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The Time for Hesitation is Past—The Day for Organization and Action is Here—The Alliance Wedge in Congress—Surprises in Store for Old-Party Managers.

And wisdom is justified by her works. The St. Louis conference is now in history, says the Non-Conformist. What follows is the important part. All conditions leading up to the conference; all discussions pending while there will be justified or condemned by the results upon the politics of this country. Much ado has been made by some about the stormy scenes upon the floor. These have been exaggerated, but if they had not been, no one need be disconsolate thereby. Great storms do not culminate upon a mill pond.

There were tremendous contests because there were tremendous consequences at stake. There were but two debatable issues. The first one was the line of party action. In advance this was the serious point with many anxious hearts. How much influence would emanate from the old parties? How much power would the party affiliations of the past have over the delegates who would come together? And here we want to say that the corrupting influences of bribery and treachery have been very much magnified in the fears of some. That there were those present who were the tools of corrupt parties may not be disproved, but traitors found no footing in that conference. They were not a disturbing element, for if there stood a long way off.

But there were those who had not fully abandoned trust in former party relief. These were not Republicans. There was not one who formerly acted with this party who cherished the faintest hope of relief through its action. They knew the men with whom they had trained, and understood the machinery so well that when they entered these organizations with the hope of political redemption, the doors were closed upon co-operation with the Republican party.

But with the Democrats this separation was not so defined and clear cut. In the North there has been a lingering hope that the desired end would be attained through Democratic organization. It was even doubted by some whether there could be any interest of home or family that was quite so sacred as the Democratic party, and there was reasonable concern as to how far the dire necessities of life had driven the delegates whose former affiliations had been of that party. Then there was the solid South. It had stood like a stone wall. It had been driven by sectional hate; it had been compressed by local conditions; it had been struggling along in a wilderness of doubt and misrepresentation.

The promises of its few leaders who had come to us were out; they had said that the men of the Southland were in the earnest, in desperate straits; they had said that when the men of the South should become satisfied that the Democratic party would not grant them this relief, then they would cut loose and be with us. But could these promises be redeemed? Were they satisfied that the fullness of the time had come?

The whole issue hinged upon the Georgia contest. The ground was fully debated and thoroughly traversed, and when the People's party men were given representation in that delegation the question of immediate independent political action was decided affirmatively. From that hour no golden salver large enough could have been offered on which to carry the demands of the conferences to either old party conventions.

The second point of difference came upon broadening the demands. This was the rock upon which all shrewd politicians predicted that the conference would go to pieces. Every progressive movement attracts both men and money. These various labor organizations had built themselves on labor grievances and these had been so thoroughly defined during the non-partisan stage that almost perfect agreement had been attained upon proposed measures of relief. It simply remained to decide to now apply the ballot as the means of this relief.

But now came a question that had never been fully considered because it had never been raised as a practical issue. It was the relation of women to the declaration and purposes of these orders. Woman had taken an equal place with man in them, and at every place of duty or danger she had proved fully equal to every responsibility. She had borne her share on the farm and in the humble home. She had planned well, she had counseled wisely, she had fought bravely. There was no need to discuss the justice of equal suffrage in that conference. There was no sex discrimination or inferiority there. Then why were not the demands of the women incorporated in the platform? Solely in deference to the present difficulties environing our brethren from the South. They declared that they were utterly unable to carry this additional burden in the face of the present conditions in the South. The evidence submitted decided the case adversely to incorporating the demand in the platform.

Here, then, are outlined the conditions which will condemn or justify the wisdom of this conference. The organizations will still be non-partisan. Adherents of all parties will still have standing within their doors, but the degree is as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians that independent political action is the only recourse for those who depend upon the demands of the conference for relief. The men of the Northwest are already in the field. The men of the South are putting on the armor. The enemy is more thoroughly alarmed than ever before. The lines of cleavage run sharply on the money question through both the Democratic and Republican camps. The time for hesitation is past. The day for organization and action is here. Does it mean immediate and entire reformation of party lines?

The "Big Crop" Argument. The political visages in the old parties were away off in their prediction that last year's "good crops" would put an end to the farmers' "going into politics."

The action of the industrial forces of the country in declaring for independent political action shows that the "good crop" argument did not turn the eyes of the people away from the effects of bad laws. It is now known that financial

benefits belong to the realm of cause and effect, and can be accounted for with mathematical certainty. The silly allusions to the enormous crops of last year did not convince any one with a grain of sense that a plentiful supply of farm products would stop the Wall street sharks from playing their thimble-rigging game of "now you see it and now you don't" with the finance of the country. Instead of being side-tracked by the temporary relief given by a kind providence, the people have organized for political action, and propose to live well on last year's bountiful crop while marching to the White House!

Straws Show. The surface indications of a complete break-up of old party lines are very strong. In Kansas Mr. Eng... unites with the G. A. R., and makes a very worthy protestation of his unflinching Republicanism, but he states that he has served notice on the Eastern wing of the party that there must be a change in favor of the demands of the West for more money, or there will be a more serious defection. Thereupon the Topeka Capital tells Mr. Ingalls that the Republican party has no need for either him or his advice.

The Democrats in Kansas have decided not to call conventions. In South Dakota the remnants of the Republican party are in a most bitter contest. The rank and file are determined that neither Senator Pettigrew nor Governor Miller shall be re-elected this year. The Congressional delegation and the electoral votes of Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota may this early be set down in the People's party column. The South is also becoming an interesting field for speculation. It is certain to be no longer the "solid South," but who is to make the division? Not the Republican party. The People's party is organizing with energy and skill. What will be the new alignment is not revealed, but it is coming, and in its coming old things will pass away.

The Congressional delegations from the South will be in line with the demands of the St. Louis conference, and the People's party will take as many electoral votes from the Democrats in the South as it has done in the Northwest.

There are also many surprises in store for old party managers in other States. Probably not so much of a surprise as being compelled to manifest a feeling of surprise. Be that as it may, the present condition in Indiana, Michigan and other States is causing untold disturbances in the councils of both old parties. They see the people are sliding from under them. They see new issues and new combinations. The News of this city, whose only politics is gold, says there must be a new calculation of chances. This has but one meaning. As we have often said, plutocracy will divide its corruption fund between Democrats and Republicans only, so long as it is certain one or the other will be in power. The time has come when Moneybags will choose his standard bearer, and there can be but little question which party organization will be chosen. The other will be left to go to pieces. There will be but two parties in this country when the great battle is set between the plutocrats and the people. It is much nearer at hand than some people are aware of.

The Alliance Wedge. Hamlin Garland, in the March Arena, the only great monthly in this country fighting the battles of labor, has a very instructive article on the Alliance wedge in Congress. It is impossible for us in detail to follow this devoted body of men. Their position is of necessity a forlorn hope. They can only hold the ground until sufficient re-enforcement comes from the people. But while they cannot expect to secure any favorable legislation from this Congress, they are making it very warm for the managers of all the corrupt schemes of both the old parties. Mr. Watson on a question of privilege, scored Speaker Crisp's clerk for his malignant partisan misrepresentation of his action. There is no more formidable abuse of the privilege of the floor than to secure places as clerks and be supported by the government for the purpose of maligning the members. Watson was equal to the occasion, and plowed the Speaker and his clerk beam deep.

Mr. Otis did splendid work in his effort to strike out the appropriation paying the current expenses of the city of Washington. Of course he could not succeed, but he could show how the taxes that should be borne by Washington real estate is saddled upon taxation. He and others also tried hard to convert the appropriation of \$19,000 for the support of the local militia into a fund to provide free school books for the children, but was unsuccessful. But the efforts of this heroic band will serve to show the people the utter impossibility of relief through the old parties.

There are three things the lecture bureau should be expected to do toward increasing the funds of the Alliance. The lecturer should see that every meeting adds money to the general fund, both by collection and by new members. He must see that the reform papers and literature are brought to the attention of the people and sold in every community. Then the lecturer should act as agent of the life insurance department of the Alliance. Here is a field for the right kind of men. If pushed, as it is sure to be, this lecture bureau will prove to be a very important factor in the work of the Alliance.

CANNOT even a blind man see the real purpose of Secretary Foster's pilgrimage to Europe? Its sole object would be to arrange the terms of continued financial bondage to the uncrowned kings of the money world. Where is our freedom so long as the highest officers of this Government bend the suppliant knee to Lombard street? He is as great a traitor as Benedict Arnold who undertakes to deliver the financial interests of American producers into the hands of English capitalists.

"KEEP out of politics," shouted the old party bosses whenever the producers of wealth talked about independent political action. "This is a free country and we intend to keep it free by going into politics," was the answer the "bosses" received from the St. Louis Industrial Conference.

Sick-Room Hints. An exchange gives the following useful hints concerning visiting the sick: Look hopeful, never despairing: When requested to read the news, omit the death list. Tell only the pleasant tidings; there is no fear of forgetting the evil. Leave stiff linen cuffs outside—in England, where they are fashionable, if you like. Refrain from telling about a similar case in which the invalid died a shocking death. Let every article of food be delicately dished, taking only small, tempting quantities.

If you must chew gum, munch popcorn or nuts, wait until a half-mile away from sensitive ears. Make the most of the luxuries at hand, without expatiating upon the charms of the unattainable. If your sick ones think the curtain is green when it is really blue, what harm in allowing them to think so?

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"Aw, come off the griddle!" he interrupted. "You're talking through your bonnet. What's the matter with me gettin' an entree at the jail? Tra, la, cook!" And he went away.

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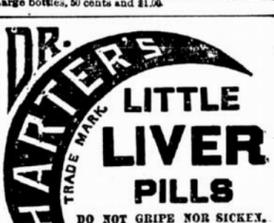
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