He Wants to Know How to Get Through a Political Convention. "Hello! Mr. Editor."

R.—Good morning, Mr. Bilkins." B .- Say, I want to know how to pull through the conventions."

R .- "I can't tell you, but will refer ou to some experienced politicianol. Paul B. Means, of Concord, for

All right, hitch me to Col. Wake county, N. C., U. S. A."

Col. M -"Great gewhillikins! would rather hold an office than talk to of this misfit beforehand can hardly that old blunderbuss"

come out in your chat with President Butler?"

Col. M .- "Oh! that is all settled. went around and had a talk with Mr. Butler after the speaking was over. Butler is a nice fellow."

how the conventions are going to run this year."

very important. Then when we meet we will nominate some prominent Alliancem in for chairman and another for secretary."

B.- "Say, aint that sort of a cute trick with you sort of fellows?"

Col. M .- "No; that is all right. We all want to see the farmers fairly represented. They should have charge of the conventions to a large extent."

B.-"But after you get in a chair man an' secretary won't you sorter begin to draw the lines?"

Col. M .- "Of course not. The farm ers will have a right to stay in the meeting and vote for the nominees and then work for them during the campaign, and vote for them next November."

B.—"How about the platform?" Col. M.-"We must agree upon a

platform that will be acceptable to the whole people."

B .- "Goin' to have free silver in it?" Col. M.-"No - well -ah - well- I reckon there will be something said about that. I see that Congress has given that a black eye, though. We will have to wait a while on that."

B.- "Say, Colonel, hain't the Democratic platform had something in it of that kind for years?"

Col. M.-"Yes-well I believe there has been something of the sort." B .- "Why did a whole lot of Demo-

ratic Congressmen vote against it?" ol. M -"I don't know. Perhaps

our people will oppose that."

B .- "Are you going to put the land and transportation planks in?"

Col. M.-"I reckon not. That land plank is contrary to the principles of democracy, and the government can't afford to own the railroids."

B.—"Why can't the government for electors who were not pledged to thouse in the Chicago Convention nominee, I anywhere.

Col. M.-"Why, my dear sir, it is not able to buy them.'

B.—"Who is the government?" Col. M.-"The people, of course."

B.—"Then the railroads are bigger fossil politicians of the State should be than the government an' the people an' the whole country includin' the presidential aspirants." Col. M .- "Oh I didn't mean to con-

vey that idea." B.—"Well, what is the programme?" Col. M -"Tariff reform."

years behind. I have done promised gested a plan by which we can certain-ly carry the State election, and if they sole object. The tariff is not half that is needed. Colonel, you are going to ticket also. The horrible nightmare of have fun when you try to fool the people with that again. We want finan- their sleep for thirty years, is removed.

dence. We assert our purpose to sup- by trying to make fealty to the Yankee port the political organization which mob which meets at Chicago a test of represents our principles."

"We assert that a political organization, representing the political principles herein stated, is necessary to redress the grievances of which we complain."—Add ess of St. L uis Industri 1

The above was endorsed by every vote in the St. Louis Conference except two-Livingston and Wilson, of

THE VITAL ISSUE.

by their principles, and those who de-termine their principles by their party; those who put their horse before their simply adhering to some organization.
They call it "joining" or "belonging"
to a party. Their faith is what a conteries" (as they sometimes call their organs of abuse) they wait for a pro nunciamento from headquarters. Then they "fire all along the line." They examine every proposition for relief to see how it affects the party's chances pel it. for holding or obtaining the spoils of office. With them every agitation is dangerous which they cannot see will add to their chances of election.

your reforms. Be quiet till we can slip in president," and all will be attended to. In 1884 we were all howlhello! Col. M. "Who is that?" ing for Grover Cleveland and for the "My name is Bilkins. I live in repeal of the internal revenue tax After the election it appeared our President was opposed to its rebe doubted. But see what the B.-"Say, Colonel, how did you result was upon this demand for relief: In 1888, the same man was again put forward for President and the internal revenue cut the poorest I figure imaginable in the campaign. The politicians slipped in their President, but the people did not slip in their relief. The friends of this iniquitous species of taxation stole a march B.—"Colonel, I want to know sorter on us and we were so completely discomfitted that one hardly even hears the subject mentioned now. With the assistance of New York guiding our Col. M.—"Well, I'll tell you confi- tender footed delegates in the national dentially. The first thing is to get the nominating convention, we elected a people in a good humor. The next is man who made it a Waterloo for us, to scare them with the nigger. That is on this subject. The satisfaction of seeing our half starved politicians tak

ing the place of the "red-legged grass-hoppers" they had so often denounced was rather poor compensation for the eight or ten million dollars which are annually taxed out of this State by this method of taxation. The readiness with which the average politician changed the livery of a principle he had so long and so furiously inculcated shows how lightly the cause sat in his

Wall street gently led our delegates into the selection of Mr. Hancock in 1880. He was trying to win by keep ing quiet on the main issue (the tariff) —quite a commendable way of getting an office among professional spoil-hunters. At last he was forced to take quoting from a few farmers who bought seed of me last year, and tested with the leading varieties: J J. Schwartz, Chapin, S. C.; A.W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., and J. B. and W F. Carter, Chalkville, S. C., say; "Your Gold Dust makes the best yield of any We are 1 ighly pleased with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes who bought seed of me last year, and tested with the leading varieties: J. Schwartz, Chapin, S. C.; A.W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., say; "Your Gold Dust makes the best yield of any We are 1 ighly pleased with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes who bought seed of me last year, and tested with the leading varieties: J. Schwartz, Chapin, S. C.; A.W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., and J. B. and W F. Carter, Chalkville, S. C., say; "Your Gold Dust makes the best yield of any We are 1 ighly pleased with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes who bought seed of me last year, and tested with the leading varieties: J. Schwartz, Chapin, S. C.; A.W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., and J. B. and W F. Carter, Chapin, S. C.; A.W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., say; "Your Gold Dust makes the best yield of any We are 1 ighly pleased with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes who bought seed of me last year, and tested with the leading varieties: J. J. Schwartz, Chapin, S. C.; A. W. Hardin, Lowryville, S. C., say; "Your Gold Dust makes the best yield of any We are 1 ighly pleased with it." J. V. Craig, Lancaster, S. C., writes who bought seed of the last year, and tested with the leading warden. vention named opponent of Southern interests that if any one had proposed not to send delegates to the mob that betrayed us, he might have been tarred and feathered!

This then is a specimen of the work of politicians who wanted "to win." This is what was accomplished by the regulation tactics of convention man-

The Pharisees used to send delegates occasionally to Jesus Christ. Probably one of their purposes was to get him to join their political party with themselves as the chief recipients of the spoils of office. It appears that they had been laying heavy burdens on men (taxes, probably), had separated themselves from the rank and file of the selves from the rank and file of the people (i. e. were aristocratic) had confined all the paying offices to a few select families and had became as unre better prepared to say what htry needs than the people are."

Are you going to put financial reform in the platform by means of the Sub-Treasury plan?"

Col. M.—"Ah, I don't know, that measure is most too radical. Some of any popular as politicians generally are who forget the people's interest. They wanted and needed a winning card, and they would have been willing to put up with a good many disagreeable features if they could have added the popularity of the reform from Galilee to their party. Neither one of the great Judean parties could make any terms with the Great Reformer, so as terms with the Great Reformer, so as is customary in such cases among spoilhunters they pooled their issues and 'fused their ticket," and went in to beat him.

The other day when a spoil hunting adherent of the Democratic party said to me that he would vote the straightout radical ticket before he would vote thought of his ancient pharisaian pro-totype, and of this old fusion of the self-seekers of all parties against a re-form which struck at the root of all W. J. PEELE.

P. S.—It seems strange that the so much distressed over my proposition to secede from the Wall street convention They have always assured me privately, when I protested against the works of that convention, that it did not matter so much what those Yankees did up there, the big thing for us was to save our State from negro rule. I B,-"Hello, Colonel, you are ten took them at their word and have sugnegro domination, which has disturbed cial reform an' we wont rest until we get it. Good-bye."

It suddenly now appears that they are not so frightfully afraid of the negro after all this sham furor, for they are "We declare our union and indepen- willing to jeopardize the State ticket a man's democracy. If they succeed in making this the test they will read out of the party the bone and sinew of FARMER, Raleigh, N. C. it, and they will be obliged to depend on the negroes to elect their ticket These are the men that call themselves "straight-outs." A Republican leader said to me, "there would be a fusion of the negroes and aristocrats and they

would beat the Third party." When I told him there was so much talent Democratic nominees now find themselves distinctly divided into two classes, viz: Those who prefer their principles to their party, and those who prefer their party to their principles; those who determine their party. pose to split or be split if the formulers mailing price, which is given. We lators of these demands undertake to have examined all the books mentioned name the electors who are to look after in this list and unhesitatingly comtheir execution. If these men split or mend them to our brethren and the cart, and those who put their cart be force a split among the Democrats of public generally. We will place new have put their party before their prin-ciples. In fact their main principle is believe it is done on account of the we have time to decide upon their merrage of politicians at the prospect of its and we will guard against unworlosing the control of the Federal pat- thy books. ronage. Three fourths of the Demovention tells them to believe, or rather crats in this State believe in free silver, NIES OF AMERICA, by Lester C. Hublow tariff or no tariff and increased pa- bard, 480 pages of new facts and genwhat they tell a convention to believe.
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