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## National Democratic Ticket.

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## SIMMONS FOR SENATOR.

Mr. D. P. Earchern, of Red Springs, writes in favor of Hon. F. M. Simmons for the U. S. senate as follows:

"What Gen. Lee was to the army of northern Virginia Simmons was to the hosts that marched to the ballot boxes last August. He had able lieutenants to assist him, so had Gen. Lee, but if Lee had succeeded no one doubts that the highest honors of the Confederacy would have been given him. When Butler threatened to have every registrar arrested so that the election would fail by default, every eye was turned on Simmons for some recourse from such an issue. 'If Simmons pulls us through the amendment I am in favor of giving him anything he wants,' was a common remark heard on every side. We owe Simmons the senatorship, and let us be honest and manly, and pay our just debts."

Every word of the above is true. If Simmons is defeated it will be a Republican victory. The Republicans hate Simmons worse than the devil hates holy water. Simmons should be loved for the enemies he has made. He has accomplished great good for the State. It would be ungrateful not to recognize his services by electing him to the U. S. senate.

When Simmons represented, and with much ability, the second district in congress, he made a great fight against the cotton bagging trust and helped to force that evil combination to let loose its hold for a time upon the pockets of the cotton farmers. So strong a fight did he make on this trust, that it and other trusts spent extra money and efforts and defeated him for re-election.

Simmons is a man of great ability. His letter to McKinley regarding interference in the election by federal officials was one of the strongest documents of the campaign and showed Simmons to be a very big man. He has always been able to grasp the situation in North Carolina and direct and make the fight successfully for good government. He is fully equipped mentally to cope with the enemies of good government in North Carolina. He will be able to successfully repel any attacks that the enemies of the south may make in the senate on North Carolina and the amendment.

The Winston Journal says:

"The fact that the Republicans of this State would do anything they could to effect Mr. Simmons' defeat, is proof that they regard him as an able and dangerous foe, and if for no other reason (but there are many) this should be sufficient to stimulate the Democracy of this State to more determined effort to make him Butler's successor."

It is announced that McKinley will not make any campaign speeches, but Mark Hanna expresses a desire to reply to Bryan in the latter's state. Nobody is better capable of speaking for McKinley than Hanna. "Money talks" is an old saying, and Hanna is now talking with tongue and boodle. But there are times when boodle cannot buy an election, and we hope now is one of such times.

The State convention of Democratic clubs will meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Gov. elect Aycock, Electors-at-Large Overman and McLean will speak, and it is hoped that Senator Daniel and Gov. Stone will also be present and address the unterrified. Low railroad rates have been secured to the above occasion.

The Democratic committee of Kansas has had a thorough canvass of every precinct made, and finds three times as many changes from McKinley to Bryan as from Bryan to McKinley. State Chairman McLane says that Kansas is not a doubtful state, that the Republicans can adopt no means that will take it from Bryan.

Probably.

"That Baltimore woman who gave her pet monkey a first class funeral must have been greatly attached to the animal."

"Yes; it probably gave her a regular monkey wrench to part with it."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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## The Paris Cab Driver.

Outside of many wine shops in Paris and in the principal cities of France a sign is often to be seen bearing the words, Au cocher fidele ("To the faithful cocher"); beneath it a driver is pictured, hat in hand, restoring to a gentleman and lady, the hirers of the coach, a purse forgotten on the cushions of the vehicle. This is not a conception of the artist, nor vile flattery of the restaurant or wine shop to draw thither the coachman with a folble for the bottle, but a reality which often occurs and of which the cocher has every right to be proud.

Anybody who has lived any length of time in Paris will indorse the statement. Who has not forgotten an umbrella, a walking stick, a small satchel or some little object on the seat or floor of a public vehicle? And who has not had his property restored without even having taken the number of the vehicle, without any remembrance of the physiognomy of the driver? By a simple application to a special office at the prefecture of police, where all objects found in public carriages are deposited and arranged according to the date and hour at which they were brought in, one is able promptly to regain possession of his lost property.

This reflects great credit on the Paris "cabbies," few of whom, by the way, are born Parisians.—Harper's Weekly.

## Be Concentrated.

Professor Countemfast is a small man with a large mentality. His wife is a tall woman, who believes in the power of matter over mind. The professor had been absorbed the whole evening in a profound paper on the mental characteristics of people who were unhappily married. Suddenly looking up, he remarked:

"My dear, are you aware of the fact that a man's brain weighs about 3½ pounds?"

"Humph! You've just read that, haven't you?"

"Er—er—why—er—oh, yes; certainly, of course."

"Well, that article says a woman's brain is not so heavy, eh?"

"Er—er—yes, it certainly does, but—"

"And it also states that a woman's brain is of much finer quality, doesn't it?"

"Er—er—well, yes; you are quite right, my dear."

"Now, listen to me. Just concentrate your 3½ pound brain on that scuttle and figure out how much it will weigh after you bring it full of coal from the cellar." The professor meekly bowed his great head, and, as he departed for the lower regions in search of abstract information, he murmured:

"The man who thinks that mind is superior to matter is an illustrious idiot!"—London Tit-Bits.

## The Trunk Paid.

Some years ago a man ran up a bill of \$200 in the Tremont House, Chicago, and then ran away without settling it. The trunk which remained in his room was unusually heavy and when opened after his departure was found to contain specimens of ore, brought from the gold and silver mines of Colorado, where presumably he had lost all his money. After waiting out the legal time Mr. Gage sent the contents of the trunk to an assayer, who returned two bits of metal valued at more than \$100 in excess of the bill after deducting his own fees.

## His Supposition.

A philanthropic lady of Pacific Heights, one of the sort of superior stum raisers shown up in "Fables in Slang," met on one of her tours a little boy who was swearing roundly. She seized him at once and gave him a good shaking, adding: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself! I never heard such language since the day I was born!" The boy later whose desolate home she had just been bringing light pulled himself loose. "Yes," he said, "I s'pose dere was a good deal o' cussin' de day you was born."—San Francisco Wave.

## A French Way to Cure Baldness.

A French surgeon announces a novel cure for baldness, which, however, is only within the reach of the wealthy. The first thing is to find some poor, starving wretch with a fine head of hair of the color which the patient desires. The former having consented to part with his hair for a stipulated sum, the doctor scalps the pair delicately and applies the hairy scalp of the subject to the bald client, and vice versa. Wish luck the graft is said to be a success.—New York Sun.

## He Was Slow.

They had been "keeping company" for eight years, and, when he finally proposed and was accepted, in the ardor of his enthusiasm he exclaimed, "Darling, you are worth your weight in gold!"

With almost cruel facetiousness she replied, "That is saying a good deal, for it was an awful long wait."—Richmond Dispatch.

Large sun spots, astronomers say, caused the extreme heat this summer, and doctors declare nearly all the prostrations were induced by disorders of the stomach. Good health follows good digestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. If you have indigestion or dyspepsia it will quickly relieve a permanently cure you. J. E. Hood.

## The Astor Butcher Trust.

From the northern end of Chatham square starts the Bowery, and a few steps from its commencement is the building now used as a German theater, which was once the Old Bowery. Before the Bowery theater and previous to the Revolution the same site occupied by a building which has a place in history because Washington slept in it. This was the Bull's Head tavern. Being close by the city slaughter houses, all the butchers who came to town stopped at this inn, making it the first commercial inn of its day. During the Revolution Henry Astor, brother of John Jacob Astor, owned the Bull's Head tavern. He leased it to Richard Varian. But Varian went privateering and left the inn to be conducted by his wife.

Astor was a butcher and conducted his business in the Fly market in Maiden lane. He incurred the enmity of all the butchers in the town by conceiving the brilliant idea of riding far out along the Bowery lane, meeting the drovers as they brought their cattle to town and buying their stock, which he sold to the other butchers at his own price. As the lane was really the only road to the city, Astor in this way formed a trust and prospered for many years. The inn, too, prospered until 1820, when it gave place to the Bowery theater.—Home Journal.

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