

True Democracy.

Washington Post.]

The Post has repeatedly shown that the Chicago Convention was not only Democratic, but probably the most Democratic of all the national gatherings that have ever taken place under the auspices of that or any other party in the United States.

The Chicago platform is not the Populist creed—is not what Peffer and Simpson and Lease have been putting forth. The one feature of that platform which Eastern Democrats denounce; the one issue which it raises in such shape as to effect something like a realignment of parties; the issue so important that all others are rapidly disappearing, is the declaration for free coinage. This is not Populism, but Democracy. The Democratic Party has been a free coinage party ever since that issue appeared in the political arena. Where is the Democratic State that is not for free coinage? When did a majority of the Democrats in Congress ever omit an opportunity to vote for free coinage? And who will assert that the victory won by the free coinage wing of the party was not the result of a long, open, bold fight, in which the victors had the disadvantage of opposing a Democratic administration?

The New York Sun's Picture of Dr. Mott.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Springfield Union, adorns itself and makes western Massachusetts happy with a portrait of the Hon. Jonah Jeremiah Mott, Chairman of the Silver party and the only North Carolinian of the nineteenth century who was born not merely with a silver spoon but with a silver trumpet and popgun in his mouth. There he is, in the picture, good enough to melt up and recoin, mild, melancholy, bearded like a pard, but a reflective pard, a pard with views. The high, transparent forehead gleams with an almost unearthly pallor. The gloom of those pensive eyes is deeper than the ocean. The hand is stretched out to greet the delegates who do not come, and to grasp the future with a tragic clasp. It is related of this excellent Tar Heel philosopher that on one occasion, in a lonely field in his native State, he met a bull of the most ferocious kind, a bull with a record of casualties as long as a Pop platform. The bull charged at once, and in deadly style. Dr. Mott gazed into those inflamed taurine orbs with his own ineffably sad and gentle eyes. "Friend," he said to the bull, "before you go any further I wish to give you my views on the Crime of 1873." The bull gazed into those earnest eyes, began to weep bitterly, ran away at full speed to Raleigh, and then committed suicide in a china shop. It was a pity, for if he had lived he would certainly have been converted to Dr. Mott's opinions.

The Succession of Altgeld.

Thousands of hands are raised in holy horror at Governor Altgeld of Illinois, the ruling man at the National Convention of the Democratic party. Yet Altgeld, the friend of Anarchists, the coddler of riot, the rampant free silverite, is but the legitimate and, as all must see now, the inevitable successor of the Democratic boss of four years ago, Grover Cleveland, who, standing in Madison Square Garden in this city, extended his campaign blessing to the murderers of Homestead. The torch raised by Cleveland is now in Altgeld's hands, blazing harder, but the same.

It could not have been supposed at the time that such an atrocious bid for votes could be made in a Presidential contest without trouble resulting from it.

In one respect Altgeld is a less dangerous man than Cleveland, for the reason that he is honest and works for his ends straight and openly; but Altgeld is a very dangerous man all the same. Free silver is not the whole of the Altgeld programme.

Mr. Bryan condensed a great deal of solid Democracy in the following remark taken from his speech at Sedalia, Ill.: "I don't want any man to vote for me because he thinks if I am elected I will help him to put his hand in somebody else's pocket. All I expect to do is to prevent somebody else from putting his hand into your pocket." Mr. Bryan is not indulging in any personalities in this campaign and consequently this remark had no direct reference to Mr. McKinley, but if Mr. McKinley had been there he doubtless would have felt the force of it.

City Ordinance.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held July 23d, 1896, the following Ordinance was adopted, to take effect on and after this date: It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to ride a Bicycle on the board-walk from Liberty Point to the McIntyre building; or, on the board-walks leading to Eceles bridge. Any person violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined. From the Minutes. CHAS. J. AHEARN, Sec'y.

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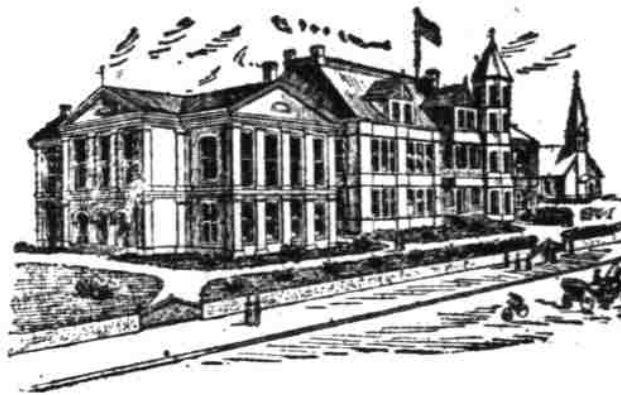
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