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THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER Raleigh, N. C.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The political campaign is waxing warm again. The Democrats are charging the Populists with wanting office.

The wave of prosperity struck the Piedmont bank, at Morganton, last week, and now it is in the hands of a receiver.

The proceedings of the Democratic Executive Committee should have appeared in the "Want column." They want pie.

The Democrats believe that the proof of the pudding is in chewing the bag, and therefore want to chew the North Carolina pudding bag some more.

Col. Buck Kitchen says the Democrats have become divorced from Wall Street. However, we notice that the Executive Committee congratulates Tammany on its recent success.

Brother Varner, of the Lexington Dispatch, wants to get the state out of the clutches of the vampires who are now in control. He however, failed to say what kind of people controlled Tammany. His brethren of the committee congratulated Tammany, on its success, "don't you know?"

Resolutions are out which, metaphorically speaking, announce the marriage of North Carolina silver (?) Democracy to New York's corrupt goldbug Tammany. If any one can show just cause why these two should not be lawfully joined together let him now speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace. Col. Josephus Daniels will probably give away the brides.

GOOD.

The people have been humbugged enough by the so called "missing word" and "missing letter" contests, and we are glad to see that the government is to take a hand in its suppression. A dispatch from Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, says that the Postoffice Department is taking a firm stand against them and all newspapers and periodicals containing advertisements of this character are forbidden transmission in the mails under the anti-lottery regulations.

PASSING OF CAPT. KITCHEN.

Capt. W. H. Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, N. C., U. S. A., has furnished the Democratic press with a letter he recently sent to a Democratic friend of his. In this letter he reviews the political situation and tells where he is at as near as he can judge after boxing the political compass. Capt Kitchen is a good man and an able one, and anything he says on any subject is of more than ordinary interest. He never fails to add to the gaiety of the nation when he opens fire on the ranks of the political horde. However, in this particular instance, the Captain leaves us in doubt as to what branch of the political church he has decided to com-mune with. In fact, we think this letter a little premature. Just now the folks are wrestling with the gold standard, five cent cotton, and other plagues. Then, too, it is just in the heat of tax paying and other teethpulling exercises, and naturally the people are not caring much about what Mr. anybody thinks about the misty past.

The captain starts out by giving Pritchard, Col. Andrews and Butler a few upper cuts. Then he assumes a tragic attitude and calls Cleveland and Butler "stuffed prophets." It is evident that the captain is not in love with the prominent men of either of the three largest political organizations. Now we wish to inject a little free advice. The captain should organize a party of his own and then go up on the top of a mountain and roll rocks down upon the heads of all creation.

After getting warmed up a little more, the captain declares that he has never been off the Democratic platform, and adds that when the Democratic party undertook to "crum Cleveland down his throat it made as big a mistake as Butler did when he tried to make me swallow Zeb Vance Walsler." We respectfully suggest that the captain save up such little nuggets as the above until the campaign opens in earnest. The game is young yet. Then he gets off a racy paragraph about the Democratic party having secured a divorce from Clevelandism and other things equally as objectionable and advises every "Christian gentleman who left the Democratic party to return and aid the party re-establish good government in the State." This is the best joke of the season. The captain ought to have gone on and told us why every "Christian gentleman" ought to do such a generous act. There are quite a number of "Christian gentlemen" in North Carolina who shudder when they even think of the possibility of a "re-establishment of Democratic good (?) government" in this State, with all the attending ostracism, bourbonism, domineering spirit intolerance and dozens of other things, which, when in vogue, became so unbearable that the masses of the people had to rise in their might and throw off the shackles, which were more galling than the shackles of slavery ever were in the palm-ist days.

The present State and county government is not perfect; the last legislature was far from satisfactory, but the people find many things to admire and a feeling of liberty pervades the land. As a matter of fact the present State administration is very satisfactory to all except the "outs." The judiciary, from the Supreme Court down, is more satisfactory than it has been in many years. The people of North Carolina would like to have a better government than they now have; they would like for some bad men to be out and have their places filled with better ones, but, as a whole, things are rocking along very well. The people of the State are not ready to change from the present to what they know will be far worse. By and through cooperation the people have been enabled to use the ballot and they now know they can defeat any man who may be put up if they think best to do so. Under the Democratic oligarchy which once existed this was not at all ways possible in a good many counties where every means was used to prevent people from voting and where ballot boxes were manipulated and the verdict of the people changed even while the votes were being placed in the boxes. No, the people are not ready to re-establish the Democratic oligarchy advocated by Capt. Kitchen. A large portion of the people know that financial reforms are needed and the number is growing daily. But they are not yearning after Democratic free coinage (!) that and Wall Street goldbugism being just about one and the same. (See history of the 1893 Congress.)

The Democrats never advocate free coinage except when they are out. When they get in they give us hades instead of free coinage. If Capt. Kitchen will just refer back to 1893, when the Democrats had the President and a majority in each branch of Congress, he will be bound to admit that financial reform, free coinage and all, got both eyes as completely black-

ened as it ever did under Republican rule. Now that the Democrats are out—out because they broke all their promises—they are promising everything, and that leads Capt. Kitchen to call upon "all Christian gentlemen" to help the party. No, captain, we don't want to be buncoed again. No "Christian gentlemen" cares to experience any more Democratic financial reform yet awhile. The last dose was enough for any "Christian gent man." A large number of "Christian gentlemen" in the Populist party joined the Democrats in a wild goose chase after financial reform last year. When the Democrats got the "Christian gentlemen" who composed the Populist party well into the chase enough of them (the Democrats) went into the National Democratic (gold) party to defeat the movement, and to make sure that they had defeated it another large number voted for McKinley. No, captain, we "Christian gentlemen" have had enough fun along that line. If you want to get humbugged some more just go ahead, we will not say a word against it.

Referring again to Capt. Kitchen's evident dislike for the present State administration we will bring up a little matter of history. But for a very small accident, if it may be so termed, Capt. Kitchen would to day have been a part of it. The legislature of 1894 elected Capt. Kitchen Superintendent of the Penitentiary. Owing to a slight technical error in the bill as passed, the old Democratic Board of Directors could not be displaced, and the captain failed to get control. He was a Populist in those days. But we all remember that the captain and his new Board of Directors stood in the rain at the penitentiary gates one day for an hour or two demanding admittance, which was refused by the Democratic Board then in session. Had the captain succeeded in breaking in on that memorable occasion he would hardly be writing Democratic creeds in these days. But such is life.

Another matter may have escaped the captain's notice. While he is now writing of a reformed and regenerated Democracy, he seems to forget that the party may fall from grace ere the tides of next November roll around. The party may, at the bequest of Tammany, declare against free coinage or assume a straddling position as it has often done before. Then oh! where will the captain be?

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Don't get frightened and think we are going to "talk sharp." We wish to talk of farmers, not of newspapers. The watchword of the really progressive farmer is improvement, and there is entirely too little improvement in the methods of farming in North Carolina.

Improved live stock is one of the most essential things. There is too little attention given to having the best cows and horses. Hundreds of dollars are wasted every year on scrub stock.

Improved machinery and farm implements are also needed. There is room for reform here and the field is wide. Modern plows, harrows, and other farm implements may cost more, but they will soon pay for themselves in better and more easily cultivated crops.

In this connection the statement from the Morganton Herald that within full view of the streets of Morganton and not eight miles away as the crow flies a country where some of the farming methods are identical with those in vogue in the time of Abraham, is interesting. All the professions move forward. The lawyer who studied the laws as they were forty years ago and has his claim for practice upon these grounds, would be heartily laughed at; the publisher who used the old time hand press would find that publishing doesn't pay. And so with the doctor or the teacher. If either of these were to refuse to profit by the improvements made in the last forty years, he would be speedily boycotted. The farmer must also profit by the improvements in his profession.

To illustrate the need of improved machinery, let us quote again from the Morganton Herald:

"On the top of Kaylor's Knob, one of the highest peaks of the South Mountain, is a wheat field containing nearly a hundred acres, comparatively level and of remarkable fertility. In this field on the side next to Morganton is a great flat which has been used time out of mind as a threshing floor. Here the wheat and rye is brought and threshed with flails, and winnowed just as Boaz winnowed his barley at his threshing floor near Bethlehem centuries ago."

Of course this is an exceptional case. But there is room for improvement all over the State.

Give us more progressive farmers.

Write German Kali Works, 93 Nassau St., New York, for literature regarding the use of potash. Mention this paper.

THEY MAKE SOME MORE PROMISES.

The State Executive Committee of the Democratic party held a confab in Raleigh on the night of the 30th ult. The News and Observer of that morning gave in substance the resolutions which were to be adopted and, judging from later events, everything was "cut and dried."

The following address was issued: "The representatives of the Democratic party in North Carolina congratulate the Democrats of her sister States who with a firm stand for the principles embodied in the Chicago platform, have won splendid victories for the people."

"In rejoicing at the success of the Democratic party in the late elections, we remind the people that Democratic majorities were largest, and Republican majorities were smallest in those States where that platform was the issue. It is a significant fact that Democracy was defeated in the States where local concerns were allowed to overshadow the principles of the party. Democracy is for all the people. The recent utterances of the people are plain and decided. They have expressed their faith in the Chicago platform, their belief in bimetalism, their disgust and disapproval of Republican creeds and practices, and, above all, their hatred of the tyrannous gold standard. They show that they will no longer submit to the robbery of trusts, and domination of bosses and the oppression of the money power. The condemnation of the hypocrisy and falsehood of the Republican party is crushing."

"It is equally pronounced, whether we hear it, loud and free, in the wheat fields of Ohio and Iowa, or struggling for utterance in the wealth congested center of Greater New York, where the candidate for mayor received 80,000 plurality—a candidate whose only campaign utterance was 'I am a Democrat,' who was heart and soul for the Chicago platform and the candidates who stood on it."

"No less significant is the fact that the people of the State of New York have elected by 70,000 majority as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals a statesman, who sought support by announcing that he had voted for Hon. Wm. J. Bryan last year."

"And with this glorious news of Democratic success we rejoice that 'sham international bimetalism has been exposed. There is now no room for Republican dodging."

"We affirm our belief in the principles of the Chicago and State platforms of the Democratic party, as adopted in their entirety, and we will still support those principles until they are written in our laws."

"We would be untrue to the firm and loyal allegiance the Democrats of North Carolina bear to our greatest leader, Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, if we failed to express our confidence in his honor and integrity, and in his devotion of head and heart to the welfare of all the people. We emphasize the fact that our greatest victory was won in the States of Ohio and Kentucky, where he personally appealed to the people."

"We view with alarm the depressed condition of trade and the low prices of products raised by our people, but we remind those who heard Republican orators in 1896 predict dire disaster if the Democrats were elected; that McKinley is President of these United States and that both branches of Congress are Republican. The people are swift to draw the proper conclusions. We thank all the patriotic citizens who joined with us last year in carrying the State for our Presidential candidates, and we invite to the future councils of the Democratic party—the party of the people—all men who believe in its principles, and who desire its supremacy and will assist in carrying out its policy."

"In less than one year opportunity will be given the voters to express a firm adherence to those principles. We regret that the ballot box was not this year opened to all North Carolinians. North Carolina is now accidentally Republican. We do not believe that any number of intelligent and virtuous men expected or hoped for the present rule in this State. We are sure all good men are eager for a change. We have fallen on evil days in North Carolina. They recall the days of revolution. They demonstrate the truth that no Southern State can be governed with honor and decency by the Republican party. Too large a number of its voters are ignorant for the masses to control, and too large a number of the leaders are venal and corrupt to give North Carolina good government."

"We look with horror upon the evils wrought by a combination of Republicans and the corrupt work of the leaders of the Populist party by means of which our legislation has become a farce. Many of our officeholders become corrupt and criminal, and ignorance and vice raised above intelligence and virtue. We denounce the efforts

of this combination to place the insane of the State at the mercy of incompetent, vicious and lustful men, and we condemn the changes wrought in our laws whereby ignorant and impure men have been placed in control of schools, courts, prisons and asylums. These are the inevitable consequences of Republican rule. The Democratic party promises the people on its return to power to correct all these abuses. It will guarantee every citizen his rights, but it demands that virtue and intelligence shall rule the State. It will restore to the white women of the State the security they felt under the twenty years of Democracy inaugurated by the immortal Vance. To the accomplishment of these ends let every patriot rally to the white man's party. To your tents, oh Israel!

CLEMENT MANLY, Chairman State Dem. Ex. Com. JNO. W. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Did you read that rare, rich and racy document, the address of the State Democratic Executive Committee? If you didn't you missed a treat. It beats Mark Twain all through, but we will refer to just one point.

Warming up in their work, the committee grew eloquent and evolved the following juicy morsel for the misguided members of "the party of honest government" to roll under their tongues:

"The condemnation of the hypocrisy, and falsehood of the Republican party is crushing."

"It is equally pronounced, whether we hear it, loud and free, in the wheat fields of Ohio and Iowa, or struggling for utterance in the wealth congested center of Greater New York, where the candidate for mayor received 80,000 plurality—a candidate whose only campaign utterance was: 'I am a Democrat; who was heart and soul for the Chicago platform and the candidates who stood on it.'"

Put your thinking machine to work upon this refreshing item. Of what victory does the committee boast?

They boast and rejoice over the victory of Tammany's goldbug candidate for mayor—a candidate whose campaign manager was an ardent goldbug, and whose platform was silent as to the money question. His "only campaign utterance was, 'I am a Democrat,'—he didn't say whether he was a gold or silver Democrat. Anybody can be a Democrat—some kind."

The State Democratic Executive Committee congratulates Tammany on its success.

And what is Tammany? A combination of political prostitutes, and mercenary politicians; a band of men united to oppose all honest and pure government in the New World's greatest city; a machine, clique, that does more to corrupt politics than any other organization of the same number in all America.

And yet the executive committee of the party that wants "to restore (G'd save the mark) honest government" in North Carolina, rejoices because this corrupt machine was again placed in New York. Doesn't it seem strange?

They rave about dishonest government in this State, and rejoice in the prosperity of corrupt Tammany. Do they wish to put a Tammany in power in North Carolina? If so, well may we say to all honest men, "To your tents, O Israel!"

Part of the address is good. But even here, are they sincere? How can they be? In one breath they endorse Bryan and rejoice at the election of a goldbug!

But, "Oh," says one, "it is only the Populist newspapers that say Tammany is corrupt. It is a false charge, made for political effect." This is not the case. Non-partisan people everywhere recognize the fact that Tammany is a corrupt organization.

The Youth's Companion, of Boston, is in politics fair and impartial. Nothing in the least tainted with Populism enters its columns. Now get the issue of Nov. 25th, and what do we find? Reviewing the result of the November elections, it says:

"The one contest which was waged with great spirit, and which attracted the attention of the whole country, and indeed of Europe, was that for the control of the municipal government of New York—'the Greater New York,' which consists of the whole metropolitan district, and constitutes the second largest city of the world."

"Spoilsmen have revelled in the New York City government, and grown fat and rich upon its revenues. Occasionally reform has carried the day, and for a short time affairs have been conducted honestly, or at least comparatively so. Then the people have grown tired or indifferent, and the spoilsmen have regained ascendancy."

"The Companion is no sense a political or a partisan paper, and we do not think we become partisan when we say that Tammany Hall has been, is, and promises to be, a menace to good and pure government in New York—not be-

cause Tammany represents one political party, but because its members are banded together to control the city government for purely mercenary purposes." (Italics ours.)

You rejoice at a thing because you are glad it happened. The Executive Committee of the Democratic party rejoices because Tammany Hall—that "menace to good and pure government"—is victorious; because a goldbug was elected; they are glad it happened. And if they are glad because goldbugs and men who "control the government for purely mercenary purposes" are elected in New York, would they not be glad if such a band were to triumph in North Carolina?

Of course the committee didn't intend to make this confession. They hoped the majority of the people were too ignorant to notice it. But you can't fool all the people all the time.

Yes, we want honest government. The Republican party—the friend of the monopolist and monometallist—will not give it to us. The Democratic party, Pharaoh like, says "I am better," but what does it offer? The rule of a corrupt political machine like Tammany, if we are to judge from the address of their State Executive Committee.

Neither of these old parties will give us honest government. They have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. We must go elsewhere. "To your tents, O, Israel!"

THE TRUTH WILL CUT ITS WAY.

It has been but a very few years—not a quarter score—since for uttering such sentiments as we now find in many papers we were called calamity howling Socialists, Anarchists, Communists, etc., even by the papers now writing the same sentiments. One case in point is a truth found in the editorial columns in a recent issue of the Biblical Recorder, referring to a "new organization of capital." The Recorder says:

"Capital is in itself organized. A million dollars is as strong an organization as 1,000 laborers, to put it exactly. But it appears that capitalists are not content with even this advantage. Recently in England employers of all kinds have effected a compact organization amongst themselves, the object being to offset the labor organization and to make strikes impossible. The railroads, the mill and mine owners, the factory owners and others have combined precisely as their employees have; and it is likely that their example will be followed in this country. Now should their laborers strike for higher wages, the employees can all agree at once to shut down their works live on their accumulated capital and throw the world into consternation; or they can agree to get other laborers, combine together and protect them from the strikers, and employ men to keep agitators from forcing or persuading their workers to join the strikers. If this should make serious strikes impossible, it would also shut a new and worse problem upon our civilization; it would make it necessary for the Law to interfere and fix wages and prices, in order to prevent such oppression as we never dreamed of, with competition eliminated, with Labor at the mercy of the oppression that greed would prompt. The day is evidently speeding on the way when we must look to our Government to do what it was created for, to protect life, preserve liberty and guarantee fair opportunity to every man, rich or poor. Such organization as we have described, and which is actually in existence in England, having been created within recent months, does more to speed that day than all the other means that might be used. Evil work out good in due process of time. If oppression caused strikes, and strikes caused Labor organization, we may be sure that organized Capital—the 'Communism of the progressive greed'—will cause the people to organize, and the people organized will cause the Nation to assert itself and lay the axe to the root of the tree of all these evils."

Corporate wealth, the "communism of oppressive greed," has long had its hand in the collar, and the other in the pocket of the governments of the Old World. Something more than a hundred years ago, our forefathers fell in, and with the universal amen to the sentiment "Give me liberty or give me death," our country cast off the shackles that then bound us. The power magnified many fold now has our whole system by the throat and is choking and plundering, and robbing, and the oppression is well nigh at the utmost point of endurance. The time is near at hand when the test will be made. Will it be like unto a thousand French revolutions? It may be, if the ballot is not protected and properly used.

Do you want to sell eggs or butter? Write W. S. Barnes, Raleigh, N. C. and mention THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.