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**For President,
1900:
Hon. W. J. Bryan,
Of Nebraska.**

THE DEMOCRACY AND TEMPERANCE.

There are a few persons, in our city, and some in our State, who are such strong prohibitionists that they will not favor any party or any thing that is not ultra upon the question of temperance. These impracticables will not succeed along the lines, upon which they have proceeded and continue to proceed. They fight the air. Yea, yea, they fight the only organization that can or will give them what they seek.

The Democratic party is the friend of temperance. Four-fifths of the white people and at least that proportion of white church members are Democrats. Nearly all the temperance sentiment, in the State, is in that party. It has passed all the legislation that has restrained the saloons. All the local option acts and the acts incorporating churches and school houses have been passed by that party. The last legislature, overwhelmingly Democratic, passed prohibition for every community, which could show a majority in favor of it, and gave a dispensary, to restrain the sale of intoxicants, to every community, when a majority of the people desired one. Of course the party is not pledged to prohibition nor to any particular action with reference to the sale of intoxicants; but the party is pledged to give whatever legislation the majority of any community may favor. That is Democracy. Government by the consent and choice of a majority of the governed. It is the only sound governmental idea.

The INDEX is an anti-liquor paper; but it is Democratic; and would not, if it could, shut up the saloons and stop the manufacture and sale of intoxicants against the will of a majority of the people. Such action would be both un-Democratic and unavailing. The INDEX is set for the defence of Democracy and right. It contends that the indiscriminate manufacture and sale of intoxicants are destructive of the best interests of the city and of the country, and shows, from time to time, that this is true. We would cultivate and form public sentiment along that line, until there is a majority, who wish to stop it or effectually restrain it, then it will be both Democratic and availing to pass a law stopping it. Surely the time will come, when all Christians will see the enormity of its indiscriminate manufacture and sale and put a stop to it.

If there is ever a prohibition law passed in North Carolina, it will be by the Democratic party. There would never have been such a law passed in Maine, but by the Republican party there. The reasons, which make that so there, as to the Republican party, make it so here, as to the Democratic party. Is it not strange that every political prohibitionist does not see this, and act with the Democracy? If any one is a prohibitionist, it should be a

strong reason for him to be an ardent Democrat, and work with that party, and support every agency in that party, which tends to create public sentiment, in the party, for opposition to intoxicants.

GEN. JOUBERT NOT AN EX-CONFEDERATE.

J. William Jones, D. D., a chaplain during the war between the States, in the army of General Lee, and who has written the lives of General Lee and of President Davis, says he has examined the roster of Confederate soldiers and that General Joubert's name does not appear. It makes no sort of difference whether he was a Confederate or not. He is an able general and is fighting in the cause of liberty just as surely as did Lee, Jackson, Johnson and the noble men whom they led.

But Dr. Jones says he is glad Joubert is not an ex-Confederate, giving as his reason that the Boers are not fighting in the cause of liberty, but of oppression; and that the British are fighting for the rights of Englishmen, Americans and others, who went to the Transvaal at the invitation of Kruger, who did not keep his word to make them citizens, and whose government oppressed them. Dr. Jones hopes that no ex-Confederate will enter the Boers' service. We think the good Doctor is mistaken as to his facts:

1. The British have been making attempts for years to take their country from the Boers, but have been defeated hitherto. Every one is familiar with Dr. Jameson's and Cecil Rhodes' attempt and defeat of recent date. These attempts make a different case than that made by Dr. Jones.

2. Again, according to the terms of citizenship proposed by President Kruger's government, it is stated that 50,000 Uitlanders would have become electors this year.

3. But, even upon Dr. Jones' showing, his case is not made out, because, if they found President Kruger's government distasteful, they were not bound to stay there. It is a poor excuse to say that Britain is fighting the Boers because her citizens were not treated by the Transvaal government as the British demanded. Our government will not even permit Chinese to come here. We have the right to say so. We would have the same right to say so to the English as well. We certainly would not give Englishmen the rights of citizenship until they renounced their allegiance to England. If the English and others, not citizens of the Dutch Republic, did not like the way they were treated, they could leave the country. All that, as justification for the British, is pretence.

No, the gold and diamond mines and English avarice and ambition caused the war. The Boers are fighting, as our Confederates fought—for liberty, homes, and country. Britain's might does not make right. Her 250,000 men may fail; the God of battles and justice may raise up friends for her weak antagonist. Germany may resent Britain's affronts; France is ready; even the United States will not submit to unlawful seizures. The administration may be pro-British, but the people are on the other side. There is to be an election in this country in about ten months—the people will speak then.

BRYAN AND WATTERSON.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan and Hon. Henry Watterson are to sit down together at a banquet at Omaha, Neb., on Jackson day, and both are afterwards to get up and

make speeches. It is interesting to speculate upon how these speeches are to be made to dovetail. Each of these distinguished gentlemen calls himself a Democrat and thinks he is one, but there is no point at which they touch. Either could reply, in his banquet speech, to the other, but they cannot speak of politics on parallel lines and each be true to his convictions. The likelihood is that on this occasion Col. Watterson will be a death's head at the feast. We wonder, in the first place, why they invited him, and in the second place why he accepted.—Charlotte Observer.

We had supposed that Mr. Watterson differed with Mr. Bryan only upon financial lines. If "there is no point at which they touch," and "they cannot speak of politics on parallel lines and each be true to his convictions," it follows that one or the other is not a Democrat.

Over six millions of voters, the great majority being Democrats, said that Bryan is; most of those voters are still of that opinion. The Observer must have made a mistake. Do not Bryan and Watterson stand together on the Tariff; on the Philippine question; on Trusts—in fact, upon everything except silver legislation? We do not see Col. Watterson's paper; but we see it stated that he now stands by the organization and accepts, as every good Democrat should do, the decision of the majority, as shown by the organization. This puts him in complete accord with Mr. Bryan.

We rejoice that Colonel Watterson is to be present and make a speech, which shows that he is a Democrat and is in line with his fellow Democrats. It is certainly commendable and augers well for success next November. Would it not be well for all claiming to be Democrats to fall into line, too? It is Bryan and Democracy or McKinley and Republicanism. On which side? Watterson decides. All others should do the same. On which side now?

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