

A Forlorn Hope.

Some of the leaders of the so-called Populist party are now endeavoring to recognize that party, or rather to build it over again...

In the course of its remarks it gives reasons for the failure at the last election which are quite refreshing, coming from the organ of the party, and which the editor wouldn't have put in print before last November for a suit of new clothes...

This is not surprising, for when they came to investigate the patchwork of incongruities and impossibilities which the demagogues and cranks put up and passed in a burr of excitement they found that they could not defend it before that intelligent conservatism of the country...

The Watchman concedes all this, if it does not assert it in so many words, and then goes on to answer its own question by suggest the plan by which it may possibly win.

That's what the Democrat party was put into power for, that's what it is pledged to do; it has accepted that trust and the men who have been charged with executing it have no more ideal of ignoring their charge than they have of turning over the reins of Government to some other party at the expiration of Mr. Cleveland's term of office.

If there were doubts as to what the issues were there might be some doubt as to the result, but these were so clear cut and the people spoke so emphatically on them that the men who have charge of the Government for these four years have the course that they are expected to pursue plainly marked out for them...

the enormous tariff tribute which they are now paying and have been paying for years for the enrichment of a favored few, and they will get relief from the monstrous pension tribute which they have been paying to frauds and camp fellows...

A Congregation Makes The Pastor.

If your preacher is not quite up to the measure of the stature of your ideal; if he is not so elegant as Robertson, or entertaining as Beecher, or eloquent as Brooks; if he lacks something on the social side, and is a little slow and awkward in making friends, the poorest of all remedies is criticism or censure.

While the Lamp Holds the Burn.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22.—In an interview to-day, Hon. Thos. E. Winn, People's party ex-Congressman from the ninth Georgia district, announces that there is room for only two great parties in this country; and he further says that if the Democrats carry out in good faith their platform the People's party will give them full credit and act accordingly.

Hon. Thos. E. Watson, the most notable Third party leader in Georgia, takes the same position, saying that if the pledges made by the Democratic party in their national platform, on which the party won are carried out the people ought to act accordingly.

Hampton's Position.

A little incident transpired in Washington a few days ago that deserves more than a passing notice. A petition was circulated in the Senate chamber the purport of which was that the president appoint ex-Senator Wade Hampton, of South Carolina to the position of Commissioner of Railroads.

I Am My Own Grandfather.

I married a widow who had a grown daughter, My father visited the house very often, fell in love with my step daughter, and married her. So my father became my son-in-law and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife.

Some time afterward my wife had a son; he was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle, for he was the brother of my step mother.

My father's wife, that is my step daughter, had also a son; he was of course, my brother, and in the mean time my grandchild, for he

was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, because she was my mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time. And as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I am my own grandfather.—Ex.

The Woman's building in Chicago was designed by a woman, and has been erected for women. Its carvings and decorations, its statuary and paintings are the work of women. In its exhibits will be told the chronological history of the origin, development, and progress of the industrious women from the earliest time to the present, offering strong proof that the industrial arts among all primitive peoples were almost exclusively invented and carried on by women.

Uncle Sam's Great Seal.

The great seal of the United States, which is contained in a massive mahogany box in the State Department and carefully guarded by the clerks whose duties are to see that its impress is properly affixed to the State papers, is of much interest to visitors of the department, but its true history was not written until a few months ago. Under orders from the cabinet, an account of it was prepared by one of the historians of the department and printed at the government's expense for distribution among State libraries and prominent persons.

Later on an attempt was made to arrange a device by a second committee, which resulted in one not quite so elaborate and pretentious. This design contained a constellation of thirteen stars, with the same number of alternate stripes. This too, met with disapproval, and the matter was let alone for some years.

The first seal was cut in Philadelphia in 1782, and by some mistake, eleven of the thirteen arrows which it should have had were left out. The present seal was made by Tiffany in 1855, by order of Secretary Freylinghuyzen, after the design had been passed upon by a committee of historical scholars and authorities on heraldry.

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