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A DANGEROUS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

We often hear substantial farmers, business and professional men say that the future welfare of North Carolina so far as political conditions can affect it, depends upon whether or not we have two strong, aggressive parties. One party means political dryrot, decadence, misrule, extravagance, arrogance, high taxes and everything else except good government.

The above is substantially the consensus of the opinion of as good Democrats as any in the State, as well as that of leading Republicans and Independents. Of course the politicians are not saying so, for some of them on both sides may get lost in the scuffle. We are talking about the best portion of our citizenship.

You may rest assured that certain Democratic politicians are very well satisfied. They are in the ring. The present election law, while not actually compelling dryrot, is ingeniously framed for the purpose of bringing it about. Recent hard-fought town and city elections have demonstrated that less than half of the qualified white voters took enough interest to vote either way. This is a dangerous state of affairs in a republic, and matters will grow rapidly worse, affecting both State and national elections. To the average politician this is as much of a snap as it would be for officials of a bank to go home and leave the vault unlocked and leave the front door open when robbers are around. So much for the Democratic side of it.

We have heard from many sources that certain Federal office-holders in the State (a few only) are bitterly opposed to anything like progressive or aggressive action. Is it possible that they fear that they would not be able to get a job if their party should become powerful and aggressive with new blood in its veins? There is no other explanation. It seems they are willing to act in harmony with certain Democratic State savers and sacrifice all the people in the State rather than take chances at office in an aggressive party. We are at a loss for words to properly condemn such a selfish conspiracy and will simply leave the question to the reader.

Some one may ask what interest the Enterprise has in all this, as it is not a party organ. The editor of the Enterprise is a native of North Carolina. He desires good government and a healthy state of affairs politically. He could not be an organ for either party as managed at present, could not and would not

defend much that is going on in both parties. This paper is not afraid of politicians of either party nor both of them, hence calls a spade a spade.

The burning question is: How much longer will the voters quietly submit to this state of affairs?—Raleigh Enterprise.

The above article from the Enterprise is too true in many respects for the good of our country. There are reasons for it, and there should be a remedy. In the first place Democratic methods in the South have so disgusted many of our people, that rather than tolerate such intolerable conditions many of the voters are staying at home—refusing to take part in the election. In Mississippi, South Carolina, and other Southern States not one fifth of the voters go to the polls. John Sharpe Williams, the Democratic leader in Congress got less than sixteen hundred votes out of a voting population of about forty thousand; not as many votes east in his Congressional district as are cast in Davie county. Only last week a friend from an adjoining Democratic county told us that lots of Democrats said they were not going to the polls. Why? They are disgusted with their party. We regret that the Republican party contains some of the same kind of men, but are thankful that they are not in control. Davie has a few such barnacles, but they will be pushed aside in the onward march.

GREAT IS DIANA OF THE EPHESIANS.

The Hornet has been wanting to say some things for a long time. One of these things we are going to say right now and say it frankly and non-deceitfully. It is that the Hornet man has been, is now, and always will be a "Bryan Democrat." What he means by being a "Bryan Democrat" is that the principles of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms are ours pure and simple. But it seems that some of our political brethren have not agreed with us all the while, and now having secured sufficient support they have dominated our Convention to such an extent as not to allow a complete affirmation of the two past platforms. But we are glad to know that the difference is not so great as we had anticipated it to be. Therefore, after carefully thinking the matter all over, we are prepared to say from our own stand-point that all is well. Our candidate is all right. More especially is our platform all right, and if either should be the stronger, it should be the latter on which the former is to stand. We repeat that all is well, and our platform and candidates should receive the hearty support of all Democrats.

Whoever sticketh to his party, whether right or wrong, but always the latter, is a Radical of the good for nothing kind.—Fork Church Hornet.

"Just" read the above two paragraphs, and see if you think a Philadelphia lawyer could reconcile the conflicting statements taken from the Fork Church Hornet. The Editor is a 16 to 1 Bryan follower, and his party claims that Mr. Bryan was completely squelched and snowed under by the conservative element. Now, if that be true, and his party has repudiated Bryan and Bryanism, what kind of a Radical is it that swallows the dose set before him in the persons of Parker and Davis.

OUR Democratic friends in some parts, are quite wrathful because the Republicans contend that sound money is an issue. The Democrats ignored the question in its platform, at Hilland Bryan's instance, for the sake of harmony. Judge Parker says its settled; yet he twice voted for Mr. Bryan and 16 to 1, endorsing the last and only Democratic platform utterances on the money question. If they were for sound money, why did they not so say in their platform?

CALAHAIN'S question is pertinent. On which side of the John Brown war, at Harper's Ferry, was Mr. H. G. Davis, the Democratic nominee for Vice-president? Who can answer it?

SILVER SNAKE NOT SCOTCHED.

Intelligent voters should be careful lest they be led into believing the contention of some of the Eastern Democrats that the Democratic party is now in favor of the gold-standard. There is no room for any misunderstanding on this question. Judge Parker bolted his platform, which had been adopted by an overwhelming vote in the convention, and the party did not sustain him, but simply, in order to extricate itself from a situation that threatened a disruption of the convention, notified him to go ahead and hold the political post-mortem in his own way and make whatever disposition of the corpse he deemed proper.

The masses of the Democratic organization fully understand that they were imposed upon by trickery and falsehood, to which they submitted rather than renew a fight which had already exhausted them. The silver men are keenly aware that they were buncoed at the eleventh hour and robbed of their just share of the fruits of the convention by trickery and cunning on the part of David B. Hill and his lieutenants. The result is that the party still has its meaningless platform and silver orators of the West can point to the fact that the platform does not declare against their beliefs. So far as the platform goes the Democratic party is just as much of a free silver party to-day as it was when J. W. Bryan led it to two defeats. If evidence outside of the platform is needed to show that the silver men are still confident of controlling the party organization, W. J. Bryan has supplied that evidence. In a formal, written statement, issued upon his return to Lincoln from the St. Louis convention, he said, "As soon as the election is over I will, with the help of those who believe as I do (in the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1), undertake to organize for the campaign of 1908."

The silver snake has not been scotched. It has hardly been stunted.

READ THESE.

The Democratic party must not be considered sane just because it has escaped from its late keeper.

"The Democratic platform is fit only for a dishonest party," said Mr. Bryan. Well, it fits doesn't it.

The Republicans declared for the gold-standard from conviction. The Democrats omitted the money plank from fear.

It is said that Judge Parker dearly loves to be out in a storm. He will get his fill of that when he is caught in that blizzard November 8.

The Democratic candidate for the vice-president was a railroad man for many years. The voters will tell him where he got off in November.

A poet wants to know "How Long Does Hope Last?" Well, with a Democrat it last from Convention day until the night of the election.

Voters would pay more attention to Democratic promises for the future if they were not so closely linked on the lips with apologies for the past.

The St. Louis convention served one purpose in showing that the Democrats never accept Republican principles until they are about eight years old.

Western Democrats assert that they are not satisfied with the political character of their vice-presidential nominee. His financial character, however, is all right.

The Democrats who allowed Judge Parker to write their money plank should be fair and allow Millionaire Davis to revise their trust plank to suit his pleasure and his interests.

"What makes you think we won't elect the Democratic ticket?" shouts Col. Watterson. We'll answer that, Colonel, when you tell us first what makes you think you will, if you really think that way.

One thing must be said in Judge Parker's favor. He thinks so well of the Republican gold standard policy that he has recommended it to a party that he knows does not believe in it and is not honest in claiming to do so.

Particular attention is being called to the fact that Judge Parker passes the contribution plate in church every Sunday. When you come to think of it, there are not many Democrats who would be trusted with that task.

Free Notes for August Designer.

From the front-cover page where smiles the prettiest of Summer girls to the last article in the advertising pages, The Designer for August is full of the breath of out-of-doors, as is befitting a number which is to be read during the most sultry month of the year. Those readers who have art aspirations will thoroughly enjoy the enticing description Lillian C. Paschal gives of "The Hampton Pines Art Colony," while others who run to rhyming will prefer "The Poetry of Rural

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Homes," by John De Morgan. "Scenes from Sunbonnet Land," by Henriette Wilbur, is the drollest and prettiest of picture plays for the few tots, and older folks who are fond of amateur theatricals are given abundant opportunity in "A Little Scene," by Cora S. Day. "Moro Fans," by an ex-Soldier, is a timely article and the short stories are "Donnell's Dinner," by Harriet Whitney Durbin, and "A Cloudland Captive," by Mrs. Frank Lee. Fancywork comprising "Teneriffe Lace," "Hardanger Embroidery," "Beadwork on Carvas," and "Separate Motifs in Tatting." The patterns include advance styles for Autumn, and a special article "For New Arrivals from Stork Town." Many other good things are ready to fly forth from the pages of the August Designer, but one must open its covers and loose them for oneself, for space will not permit further details.

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Durham	34.10	28.40	28.40
Gastonia	36.10	30.10	24.65
Goldboro	37.10	31.40	26.25
Greensboro	34.10	28.40	23.30
Henderson	34.10	28.40	23.30
Hendersonville	33.35	27.85	22.85
Hickory	34.10	28.40	23.30
Marion	34.10	28.40	23.30
Morganton	34.10	28.40	23.30
Mt. Airy	37.00	30.85	25.10
Newton	34.10	28.40	23.30
Raleigh	35.60	29.90	24.80
Rutherfordton	35.55	29.60	24.20
Salisbury	34.10	28.40	23.30
Sanford	37.60	31.90	26.25
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