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OPEN THE BOOKS.

In his first race Mr. Bryan was defeated by money. His defeat was bought. From the developments of the past year it looks very much like President Roosevelt won in 1904 by money, not men. Was his election bought? Did he win by contributions from the big life insurance companies, railroads, banks, etc.?

When Harriman accused the President of asking him for a contribution of \$250,000 the President called him a liar.

But, in this day and time, to simply call a man a liar without citing the proof to clinch the lie only makes the public think less of the man handling that term.

Where there is so much smoke can the people be blamed for looking for a spark? Mr. Roosevelt ostensibly has a strong nausea for campaign contributions. In fact to him is due, to an extent, the cleanliness of the last campaign. But, there are those doubting Thomases who wonder if this is a monstrous bluff.

The entire matter might be set at ease if the Republican campaign contribution books of 1904 were opened to the public. If Mr. Roosevelt was not elected by Wall street money and contributions from the big corporations then a great injustice is being done him in the intimations and accusations made from time to time. Furthermore, it must be extremely embarrassing for him to be forced to keep his eyes on the country and ever remain surcharged with epithets, ready to call the man who makes a new accusation a liar. All of this might be remedied if the books were thrown open to the public.

PRESIDENTIAL DIGNITY.

Mr. Roosevelt has many virtues, but certainly the most ardent cannot claim for him that dignity, which people expect, and justly so, in the Chief Executive of a great country. For the President of a great republic to lower himself to the common level and bandy epithets and insults is, to say the least, unbecoming and far from admirable.

Is the lie, when branded "The White House variety" and stamped "President," any less common than when issued from the common herd?

There is a law in some countries making it a crime to speak or write disrespectfully of a ruler or the executive head. This law we have no use for, because this is a free country and men are not bound by such unfair restrictions. But, is it not possible to abuse this liberty and finally make the President the laughing stock of the republic? And could anything add more to bringing about such a condition than for the President himself to forget the dignity of his high office and stoop to swap abuse with all who differ with him?

Acting under authority provided by the last legislature, increasing its powers, the corporation commission has ordered the Seaboard Railway to improve their line from Wilmington to Hallett by putting down new rails, etc. This order will mean the expenditure of something like \$300,000 on the part of the Seaboard, and to the people who patronize the line it will mean almost inestimable benefit. Passengers can travel with far less danger of loss of life and shippers will not be forced to suffer the delays and losses undergone in the past. The old Carolina Central line from Wilmington to Rutherfordton is in bad shape and this order means much.

If our information is correct there is a candidate for alderman in this city who bolted the Democratic primaries last year and voted at least a part of the Republican ticket in the election last fall. Is it not time for Democrats to call a halt, or is a premium to be put on party perfidy?

TO SECURE PROSPERITY.

The success of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association is due to the fact that the majority of Southern planters, after carefully studying the matters pertaining to their interest, decided on certain plans to pursue, and then stood together on the decision. This unity is the key note, and without it the great victories of the past few years could not have been achieved. Nor have they yet, or will they ever, pass that stage where this same unity of action is not the paramount prerequisite to their future success and welfare.

year have been widely discussed. One is the plan of building all over the South, warehouses for the storage of cotton, to be held for a minimum price. This, in our opinion, is a wise plan and should be followed out. But, in other instances, the co-operation of all the Southern planters is necessary to make the plan a success.

Another matter largely discussed, and in most instances favorably, is that of a diversified crop. In other words, a strong effort is being made to get Southern planters not to plant their entire crop in cotton, thereby bringing on an over-supply which would result in lower prices, but to give attention to other crops.

In speaking of this agitation and its meaning the Atlanta Constitution contains the following very sensible and convincing editorial.

"The farmers of the South have had bitter experience with 5 and 6 cent cotton. They have had a good taste of the prosperity which comes with 11-cent cotton.

"Which do they prefer—the 11 or the 6-cent variety? The decision is wholly with themselves.

"If we plant all our crop in cotton this year," says President Charles S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, "and go in debt for supplies, we may expect to sell the crop at from three to four cents below the cost of production."

"President Barrett is a practical farmer. He knows whereof he speaks. The organization of which he is the head has been instrumental in maintaining a fair price for cotton for three years.

"He shows that without said co-operation between the farmers of the South, all efforts of the union will be of no avail. Co-operation among the manipulators has, during the South's famine years, beat down the price to a starvation basis. Co-operation, therefore, is the only weapon with which the market gamblers can be fought. Its past efficacy is proven.

"President Barrett urges upon the farmers to plant conservatively. Cotton should be regarded as a surplus crop. Food for the barn and food for the table should be raised, so that the farmer will not be put to the expense of buying the things they can raise at home. Overplanting on large credit under the impression that, in some magical manner, the laws of supply and demand will fall and the staple bring a good price anyhow, is to be avoided. Overplanting, by whatever method, with the delusion that your neighbor will underplant, is fatal to the cause of high-priced cotton.

"Do the farmers wish a continuance of the mortgageless era?
"Do they wish better houses for their wives and children, more schools and churches, better clothes, more pleasures for their own kith and kin and their neighbors?
"Do they want good times throughout the South, development throughout the South, to proceed without interruption?"

"The decision, for or against the welfare of the entire section, is in their hands. Co-operation, conservatism, loyalty, diversification, are the instruments.

"Will the farmers use them?"

THE DEMOCRATIC POSITION.
The following question was propounded by the Business Men's Municipal League to the city Democratic Executive Committee last week:

"Question 5.—If any person cast his ballot for a Republican candidate for the Legislature in the general election of 1906, will he be entitled to participate in said primaries?"

The Democratic Executive Committee, by a narrow majority, voted to allow a man who had not voted for more than one Republican candidate for the Legislature in the last election to participate in the Democratic primaries. The sentiment of the committee was pronounced, and well nigh unanimous, that a Democrat might scratch a ticket without losing his party standing, but that when he scratched a Democrat from his ticket and substituted a Republican he was no longer entitled to participate in Democratic primaries, and only at the urgent request of this writer did the committee consent to allow those who had so acted to participate in the coming primaries.

The following resolution introduced by E. T. Cansler, Esq., voiced the almost unanimous sentiment of the committee:

"No man who participated in the Democratic primaries which nominated candidates for the Legislature in 1906 and then voted for a Republican candidate for the Legislature in the general ensuing election should be entitled to vote in the coming municipal primaries. But a man who did not participate in the Democratic primaries in 1906, which nominated said legislative candidates, and voted for one Republican candidate for the Legislature in the general election, shall be entitled to vote in the coming municipal primary."

The above is the correct Democratic position, and while for the coming primary any man is allowed to participate who did not vote for as many as two Republican candidates for the Legislature, this paper desires to go on record now as standing squarely by the principles set out in the above resolutions for all future primaries. No man who goes into a Democratic primary and refuses to abide the results by afterwards substituting Republicans for the Democratic nominees of that primary is entitled to participate in the future deliberations of the Democratic party, and for future primaries this paper proposes to fight for the maintenance of this position.

Let a man be square in his political relations as well as in all others.

Fair and Warmer.

The weather during the past 24 hours has been unusually pleasant. The lowest temperature being 46 degrees and the highest 64. Fair weather and a mild temperature was reported generally over the Atlantic coast. Fair and warmer tonight may be expected. The indications are that Friday will also be fair.

About all you have to do to take the fun out of a thing is to give it a reputation for being healthful.

To-day's Markets

(Furnished by B. S. Myers & Co.)

New York Cotton. April 4. High Low Close. Jan 10.19 10.19 10.17. May 9.61 9.53 9.57. July 9.71 9.60 9.63. Aug 9.71 9.65 9.71. Sept 9.73 9.64 9.73. Oct 9.96 9.87 9.93. Dec 10.02 9.93 10.02. Spots 11 cents.

Liverpool Cotton Quotations. Liverpool, April 4.—Futures opened firm and closed steady. The receipts for the day were 200, all American. The sales amounted to 6,000; 2 p. m. 5,600. Speculation and export 500. Middling 6d; yesterday 5.90.

Close. Jan-Feb 5.57 1/2. Feb-Mar 5.59. Mch-Apr 5.65. Apr-May 5.62. May-June 5.62 1/2. June-July 5.62. July-Aug 5.62. Aug-Sept 5.59 1/2. Sept-Oct 5.57 1/2. Oct-Nov 5.56 1/2. Nov-Dec 5.56. Dec-Jan 5.56.

Estimates. To-morrow Year. New Orleans 35000@45000. Houston 1500@2000.

Charlotte Cotton Market. (Corrected by Sanders, Orr & Co.) Good middling 11.00. Strict middling 10.30. Middling 10.10. Tinges and stains 7 1/2 @ 9 1/2.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

High Low Close. WHEAT—May 73 3/4 75 1/4 75 3/4. July 78 1/4 77 3/4 77 3/4. Sept 79 3/4 78 3/4 78 3/4. CORN—May 45 1/2 45 1/4 45 1/2. July 46 45 1/4 45 1/2. Sept 46 1/2 46 1/4 46 1/2. OATS—May 42 41 1/2 41 1/2. July 37 1/2 36 3/4 36 3/4. PORK—May 16.20 16.10 16.10. July 16.22 16.10 16.10. LARD—May 8.95 8.85 8.85. July 9.02 8.97 8.97. RIBS—May 8.70 8.62 8.62. July 8.85 8.75 8.77.

Charlotte Produce Market.

(Corrected daily by R. H. Field & Co.) Chickens—Spring 22 @ 22. Hens—per head 40 @ 45. Ducks 25 @ 30. Eggs 15 @ 16. Butter 15 @ 20. Rye 80. Corn 72 @ 76. Cotton seed 30. Oats—feed 50 @ 55.

A Word of Praise for Gov. Glenn.

Under the caption "A Governor's Service," Association Men for April has a cut of the Hon. Robert B. Glenn, chief executive of North Carolina. It says in part: "Gov. R. B. Glenn, who is making record for clean government in North Carolina, is a man's man. He frequently addresses men's meetings on Sunday afternoon. He has a virile message that grips men and commands their attention when he speaks."

The article then goes on to show the prominent part the Governor played in the campaigns that secured the funds for the Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Asheville, Durham and Elizabeth City buildings.

Stieff TO BE OFFICIAL PIANO

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20, '07.

Mr. Chas. M. Stieff, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Board of Governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company, acting on the recommendation of the Bureau of Music, after investigation of pianos of the highest grade, have selected the Stieff Piano as the Official Piano of our Exposition. We will require a number of your concert grand pianos.

Respectfully,

C. BROOKS JOHNSTON,

Chairman Board of Governors.

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EMBROIDERIES. Fine lot of Embroideries for our Saturday Customers. Wide Edgings and beautiful Insertions. Special for Saturday .10 Cents a Yard. DRESS-GOODS SPECIAL. A great Special in Wool Batiste, regular 50 cent value in Cream, Black, Navy, Garnet, and other good colors for Saturday .29 Cents a Yard. BIG SILK BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY. Large counter full of 50 cent Taffeta Silks, Solid and Fancy Colors, to go Saturday at .29 Cents. LACE CURTAINS. Greatest Sales in Lace Curtains we have ever had. Our stock large, the assortment varied, all bought when the Spring Line opened last Fall, the prices way under present prices. Full 2 1/2 yard Lace Curtains .29 Cents a Pair. Nice patterns in full width .35 Cents a Pair. Lace Curtains 3 yards long; look like \$1.00 Curtains .50 Cents a Pair. Fine 3 1/2 yard Lace Curtains 1 1/2 yards wide, beautiful patterns, at .98 Cents a Pair. EVERY DAYSPECIALS 5 large size cakes good Laundry Soap .5 Cents. 3 large size boxes Washing Powder .10 Cents. Mennen's Talcum, the Violet, or Borated .10 Cents a Box. Leather Post Cards, 5 cents elsewhere, here .2 for 5 Cents. 7 Lamp Wicks .1 Cent. Belding's 100 Spool Silk .7 Cents; or 4 Spools 25 Cents. J. & P. Coats Spool Cotton .6 Spools for 25 Cents. ALL PRICES CUT HERE WHEN THEY CAN BE CUT. Our Standing Guarantee—Same Goods as low or lower than elsewhere. Money back for any unsatisfactory purchase.

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