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THURSDAY, JULY 5, 1900.

Here's to the health of the Silver Knight, William Jennings Bryan. May his rout of the Hanna gang be complete.

From the Greensboro Telegram it is learned that "Senator Pritchard got a little tangled on building roads for you and I," but he came out all right on San 'Whan' hill. That is easily explained. "You and I" is probably a life-long friend of the senator, and therefore not easily thrown off, whereas San "Whan" was doubtless readily acquired during residence among the officials at the capital. We rejoice that our old friend "Haven't Saw" was not present and working on the occasion referred to.

Major Rollins' Change of Front.

Rhetorically considered, Major W. W. Rollins' apology for his change of heart on the question of negro suffrage, published in The Citizen on the 3d inst., is a decidedly smooth production. There is a stately measure and a rhythmical flow to it which almost betrays one into an effort to arrange it into blank verse. In this quality, no less than in its poetic disdain of fact and logic, it is eminently characteristic of its author.

For example, the Major attempts to reconcile his former opposition to, with his present advocacy of negro suffrage upon the ground that, 35 years ago, the negro was in an "ignorant and degraded condition," and that he has since made marvelous strides in education.

Major Rollins must know that the proposed amendment was not intended, nor can it possibly have the effect to disfranchise any other than ignorant or degraded negroes. What stronger reason is there for allowing an ignorant and degraded negro to vote in 1900 than in 1866? unless, perchance, his long-time slavish subserviency to the Major's political party has hallowed him and his ballot in the Major's eyes.

In 1866 the negro had had no opportunity to qualify himself to exercise the elective franchise, and the Major was, therefore, very properly opposed to extending him that franchise. Now, after more than a third of a century of opportunity, when it is proposed to take the franchise from those who are still ignorant and degraded the Major violently objects.

It will require more than the Major's ingenuity to reconcile these two positions. He cannot reconcile them upon the ground that unrestricted negro suffrage has proven a success, for its egregious failure is known of all men.

The Republican constitutional argument is not supported by the census statistics cited by Major Rollins as to the number of negroes who have qualified themselves to stand the educational tests proposed. They tend strongly to establish the contention that the discrimination is not against the negro race, but that it is against certain degraded characteristics which that race exhibits in larger measure than the white race.

Without intending the slightest disrespect to Major Rollins, we undertake to say that the difference in his views upon the question of negro suffrage in 1866 and 1900, is the difference between a man free from, and one blinded by, partisan interest and prejudice. Considering the question in 1866 with no other motive than the public welfare, he saw clearly that the negro race, newly manumitted and with no hereditary genius for self-government, was utterly unfit to exercise the elective franchise; and if the edge of his reason had not been dulled by partisanship he would now see with equal clearness that those of the race who have not risen in the social scale so as to be able to stand the educational test are even more degraded and less fit to vote now than they were in 1866. To us it seems a scientifically demonstrable fact that the negro who has not risen has fallen. His crime of crimes was practically unknown in 1866. The diseases which have, already, so extensively impaired the procreative power of the race were likewise almost unknown.

It is proposed to disfranchise only this mass of ignorance and corruption—this large majority—which is dragging the negro race in America down to physical ruin, and which has, from the first, been so degrading an influence in southern politics; and if Major Rollins was right in 1866, when he had no conflicting interest to lead him astray, (and he has not admitted that he was in error), he ought to be an earnest supporter of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Answering the Major's interrogatory objection to the amendment on the ground that it will disfranchise the old-time darkey, toward whom we all feel so tenderly, while it permits the "town dude" to vote, we have only this to say: The old-time darkey is the identical individual of whom Major Rollins, the patriot of 1866, so justly said: "We cannot with safety to this

country enfranchise him in his ignorant and degraded condition." Dear to us in hallowed memory as is this old-time illiterate, he is no more fit now to govern this country nor to assist in governing it than he was in 1866, nor is he to be fitted for that high estate by the baptism of crocodile tears which he will get on every fusionist stump in North Carolina for the next four weeks. We hold him in high and tender regard—and in equal if not greater regard in off years than in election years. We feel a still higher regard for our own children of tender age, but this affords no grounds for us to ask for them the right of suffrage. That most responsible and sacred right of citizenship should not be conferred on either ex-slave or minor—upon infants in intelligence, character or years—from any consideration of sentiment or affection.

The voting status of the "town dude" will be settled by the inexorable law of the survival of the fittest. If time demonstrates his fitness, he will continue to vote; otherwise he must bow to that high and inscrutable law which acts, now in constitutional provisions, and again, in the slower but surer processes of nature.

Our appeal is from Philip drunk to Philip sober; from Major Rollins, the partisan of 1900, to Major Rollins, the patriot of 1866; from the interested advocate of unrestricted negro suffrage to the disinterested advocate of white supremacy.

Major Rollins is all right, but one must choose the right Major Rollins.

DEMOCRATS RESUME THEIR WORK

(Continued from page 1.)

Members of the work of the sub-committee general sentiment on various planks, several of the members manifested a disposition to make changes in phraseology and also in the order of presenting the various subjects to be embodied in the declaration of principles.

IMPERIALISM. In accordance with the decision, the place of front rank is given to the subject of imperialism. Militarism, Cuba, the Philippines and Porto Rico occupy fully half of the declaration, beginning with the assertion of their paramount and supreme importance, and declaring that "While other issues are vital, the question of imperialism strikes at the existence of the republic."

A change was also decided upon in the declaration regarding the Chicago platform and the coinage of silver. The declaration is placed well down in the body of the platform and the language is changed considerably. It is made to read as follows: "We reaffirm and endorse the principles of the platform adopted by the Democracy in convention assembled in 1896." This is followed by a positive declaration for free coinage of the precious metal, and in turn by a strong denunciation of the gold standard legislation of the last congress.

The committee on resolutions completed its work on the platform at 1:30 p. m. and adjourned sine die.

TOWNE TALK.

Charles A. Towne gave the following statement this morning: "I am greatly encouraged this morning. Assurances of support are constantly reaching me from delegations representing all sections of the country. My friends seem to be the only body of confident and purposeful supporters behind any candidate for the vice-presidential nomination. I believe the opportunity to unite all opposition to the Republican government will not be neglected by the patriotic and political wisdom of the Democratic party."

ADLAI E. STEVENSON.

The talk among the delegates today is that the tide is setting very strongly toward Stevenson for the vice-presidency. It was stated in some quarters that both the president and vice-president would be nominated before the convention adjourned tonight. While the leaders would not agree that Stevenson would be the nominee, it seemed he was gaining strength.

The Towne candidacy does not seem to have made much headway, although his friends say a 16 to 1 declaration is bound to help him and may nominate him.

IN LINCOLN.

Lincoln, July 5.—With the nomination of Bryan a foregone conclusion, interest in Lincoln in the proceedings of the Democratic convention is not as keen as was naturally expected. Before the convention adjourned last night people deserted the bulletin boards. After bulletins ceased coming Bryan had a long consultation with the party leaders at Kansas City over the telephone.

OPENING CONCERT OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

PROGRAM FOR THIS EVENING AT GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The first concert of the Asheville Summer School and Conservatory will be given this evening in the Grand opera house. The program:

- (a) Barcarolle... Chopin
(b) Auf Flugeln des Gesanges...
(c) Etude de Concert... Moszkowski
Elsa von Grave-Jonas.
My Dreams... Tosti
Ion Jackson.
(a) A Night in Spring... Carl Bohm
(b) Bavarian Jodel...
Emily D. Reynolds.
Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso... Saint-Saens
Henri Ern.
(a) Murmuring Zephyrs
(b) Old English Songs—(1) "It was Lover" 1800 (2) "Drink to me only" 17th Century
Ion Jackson.
(a) Valse in C sharp... Alberto Jonas
(b) Toccata... Alberto Jonas
(c) Polonaise in E... Liszt
Elsa von Grave-Jonas.
Cavatina "Salve Dimora"... Gounod
Ion Jackson.
Ferdinand Dunkley, accompanist.

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Conn. State Chemist. Chemical Laboratory, July 21, 1896. Result of a chemical examination of a sample of Chase's Barley Malt Whisky. 100 cubic centimeters contain: Alcohol 51.95 cub. cent. or 4.32 grams. Residue on evaporation .051 " Non-volatile matter or Ash... 0.01 " Free acid, as acetic acid .004 " Reducing bodies, as dextrose 0.22 " Tannin a trace only. Attest: HERBERT E. SMITH, M. D. These facts commend the CHASE'S BARLEY MALT WHISKY, not only to the public, who seek a superior Whisky, but also to the members of the medical profession in their practice. The consumptive will find it most beneficial, as it strengthens the Lungs, checks the wasting of tissues, and relieves the severity of coughing. The dyspeptic will find it an aid to digestion, as it relieves the stomach when oppressed with gas. It builds up the feeble and stimulates the system against malarial attacks. For sale only by FRANK O'DONNELL, 34 S. Main St Asheville N. C.

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