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CONSERVATISM NEEDED.

The near approach of the time when the Democratic State Convention is to be held, ought to cause a pause among Democrats in their over-zealous advocacy of free silver, or the present existing standard, and make them raise the question, is the currency issue, not merely the prominent question for the Democrats of North Carolina to solve, but is it so vitally important to the Democracy of this State, that the party can afford to split upon it, by any further discussion among themselves?

So far as the question among the Democrats of this State, regarding the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, is concerned, it is undeniably settled already; so far as its presentation to the Democratic State Convention is concerned, it is all over but the shouting.

And yet certain silverites in this State would attempt to alarm the free coinage people with the cry that the gold bugs are planning to capture delegates, and perhaps control the Convention on the 25th inst.

This kind of talk is the veriest bomb, and is calculated to both inflame party members, and injure all chances of Democratic unity, and with that gone, any chance of local success.

It ought to be sufficient for every free silver man, that what he demands regarding the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, is being carried over in most of the counties by resolutions.

If this measure is an assured success, and not even the most ultra gold man in this State denies it, why then is it necessary to keep nagging the single standard men?

Will not their votes be necessary next November, as well as their moral and financial support from the day of nominating a State ticket to the closing of the polls on election day?

From now until the State Convention, an extreme conservatism should prevail among Democrats.

Thoughtful attention and consideration should govern the party's movements, deliberations and speech. Unity is necessary, if the party is to win, and how senseless then it is to jeopardize party success in November, by constant agitation on an issue which is now practically settled within the party.

The Democratic party of North Carolina is in no position to take any chances. It needs every vote it can secure, and the Populist, who finds in Democracy what he wants, free silver and a good local government, and the Gold Standard Democrat who gracefully submits to majority rule, should both receive a cordial and impartial reception by the Democratic free silver party of the State.

The Democrats of North Carolina want to carry the State next November, but they cannot do so without giving due attention and courtesy to its single standard voter and its Populist friend.

Quay as a McKinley Man.

Quay has been far more shrewd than Platt, and is now snugly inside the McKinley camp, while Platt is lying prone "outside the breast-works," having changed places with Warner Miller. Platt is never lucky about Presidential nominations. He opposed Blaine's nomination in 1876 and in 1880, and got around to his side in 1884 only to see him defeated at the polls. He deserted Sherman for Harrison in 1888, in accordance with what Sherman calls a "corrupt bargain," and which is generally believed to have included a promise to make Platt Secretary of the Treasury. When Harrison became President he refused to ratify this bargain, which Sherman says was made without his knowledge, and the consequence was that

Platt opposed Harrison's renomination and worked desperately but vainly for Blaine in 1892. He went to the Convention in that year, abusing and ridiculing Harrison, but the latter was renominated. He has repeated this performance with McKinley now, and has carried it to such extremes that he cannot make his peace with McKinley on any terms of much value to himself. In the meantime Quay kept quiet till he saw that McKinley was "sure to win," when he went to his home and conferred with him, so as to be quite sure of his financial soundness, and then came out squarely for him. He is now predicting his nomination, and is good a McKinley man as there is to be found. Platt's passion for talk has always been his worst enemy, and it has undone him more irrefragably this time than usual.—N. Y. World.

Bicycles and Temperance.

It is stated upon good authority that bicycling has decreased the consumption of intoxicating liquors, and has resulted in a corresponding larger consumption of "soft drinks." The most ardent advocate of this would hardly have ventured to ascribe to it such a reforming influence. It is useless to inquire as to the why and wherefore of the change; the fact is said to stand forth beyond the possibility of denial. When once this becomes fully understood by the W. O. T. U. and other organizations there will be a new boom for the "bike," and the prohibitionists will put a bicycle plank into their next national platform.

One cause, perhaps, for this decrease in the consumption of intoxicants on the part of the devotees of the wheel is that the vigorous and plentiful exercise in the open air in which they indulge lessens the craving for stimulants, which is said to be begotten by the atmosphere of the city. This applies, of course, only to the male contingent, for the women possess sufficient nervous energy to dispense with stimulants of any kind, whether "intra" or "extra muros." At any rate it will be quite acceptable to all people, whether adherents of temperance organizations or not, to regard the bicycle as an effective agent for the promotion of sobriety, and to let it go at that.—Wash. Times.

England and South Africa.

The South African mining "ring" has made a last desperate effort to excite public sympathy for its evanescent cause by spreading the report that Mr. Chamberlain had a card "up his sleeve" to take the odd trick in his game with President Kruger, and that the surprise would be sprung at the trial of Dr. Jameson, when it would be shown that the real purpose of the raid was to get possession of papers at Pretoria which would have disclosed the fact that the Transvaal Government was involved in an intrigue with Germany. That such an absurd rumor should have obtained even momentary credence shows the dense ignorance which prevails in England concerning South African affairs. The Boers do not desire any foreign protectorate, and President Kruger has doubtless given voice to the general sentiment of the Dutch Afrianders in his declaration that if the suzerainty of any European Power should be presented to them as a choice of evils they would prefer that of the British people, whom they know, and with whose methods of government they are familiar.

The cheers of the Outlanders for "Oom Paul" upon hearing the news of the release of all except the four principals in the Johannesburg conspiracy must have very seriously disconcerted the Rhodesians. Britons and Boers in South Africa would probably find a way of adjusting their differences if left to themselves. The danger lies in the possibility of clumsy interference by the British Colonial Office at the instigation of the London world of finance and fashion, which has become identified with the plans of the South Africa Company and the Kafr circus.—Phila. Record.

The Light of the Future.

Two prominent inventors, Edison and Tesla, and one who has begun to make a name for himself, Mr. D. MacFarlan Moore, have announced with an unusual degree of confidence that the present incandescent electric light must give way soon to the "light of the future," or vacuum tube lighting. Each has made experiments which seem to show that the cost of lighting can be greatly reduced, and each is now working to make his invention commercially practicable. Mr. Moore and Mr. Tesla appear to be following the same general line; Mr. Edison costs his bulb with a fluorescent substance. The purpose of all three is to produce a "cold" light, or one which does not waste energy in heat. Mr. Moore has given a public demonstration of his ability to light a public hall, and the indications are that a fair degree of economy was attained for a first experiment. Mr. Moore uses glass tubes 7 1/2 feet long and 1 3/4 inches in diameter, which can be disposed along the cornice of a room so as to give a well diffused, though not brilliant, light. The effect is rather that of moonlight than daylight. Mr. Tesla aims to make a much brighter light, but has not shown his invention; he has, however, exhibited photographs taken with the light, which, judging by the time of exposure, closely resembles

sunlight in its actinic properties. In vacuum tube lighting there is no filament; the light is produced by rapid vibrations of the ether. The bulbs are, in fact, substantially the same as Crookes' tubes. Mr. Tesla has been aiming to make exceedingly rapid vibrations, but little is known of the devices he uses for this purpose. Mr. Moore has invented a comparatively simple apparatus, which is the key to his system; he has put an ordinary form of vibrator in a vacuum tube, where it is almost infinitely more efficient than in air. Mr. Edison's invention follows his investigation of X rays. He appears to use the rays themselves to render luminous the interior of a Crookes tube lined with a fluorescent substance more efficient than the tungstate of calcium. Mr. Edison gives measurements of the energy required for one-candle-power lamp, which indicate that 16 candle power lamps could be operated with one-fifth the energy required for 16-candle-power incandescent lamps. But he has not yet made lamps of higher efficiency than three or four candle-power, and the problem still remains of devising suitable current producing apparatus. At present costly, delicate and more or less uncertain induction coils are used; they are efficient enough in laboratory practice, but could not serve as the basis of a commercial system. The inventor who can find a means of using generators now installed, with his system of vacuum tube lighting, and can simplify and cheapen the induction apparatus required will have a great advantage over his rivals. At present the outlook is hopeful, though it is safe to predict that years will elapse before the new lamps displace the old. There seems to no doubt that the light can be produced, and no doubt either that it gives promise of being economical. With the goal in sight and an assurance of a great reward for the inventor who first reaches it, all the resources of the laboratories of Edison, Tesla and Moore will be devoted to a solution of the commercial problem, and, if it is possible to solve it, we may be tolerably sure that success will crown their efforts. They all know what is needed; the problem before them, that of producing a suitable current, is purely electrical, and so much is known of the laws of electrical induction that they ought to be able to make the required apparatus. The experiments are all being conducted in the domain of what has been called the "fourth state of matter," and important discoveries are likely to accompany the development of the new light.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Miscellaneous Notes.

A deal is said to have been made whereby an English syndicate acquires a controlling interest in the stock of the Anaconda Company, of Butte, Mont.

Walter C. Faye has been convicted at Omaha, Neb., of forging and uttering a bond for \$1,000 of the school district of Cook County, Ill., which he has given to his bride as a wedding gift.

At a riot near the Illinois Steel Company's plant, Chicago, J. Sexton, laborer and Michael Martin, saloon-keeper, were mortally wounded. Martin was shot by Sexton and the latter by Policeman Connelly.

Application has been made in the United States Circuit Court at Springfield, Ill., for the appointment of a receiver for the St. Louis United Elevator Company. This company's elevators were injured in the tornado, hence the application.

The Schoolfield-Hannauer Grocery Company, one of the oldest wholesale firms in Memphis, Tenn., assigned. The liabilities will reach \$100,000; assets, nominally \$100,000. General business depression is given as the cause of the failure.

Capt Joseph Phillips, of the fire boat Hutchinson, at Buffalo, N. Y., was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by William Brown, a sailor and ex-drummer, who had sought reinstatement in the fire department. Brown was arrested.

Commander Booth-Tucker has succeeded in checking an important defection in the Salvation Army in the Northwest. He has persuaded Maj. Stillwell, commanding the Northwest Division, at Minneapolis, to withdraw his resignation and retain his command.

The Congregational Home Mission Society is holding its seventieth anniversary at New Haven, Conn. Its income for the year past was \$783,818, and its expenditures were \$708,378. Ninety-six houses of worship have been completed and 162 improved. One hundred and twenty-five churches have been organized.

The Travelers' Protective Association of America met at Terre Haute, Ind., in seventh annual convention. The address of John A. Lee, National President, shows that the organization has grown in numbers and extent of territory, now comprising 32 State divisions, 110 municipal post organizations, and 11,099 active members.

Teachers' Assembly. A rate of one first class fare plus two dollars membership fee has been authorized from coupon stations below to Asheville and return on account of the above occasion.

Tickets to be of iron clad signature restricted to continuous passage in both directions.

Rate of fare for Round trip including \$2.00 Membership Coupon from Morehead City, \$15.55; Newport, \$15.20; New Bern, \$14.35; Kinston, \$13.30; LaGrange, \$13.90. All tickets must be signed by the purchaser. S. L. DILL, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

Advertisement for Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco. Includes an illustration of a man smoking and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for Botanic Blood Balm. Describes it as a great remedy for various ailments like rheumatism, neuralgia, and skin diseases. Includes a testimonial from Mrs. Phoebe Thomas.

Advertisement for Duffy's Botanic Liver & Kidney Regulator. Claims to be a cure for various ailments related to the liver and kidneys, including jaundice, indigestion, and general debility.

Advertisement for The New York Investment Company. Offers investment opportunities in stocks, bonds, grain, and cotton. Located at 40 & 42 Broadway, New York City.

Advertisement for Ah There! Stay There! Pure Crystal Ice. Promotes a new method of ice delivery from distilled water, available from 2 sheets tangle-foot fly paper to 80 tons daily.

Advertisement for Celebrated Buck's Stoves. Promotes high-quality stoves for home use, available from Slover Hardware Co. in New Bern.

Advertisement for A Rare Treat. Promotes a special product or service available at the Palace Saloon.

Advertisement for W. T. Boyd, Practical Machinist. Offers general repairing services, steamboat work, and all orders executed with dispatch.

Advertisement for North Carolina's Big Dry Goods Store. Promotes a wide variety of dress-making materials and fabrics.

Advertisement for Webster's Dictionary. Promotes the unabridged edition, available for free to subscribers of The Journal.

Advertisement for Duffy's Vegetable Pain Destroyer. Claims to be a cure for various pains, including rheumatism and neuralgia.

Advertisement for Don't Stop Tobacco. Promotes a specific tobacco product that is easy to use and provides relief for smokers.

Advertisement for Gilt Edge Saloon. Promotes a high-quality saloon experience with pure crystal ice and fine beverages.

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