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## A CAMPAIGN OF DISORGANIZATION.

So far as the Republican party was concerned the recent campaign in Virginia was one of party disorganization. Party leaders usually try to succeed by success, but the Republican leaders in the State adopted at the outset another plan, which was to secure success (for themselves) by defeat. The State committee was so eager to retain power that it disregarded the wishes of the people, refused to call a State convention and lowered the party flag before the enemy. The army of 135,000 resolute soldiers was ordered to disband and take to the woods. The policy which was adopted by the State organization was followed by the district and county organizations, who in their respective spheres were as anxious to hold power as were their superiors. By the first movement a grand army was dispersed in regiments and battalions. Most of these were disbanded by their regimental commanders, while others were converted into Hessian bands and sold to the enemy, as in Smyth and Washington counties. Never was a great army more completely disorganized. Is it any wonder that the campaign of disorganization has resulted in complete disaster to the party?

We trust that the Democrats in the next General Assembly will have the generosity to change the election law so every voter can cast his ballot without the assistance of any election officer. If such a law should be enacted and the Democracy should win under its operations there could be no further complaint of the injustice of the party.

We have received the first number of the Southwest Republican which is published at East Radford, Va., by W. I. Boone, as proprietor and manager. The paper is gotten up in good style mechanically, and is red hot Republican in politics. We welcome it among our exchanges, and extend our warmest wishes for its success.

There must be a reorganization of the Republican party in Virginia. The man who claims to be a Republican and does not admit this to be true is either a fool or not sincere in his professions. The leaders of both factions should be constrained to stop their fighting and join in a call for a state convention that will reorganize the party and bring about a condition of harmony.

Bad leadership and bad election laws have about made the Republican party in Virginia a nonentity in state elections. In Federal elections things will be better. Congress can and will go behind the returns if necessary in the Federal elections.

The Democratic papers made a big fuss when Ruth, a baby girl, was born to President Cleveland. Now that he has a boy, Grover, Jr., they make no fuss at all. Grover, Sr. will not have any more patronage to dispense, hence the lack of gush.

The enormous gains made by the Democrats in most of the counties of this district are likely to raise a doubt as to whether they are more the result of the operation of the Walton law than a change in the sentiment of the voters.

How can you expect the illiterate man to have confidence in the honesty of the election officer who marks his ballot, when he is denied the privilege of selecting the officer to mark the ballot for him?

The Republicans of Tazewell county, who are among the staunchest in Virginia, could not withstand the demoralizing effects of the policy of "masterly inactivity" adapted by the State organization.

The principles of the Republican party are good. We believe they are essential to the welfare of our common country. Shall they be debauched and destroyed by a corrupt leadership in Virginia?

The Republicans of Smyth county are now feeding on rotten watermelons and Gwynn cocktails. Not very healthy diet for Republicans but the kind dished out to them by their leaders.

A lively spanking does a child good sometimes. Perhaps the Republican baby may be benefitted by the severe spanking it received on Tuesday in Virginia.

If the vote in Virginia, cast on Tuesday, is an honest expression of the people, the majority must favor a return to "good Democratic times."

We will have no more elections in Virginia for a year, for which the people should be profoundly thankful.

Mr. Sr. CLAIR is elected to succeed himself as Senator for this Senatorial district. The Walton law has triumphantly endorsed itself.

Mrs. McKINLEY has knitted a pair of baby booties and sent them to Mrs. Cleveland as a present for young Grover.

The people of Virginia are about unanimous in one thing. They are solidly in favor of Cuba being free.

In the elections held in all the States last Tuesday the Republicans held their own, except in Virginia.

"Be sure you are wrong and go ahead" was the motto of the Republican leaders in this State.

Of course the Walton law had nothing to do with it. Neither did the barrel have any effect.

Was it a cyclone, a simoon or earthquake? Perhaps a mixture of them.

Go work and try to produce something to sell. The markets are all right.

W. B. SPRATT will be the lone star from the 9th district.

We have met the enemy and we are his.

## A FREE TRADE VIEW.

The Efficiency of the Dingley Tariff Law Foreshadowed by an Opponent.

Boston Journal, (Rep.) Important testimony—and that, too, from an unfriendly source—to the fiscal effectiveness of the Dingley tariff is given in the "Quarterly Journal of Economics" for October by Professor F. W. Taussig, of Harvard.

Professor Taussig, as is well known, is opposed to the principles of protection as it has been applied, with a few interruptions for 108 years in the United States. In other words, his economic sympathies are English rather than American. But he is frank enough, for instance, to remind the headlong newspapers and politicians that have been making such hubbub over the sugar schedule of the new law that it "leaves as protection for the domestic refiner—namely, for the Sugar Trust—an additional or preferential duty of 1 cent, precisely the differential given by the act of 1894," or, in other words, the Gorman-Wilson tariff.

Professor Taussig acknowledges that "as it happens" the prospects for the next few years warrant the expectation that the act of 1897 will so raise the revenue as to enable the expenditures to be met, and will remove for the time being that complication in the general situation. The enormous exports of 1896 and 1897, fortunate for the United States as were those of 1878-81, will sooner or later be followed by inflowing imports. How large the inflowing stream will be, what proportion of dutiable and non-dutiable imports it will contain, must be uncertain. The only thing that can be predicted is that—once the heavy imports brought in before the act are out of the way—imports and revenue will rise for the next two or three years. For a while the Treasury is likely to be unembarrassed, and will have a comparatively easy task in performing its double duties of paying the expenses of the Government and of maintaining the solidity of the circulating medium."

## The Union Pacific Bids.

Philadelphia Press. President McKinley and Attorney General McKenna have given an object lesson to the country of the value to the Government of courage and determination in dealing with great masses of capital.

The situation was simple. The Union and Kansas Pacific owed the Government together \$71,095,670, or \$58,197,398 on the Union Pacific and \$12,908,272 on the Kansas Pacific. The owners of the stock and junior securities, in all about \$100,000,000, set out to pay this debt by issuing a new blanket mortgage of \$100,000,000. The less they paid of the debt the more there was left for them. They offered \$45,000,000 and deposited \$42,000,000 as security, but the transaction was not completed on the part of the Government. President McKinley came in and the Government pointed out that various court decisions altered its situation. The bid was to \$50,000,000.

The object was further examined. It grew plainer that the Union Pacific, at all events, could pay in full, and the Attorney General asked to have the sale postponed to make this certain. The bid was promptly raised to \$58,197,398 for the Union Pacific, the full amount of the mortgage. This pays off this claim, principal and interest, 100 on the dollar. The Government gets more on this road alone by \$13,197,398 than it was offered originally for the claim on both roads. The claim for \$12,908,272 on the Kansas Pacific goes over. The Government has something in the sinking fund against this and the road itself is worth something. The re-organization committee announces that it will let it go and take a parallel road, but a cheap purchase of the Kansas Pacific would put a competing line in the field. In the end a fair bid will be made for the road.

Meanwhile the resolute action of the President and his Attorney General has given the Treasury \$13,000,000 more than was at first offered.

## An Opinion on Democratic Fools.

Atlanta Journal, (Dem.) It is an easy matter to produce in almost any community a man who is ready on any occasion to make a fool of himself and who can do so to perfection, but it is really surprising to read a description of ex-Governor Proctor Knott's performance when he introduced Mr. Bryan at Lebanon.

This distinguished Kentuckian, we are told, spoke with "great feeling." He said a great many ridiculous things and capped the climax by shouting at the top of his voice that Mr. Bryan is "the foremost man in all the world." Governor Knott was evidently attempting to quote from Shakespeare and came near exactitude as Kentucky politicians usually do when they drop into the classics. When he was in Congress Proctor Knott was noted for sound sense and clear judgement as well as for humor. As Governor of Kentucky he was practical and thorough. His friends

who heard his Bryan speech at Lebanon must have been pained to find unmistakable evidences of mental decline. Gov. error Knott needs rest.

## ODDITIES AND OBSERVATIONS.

Maggie Faber, a Chicago girl, stood on a hot stove while polishing the stove pipe with turpentine. She dropped the bottle of turpentine on the stove. Maggie will not polish stove pipes any more.

If is regarded as peculiar that simultaneously with the announcement that the sausage industry in Chicago has been killed by the developments of the Lunger trial there should be complaints that portions of the Windy City are afflicted by a plague of cats and dogs.

Judge Gray, while officiating at a marriage ceremony at Bowling Green the other day, was so flustered by the beauty of the bride that he asked her if she would "solemnly promise to love, support and protect this man." That, however, may be the real form in the year 2000.

The Atlanta Constitution tells of an entirely new phenomenon. The story is that rain has been falling heavily and incessantly for four days from a clear sky on a small spot between two trees in Rose Hill Cemetery, at Macon. It is said that Union soldiers were formerly buried at that precise spot.

Willis Norman, of Chicago, gave his 6-year-old son a revolver to play with. The tot managed to pull the trigger and Mr. Norman was shot dead. Of course, the revolver was supposed to be unloaded, as usual. If that boy ever has sons of his own he is not likely to give them dynamite or firearms to play with.

A hog out in Missouri caused a litigant a loss of \$4000 in costs. Now a Nebraska man has had to pay \$200 for a \$10 horse. Such cases are very odd. Lady Anne Clifford used to assess her tenants for contributions of chickens. One tenant refused to send a hen and was sued. Lady Anne got the hen, but it cost her \$200.

When Emperor William threw away the butt of a cigarette at the recent German military maneuvers a crowd of peasants scrambled for it, and the one who secured it sold it to an Englishman for 5 pounds. The purchaser evidently was not influenced by the fact that a cigarette from any other lips would smell as badly.

Isadore Wolfe, a merchant of Camden, S. C., was shot in the face by a ruffian in that town seven years ago, and the bullet split his cheek bone. One half was extracted but the other half could not be found. The other day Mr. Wolfe had a severe sneezing fit, and the piece of bullet flew out. This is not an ad. for anybody's brand of snuff.

## OUT OF THE USUAL RUN.

Edwin S. Hunt has found near Saybrook Point, Conn., a cannon ball that was fired from a British warship in 1812. The hole in the ground is still there to show where the ball went into. The vessel that carried the cannon and the man who pulled the lanyard are not in evidence. But if anybody doubts Mr. Hunt's story—there is the hole.

Robert Fitzsimmons, actor, blacksmith and champion plug-ugly of the world, was admitted to membership in the Marion Lodge of Elks at Marion, Ind., the other day, and now Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Armstrong has ordered that he be expelled, the alternative being the forfeiture of the charter of the lodge. It is said that Fitzsimmons will be dropped from the membership rolls, but Mr. Armstrong will probably deem it wise to wear a fist-proof shield over his solar plexus.

R. F. Tyler and his wife rode in a piano box in a freight car from Exeter, N. H., to Seattle, Wash., last year, but a few days ago when they tried to return in the same way, were captured with their supplies of canned goods and water cans. Although taken out they are still in a box.

C. A. Smith, of Smithtown, Miss., has a looking glass that was given to his grandfather's great-grandfather in 1716. It is in a good state of preservation, and is a good glass, though of small size. Mr. Smith has also an apple tree that has reached the age of 150 years. It bore apples last year, and has a few on it this year.

A New York woman who has no faith in banks wrapped her savings, amounting to \$46, in an old skirt, jammed it under her mattress and went out shopping. When she arrived at the store she caused a commotion by shouting that she had been robbed. She ran to a newspaper office and inserted an advertisement of the heart-breaking quality and went home. Then she remembered where she had hidden her roll—and—that's all.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Ex-President Harrison and family are at their home in Indianapolis, and have fully recovered from the influenza which attacked them in New York.

Professor Lawrence Bruner, the Nebraska scientist, who went to Argentina to study the grasshopper plague there, writes that he finds great swarms of insects fully four inches long.

Miss Gladstone, who is almost continuously with the ex-Premier and her mother, is an enthusiastic cyclist, and during her parents' stay in Perthshire made many long journeys of exploration.

Mrs. Maritta M. Ricker, of New Hampshire, attorney-at-law, politician, commissioner and examiner in chancery, has announced herself a candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District of her State.

Miss Frances P. Goodwin's bust of Schuyler Colfax, which will be placed in the Senate Chamber in Washington in December, is now in the office of the architect of the Capitol, where it is an object of great interest to visitors.

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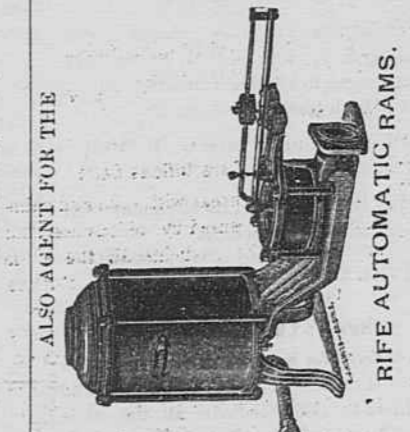
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