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Labor and Protection.

The protectionists appeal to the laboring class in behalf of the Republican party and against the Democratic party on the pretense that protection helps them. If this were true there would be a power in the appeal, but the opponents of the protective system say it is not true. It is said a manufacturer undertook to conduct an Irish operative that he should not vote the Democratic ticket because this policy if carried out would reduce his wages one half. Pat thought a moment and then told the manufacturer if that were true he would vote for the Democrats himself. And Pat was correct. There is much more selfishness in this country than patriotism, and the manufacturers are not more unselfish than other people. If they honestly believed the success of the Democratic policy of tariff reduction would operate to cut down the wages of their employes, they would all vote that way. Protection keeps out foreign goods, but it does not keep out immigration. There is no tariff on laborers. European manufactures are excluded from our markets and they have an over-production. Over-production puts laborers out of employment at home and they come to America in search of employment and the higher wages the protectionists say they are paying. Then we have European cheap labor brought in contact with American protected labor. We have more labor than place, and the manufacturers hire the cheapest on the market. Then follows a "strike" for higher wages and "strikes" which make the blood run. A lot of laborers are thrown out of employment and become tramps. Tramps soon become anarchists and criminals, and then no man is safe in his home. This seems to us only a reasonable consequence of protection and it is proven by the facts. Labor, like everything else, is governed by demand and supply. The protectionists say if you increase the value of our home manufactured goods, of course the manufacturer is able to pay his laborers higher wages. No one doubts his ability to pay the higher wages, but does he do it? Not at all. When the laborers strike for higher wa-

ges or shorter time, the manufacturer goes out and hires the very pauper labor against which he has pretended to be protecting American labor. If the American laborer asks a dollar a day and a German or Irishman offers to work for seventy-five cents, patriotism is forgotten and self interest hires the cheap labor. It is so all over the world and in all branches of business. The only way to protect American labor is to put a very high tax on immigration. Tax every head so high that none could pay it, and banish or kill every man who should attempt to put down the price of labor by under-bidding.

Straws And Figures.

Some weeks ago the Raleigh News Observer published "Some straws" as it termed its collection of preferences for the several candidates for Governor, in which it scored 157 for Fowle and 117 for Stedman. These "straws" pointed very unsatisfactorily for the Stedman men but were very encouraging to the friends of Judge Fowle. The Wilmington Review had out invitations, it says, to "two of the most active and well informed Democrats in each county in the whole State" and from their reports the figures stand 543 for Stedman, and 390 for Fowle, which gives Stedman a majority of 153 in the convention. It cannot be certainly known that these figures are correct, but they report an approximation of preference and are more surely an index to the whole sentiment in the State than "some straws" published in the News-Observers. At this time all is speculation, but the people like to read the speculations and it is the only of the newspapers to publish them. It seems settled that the contest is narrowed down to Stedman and Fowle and the Democracy will have a gallant, able and fearless leader in either. We have not a word to say against Judge Fowle, but we favor the nomination of Maj. Stedman because we believe him the most available man. He is as able as any and has no assailable record to defend. He gave his time and means to the success of the party four years ago and resigned on easy place with good salary to serve the State in a non-paying office. His election of the State has not had a Governor in fifty years, is entitled to the choice this year and is entitled to him as their man. If he is not nominated for Governor this year it will be difficult to induce a first class man to accept the second place on the ticket, as should always be the case. For these reasons we think he should be nominated.

Immigration.

The Immigration Convention at Hot Springs last week was a most decided success in a most beneficial direction. The object was to organize a systematic and wide-spread invitation to honest, industrious and decent home-seekers to the Southern States. There were numbers of men of more or less distinction from West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, including Governors Lee, of Virginia, Gordon, of Georgia, and Richardson, of South Carolina. All took deep interest in the movement, and "The Southern Immigration Association" was organized. All expressed a wish to welcome such immigration as would be a benefit to the country, and a purpose to exclude such as would be a curse instead of a benefit. We should welcome among us men who come with honest hearts, strong arms and means to purchase and build up our unoccupied and unprofitable sections. We want people who favor education, morality, religion and good government, and will help in their growth and perpetuation. We don't want the riff-raff, the scum and criminals of the old world, and we should take such steps as will keep them away. The Association will have an officer in New York, who can very greatly aid in soliciting the class we want to come, and he can also aid us in turning away the class we do not want to curse and cumber the land. We expect much good to our Southland from this movement, and shall most probably allude to it and its operations in future.

For The Nominee.

We understand that a resolution had been drafted for presentation to the Catawba county convention favoring the nomination of Stedman for Governor. As the resolution failed to materialize, the delegation may be counted on for Fowle.—Taylorsville Journal. Don't be misled, neighbor. We are not informed if a resolution was drafted in favor of any one of the gubernatorial candidates. Hickory township declared for Stedman, one or two for Alexander, while many of our people prefer Fowle, Gilmer and Holt. In this state of things, and the fact that the county has never instructed her delegates to State convention, it was unanimously agreed among the friends of all the candidates not to "boom" any one, but leave each delegate to his choice and action in convention. The Catawba Democracy is too honest to favor any unit rule gag-law, and too true to complain after a fair deal in the nomi-

nation of a candidate. All the gentlemen named as candidates for Governor have friends in our county and should have the fullest benefit of said friendships in the nominating convention. We may differ now but after the nomination is known we shall be as one man. We may prefer Alexander or Fowle or Gilmer or Holt or Stedman or it may be some other, but after we have all counted strength and decided on the choice of the majority we are no longer for our man but for the nominee, whether it be one of those now so prominently discussed or some other not yet mentioned.

Somebody Disappointed.

The tariff is the one dividing question between the Democratic and republican parties. The Democrats advocate a tariff for revenue only, and the Republicans a tariff for protection. While the protectionists have legislated to enrich the Northern manufacturers, they have put a little protection on sugar to quiet the easy consciences of some soft-shell, so-called Democratic Congressmen from Louisiana, and have pretended to believe that State was so wedded to the protection idea, that it would desert the Democratic column whenever the tariff on Sugar was reduced to a revenue basis. The tariff on sugar and its manufactures last year was about 82 per cent, and paid into the Treasury \$56,507,485, says Senator Vance. This is a tax of about one dollar on every man, woman and child in the whole country for the protection of a few sugar makers in Louisiana. The Mills tariff bill now before Congress as a Democratic measure reduces this duty on sugar and the Republicans thought the Louisiana Democrats would be mad about it and break ranks but they didn't. The Republicans nominated a full state ticket and went to the people on their protective policy platform and got left by a large majority. The Democrats, on a platform endorsing the administrator of Cleveland, and demanding a reduction of the tariff on sugar, have carried the State by 75,000 majority and the Republican protectionists are disappointed.

Declines The Second Place.

Capt. S. B. Alexander seems determined not to accept the second place on the state ticket. We have heard of a letter written to a gentleman in this county this effect, and similar letters were written elsewhere. The Fayetteville Observer says: "We have been shown a letter from Mr. S. B. Alexander to a friend in this town, in which he says that under

no circumstances will he accept the nomination for Lieut. Governor—that the position he occupies as President of the State Alliance will suit him better—but he does not say that he will decline the nomination for Governor if tendered him."

With this public declaration to the Democracy it may be advisable to look around for another man for Lieut. Governor.

Henderson vs. Henderson.

It is circulated around that Hon. John S. Henderson will have opposition in his district. It is to be a Henderson fight. W. F. Henderson, Esq., of Lexington, it is believed will enter the field as his antagonist.

Well, we can stand that. If there has been any doubt about the present political whereabouts of Hon. J. Madison Leach the candidacy of Windy Billy will settle it. Of course John can beat Billy without Leach but we feel sure of the General's return to the Democratic ranks in this fight.

The President has nominated Melville W. Fuller of Chicago, to be Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. He is a native of Maine, is 55 years old, has never filled nor sought an office, is a recognized leader of the Chicago bar, is a sound Democrat, and his eminent qualifications and fitness are admitted on the Republican side of the Senate, says the Washington Critic.

Moral Requirements.

If the ten commandments constitute the law by which the world is to be judged, and I take it for granted that no one doubts it, what will become of those who for a monetary consideration ignore its plain positive requirements?

Will the atonement so modify the law as to influence the Judge in his decisions?

These are grave questions, and they lay at every man's door, and demand an answer, a personal answer. Reader, have you considered them? If not, join me in a prayerful consideration of our Lord's will as thus written in the Old Testament and epitomized by our Savior in the New Testament.

To the first question I will answer as near as possible in the light of truth as I see it. The Bible says: "The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God."

The wicked spoken of here may not have known God at any time, necessarily, in order to be wicked, but knowledge of God is indispensable to forgetting him. They once knew him, but forgetting him they are condemned with the wicked and consigned to the same abode. This being true, I find no excuse in the Book for failure at least to imbed the spirit of the law and possessing the spirit of the law. Obedience to the letter is limited only by our knowledge of its requirements. The plaintiff has never touched the law but to magnify it. Not one jot or tittle of the moral law has it repealed. Its language is: "He that doeth these things shall live by them." The gospel: "He that believeth shall be saved." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "He that believeth not, shall be damned."

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