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COMMENTS AND CULLINGS.

Big Baby Bunting,
Grover's son-a-hunting.
To get a Southern rabbit's paw
With which to hedge the Hill burrah—
Washington Post.

I find Hampton Guardian estimates that \$50,000 a year is spent in that country for whiskey.

The Southerners' detect office-holding. They accept place merely to keep the spoliators out—*Washington Post.*

The Governor has removed the Treasurer and Auditor of Union County on account of shortages and other irregularities found in their offices.

The Educated Advertiser was pulled out last week with not a cent of insurance. That is his own sympathy, and we trust that his paper will again rise out of the ashes.

Southerners cheat at a game of cards in Clinch County, Ga., on Saturday, and as a consequence will be sent home. The people of Georgia are extremely sensitive when personal honor is at stake.

In another column will be found the address of Hon. W. K. Thompson, Works Master of the State Grange. The address speaks for itself in ringing tones, and commands itself to the care of personal of every farmer of the state.

The Camden cotton mills were entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$245,000, which is covered by insurance to the extent of \$100,000. A meeting of the directors was immediately held, and it was decided to commence the work of rebuilding at once.

In a letter published in today's Courier and Post, Joel Hough gives some particulars in matters political. Being a member of the County Alliance, and a prominent leader, Mr. Hough conveys a numberless allegiance to the Democracy. This is significant; there is evidently no third party nonsense about the Alliance in this county.

The Barron, (N. C.) Cotton Mills Company has just declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent on its capital stock of \$45,000, and placed over \$6,000 at the result of the surplus fund, so the mill has been in operation but one year, and is an excellent exhibition of the depressed condition of business in America.

John Frazier recently decided that to convict a banker for violation of contract, the contract must be in writing. It would be well for farmers to remember this, and have their agreements with bankers in writing, for according to Judge Frazier's decision a merely verbal contract is not sufficient to convict him under the criminal statute.

We call the attention of the young men of the county to the announcement of Congressman Hemphill, in another column. It has been a number of years since Camden County has had a candidate at West Point or Annapolis, and this opportunity should not be missed. We do no harm to try, and may result in lifelong benefit. We trust that there will be several applicants from this county, and we wish them success.

The President sent a special message to Congress on the Cuban affair Monday, reviewing the whole situation, and leaving the matter to Congress for action. Since the delivery of the message he reported in Washington that Chili agreed to apologize for the treatment of the American sailors, and to leave the question of indemnity to the U. S. Supreme Court, or any high tribunal. So the prospect of war grows beautifully less.

The Trimvirs:

It seems to have become popularized by that mysterious thing known as public opinion that a moral communism, composed of Morris Hill, Gorman and Brice, for one time being rule Democratic politics. To realize either of these adroit and able Democrats would be a fatal blow to the party, but a fair and fearless criticism within the party limits is not hurtful, but proper.

The reputation of the three men is that they are great tacticians, skilled manipulators, rather too subtle to make a bold stand or an announcement or public issue. There is no need to mince

matters, and it is perhaps not incorrect to say that each of the three has been rated more of the politician than statesman. At the same time, this may be a very just and narrow view of men who have done so much substantial and successful work.

Senator Hill has a brilliant and remarkable record. He has risen to the domination of New York. He is adored by Tammany, the great and terrible tiger of the political arena. His administration of finances as governor is said to have been splendid, reducing debt of six millions to one, and leaving a surplus of four millions in the treasury. The late victory in that state is also attributed to him. Granting that he deserves the credit it gives him for these things, there can be no dispute that he must be of the highest fibre, and possessed of consummate skill. The raging of political warfare has developed no scandal against his personal character. At the national capital his reception has been a high tribute. Gauged by successes in elections, he is an eminent success. Should he receive the nomination for president, let every Democrat join in giving him a hearty support.

But it can be said that Senator Hill represents a clear cut, well-defined, progressive policy? Does he embody a principle? Here is the answer formulated by himself, at Elmira the other day, in black and white, the non-committal and negative program which he thus outlined:

"Repeal of the two McKinley acts, revising the revenue laws then superseded."

"Is there any measure whatever that is wise to propose which might give rise to prolonged debate?"

"I admit with candor that the repeal of the two McKinley acts would only land us where we were before our great misadventure three years ago. *** So, too, I admit that the Bland Allison act of 1878 is indefensible, but it shows white beside the blackness of the Sherman silver law."

"My answer is that to pivot our politics on the issues of 1890 is itself an immense political achievement which will assure our victory in 1892."

Here plainly the Senator's plan is one of repeal simply. It may be perhaps the highest evidence of his insight into the situation, it may be the truest and wisest course to be adopted by the party. Let it frankly be admitted that it may be, yet in spite of all the Senator may say for face silver, and for tariff reform, his real convictions will remain a matter of doubt whilst he proposes inaction; to retire to two positions, one passed since 1878, the other since 1883. Turn it twist as you will, it will look as if the Democracy is timidly falling back to old Republican territory.

The joy as outlined seems to meet the approbation of two such masters as Gorman and Brice. To differ from them, may show great ignorance or weakness of judgment. But it does seem, in the present temper of the people, that they will expect to know from a party what is its plan of action if put in power, beyond the vague intimation that "we will repeal the present law and go back to the old." This is retrogression simply, and only as to certain points—concealment beyond.

It might be invincible to compare Cleveland's position with the one above stated. The Ex-president may be crude, but it is positive, simple and not to be mistaken. It may be nowise; that it is to be settled at the supreme council of the party in June. It is being claimed that Cleveland is a political corpse; that New York has deserted him. It is common talk in Washington among some that his habits are gross. It may be so, but to some who may be sentimentalists, he represents a grand and incorruptible fidelity to principle. The Triumvir, being on the inside, may know otherwise. However all sensible Democrats will accept cheerfully the verdict of the convention.

Tribute of Respect:

At a conference of the DeKalb Baptist Church, held Jan. 17, 1892, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS our Heavenly Father has seen proper to remove from earth to heaven our beloved sister, Miss Mollie Nicholson;

RESOLVED, 1st. That we tender to the sorrow stricken family our tender sympathy and great love.

2nd. That in her death

we have lost our most efficient

wise counsellor, an earnest, zealous

and devout Christian, whose pure

loss with feelings which are inexpres-

sible but realize that while it is our loss

it is our Father's gain, and will try to

say, "Our will be done."

REVERED, &c. That a page in our

minute book be inscribed to her memory.

REVERED, &c. That a copy of these

decrees be sent to the family of the deceased, and that they be published in the Camden papers and the Baptist Courier.

H. J. MORSE,

Ch. Clk.

JOEL HOUGH.

Timrod, S. C.

Address to the Grangers of S. C.

To the members of the Grange of South Carolina:

In looking over the State we find the agricultural interest very largely developed, and it behoves us as farmers to ask ourselves what is the matter, then try and suggest it, if possible, a remedy. To my mind two causes exist that have brought about the depressed condition that faces us to-day, viz.: The debts of the farmers are too great, and the price of cotton is too low, and the only remedy is to reduce the one and increase the other, which can only be done by the farmer himself. To this end let us put our heads together and do our wants. What can we do by getting on the farm such things as we want, and when we reflect what are our wants we will be convinced that the great wants for which we go in debt are such things as are needed on the farm. The first great want on the farm is a horse or mule, then comes the plow, then comes the expensive want something to support the horse and stock upon—provisions. We as farmers can raise all of this if we try, and whenever these wants are lessened, as are produced on the farm, our debts will be lessened.

Now, as to the low price of cotton bearing a great cause for the present depression, no one can deny. And how is it to be remedied?

We cannot cease to plant cotton for trash, and we cannot afford to buy much kind of day as ever used. It is the crop from which most of our revenue is derived. There is no crop grown that fills forth more interest from the world than cotton. Every step of the crop, from its planting till it is sold, is noted; every condition, either favorable or unfavorable, is telegraphed from one end of the land to the other; we all admit its importance, is there no way by which the farmer can better manage this crop so as to secure to himself a better return for his labor?

While a great many causes have been assigned for depression in agriculture, it is not a fact that our own management of our farms has more to do with it than any other cause? If every farm in the State was self-sustaining, if every farmer in the State was able to adopt the plan of "AS YOU GO, IF YOU GO" and produce his cotton acreage 1% or 2% and increase his acreage for food crops, who will deny but that agricultural interests would be more prosperous?

Believing this, and the Grange having been called on by the cotton growers' convention, that met at Memphis, Tenn., on the 9th January, 1892, to aid in carrying out the resolutions adopted by said convention, especially the one recommending that the reduction in acreage planted in cotton for the year 1892 be 20 per cent less than that planted in 1891.

Now, I am Master of State Grange of S. C. Being impressed with the great necessity of such reduction in cotton acreage, I earnestly call on and urge every subordinate Grange and each member of the order to endorse the action of said convention and to urge its united and unanimous efforts to carry out these resolutions, not only as your audience among the members of the order, but with all farmers in your vicinity and in your county for a better carrying out the spirit and purpose of said convention. Fraternally,

W. K. THOMPSON,

Master State Grange S. C.

THE BODY POLITIC.

Where are We Drifting to?—

The Safeguard—Non-independent or Third Party can Exist.

EDITORS CHRONICLE.—As you have asked me for an occasional communication to your columns, I will give my thoughts, while writing, relative to the political affairs in our country.

The first thing that presents itself to my mind, in reading over the newspapers of the day concerning the turbulent state of the body politic, and the unrest of the great body of the people, is the coincidence of this state of political affairs in our own country with those which preceded the outbreak of the French revolution in France, which was settled by the sword after thousands of the French people had slain each other, and Napoleon, in order to prevent further slaughter among Frenchmen, turned their guns on other nations and thereby deluged Europe in blood. But Napoleon said there would be no cause for a bloody revolution in this country as our citizens were armed with the ballot which enabled us to settle our differences peaceably.

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