

CONCERNING RECRUITS.

The Fayetteville Observer seems to think it has found a panacea for Democratic woes. Here is what it says: "Recruits can only be secured by opening the doors to those who were not with us in '92 and '04, upon terms that will attract them."

Upon terms that will attract, is good. There is a spice, a flavor, an odor, an aroma about that is suggestive of a trade, a dicker, a sort of a tub to Butler's whale—but it is only suggestive. Listen further to the Observer: "It is probable that a requirement that the new recruit should vote with us on State affairs, coupled with the understanding that he should be at liberty to vote for a silver candidate for President, if we did not present such a candidate." There is no longer suggestion—but the trade is made. You populists vote with us on State affairs and we will let you vote for a free, unlimited, Democratic candidate for President, but if we don't give you that kind of a hair-pin, you are at liberty—you are not forced or compelled to do so—but you have the clear, undisputed, constitutional right to vote for whom you please. Well, that's good, too, and if we can induce our populist friends to do that way and to make that sort of a "heads we win and tails you lose," toss, we are for it and for it to the end of the chapter. But where does the Pop come in? Now if he will admit that he has left papa's house in a pet and has been a bad boy, and after a season of repentance and returning love for the old home, will come back and vote with papa as he used to do, then that will be good, too.

But the Populist aint built that way. In the first place, he left home in a huff and his huffier now than when he left, and then he has an eye to biz—and wants to start him a shop of his own—preferring, however, to run it on the co-operative plan, but co-operation with the Republicans—and for the reason that he thinks he can get some meat on his meatless bone. Again, he knows, and every sane man knows, that the Democratic party does not intend to put up a free silver candidate for President. When you make that a condition precedent to a contract, he begins right away to doubt the integrity of the proposition. We are square with the Observer, however, and if it can get the other fellow to come in on its terms, we will open all our doors and windows, too, for these returning prodigals. We will do more than that. We will put rings on their fingers, sandals on their feet and crowns on their brows. This plan strikes us with great force and we suggest that the first meeting for these penitents be held early in May in the editorial room of the Raleigh News and Observer, and that in case it proves too small to hold the crowd, a committee get Gov. Jarvis to take charge of the overflow meeting in Spier Whittaker's room. We "heartily endorse" this plan and urge the brethren to press it. "Light is breaking."

GROVER GOES DUCKING IN HOKE SMITH'S DINING ROOM.

President Cleveland went on another ducking trip to night. Mrs. Cleveland accompanied him this time. They left the White House at an early hour and returned very late. It was enjoyed also by the entire Cabinet, for every one of the President's advisers saw him as he held a gun in his hand, and watched three ducks floating on the water. The gun was about seven inches long, and the ducks were of paper mache.

The water was in an artificial lake which had been built in the center of Secretary Hoke Smith's dining room table, and filled with not only ducks but small live fish of the kind which the President loves to catch. Beside the fishy gun, there was at the President's plate a miniature fishing rod in order that he might enjoy himself if the ducks got away. Everything was planned to make him happy.

Usually, Cabinet dinners are very formal affairs, but it was the Secretary of the Interior's turn to give one to-night, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Smith decided to provide a few specialties. They designed a sure-enough lake, which was ten feet long by five feet wide and several inches deep. A forest built a grove in the center of Maryland rocks, covered it with ferns and orchids and carried out the humorous idea of the Secretary very successfully. A 10-cent tin man-of-war was anchored in front of the Secretary of the Navy's plate. Penny cannons crowded over breastworks of stones at the Secretary of War, coils of rope were strung along in front of the Secretary of State; a girl with her eyes bandaged was sleeping off a dock opposite Attorney General Harmon. Secretary of Agriculture Morton gazed on a little wooden farmer pouring seeds down a hole in the rocks instead of into Congressmen's districts. Estimator General Wilson confronted a mermaid who seemed to want to deliver a letter from the deep. Little gold dollars studded an old Kentucky home in the cliffs above a Washington Special, 15th, to Military Dispatch.

If some of the guests had fished a pearl of sincerity from the bottom of the lake and presented it to Grover's Secretary of the Interior

rior the evening would have been a brilliant success; notwithstanding Hoke's dullness would never have appreciated the sting of the occurrence.

Hoke, "alone of all my sons is the who stands confirmed in full stupidity."

Perhaps it is best however that it was not done, for it would have been "casting pearls before swine."

Wilkie Collins, in that matchless novel, "No Name," has immortalized Capt. Wrag as a shifty dissembler and a fluent dealer of Cheap John humbuggery.

Hoke is his only living, ambivalent rival.

A STRAIGHT FIGHT.

Whether or not the Democrats shall carry the State this fall we do not pretend to know, but we do know that defeat is sometimes more honorable than victory. This constant abandonment of the principles of the party for temporary advantage discredits the party and invites disaster. The more concessions we make to the Populists the more they demand; and when we come to agree with them their papers taunt us with insincerity. We believe in making an open, square Democratic fight, on Democratic principles, with unflinching Democrats in the saddle. There should be no turning aside to make trades and alliances with anybody. The people of this State are honest, brave, conservative. A majority of them may be led astray for a season, but when the time for reflection comes they will recall the fact that the Democratic party has given them the best administered, the most honest, the cheapest State government they ever had, and they will regret their course of two years ago and come back to the party of their love. Of course there are a few office-hunters who deserted it for spoils and hate it with all their zeal, but not so with the great majority of them. The scales are beginning to fall from their eyes; they see that they have been used as stepping stones, by which scheming politicians have been foisted to power, while themselves are forgotten and uncared for. It may not be to day or tomorrow, but if the Democratic party is true to its traditions, true to the canons of its creed, the time will come when these men will again enlist under its banners.

There is a general consensus of opinion that the Hon. Walter Clark wants something higher than a judgeship. He has been considered very non-partisan, but his letters from Mexico seem to indicate that he is very decidedly partisan. The Judge need not set his heart on the governorship, for while his letters are a sweet morsel to our Populist friends, they don't set well on the coating of the average Republican stomach and the Republicans will control the nomination for Governor. If the Judge had taken a hand in the late lamented silver convention in Raleigh, he might have been in it on the silver ticket, but Judge McRae was there first, and the eyes of a waiting country are looking to him to lead the embattled host. And then there is Ed. Chambers Smith who, though first in rank and command, is second in the hearts of his countrymen.

The Southport Leader, a few days since, undertook to administer a rebuke to the daily democratic press for the manner in which it had derided Butler and its general lack of tact and judgment in discussing public questions. It is not our purpose to take up the cudgels for the daily press, but we had hoped that the Leader, after belittling the press and bemoaning the lack of leadership in the Democratic party, would have given us some idea how to proceed, would throw some light on the surrounding darkness; but instead it gives us a jeremiad. The Leader's soul seems troubled because Butler, the Caucasian and the Progressive Farmer have been the objects of more or less Democratic animadversion. We do not believe in abuse, nor do we indulge in it, but we want to know of the Leader if it thinks the Democratic press ought to decorate Butler with peans of praise, speak honeyed words of the Caucasian and the Progressive Farmer and strew flowers in the paths of those who, without cause, abandoned the party of their birth and aided in bringing reproach on the fair fame and good name of the State.

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THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH.

All the Great Statesmen and Statesmanship Claimed for the South.

Correspondence of the New York Sun.

In the introductory commentary to the "extracts" from the speech of the Hon. Benjamin Tillman delivered before the United States Senate, given in your Washington dispatch of January 20th, your correspondent uses the expression "new and degenerate South" and indulges in three other equally sarcastic references to that section. A few remarks from a Southerner will not be amiss. Are not the Southerners of to-day fully the equals of their ancestors in oratory? Are they not their equals in statesmanship? If I may ask, who is a statesman? For I am sure I do not know. I fail to see the degeneracy. True, we have no Platts, Quays, Boss this and Boss that, but we have numbers of Congressmen and Senators who have the Chicago platform, who have intelligence enough to understand it and enough honor to defend it. The votes of the last House will bear this out.

In the past thirty years of Northern ascendancy (since the time of Lincoln) I can recall but one name to which posterity will look up as that of a statesman—James G. Blaine—and at his death the highest encomiums passed upon him was that he was universally compared to Henry Clay—a Southerner, though he is said to Clay's credit, his name was not tainted with dishonor. A few years ago the Governor of Illinois, both United States Senators, the mayor of Chicago, four Congressmen, "Our Only Adlai," and last and best, Mrs. Potter Palmer, all at one and the same time prominent in Illinois, were natives of one Southern Commonwealth—Kentucky. Are they the degenerates? On the stage are Booth, Marie Prescott, Mary Anderson. Have you brighter lights? Or perhaps the South is supposed to have degenerated because it no longer rules. History will show that that section of a nation always rules that possesses the greater wealth. It will no doubt surprise the readers of the Sun to learn that at the breaking out of the war the South, with less than one-fifth of the white population of the country, contained nearly one-half of the wealth—44 per cent. After the two small Northern States of Connecticut and Rhode Island the States stood as follows in per capita wealth: South Carolina, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama, Texas, New Jersey, Maryland, Arkansas, Virginia. Almost every one of the Southern States was in advance of such great Northern communities as New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. When the wealth was in the South she had the statesmen. Every man elected to the presidency from the South got two terms up to the time of the civil war, with more than one, and we had over twice as many Presidents at that, and even one of your Northern Presidents was a Virginian by descent—Harrison.

The South has added every foot of territory to these United States, save Alaska, the North always in opposition, as the records of the votes in Congress will show. The two military heroes of the war of 1812 (which the North opposed, even to the point of holding a secession convention—the Hartford convention) were Southerners—Winfield Scott, of Virginia, and Andrew Jackson, of Tennessee. Southerners colonized Texas, whipped a nation, and gave us an empire. The North did not want to admit the State, but the South outmaneuvered it. The fellow who the Mexican war (I admit it was a crime), which the North again opposed; but Polk was a good juggler, and we got another empire. As usual, the glory belonged to the South—Scott and Taylor, both natives of Virginia. The North has no Daniel Boone, no David Crockett, no Sam Houston. The nation's idols, as witness their familiar names, were all Southerners by birth—"Light Horse Harry," "Great Scott," "Old Hickory," "Rough and Ready," "Honest Abe."

And even in the civil war what an array we have, for the North, short in military and governing genius, imported it. Lincoln, greatest of all, was from Kentucky; Geo. H. Thomas, "the Rock of Chickamauga," the one Union soldier who never made a mistake or lost a battle, was a Virginian. The man who really saved the nation in gaining Russian support was a Southerner—Cassius M. Clay, minister. And the admiral—there was but one, Farragut—and he was from the South, too. I could go on much further.

On my first visit to Boston I was astonished on just stepping out of the railroad station to face a statue to a Southern man—Lincoln. At his feet was crouching a negro—another Southerner, by heavens! I wandered about the city some time, hoping to find a monument raised to some great man Massachusetts had presented to the nation. Down on some street, surveyed by a cow of a couple of hundred years ago, I encountered a bronze statue of a woman in bloom—long hair and all, though the name was masculine. A great man, no doubt—in Boston.

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OUR EUROPEAN LETTER.

The Gypsy Camp in the Outskirts of Granada—A Real, Genuine Gypsy Dance. Correspondence of The Morganton Herald.

GRANADA, SPAIN, Feb. 1.—The one great charm of travel in Spain is the absence of fellow tourists. The "Nectar of Romance and Adventure" has not all been drained by curious Americans and disoriented English, and one finds the people as musical, picturesque and unclean as could be wished. The local color and life have withstood the comparatively little invasion of travel, and though Granada has been the goal of more curiosity and sight-seeing than other Spanish cities, it retains many of its purely characteristic and delightful features. One of these is the gypsy camp in the outskirts of the city. We drove there late one afternoon and saw the gypsies in their native lair. Gervantes alone describes these people as "just as God made them and as optimally as he could." He never laid her nails or ferule on them; honesty and morality have passed them in despair, and if the proverb affirming the proximity of cleanliness and godliness is true the gypsies are "way off." It has been enough for them that they live, and they have never asked those enigmatical questions whence, why and whither. They had no money and we were allowed to go through one. The first room was the kitchen and the last and choicest one the abode of the pigs. There were many of these compartments about the size of a steamer state room, and as one groped his way by the aid of a small candle into the depths of the bill, the smell became painfully prominent. The pigs, though, like the gypsies, were contented and the fact of being kept in the parlor or spare room added no arrogance to their amiable manners. Evidences of certain luxurious tastes were to be seen in the cave such as a piece of carpet before each bed on the earth floor, and a stovepipe running up from the kitchen fire place. Indeed artistic taste was also manifested for hangings over the bed in one of the rooms was a highly colored advertisement of a German beer.

When we left the cave we were told that we could see the real and genuine gypsy dance for the modest sum of seven dollars, but we declined. Our interpreters after a consultation with the gypsies told us that our economy would be sacrificed for the sake of a few dollars. As we drove regretfully away we were again informed that though it was a great sacrifice and altogether unparalleled in annals of history we might see it for three dollars. We accepted this proposition though it developed that we really paid four dollars, the last one being in redemption of a counterfeit dollar that had been substituted for the good one we had given. The coin was probably a product of gypsy ingenuity, and so far as I know the transaction may be one of their established ways of making an honest dollar, so to speak. The dance, however, was quite worth the experience. Accompanied by our two guides and two policemen who it was explained, were necessary for our safety and, who only added to our general feeling of insecurity, we went up a dark alley, a darker flight of steps and into a tiny room where the orchestra and dancers were assembled. The orchestra consisted of three men who played the guitar, mandolin and tambourine. The dancers were four ugly women and a pretty one all gorgeously arrayed in bright and gaudy and with artificial flowers in their coarse dark hair. The services opened with a frightful song that deafened the audience, which on account of the size of the room was within two feet of the singers. Then the women danced together—an active, spirited dance such as Kiraly's labors in vain to get. This was followed by a sort of danse du ventre. There were several graceful figures danced by the women and then one "La Hata" by the tambourine player and the pretty girl which was quite the prettiest of all, and would compare favorably with the best dances on the American stage. During the performance I wondered that some enterprising American had not imported them all to America and made his fortune by putting them on the stage. One does not find such abandon, animation and natural grace in the dancers who learn on chalked squares while they count one, two, three, one, two, three. The pretty woman had a four-months old baby in the room, and the little creature actually waved its arms when the mother danced as though already interested in its future employment. The father had been seen as a soldier to Cuba, the mother cheerfully explained, and the cares of maternity and widowhood sat lightly on her mind. It was only another demonstration that women don't always weep while their husbands war, and her devotion to the tambourine player led me to think that might be preparing for the future "if the worst should come to the worst" in Cuba.

We escaped from this place with our lives and we were not rebuffed; the later because we decided to give them all we had and save them the exertion of taking it. As we drove away I looked among the children for some of those that common report says are interested in its future employment. The father had been seen as a soldier to Cuba, the mother cheerfully explained, and the cares of maternity and widowhood sat lightly on her mind. It was only another demonstration that women don't always weep while their husbands war, and her devotion to the tambourine player led me to think that might be preparing for the future "if the worst should come to the worst" in Cuba.

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Grass and Blight.

Correspondence of The Morganton Herald.

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In looking over a table, showing average composition of feeding stuffs, the grasses, I find, contain a higher per cent. of the named substances than any other feed. It is none the less valueless as soil improver. When once the habit of grass growing is commenced it will naturally get one in a kind of crop rotation that will result in a speedy enriching of the soil. Grass growing is not difficult to a practical man with a good agricultural paper, such as Practical Farmer, unfolded in his home weekly. But it would be difficult to some, even with good papers, from the fact that their training has never gone beyond the dumb beast, they drive; the beast, in many cases acts with more discretion. There has been no brain put into the work. We see the unthinking, an educated man drive his little mule to a little plow, scratching the exhausted surface of the land, planting a crop without knowing or thinking why he plants it in just such a way, cultivating it in like manner, and at the end of harvest, unthinking toil, gathering a little crop, unable to tell, for the life of him, why it is so small, nor why he and his mule have consumed more purchased food than the crop will pay for, ignorant all the while that under the scratch made by the little plow lies a virgin soil waiting to be re-warded with bounteous crops the man with brain enough to sit upon a sulky plow and drive a team strong enough to break it. An old Scotch farmer who, standing by his field covered with a magnificent crop, was asked by a traveler what he managed that field with, and replied: "With brains, sir." This is the great want in our agriculture to-day—educated brains. If the farmers would get to reading they would get along much better. The larger part of farmers in Burke to day don't know there is such a thing as an agricultural paper printed, and the majority of those who do, rear back on their dignity and swear they know how to farm, when the truth of the matter is they don't know the alphabet of good farming. Then, who are our good farmers to-day? Not the men who have followed a me in the same tracks their grandfather made, but reading men, men of affairs, who see the grand possibilities of farming in the South. "Any man can be a planter, but it takes brains and training to be a farmer or gardener."

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