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THEY PROPOSE TO ACT.

The fact that the Populists are in the saddle in North Carolina, and propose to act, is already plainly evident.

The significant notice from Senator Butler in the matter of North Carolina railroad lease, shows that they expect to win, and so can speak before hand regarding what they will do when they come into office.

Nothing is more plain than that fusion will again prevail in North Carolina.

The Republicans have left conveniently open a number of places on their State ticket which will be filled up by Populists.

The announcement by Senator Butler's organ that the case of the Southern Railway lease will receive attention by a special plank in the Populist platform, which can easily mean the Republican platform, plainly shows co-operative action.

Without fusion the Populists can elect none of their candidates, but their confident announcement is indicative that they will not be alone at the polls next November.

BETTER WATCH HOME.

The Democratic party of North Carolina is straining too much in its efforts to see what the National Democratic party is doing, what its issues are, and what its prospects of success may be.

While all this looking outside at the political prospects is of interest, there is something of much more importance right here at home for the party to watch, and that is its own State.

The Democracy of North Carolina can stand a change of National Administration, can see its party loose control of the government, all this without any special alarm or serious loss, but it cannot afford to lose the control of North Carolina.

Just now all eyes are turned St. Louisward. And ever since the State Democratic convention, what have the Democratic newspapers been publishing that could be considered of importance in affecting the advancement of Democracy's interests in this State?

The voters of this State have been unable to read anything which might influence their votes on the State ticket, practically nothing has been done towards bringing the Democratic factions of the State together, and the unfortunate gold bugs, deserted by their papers, which before the Chicago convention championed their cause, have been left to drift about, politically, without even an occasional friendly silver hand extended towards them.

There seems to be no effort made, as yet, to win the sound money Democrats in this State to the party. They may not be in sympathy with the National Democratic platform, and declared against voting the National Democratic ticket, but they can be prevailed upon to vote the State ticket, and give it material support.

This is only one phase in the local Democratic situation, but it is a most important one, for every vote for the Democratic ticket will be needed next November, to elect Cyrus B. Watson.

While there is no apparent getting together of Democrats, there is a decided tendency among Republicans and Populists to again fuse. There is a cordiality among the leaders which is indicative of fusion, and the predictions of the State Democratic press, concerning fusion, are proving to be greatly at fault.

The Democracy of North Carolina needs to give serious and close attention to its position in this State. It is in those quarters. It has a united, unscrupulous and strong enemy before it, and to successfully oppose this enemy it must have unity in its own organization.

At present it is giving too much heed to non-essentials, and neglecting to attend to those matters which can give it success.

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. The closing up of the Silver and Populist National Conventions, last week, in St. Louis, ends a series of wonderful exhibitions of so-called intelligent gatherings of representatives of the people of this country.

Our National political Conventions of today have become vast gatherings of unskillful proportions. The securing of these Conventions by competitive bids from cities has become a speculative business, and the different political parties through selling the privileges of their Conventions to these competing cities realize funds which help to meet campaign expenses.

The size to which these political Conventions have grown make them numerous affairs, and instead of transacting their business in an orderly manner, they have become this year, as in previous years, the scenes of the most wild and extravagant horse play.

There is no reasonable excuse for such displays as have been witnessed at the conventions held at Chicago and St. Louis.

The delegates have been sent to make nominations and platforms for their parties.

Like school boys they arm themselves with flags, banners and various instruments of noise. Everything done in convention is greeted, not with applause of a dignified character, but with shrieks, yells and waving hats and flags.

Why should the reading of a platform be provocative of ear splitting noises and pandemonium, when its general character is already fully known before-hand. Then every speech, nominating candidates, is received with whistles and shrieks of joy, and the nominations are followed by pandemonium indescribable.

And yet this is supposed to be an advanced age of civilization, and the Americans a practical people.

And woman is permitted to enter these conventions, and sad to relate, not to make them more attractive, orderly and dignified, but to encourage the disorder, by leading in the demonstrations of noise and disturbance.

All the political conventions this year had their work pretty clearly defined before they met, yet they spent hours and days in unnecessary arguments, speeches and confusion.

Of course some one pays for all this, and it is not those who attend the conventions.

It must be easily demonstrative that our National Convention system should be changed.

They should be smaller in their list of delegates, and all visitors should be kept out. It is undoubtedly largely to this gallery influence that much of the present disorder is due, and the doing away with the visitors will make a material difference in the behavior and course of proceedings of the conventions.

At present, instead of orderly gatherings given up to practical work, our National Conventions are wild meetings, and the effect of their actions is felt throughout the country, and gives a political license which is a curse to the country.

As long as our National Conventions are scenes of disorderly conduct, and unrestrained political license, just so long will political freedom of speech mean a political action based more upon sentiment than upon common sense.

CLEVERLY EVADES THE ISSUE. After his return from the glad (?) sea waves, brother Joe Caldwell, filled with oysters and beer, and the ozone which is so plentifully given to all who go down to the sea on the steamer Wilmington, very feebly attempts to justify his vote in making the Press Association a "junketing Association," to imitate the language of Dr. Kingsbury of the Messenger.

The JOURNAL does not attempt to controvert Brother Joe's word that the "boys" needed ozone in their systems, and that the day's outing was a good thing for them, nor must brother Joe deny the fact that the members of the Association made it possible that no business should come up on the regularly appointed day for transacting the Association's business.

The Press Association of North Carolina, was organized for mutual benefits of its members along business lines and not as a pleasure party.

And while the sight of the brethren sporting in the ocean waves, stowing away vast quantities of oysters, or "bitting" sundry cold beers, is an exhilarating spectacle, and a very pleasant one to the active participants, themselves, that is not the first object of the Association.

If the Association has no business of importance which ought to bring and keep its membership together for two days in the year, it is clearly out of order to pretend to be what it declares itself, and should resolve itself into a Leisure Hour Organization, upon a platform declaring for Personal Comfort, only.

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English Campaigning Methods. The practice of pelting a candidate and the ladies who accompany him, according to the English custom, is apparently a common diversion in the English elections. Sir William and Lady Harcourt were pelted at Derby, and I saw many allusions to similar instances. There is no need, however, of multiplying examples, I have given, I think, enough cases to show the orderly methods of political discussion in England which our Anglo-American critics would have us imitate.

I now come to the matter of charges made against public men during the canvass for the purpose of affecting votes. The correspondent of the New York Tribune, in a letter written at the time, sums up some of the campaigning as follows: "Campaign literature by the ton; rostrals sprung in Ireland; press extracts showing how had an opinion Lord Salisbury once had of Mr. Chamberlain, and how cordially that dislike was reciprocated by the Birmingham leader; parallel columns brought into play against one or another leader about another; and criminations about the purchase of the Ulster votes answered by recriminations about the government corollary contracts." This list, however, does not cover by any means all the charges of a personal character put forward during the canvass.

Mr. Benn, who was running in one of the London divisions, was attacked by his opponents because his insane brother had in a fit of madness killed their father. Even in the politics of "our violent people" a charge of this sort for political purposes would, I think, be considered cruel.

But attacks of this sort were not confined to the lesser candidates. It was freely charged that Sir H. Naylor-Leyland had changed from the conservative to the liberal side because the liberal government had given him a baronetcy. As to the truth of this charge I have no opinion to express. I only know that Sir H. Naylor-Leyland was recently made a baronet and that this pleasant accusation against him and the liberal government was freely made.

Much more serious, however, was the charge made against Lord Roseberry, which played a large part in the campaign, that he had made four pence in consideration of the gift by these gentlemen of £100,000 to the campaign fund of the liberal party. Lord Roseberry's secretary, in a letter to the Times, said that two of these peerages were given to gentlemen whose merits no one could question, and who were also poor men, and that the other two were given in pursuance of an arrangement made by Mr. Gladstone, with which Lord Roseberry had nothing to do. There were persons who found his answer unsatisfactory and the matter was much discussed both in the press and on the stump.

The charge was made merely by irresponsible orators and newspapers. Mr. Chamberlain said, in a speech at Birmingham on Aug. 3, "How can you grant sincerity to a man who in one breath denounces the house of lords and seeks to abolish it, and in another gives reason for the suspicion that he is selling peerages to the highest bidder?" I have no knowledge whatever as to the foundation of this charge, but considered merely as a campaign attack on the leader of one of the two great parties, a man of the very highest character, I think it will be admitted that even the violence of the American presidential election can hardly show anything more serious.—Harper's Magazine.

Gulls Hover About Steamers. Perhaps the most entertaining of all sea birds are the gulls, of which several species may commonly be met with, chiefly along the coasts. Gulls, as a rule, find flight more difficult than other birds which we have described. They keep close to the ship and when they are accustomed periodically to beat over a certain path their wings become sharpened and they afford no end of amusement to the passengers. A crowd of gulls will follow a vessel all day, returning doubtless to the nearest land. Next morning there will be another gang at daybreak, but it may be of a wholly different species.

A jolly crew are a flock of gulls. I have watched them by the hour flying abreast of the steamer from ten to twenty-five feet from the ship's rail, every eye on the porthole from which refuse of the cook's galley is dumped into the sea. Generally this grateful event takes place just after meal times, and a gull will follow a ship ten hours for the sake of one mad dash at the scraps which it expects to be consigned to the ocean. The gull cannot be fooled with anything short of fresh meat or crackers. I have tried orange peel and scraps of pasteboard, which I tossed into the air or into the sea, and not a bird turned a feather. But if you hold a scrap of cracker in your hand you shall see every bird draw as near as she dares, with a knowing blink and turn of the head. Toss it into the air and a wild scream issues from fifty throats, as many pairs of wings flash in the sunlight, fifty pairs of red or black

legs dangle in the air and the scarp never reaches the sea!

The great event is when the dinner scraps go overboard from the galley. There is a mad scramble, the air is filled with hoarse cries, the whole flock settles on the water with uplifted wings, each screaming and flapping in the vain effort to get all there is for itself. The steamer goes on, leaving a white, struggling spot on the water in its wake. But presently they start after her again and with quick, nervous strokes they reach her side to sit serenely on with her as before. The most amazing piece of business I ever saw was a gull cooling preening itself with its bill while it was following in full flight, apparently without an effort.—Our Animal Friends.

Boston's Liquor Bill. We are all familiar with the use of startling statistics by the temperance orator in depicting the extent and evils of the liquor habit in this country. He has told us time and time again how long a funeral procession the annual victims of intemperance would make, and how the expenses of the government could be borne by the money men pay for what they pour down their throats.

Dr. Francis G. Peabody, professor of Christian morals in Harvard university, has tried his hand at liquor traffic statistics. He had policemen make note of the number of people that pass into the 606 licensed saloons of Boston every day, great pains being taken to make the observations carefully and accurately. The result of his findings, with instructive comparisons, Prof. Peabody gives in the current Forum.

Boston had 496,920 inhabitants in 1895. The policemen found that the daily visitations to the licensed drinking places footed up 226,752. Many patrons entered the saloons more than once, and a portion of the visitors were from out of town, but it is observed that these deductions may be offset by the drinking at clubs, hotel bars and licensed groceries. At all events the estimate is confidently made at 100,000 drinkers in the city of Boston.

Now as to the outlay. Taking the estimate of experts that a patron spends on an average ten cents every time he visits a saloon, Prof. Peabody finds on the basis of the policeman's reports given above that the daily expenditure for intoxicating drinks is \$22,075, or in a year the stupendous aggregate of \$9,802,500. This total, he sets forth, exceeds the combined annual expense of the Boston public schools, amounting to \$2,061,100; the operation of the Boston fire department, \$1,041,200; the outlay of the police department, \$1,318,186; and the care of the city park system, \$2,214,814. All these municipal expenditures do not make a total as large as the annual liquor bill of the Hub.

Figuring \$600 as the average annual outlay of a family, Prof. Peabody shows that what annually passes over the bars of the Boston saloons would support nearly 11,700 families one year. The total number of drinks allows a daily glass of alcoholic beverage and a treat to a friend for every one of the 156,530 male citizens of Boston above the age of 20 years.

The remedy proposed by Prof. Peabody for a state of things which he regards as shocking in the country's center of culture is to allow only a limited number of saloons in each ward or district. Now one saloon is allowed for every 500 inhabitants, located wherever the commissioners may determine. The result is that while some sections of the city are free from saloons, in other portions they are temptingly numerous.—Detroit Free Press.

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His Whiskers Deceived Them. (St. Louis Dispatch)—New York Journal) "But, gentlemen," said Senator Butler, in reply to a remark about sacred duty being the paramount consideration, "as an evidence that I am urging a declaration for Bryan and a Populist for second place through unselfish motives, I will confide in you that I am not within the constitutional age limit. The vice-presidential nominee must have attained the age required of the presidential nominee, and I am not old enough. You will have to look elsewhere for material."

The delegation was surprised, for Senator Butler's whiskers are deceiving.

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ALL SORTS OF SPORTS.

George Dixon will not make any matches before next September.

Frank Slavin is at Oceanic, N. J., nursing his wounded reputation.

The new grand stand at Brighton Beach, N. Y., is about completed.

Maxwell More, it is said, has decided not to act as a referee at boxing tournaments hereafter.

Mary McGee claims the 125 pound championship and offers to fight any man in America at that weight.

Sixteen stakes for the Coney Island Jockey club's autumn meeting are announced to close on Wednesday, July 23.

George Work of the Carteret Gun club of New York has won the international challenge cup of the London Gun club.

Charles Hildebrandt, the man who says that Corbett and Fitzsimmons can fight in South Africa, was born in Bristol, Pa.

John Heard, a Reading (Pa.) sprinter, has issued a challenge to the runners of that city for any distance from 200 yards to one mile.

Jim Lovell, who manages Dick Baker, the colored pugilist, would like to match either Charley Strong of Newark or Harry Baker of Chicago.

Jacob Gaudaur is to row the winner of the Stambury-Harding race at Vancouver on Burrard inlet for the championship of the world on Sept. 1.

James A. Tyng, the old Harvard baseball pitcher, is playing golf at present such excellent form that he is attracting attention in golfing circles.

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