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PROHIBITION CONVENTION NOMINEES CANNOT RUN AS SUCH IN THE PRIMARY.

The much mooted question as to the status of the prohibitionists has been settled by the State Democratic Executive Committee, and under the ruling of that body those candidates who were suggested by the Prohibition convention cannot as such run in the Democratic primary, but they can as individual Democrats run in the primary.

And after being discussed from every standpoint of party law the following ruling by the committee was given to Mr. Mower's question: "Whether or not the suggestion of a candidate by the recent Prohibition convention makes the person who is suggested, and accepts a nomination in the Democratic primary such as is forbidden by the terms of the pledge prescribed by the constitution of the Democratic party of this State."

Two years after the conservative faction held a convention and put forward a ticket headed by Hon. John C. Sheppard, that ticket failed of election, then in 1894 when the Reformers had everything their own way what was called the "Colleton Plan" was conceived; this was not a contention between the Reformer and Conservative factions, but it was a contention within the reform ranks to the exclusion of the Conservatives; it was done to weed out the Reform candidates to a stand that they could move solidly in case the Conservatives put up a ticket.

The March convention was not in violation of the Constitution of the Democratic party, neither was the Sheppard convention of 1892 nor the factional primary of 1894, but all created heart burnings, strife, dissension, and bitterness with a great tendency to an ultimate disruption of the party.

This year, however, the Prohibition party, for it is a distinct party, with all the elements of a political party, held a convention, nominated a ticket, elected an executive committee and did such things as organized political parties do. Their convention announced that the ticket suggested by it, was subject to the action of the Democratic party. Before putting their candidates into the field a convention was called of those who favored putting out the ticket and when the late Democratic Executive Committee met, the Prohibitionists appeared before them, laid their case before that body, and that committee instead of giving them a positive reply which would leave no room for a misunderstanding, told the Prohibitionists that if they complied with the constitution of the party they would be permitted to run in the primary. The Prohibitionists construed this to mean that if they were willing to go into the primary and not afterwards put up a ticket in opposition to the primary nominees it would be a compliance with the

requirements, and right here is where they made a mistake; they went into their convention which under the call did not admit any one who was opposed to making nominations, and they suggested or nominated a full ticket. We believe many of them realize the mistake they made, not only the method they pursued but in the formation of the ticket itself, because by the personnel of the ticket they laid themselves open to the charge of inconsistency; they claim to be advocating a moral principle, nevertheless they make up a ticket with at least three of their nominees who are avowed dispensary men, and one who it is said is neither for dispensary or prohibition, and in favor of high license, but prefers the dispensary to prohibition. Out of the seven State officers suggested, four are said to be opposed to the Prohibition movement.

Since the suggestion was made, the Prohibition Executive Committee, not being able to withstand the constant fire that has been pouring into it on account of this inconsistency, undertook a work of "pacification" by dismissing one of the dispensary nominees from the ticket; this one was the former State Democratic chairman, with his hand on the lever of the party machinery, but the Prohibitionists did not dismiss him from their ticket until after the Democratic party placed the throttle into the hands of another engineer. Tompkins was dropped because he was opposed to the Prohibition platform and openly asserted it. Timmerman, Epton and Thompson, all of whom are not in favor of the Prohibition platform, are permitted to remain. The action of the former executive committee did not satisfy some of the gentlemen on the Prohibition ticket sufficiently to make sure of their status in the party and, being conscientious, they wanted to have the question ruled upon by the only authorized power—the present State Democratic Executive Committee; a letter with formal questions was addressed to the committee by Hon. George S. Mower, which is as follows:

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This reply, taken in connection with the pledge required by the constitution, settles the matter and means that any man suggested by a convention or primary not called by the constituted authorities, if he accepts such suggestion or nomination cannot run in the Democratic primary, but that any Democrat can run in the primary as an individual. The nominees of the late Prohibition convention are debarred from running in the primary unless they first withdraw their acceptance from the Prohibition Executive Committee. If these gentlemen who have been suggested withdraw their acceptance, it places them on the same basis as any other Democrat, and, under the ruling, they are entitled to the same privileges. But it may be said pledges are always signed as individuals and it will not hinder the Prohibition suggestion from signing. This is an error; every man suggested by an organized body and accepts as a representative of the body which puts him forward and he does not go into the race as an individual, and we cannot believe any of the nominees suggested will think for a moment of taking the pledge required by the constitution unless he first withdraws his acceptance.

The ruling of the committee has made it clear that any Democrat, whether he advocates prohibition or any other issue, can run in the primary, provided he runs in an individual capacity. The wisdom of this action can be readily seen; it will prevent bodies of men congregating and splitting the party into contending factions; it puts every Democrat in a position to go before the people to advocate his views, and it puts a stop to the stoking of the political cards by a self selected few as the primary system was originally intended.

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LOOK TO YOUR INTERESTS.

The war is absorbing all public interest and politics has become a secondary consideration. Our people should not lose sight of the fact that we must elect this year our State and county officers, and it is to their personal interest that proper men should fill these positions. We therefore advise that they do not become indifferent to their political duties, and set about to fill their State and county offices with the very best material; it is in this way that the government can be successfully run in the interests of the people, but if the people do not take an interest in public affairs, political sharpers will take advantage of the opportunity and convert the government to their own interests, which often breeds corruption, and once in possession it is with the greatest difficulty they can be dislodged. Let us all, from now on, see to it that we select our State and county officers without regard to faction, but with a sole regard to merit and qualification. No man has a right to appeal to factionalism at this time, because there are no issues upon which the Democracy is divided. The causes which resulted in factional division no longer exist, and we are today a reunited party. The man who would now attempt to arouse a factional spirit is not the man entitled to political preferment, for he is evidently indifferent to the people's welfare; it is his personal aggrandizement he is advancing. There is no man who was more of a factional partisan than us, but that was at a time when we saw such a course was necessary; the conditions at that time made it necessary in order that the people could shake themselves loose from a condition which was brought about by their own indifference, and thus gave political caruncles a chance to fasten themselves on the ship of State. The work of clearing off these caruncles has been accomplished, and it should be an object lesson to us not to again allow ourselves to get in that deplorable fix.

WHILE POSITIONS HOLD OUT WAR CONTINUES.

There are indications that lead us to believe Spain is anxious to sue for peace. Her treasury is too low to carry on the war in anything like an equality with the United States and we believe she stands ready to concede to any reasonable demand our government may make. On the other hand Uncle Sam has got a taste of Spanish blood and he is inclined to push the war on, and instead of being satisfied with what the war was first supposed to have started about—the freedom of Cuba—Uncle Sam seems inclined to take unto himself all of the Spanish-American possessions. The politicians will not let our government stop fighting now if it wants to, because it is too good a field to pay off political debts. Every man with a pull at headquarters finds soft berths and bomb-proofs for his friends. The war is a great scheme for politicians, and besides if the war can be prolonged into the next Presidential campaign the party in power will of course be retained, as no people would make a change while the country is at war.

When there is another class who would strain every nerve to keep the war going—the manufacturers and miners of the North; look at the millions of money being spent for everything not to be obtained in the South—coal, iron, uniforms, ammunition, guns, accoutrements and millions of dollars worth of other things. These men have found the war to be a perfect Klondyke and they will have it continued as long as possible, it matters not how much the people object, nor how many concessions Spain, already whipped, may offer to make. It is our prediction that the war with Spain will continue until several other powers combine and call the United States to a halt.

When the soldiers were leaving Columbia twenty-six of the employees of the Granby Mills went to the depot to see them off and on the next morning when they reported for work the Boss gave them their walking papers. We have no doubt that many of these poor people had relatives among the soldier boys and it is a hardship that they should lose their employment because they left their work when every other business was closed down. We hope the mill owners will give these people their places back.

The speech recently delivered in the United States Senate by Senator John L. McLaurin has been the subject of much comment all over the Union. The Democracy of the West has taken hold of it and using the utterances of our Carolina statesman as a campaign opponent crusher. The Silver Knight-Watchman has spread the speech over the entire United States together with the best picture of McLaurin we have yet seen. In the next Presidential campaign we expect that McLaurin's services will be in great demand upon the hustlings.

WAR.

The past week has been one of expectancy and the public mind was kept on strain by the wild rumors about bombardments, destruction of Spanish vessels and the landing of troops on Cuba. The press dispatches, had they been true, the war would by now have been ended, if from no other cause than the complete route of the enemy. Notwithstanding the reported weakness of Spain and the oft repeated American victories with scarcely no resistance from the Spanish forces, United States has not let up in its preparations in both army and navy. The land forces are being mobilized to be ready to go either to Porto Rico, Manila, the Philippines or to Cuba.

The most important happening of the past week was the dare-devil bravery of Lieutenant Hobson, who took charge of the Collier Merrimac with seven men and a storm of shell from the shore batteries, entered the mouth of the channel at Santiago de Cuba harbor, blew up his ship with a torpedo and sunk her so as to obstruct the passage in or out of the harbor. This was done to completely bottle up Cervera with his squadron who is supposed to be hidden behind the hills in that harbor. Hobson and his brave comrades are safe and they have, by this one act, written their names on the pages of fame.

Yesterday's dispatches reported the sinking of the Spanish torpedo boat Terror, and the landing of 12,000 American soldiers near Santiago; the report is not officially confirmed and is not believed. The ground for the report is that one of our battleships saw a moving object close in shore and fired upon it, immediately threw its searchlight on to see the result of the shot, but there was nothing in sight, and many think it was a darkened train passing.

The principal fighting going on now is between the Army contractors, who are rushing pell-mell over each other to get their fingers into the appropriation pie.

This morning's dispatches say that Sampson and Schley silenced the forts at Santiago and knocked the earthworks to pieces without any injury to the American fleet. They also fired upon the village of Aguadores where 500 Americans were landed and they drove the Spaniards from their works.

The Spaniards claim a victory and contend that the Americans were badly worsted and were forced to withdraw from the combat. Major J. Gary Evans has been assigned to the command of General Fitzhugh Lee.

The News and Courier still persists in spelling Manila with two "l's" in spite of the fact that the whole country has been eliciting over Dewey's knocking "l" out of Manila.

Congress is about to direct a new issue of bonds and the war revenue bill will soon be put in operation, the first will fill the coffers of the already rich and the latter will bleed the already bled people.

We are reliably informed that the Prohibition Executive Committee will withdraw all of the nominations correspondence with the committee, recently made in the convention, and that chairman Jones is now in on the subject. There will be no Prohibition ticket in the Democratic primary but there may be candidates for office advocating Prohibition views.

South Carolina's regiment left Columbia last Monday afternoon for Chickamauga and they received a great send off by the people of that city. Business was suspended, and the occasion was made a gala one. The people throughout the entire State bid the soldier boys God-speed and wish for them a glorious triumph over the enemy and a safe return to the land of their hearts.

Hurrah for Major General M. C. Butler; on his arrival in Washington he obtained permission from the war department to have Major Henry T. Thompson with his battalion report to him at Camp Alger in the city of Washington. This is the battalion to which our boys are attached and the news will be received with much pleasure. The Independent Battalion is to be congratulated, first for being under Major Henry T. Thompson, a soldier and a gentleman, second for having as a leader the invincible Butler a soldier of experience, ability, and humanity. M. C. Butler will not, to make a reputation for himself, sacrifice his men, nor will he require his men to go where he would not lead.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. C. "I was taken with a bad cold which settled my lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not be cured by medicine, I would be cured by His blood. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took it all night, and I was cured and now a well and healthy woman. I saved bottles free at R. B. Loryea's drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded."

Washington Letter.

(From our regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., June 4.—The Spanish fleet is surely bottled up in the harbor at Santiago de Cuba, as the navy department bulletined yesterday the following report from Commodore Schley: "Made reconnaissance this afternoon, May 31, with the Massachusetts, Iowa and New Orleans to develop fortifications, with their character. The fire was returned without delay by the heavy batteries to the east and to the west. Large caliber, long range; the range was 7,000 yards. Reconnaissance developed satisfactorily, the presence of the Spanish squadron lying behind the island near the upper port, as they fired over the hill at random. Quite satisfied the Spanish fleet is here."

Although the whole world has been appraised for forty-eight hours past that he has fired upon the batteries at the entrance of the harbor in order to unmask their position and determine their strength, this bulletin makes the information official. But there are two developments about the Santiago harbor fortifications that are not altogether pleasing; they are much stronger than was at first supposed; and, by the use of smokeless powder, the Spaniards are able to conceal the definite location of their batteries. The same developments were made at San Juan by Rear Admiral Sampson when he bombarded it; so that our forces will have some trouble and may meet with considerable disaster in storming these strong holds. The destruction of the Merrimac in Santiago harbor yesterday (although it was evidently intended to be sunk, and sent in there by Admiral Sampson for that purpose to render the harbor impassable) shows that the narrow channel to the harbor is not only well mined, but that the Spaniards are very skillful in the use of sub-marine mines, if they are not good gunners from the decks of their war ships. Although there are many theories in the books as to how countermining can be so successfully done as to render them harmless, the best authorities assert that it is only theory, as no instance is positively known in which such countermining has been actually accomplished. So that the determination, heretofore made to send land forces into Porto Rico and Cuba for the purpose of having them co-operate with the warships has not been changed in view of these new developments. 12,000 or 15,000 regulars will be sent to Santiago as soon as possible; and another expedition will soon depart for the Philippines. But, as before intimated in this correspondence, the Administration has been inexcusably tardy in sending Admiral Dewey adequate relief. Now it develops that the Cadiz fleet has actually sailed for Manila. It is a formidable fleet, consisting of some seven or eight good fighting vessels, including the armed cruisers Pelayo, Carlos V and Mumaucia—much more formidable in fact, than our Asiatic squadron is able to successfully meet; and the most apprehensive part of the situation is the fact that this fleet can reach Manila before any re-enforcements of our Asiatic fleet can reach Admiral Dewey. It has been almost a crime that our gallant fleet over there has been so long and shamelessly neglected; and, if disaster should overtake it, the blood will be upon the hands of the Administration for its unpardonable neglect and dereliction of duty. The only re-enforcement so far actually dispatched to Admiral Dewey is the cruiser Charleston and some 2,600 men, and no other expedition is promised to depart before next Tuesday—an expedition of men only, however, although the Navy Department is in possession of the information that the Cadiz fleet is on its way to Manila.

The Senate has progressed so far on the war-revenue bill as to make certain two important developments: the seigniorage on the silver bullion now in the Treasury will be coined at the rate of \$4,000,000 per month, and the bond-issue feature of the bill will prevail—superceding the issuance of legal-tender notes proposition. The loan will be in the nature of a popular subscription, certificates of indebtedness, in the sums of \$50 and multiples thereof) being issued at three per cent per annum interest.

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