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RULE OR RUIN.

Editor Messenger. Dear Sir: It seems to me that it is time to let up with Cleveland; for the Cleveland and Hill crowd, in Parker, have received a severe drubbing.

The people are in sympathy with Bryan. I myself, a democrat by inheritance, did not vote the presidential ticket. I was anxious to see Parker run behind the ticket in North Carolina. I believed his defeat certain. The democrats out-republican the republicans and received a deserved defeat.

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The above is a letter received by The Messenger a day or so ago from a gentleman in a town of eastern North Carolina. He is a man of education, a member of one of the learned professions—one whose words on matters about which he chooses to write should be given consideration. We do not disclose the authorship of the letter because we have no reason to think such was intended by its writer.

The views and statements of our correspondent are worthy of serious consideration, especially when taken in connection with the results of last Tuesday's election. He is one of the many democrats throughout the country responsible for the overwhelming defeat of Judge Parker, and his reasons for the course he pursued are, no doubt, the same as those of the thousands of other democrats who either stayed away from the polls or voted for the republican candidate instead of supporting the nominee of their party—to retaliate upon those he calls the "gold democrats," for their action four and eight years ago.

We felt sure before the election that the Bryanites would knife Judge Parker. The vote of last Tuesday showed our surmise to be correct. A comparison of the popular vote by states at that election with that of four and eight years ago will convince anyone that Mr. Roosevelt's overwhelming majorities were due to the thousands of democrats staying away from the polls or else voting for the republican candidate.

Judge Parker may have stood po chance of election, but the tremendous majorities against him were due to disaffection of democrats—and of what democrats but the followers of Mr. Bryan?

So far as we have seen our correspondent is the only democrat who has put himself on record as having been anxious for Judge Parker's defeat, who declares that the overthrow of the democratic candidate was deserved and that such result was brought about by the Bryanites in retaliation for the action of certain other democrats in 1896 and 1900. No other construction can be placed on his words: "The gold democrats defeated Bryan and in turn must take their medicine."

That the followers of Mr. Bryan have no intention of agreeing to a compromise of party differences with the other faction of the party is perfectly plain. If they would not stand by the platform adopted by the St. Louis convention, it is equally as plain that no party principles can be declared by them on which to conduct a national campaign that will be accepted by the conservative element of the party.

The action of the radical democrats on last Tuesday shows most clearly that they yet stick to their determination to force their ideas on the party or destroy it. With them there is no compromise. Their views must be adopted or they will defeat the candidate nominated on any other platform.

These men who refused to accept the St. Louis platform, after it had been constructed along lines satisfactory to their leader as a compromise measure, are the same ones who for eight years

have been abusing and denouncing as traitors to the party those democrats who refused to vote for Mr. Bryan in 1896. Can these men who knifed Judge Parker and are rejoicing at his defeat claim to be any better democrats than those they accuse of treason in 1896 and 1900? If their charge of treachery against the latter is true they cannot deny that they themselves were traitors to their party on last Tuesday.

What do these Bryanites expect? Do they think that four years hence the democrats will allow them to take absolute control of the national convention and to place before the party such populist platform as suits their radical views and that the party will stand united upon it? Do they expect that the democrats who four and eight years ago refused to support Mr. Bryan because of his extreme ideas and because of the radical declarations of the platforms on which he was nominated, and who this year held out the olive branch and agreed to compromise the party differences—can they expect these men, we ask, not only to abandon their own political tenets, but also not even to insist upon mutual concessions, and to consent to any set of party principles the others propose and to support the candidate whose views are embodied in those principles?

If they do expect and insist upon such they will find themselves badly mistaken. If this is the intention of this faction of the party we may all as well now say good by to the democratic party. An election under such conditions would result in as great a landslide for the republicans as was the one of last Tuesday. Such would be the most absurd proposition—the most suicidal—ever made by a political party. Not a northern state would it carry—and how many southern? But still, such seems to be the intended course of that wing of the party.

The New York World makes this editorial statement regarding the Bryan men voting for Mr. Roosevelt:

Throughout the country the significant fact is that the conservative democratic vote has returned to the party standards, which have meanwhile been deserted by far more than an equal number of Bryan men, who did not, as a rule take the trouble to vote for Watson, but supported Roosevelt "straight."

THE WEEKLY LETTER OF HENRY CLEWS & CO., issued last Friday, gives the views of those bankers on the results of the presidential election. We give below what they say on this subject. Many reasons are being assigned as the cause of the landslide for the republicans—reasons as varied as they are numerous. The letter of Clews & Co. is the most interesting article on the subject we have yet seen. We commend its perusal to the readers of The Messenger:

A good many influences combined to bring about the extraordinary republican victory last Tuesday, but first among these was President Roosevelt's tremendous personal popularity, which partisans of both sides must admit, and second, the fact that the country is enjoying general prosperity and was indisposed to change in good times "stand pat" and "let well enough alone" are very effective campaign arguments; and yet far beyond and above such appeals rises the indisputed ascendancy of President Roosevelt in the minds of the common people. Once more it has been proved that courage, honesty and sound views are indispensable to successful leadership; and since our president combines these in a marked degree with a striking and virile personality his grip upon the imagination of the common people is easily understood.

What will be the effect of the election upon business and upon the stock market? Upon business it is questionable if it will have any great effect, because the campaign evolved no seriously disturbing issues. Business was already showing a decided revival on account of the absence of distrust, and the election had no doubt been largely discounted, although the flush of victory may exert a temporary speculative stimulus. Of course, an important element of doubt has been removed, and it looks as if the country would be comparatively free from anti-trust and anti-tariff discussion for some time to come. There is only one serious obstacle to continued business improvement, and that is the present high level of nearly all commodities. Labor is high, raw materials are high or advancing and cost of living is high. At the moment there is little prospect of concessions in any of these quarters. Unions are keeping up the price of labor, trusts are keeping up the prices of commodities, while comparative scarcity is keeping up the prices of many food products and rents. In general it can be safely said demand has outrun supply, and until this situation is reversed no widespread reaction can be expected. We may therefore look for a good business season in spite of high prices; but it must be borne in mind that conditions are highly favorable for stimulating increased production and that we are steadily approaching a period when production will overtake consumption, and then price concessions must follow. Conditions are vastly different now from the recovery which began just eight years ago with Mr. McKinley's election. Then we were on the low level basis; now we are on the high-level basis, and it follows that the boom which began in 1896 is not to be repeated in 1904. On the contrary, prudent business men will move cautiously, although there is a distinct tendency towards a revival of enterprise because successful speculations during the last three months have rekindled hope and confidence. In all probability bankers and others who support new schemes will have to exercise a great deal of discretion and self-restraint during the coming year, else we may easily be led into a repetition of the reckless ventures which brought

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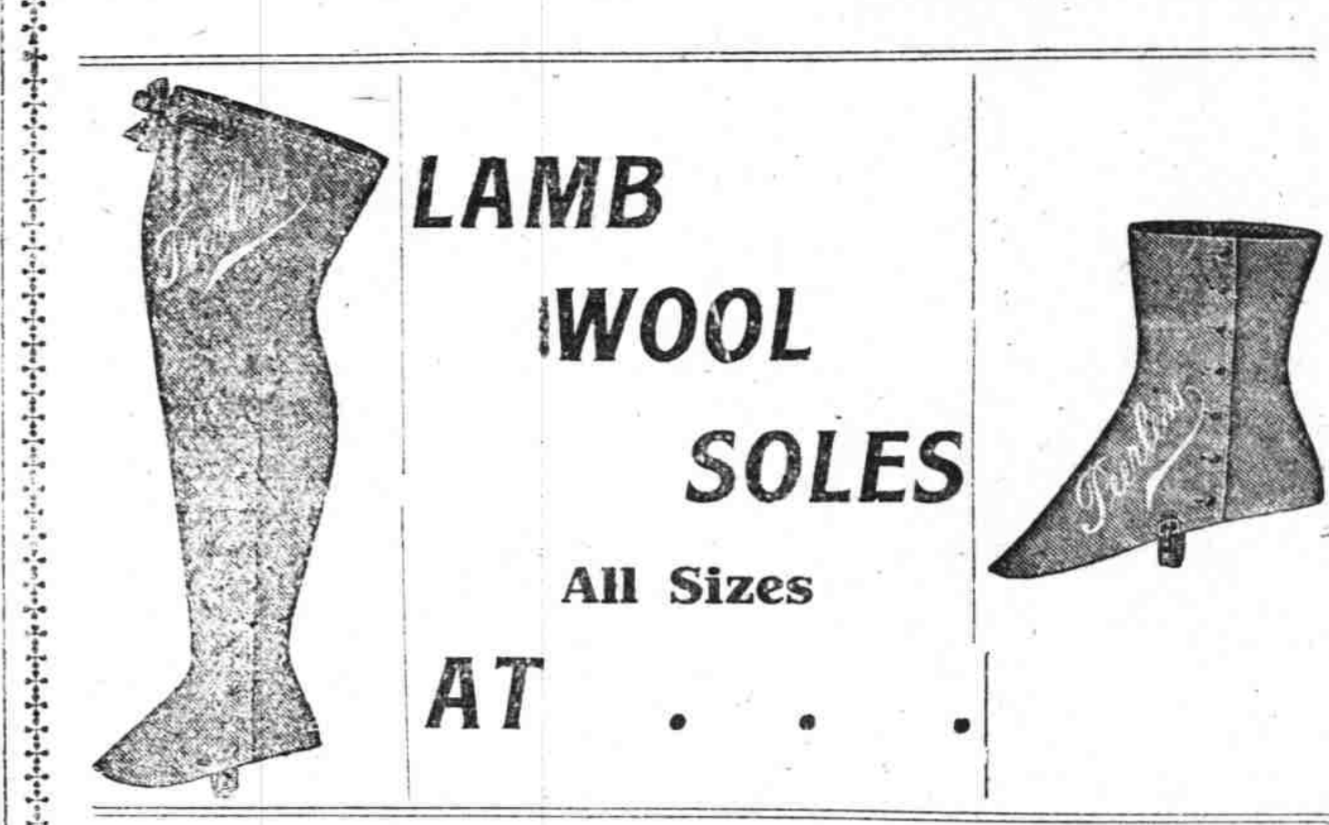
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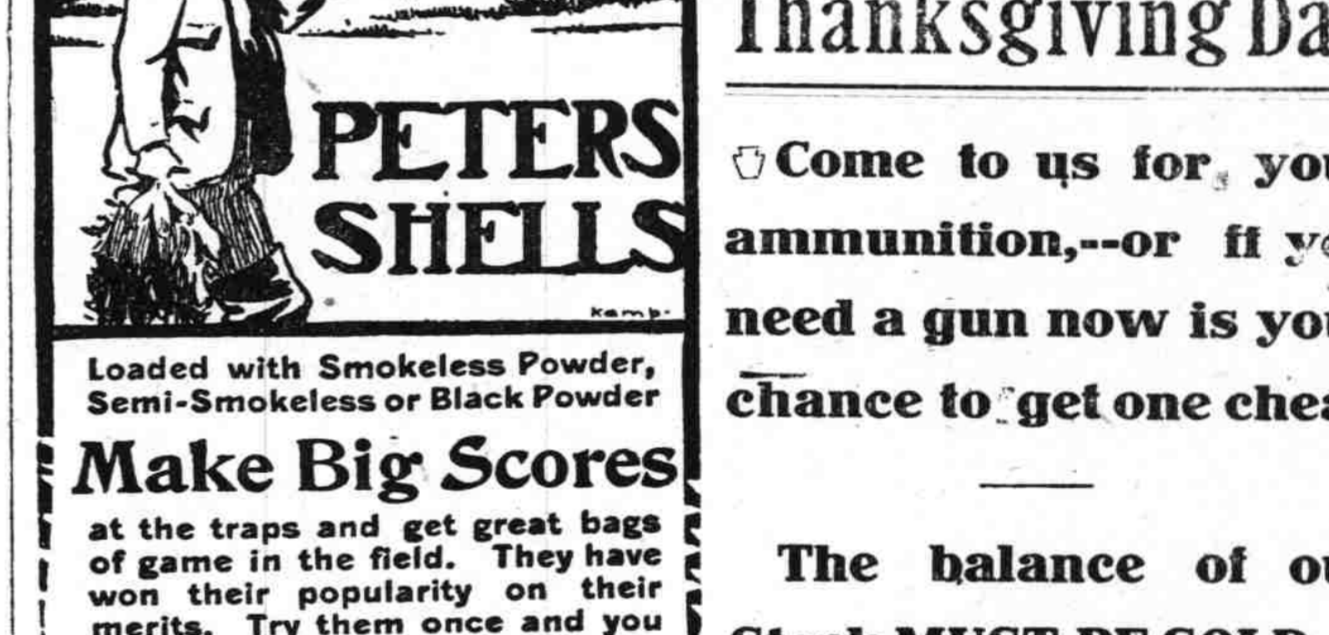
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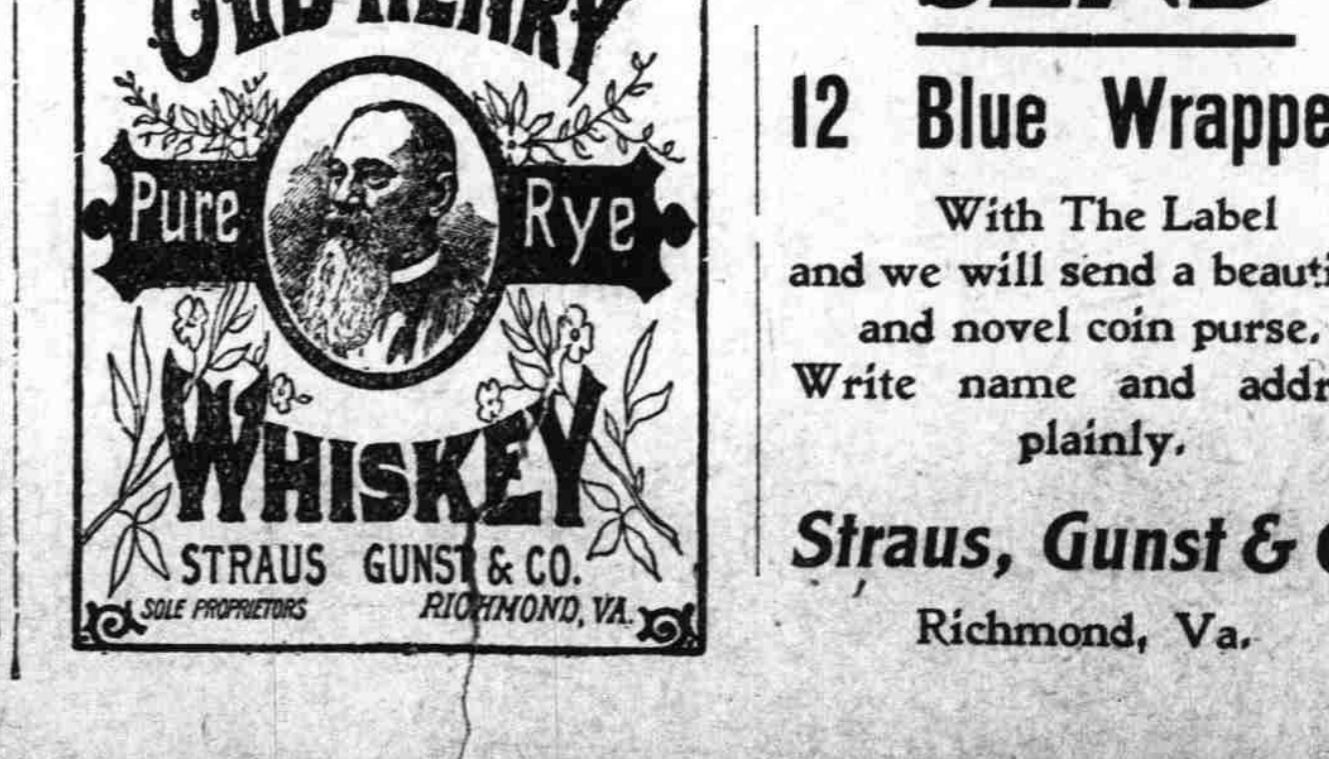
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