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It is hard on the honest laboring men of the country that they have to support both the millionaires and tramps, the products of Republicanism

When the Democrats and Populists of Idaho came together on the electoral ticket, our Republican friends cried "foul." The ball struck them hard and they were hurt.

GEORGIA sends greetings to the National Democracy and presents it with her overwhelming spectacle of 70,000 majority. The like was never seen before. Now keep still and hear the report from Texas.

A NUMBER of our Republican contemporaries are throwing mud at the Democrats for endorsing the Weaver electors. That shows they are on the ground floor.

MINNESOTA Democrats have withdrawn their presidential electors and endorsed the Weaver ticket. Charge it to Tillinghast and Beane, and tell the world these young leaders have snubbed the war horses again.

THERE are two things morally certain, one is: A rat with the shortest tail will get in his hole first, and the other is: Ex-Senator McConnell cannot make any votes for himself by speaking after Congressman Sweet.

In the South the Republicans fused with the People's party, and at the elections they were not it. In the Northwest the Democrats have fused with the People's party, and at the November election they will be in it, immensely in it. You may remark this good news to Hannah.

It appears to be settled beyond dispute that Republicans would be feeling pretty good these fair autumn days if they could only forget that:

Maine slumped.

Vermont dittoed.

Alabama stood firm.

So did Arkansas.

So did Florida.

So did Georgia.

Gresham has bolted.

So has MacVeagh.

So has Cooley.

Blaine didn't vote.

Things look bad.

And Idaho Democrats have endorsed the Weaver electors.

THE Republicans are wildly desperate over the Democratic endorsement of the Weaver and Field electors of this state. They are the only ones who don't like it. The Democrats here are pleased over it. The unnatural efforts of the Republicans to make the Democrats sick of the endorsement is one of the truly ludicrous features of the campaign. The idea that Democrats are going to look to the Republicans for advice affecting the welfare of the Democratic party is a huge joke! As the Democrats have always done just what the Republican party wanted them to (?) they will certainly be obedient(?) now. The fact is, the Republican leaders have very little influence in their own, and still less in the Democratic party. —Halley News-Miner.

For one time in the history of the state the Democrats have the sympathy of the Republicans. Yes, they have more than sympathy; they have pity; they have commiseration; they have compassion. All their bowels of compassion yearn for us. And why? Because we have withdrawn our electoral ticket and endorsed the Weaver electors.

Whose interest is under consideration? Is this sympathy, pity, compassion and yearning given the Democrats because they are to be injured by the fusion, or is the Republican party in Idaho to be injured by it?

Think you they are looking to the Democratic welfare or their own welfare? My countryman, sympathy is comforting when sincere to one in distress, but when extended to one not needing it, it is the cheapest and most useless thing on the market. Just now the Democrats in Idaho are not in want of that kind of commodity. The sympathy for the "old men," "the old timers," the "wah hosses" is particularly noticeable. They open up their entire stock in trade because the Young Democracy has treated them badly. But mark you, the old men are not suffering from insomnia, from loss of appetite, from distress of mind or body. THE NEWS happens to know that they are very near to Chairman Tillinghast, and all the Republican love for those old fellows is that much wasted and lost. Sympathy for the Democrats because of the fusion is cheaper than silver in the market and the Democrats hope by fusion to advance the cause and price of that metal. We had rather have free silver than free sympathy.

THE NEWS believes that the Republicans have good ground to feel aggrieved at the Democrats for endorsing the Weaver electoral ticket. They were feeling specially kind to us and wanted to help us along in state and county matters if we would keep quiet and give them the electoral vote for Harrison. Everything points to the correctness of this belief. Senator Dubois, Mr. Borah and all their good speakers have been speaking only for the National ticket. McConnell has had to fight his own battles.

Look how he has been treated: At the grand rally in Boise City Senator Dubois and Attorney Heyburn were invited before the footlights in Sonna's elegant opera house to speak to the beauty and chivalry of the capital city, while Mr. McConnell was bounced into a farm wagon in the middle of the street to speak to the street and alley element of that city.

Again, in his rounds in Southern Idaho it has been planned for him to follow Congressman Sweet on the stand, and the contrast between the two has been so palpable and plain to every hearer as to make him believe there was method in the planning and that for a purpose.

THE NEWS believes that hundreds of Republicans had rather see the World's Fair than see McConnell elected, and they are making their plans accordingly.

The Democrats didn't catch on in time, they have made their endorsement and by it they have raised a howl in Rome, but it will take three votes from Harrison and elect the Democratic ticket. Some wise man once said: "Save me from my friends." Mr. McConnell will repeat the saying by and by.

THE ENDORSEMENT IS ALL RIGHT.

EVERY passing day is smoothing the ruffled tempers and calling back the hasty words spoken in an unguarded moment at the withdrawal of the Cleveland electors and the endorsement of the Weaver ticket in Idaho. Every passing day is softening the asperities and mellowing the acrid feelings made acrid and bitter by the apparent suddenness of the move. Men are beginning to look at it now through a clear atmosphere instead of through mist and haze.

They are beginning to understand it in all its purports and bearings, and

all weakened and perturbed Democrats are coming back into position and are endorsing it as the most politic party action that could be taken.

It is plain to everybody that the Republican leaders have been bending every energy to carry the state for Mr. Harrison; that their crowning efforts were for the National ticket—that their greatest struggle was for the three electoral votes. The state ticket was placed on the altar of sacrifice and county tickets were left to survive or perish as they could take care of themselves. Every one is seeing this now as plainly as they can see snow on the mountain tops. The Democratic Central Committee saw it in the beginning.

To thwart these efforts to win in this gigantic struggle the committee had to resort to heroic measures.

It was plain the Democrats could not win in the triangular fight that was being waged in this state. The Republicans held every vantage ground. The only way to defeat them was by heavy battalions of voters and these battalions could only be mustered by re-inforcing the People's party and moving against the common enemy with the combined strength of the two.

The committee saw the advantage of such a strategic movement and grasped it and moved at once.

It will be remembered that a popular majority of 100,000 voters wanted Mr. Cleveland president in 1888, but their votes availed them nothing. This year the people want him again and nobody will deny but it is good party politics and party wisdom to combine as much popular strength as possible and secure for him the electoral vote that can alone elect him.

The Democrats of older states have given us such precedents, and the Democrats of all the land will endorse our move in following those precedents. Every electoral vote taken from Mr. Harrison will go to insure Mr. Cleveland's election in November, it matters not whether they be given direct to him or to Mr. Weaver.

In the matter of all the talk about the movement being known to Mr. Tillinghast, Mr. Beane and a few members of the committee only, THE NEWS has this to say: Such talk is too absurd and ridiculous to be repeated, denied or considered for a moment. The charges that these young Democratic leaders, assuming all responsibility and ignoring the old-time leaders and veterans in the party, rushed headlong into their new movement are without foundation and are as false as they can be.

The matter was under consideration and advisement weeks before it was acted upon, and old-time Democratic leaders like Gov. Stevenson, Gen'l R. Z. Johnson, Wickersham and others were called into counsel, and gave it as their opinion that it was the best move to be made.

The committee did not see fit to proclaim it from the house tops or to tell it in the streets of Gath; it was a party matter and not the property of the Republicans or the public until Mr. Tillinghast, the chairman, saw fit to give it to the public.

Our Republican friends are more disturbed about it than the Democrats and Populists; to them it was a demoralizing bomb shell and they are to be the losers by it in November. Their public speakers feel it, the chairman of their Central Committee has felt it and given the alarm.

Mr. Tillinghast, Mr. Beane and the other members of the committee did not move until they were sure they were right in the premises, and that they were right is attested by

the endorsement of the party, with limited exceptions in the state, and by the most astute and learned party leaders in other states.

They are not alone in this grand move as the Republicans would have you believe, and when the tides of November come and Idaho is taken from the Harrison column of states, the plaudit will be heard from Kootenai to Bear Lake, "Well done, young leaders, well done!"

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(EXTRACT FROM NATIONAL PLATFORM)

The liquor traffic is a foe to civilization, the arch enemy of popular government and a public nuisance. It is the citadel of the forces that corrupt politics, promote poverty and crime, degrade the Nation's home life, thwart the will of the people and deliver our country into the hands of rapacious class interests. All laws that, under the guise of regulation, legalize and protect this traffic, or make the Government share in its ill-gotten gains, "are vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy." We declare anew for the entire suppression of the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation and transportation of alcoholic liquors as a beverage by Federal and State legislation. The full powers of Government should be exerted to secure this result. No party that fails to recognize the dominant nature of this issue in American politics deserves the support of the people.

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