Saturday, Dec. 2, 1899.

SWALLOW THE WHOLE, GENTLEMEN.

The reformers have swallowed up a portion of the ring which they have denounced so bitterly. They took it down in one uncoated dose without even a murmur of dissent. How it will settle on their delicate stomachs is not our business to find out.

When our local political saviors started out to break what they chose to call a machine, they opened their campaign with a most bitter denunciation of an alleged combination which was said to have been formed by Judge Debaillon, Messrs. Campbell, Isaac Broussard, Edward Voorhies and others. This unholy combine was likened to all kinds of mythological monsters and held up before the people of this parish as the thing which would oppress them and rob them of their rights. One esteemed member of the reformation even hinted that if so damnable a conspiracy were permitted to succeed the people would have to resort to physical force to aid themselves of their oppressors. Young orators with good intentions and loud voices invoked the aid of all the gods of old Olympus in this grand and glorious struggle for freedom. The good people were told in threatening tones that if they failed to down these bold villains who had conspired to enslave them they would never be free again. Debaillon, Campbell Broussard and Voorhies were the ambitious Cæsars who were doomed to political annihilation. It was decreed that these four gentlemen comprised this monstrous ring and all had to walk the plank. Past services, former political and social ties, would not entitle them to any mercy. The fierce and wild-eyed reformers were hell-bent on demolishing the machine and saving the country.

But suddenly there came a change over the spirit of their dreams! The monster was only half-bad. Only a part of the horrid machine was objectionable. The combine was wicked in spots. What a cruel waste of eloquence? How much oratory and perspiration were expanded in a vain effort to destroy a thing which it is now admitted never existed.

Now that Messrs. Cochrane, Martin and St. Julien have endorsed the candidacies of Judge Debaillon and Mr. Campbell what becomes of all their empty talk about the combine and the ring?

The Gazette has always contended that this howl against the "ring" was pure rot, and now that the howlers themselves have admitted the correctness of our contention by swallowing half of the imaginary "ring" the only decent and manly thing for them to do is to swallow the other half, and by so doing partially regain the esteem of their friends and avoid the humiliating defeat which surely awaits them on the 9th of December.

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A FORGOTTEN HERO.

The fickleness of the public was never better illustrated than in the case of Sergeant William Anthony, of the United States Marine Corps, who, a few days ago, committed suicide in New York. He was one of the heroes in the disaster to the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. Immediately after the explosion, Anthony, who was serving as orderly to the commander, stepped calmly into the cabin of Captain Sigsbee and said: "I have the honor to report, sir, that the ship has been blown up and is sinking." For a time the public praised Anthony's wonderful nerve and coolness in a moment of great peril, but it soon forgot him, and so, out of work, out of money and disappointment he ended his life with his own hand. Commenting on the unhappy and tragic termination of the career of this brave fellow, who stood in the presence of visible death without the quiver of a nerve, the Chicago Journal says:

"Sergeant Anthony was not a coward, at

[illegible] Washington. He was only [illegible] a time almost [illegible] of the battleship Maine. [illegible] he did [illegible] than had the [illegible] bodies are found [illegible] "[illegible] that it takes a higher [illegible] when life presents [illegible] to face death [illegible] there is [illegible] in a man who [illegible] "Bill" Anthony did, on the [illegible] filling a suicide's grave.—New Orleans States.

Poor Anthony occupied an humble station in life, but he was no less a hero for that. The fickle-minded American public soon forgot that Anthony had ever lived and he was permitted to die without money and without friends. Had he been a rich man and held a high position in the navy or army, the people of this country would have presented him with a fine home and anything else which money could have bought. Here was an opportunity for the American people to reward a true hero, who needed help and was deserving of it. Of course now that he is dead the papers will print beautiful eulogies about him.

DANIEL FOR PRESIDENT.

The Richmond Times has come out for Senator John W. Daniel for president. Senator Daniel would no doubt carry the South, but how the candidacy of a Southerner would be received in the North and West is problematical. Senator Daniel is one of the ablest men in public life in America to day and would make an ideal chief executive, but it is hardly probable that the Democratic party will nominate a Southern man in 1900. Speaking of the advisability of nominating Senator Daniel the Times says:

"If John W. Daniel were nominated for the presidency upon such a conservative Democratic platform as he would approve, it is our deliberate opinion that, barring Fitzhugh Lee, who is just now out of politics, he would do more to reunite the Democratic factions and poll more Democratic votes than any other man whom the party could select. The entire South would rally round him with enthusiasm. Daniel is also popular in the West. While not opposed to progress, he is in favor of making the corporations serve the people.

"Major Daniel also has the confidence of the Democrats of the North. It is our opinion that if any Democratic candidate can carry New York State in 1900, John W. Daniel can do it.

"A few weeks ago William J. Bryan leaped into prominence. He is popular to-day. But William J. Bryan has many political enemies, and if he should be nominated he would provoke a fight against him more desperate than any public man whom the Democrats might put up."

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THE WEST.

The political situation in the United States to-day is not of a nature to cause any joy to the heart of the most optimistic Democrat. It is true that Maryland has returned to its first love, but in old Kentucky disunion in the ranks of the Democracy has placed that State in the balance and it will require a contest before the Legislature to decide the result of the last election. Taylor, the Republican candidate, says he was elected, but Goebel, the intrepid leader of the Democrats, has not yet conceded the victory to his opponent, and there is blood on the moon, for when Kentuckians disagree a scrap is not altogether improbable.

Out West things are not happening in a way to make Democrats feel elated. Three years ago when the South joined the West in a common cause and placed the standard in the hands of the brilliant Nebraskan it was fervently hoped—aye, it was confidently believed—that at last the toiling masses of the Southern and Western States were about to dethrone the money power of the East, but though the South fulfilled its part of that compact the West played very poor account of itself. As a consequence was the result that it was doubtful if the Democrats could have carried a single Western State had it not been for the promise of large profits that Bryan's election held out to the greedy mine owners. Mr. Bryan got only sixty-three electoral votes from the West, while McKinley carried 116. In 1898 the West again showed its faith in Republicanism, the only Western State that elected a majority of Democratic congressmen being Missouri, Montana and Utah. In the recent elections the Democrats succeeded in recovering one Western State, and that was done with the help of the Populists, and Populism is not Democracy.

It would seem from these facts that the National Democracy has but little reason to hope for anything from the West, and the leaders of the party will do well to consider the evident unfriendliness of that section. If the political history of this country can be taken for anything, there is abundant proof that the Democracy has more friends in the North than in the West, notwithstanding the boasted friendship of the latter. If with the most magnetic and brilliant leader that the West has ever known, and a platform that advocated a policy that would have fostered a leading industry of that section the South has received but scant encouragement from its new ally, what can be expected under circumstances not so favorable?

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SCHLEY'S FOOL FRIENDS.

Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

Mr. Walter Wellman, in the Chicago Times-Herald, has published a long-winded article assailing "Schley's fool friends" for attacking Secretary Long and reviving the Schley-Sampson controversy. Mr. Wellman doesn't know what he is talking about. It was Secretary Long himself who revived this controversy by surreptitiously publishing in a German paper out West on the eve of election a letter in which he repeated the lies against Schley, which have been so thoroughly exploded. If the Sampsonians want this thing stopped, why don't they shut up? They are repeatedly making false charges against Schley and then saying: "Oh, you musn't answer these charges, or you will revive the unfortunate Schley-Sampson controversy." And when their lies are nailed, and the insincerity, duplicity and cowardice of Long are exposed, then "Schley's fool friends are at it again." Schley's fool friends constitute about 95 per cent. of the people of America. Only a handful of people are acquainted with him, and most of them had never heard of Schley, Sampson or Dewey when the war began. Schley's fool friends are simply that vast body of Americans who after reading the testimony in the case have come to the conclusion that the man who won the fight that finished the war with Spain is at least entitled to protection from the attacks of falsifiers and sneaks, as well as gutter-snipes like the naval officer who is supposed to have written the cowardly and mendacious attacks on Schley that used to appear in Harper's Weekly, and are now published exclusively in the disreputable New York Sun.

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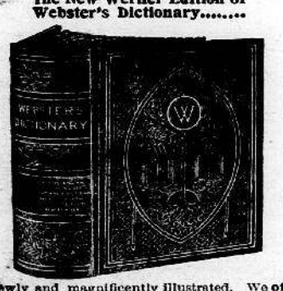

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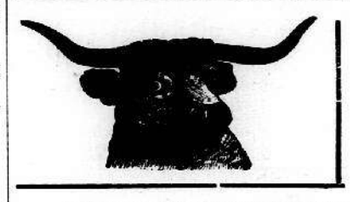

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