and 'WHOLESALE GROCER'.

Advertisement for SOUTHERN RAILWAY, featuring the text 'SOUTHERN RAILWAY' and 'STANDARD RAILWAY OF THE SOUTH'.

Advertisement for National Bank of Wilmington, featuring the text 'National Bank of Wilmington' and 'Report of the Condition OF THE'.

Advertisement for ABBOTT'S EAST INDIA CORN PAINT, featuring the text 'ABBOTT'S EAST INDIA CORN PAINT' and 'SEND TEN CENTS for 25 copies of the new book on the subject of corn paint'.

Advertisement for DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS, featuring the text 'DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS' and 'The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILLS ever offered to Ladies'.

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