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The Veto.

Mr. Cleveland last Thursday sent the Bland bill, for coining the seigniorage, back to the Senate without his approval and from the reasons of the veto all hope for the successful issue of legislation in favor of silver had as well be laid aside until he vacates the White House. The whole Southern and Western Democracy in Congress is loud in its condemnation of the cruel blow thus given the party and the people. It is useless to extenuate matters. The Democratic party has been betrayed, yet it were as foolhardy to desert the party with out a struggle as it would be for a congregation of church people to join the devils forces, simply because its preacher had disgraced or brought reproach upon them. Dismiss the preacher would be the sensible course and get a better man. When John Tyler deceived the whig party as President in 1842, the party simply renounced him and stood by the old principles, gathering strength with the years.

In the INDEX of March 9th, we said. "The Democratic party must keep faith with the people. Mr. Cleveland is first pledged to them. If he subsequently made a bargain with the bankers, he alone is responsible for it, and if he vetoes the Bland bill, the issue will be well defined.

Cleveland and Sherman plutocracy against the Democratic party." The Democratic party to-day stands pledged for free silver, a tariff for revenue with incidental protection, the repeal of the State bank tax, an income tax and the curtailment of the power of National banks.

If those who are falsely masquerading in congress and cabinet as democrats are not rebuked at the proper time then the disintegration of the party is of course the inevitable result. But the great masses of the Democratic party are true to their platform, and without division among us in the South and West—who are honestly fighting for reform, instead of the flesh pots—without wandering into the wilderness of new impractical ideas and catch penny issues, if we will stand solidly together for measures not men—then the day of redemption will come.

Cleveland closes his message in these words.

"I am not insensible to the arguments in favor of coining the bullion seigniorage now in the treasury, and I believe it could be done safely and with advantage if the Secretary of the Treasury had the power to issue bonds at a low rate of interest under authority, in substitution of that now existing and better suited to the protection of the treasury."

And with those words he as definitely cuts himself loose from Dem-

ocratic pledges and hopes and promises as did Tyler when he vetoed the Bank bill passed by the Whigs who had elected him to office.

It is Cleveland against the Democratic party with a vengeance now. We are not with Cleveland. Where are you?

Senator Walsh.

Speaker Crisp was right in declining the Senatorship. He is badly needed in the Senate, but he considered his duty to his party and country before personal promotion and will not add to complications by plunging the House into a contest for a new speaker.

Col. Patrick Walsh, editor of the Augusta Chronicle and manager of the Southern News Association was Monday appointed by Gov. Northern Senator to fill the place made vacant by the death of Colquitt.

Col. Walsh is a sound democrat on the financial question and though formerly a poor tariff reformer has been converted a year or more into a staunch supporter of the true democratic doctrine of a tariff for revenue with incidental protection. His appointment is received by the people and the press with universal satisfaction.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

Of the People's Party last Saturday.

At 12 o'clock Col. Skinner called the meeting to order in the Court House which was crowded with members, delegates, sympathizers, opponents and curiosity seekers.

Col. Skinner opened with a speech which is given on fourth page.

At 1:25 Col. Skinner closed his speech and nominated Mr. A. A. Forbes permanent chairman. Messrs H. W. Brown, H. A. Rountree, and R. B. Parker were appointed by Col. Skinner to conduct the chairman. He began by saying if the people's party was a corpse two years ago it had took a mighty swelling since. If you want to come to us, you must lay aside plutocracy, Cleveland democracy and republican ocracy.

At 1:45 Col. Skinner nominated Mr. D. S. Spain, Secretary and moved that the Reflector and INDEX be invited to act as assistant secretaries The INDEX accepted the invitation.

Col. Skinner moved that a committee be appointed on Resolutions, with power to report the Executive Committee for the county.

Col. Skinner suggested the following:—J. A. Thigpen, J. A. Lang, W. S. Burney, S. W. Venters, James H. Barnhill, R. B. Parker, J. J. Rawls, Joseph Fleming, Theo. Bland J. H. Manning, John Elks.

J. A. Lang moved to add Colonel Skinner to the committee. Adopted.

Col. Skinner suggested that Mr. James Lloyd, of Tarboro, whom he had invited to speak, address the Convention while the committee was out. Mr. Lloyd spoke for 20 minutes in condemnation of the financial policy of the democratic party.

Col. Skinner reported the following resolutions for the committee.

First. Independence from old party associations with plutocratic domination.

Second, The election of the President, Vice-President and United States Senator by direct vote of the people.

Third. The free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rates of sixteen to one, and for governmental and State control of the currency.

Fourth. For governmental supervision of Transportation.

Fifth. For a tariff for revenue with incidental protection.

Sixth. For governmental control of the Southern monopoly in the production of cotton so that this surplus may be disposed of to purchase as much foreign gold as is practical to strengthen the gold reserve of the Treasury, and to increase the currency of the country by paying the Southern planters therefor in non-interest bearing treasury notes at such price as will prove remunerative to the planter without loss or hazard to the government.

Seventh. We denounce the dominant parties for their repeated and continuous false promises and deceptions and commend for the approval of the electors of the country the consistent course of the Populists in Congress as an earnest of what they will do, when granted the power, which is necessary to secure such measures of relief as are wise and practical.

Eighth. That we denounce the issuance of bonds in time of profound peace as unnecessary, unwise and unjust in view of the fact that the resources of the government are ample to meet its honest and just obligations.

Ninth. That the right of suffrage being inalienable and the only method by which the citizens of this government can make their influence felt in legislation, we most earnestly demand a free ballot and an honest count and return of same.

The following as Executive committee for the county:—Col. Skinner, F. Ward, J. H. Barnhill, D. S. Spain, R. B. Parker, A. J. Moye, J. B. Nichols, W. B. Moore, E. S. Dixon, Slade Chapman.

Central Committee. Col. Skinner, G. F. Evans, J. A. Thigpen, E. A. Moye, A. A. Forbes.

The committee is authorized to appoint such assistant committees composed of colored people as they may deem wise and expedient. Rev. J. H. Barnhill moved the adoption of the report of the committee, Carried.

Col. Skinner moved that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

Adjourned sine die.

Notes.

The platform which in effect repeals the sub-treasury feature of the National and State platform and modifies several others were passed without comment or dissent.

The most respectful attention was paid to the speakers, and no disorder prevailed during the entire meeting after it was called to order.

The speeches did not elicit the applause or arouse the enthusiasm of the audience as much as might have been expected.

Mr. Lloyd's was very monotonous,

Mr. Forbes' grandiloquent, Col. Skinner did not put the usual fire and nervous force that is usual with him. It was however above the average mass meeting.

"On motion of Harry Skinner the editors of the REFLECTOR and INDEX were elected assistant secretaries, but this writer being a Democrat, passed the proffered honor (?) unheeded.—Eastern Reflector.

"The editor of the Reflector went to the Methodist church last Sunday. The pastor invited him to a seat in the choir, but being a Baptist, not a newspaper man and not having any respect for those who differ with him as to how to get to heaven, he was discourteous enough to decline the honor (?) and silly enough to brag about it."

We expect to see something like the above in our highly esteemed contemporary some of these days.

Has it ever occurred to Col. Skinner and some others of the leaders of the party, that as soon as a great many understand the platform, and are ready to get on it, they straightway move up a peg and leave the novitiates behind.

If this is done purposely to keep us all apart, it is a high crime—if it is done honestly, it is political harikari and denotes poor leadership.

This writer God knows, earnestly desires reform, earnestly respects all true reformers by whatever name they are called and earnestly calls for uniformity of action as well as sentiment.

Col. Skinner we think is wrong in loving the spell of Democrat so much and loving the smell of a Democrat so little. But with all his tergiversation the distinguished orator has faithfully stuck to the democratic idea of opposition to the National Bank oligarchy.

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