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PRINCIPLES.

It cannot be too much emphasized that the Democratic party is a party of principles. Measures are constantly changing. What was expedient yesterday is not current today, and by tomorrow may have passed into the limbo of forgetfulness; but the underlying principles upon which this Government was founded and on which the Constitution rests are the same yesterday, today and forever.

Democratic leaders in the House are twitted for not bringing forward the Mills bill and urging its adoption by Congress. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians says: "All things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient." Expediency is essential in the consideration of every measure. Defeat injures a good cause, and to press forward a movement that cannot possibly succeed is to do an injury to truth and bring censure upon its advocates.

It is the unquestionable duty of the Democrats in Congress to oppose the McKinley bill, not because it is a Republican measure, but on account of its violation of Democratic principles on which this Government was founded.

Aristocrats and monopolists were sufficiently secure in the old world. It was not necessary for them to cross the ocean to escape oppression. It was men who relied upon their own brave hearts and strong arms, and "felt oppression's lightest finger as a mountain weight," who came to the new world and established a government of equal rights.

All the years that have gone by the Democratic party has been the champion of the people. No oligarchy, no monopoly, nor privileged class has escaped its fierce and uncompromising opposition. Centralization itself, has felt the point of its spear and recoiled from its direful purpose.

The rights of the States have been held as only secondary to the rights of the people.

The majority in Congress found it necessary to strike down the Democracy in the House before it could proceed to the pillage of the States and the robbery of the people, but it cannot still the votes of the heroic party which alike in victory and defeat stands by the ark of the Constitution.

There are a thousand different conditions in the application of these principles. Every day new questions arise, but no man need hesitate where to stand, or with what party to align himself. He who would hold the Federal Government to the Constitution and give equal rights and privileges to every citizen is a Democrat, no matter under what flag he musters.

No man can be a Democrat and advocate a tariff that discriminates in favor of a section, or in the interest of any class of citizens, to the detriment of any other citizen.

The imperative right of an American citizen is the right to labor and be secure in the rewards of his labor. If he is taxed to support another man's business he

is robbed of his birthright and becomes the slave of a despotism.

The JOURNAL is partial to Cleveland, not so much because of the genius he has displayed, as on account of his uncompromising Democracy. We may give up our favorite candidate, because other men, equal in ability, share our principles with him, and through these principles flows the life-blood of Democracy, giving vitality to our whole system of Government.

Business Methods in Farming. When a farmer sells a bushel of wheat, a barrel of potatoes or a bale of cotton, he ought to know exactly the profit he is receiving. Many farmers object because the process of information is too long continued. It begins with the preparation of the land, and goes on until harvesting is over. This, is, of course, an objection, but not an insuperable one.

To determine the cost of any product, it is only necessary to keep regular accounts against the fields as to the manure and labor expended in the preparation and cultivation of land and the gathering and marketing of crops. This is not more serious or objectionable than accounts kept against hired help on the farm for articles furnished.

These calculations, to be accurate, must be determined by each individual farmer. No one farmer can settle the cost of making a pound of cotton for any other farmer. There are many elements that enter into the cost of farm products, and possibly all of them vary in each individual instance. One man cultivates much more intelligently and economically than another; one man's methods, manure, stock, food and help come to him much more cheaply than another's; one man's farm may be much better adapted to certain crops than another's. The seasons upon any two farms are not expected to be uniform in their benefits, however nearly adjacent the farms, as they do not always find the same crops in the same condition. For these reasons, together with many others, it is plainly to be seen that each farmer must determine for himself the cost of his products.

This information, upon the farm, is necessary to determine the most economical labor. In all these years of experiment, not many farmers in the South can give, accurately, the difference in hiring help for wages or for part of the crop, because they do not know the cost of products of either method. It is highly important that our products be grown at the least possible cost, if we are to make our efforts produce the most good. With this view, every labor saving method should be applied until the cost is reduced to the minimum.

What we greatly need on our farms is the same business method that is applied to any other enterprise—such a system as will let us know at any time what we are doing and what we ought to do. Anything short of this brings us a haphazard life that takes its chances of many evils.—Southern Cultivator.

Easily Upset.

A famous thinker who has himself passed through several phases of skepticism, tells of a clever and vivacious man who was led to abandon prayer in a way which is, perhaps, not very uncommon. Being on a hunting party, before he lay down to rest, according to the custom which he had observed from childhood, he knelt down to pray. His elder brother watched him until he arose, and then said: "Ah, you still keep that up?"

Nothing more passed between them on the subject, but from that day the brother who had prayed from childhood ceased to pray and to go to church, and for thirty years he did not take communion nor enter the church.

This story has several lessons. It is easy to turn some men aside from their religious practices. Many a man has spoken a sneering or criticising word in just without thinking harm, but by it has changed the direction and destiny of a soul. It is true also that some are easily turned aside because they have nothing to hold them. Their religion is a mere form. A word will overthrow them as the push of a finger will overthrow a wall which is ready to tumble down of its own weight. They have no profound religious convictions and settle a religious principles. Their prayers are unmeaning acts. Their religion is vanity. Only those who are rooted and grounded in the truth shall stand.—Christian Advocate.

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