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A Word to Voters.

Before another week shall have passed the delegate election and the nominating convention of the county Democracy will be matters of time gone by. At this time, then, it is especially fitting to call attention to the importance of the occasion and to remind the voters that, then, the opportunity is open for them to guard their personal interests by placing in nomination men whose qualities combine skillful and discreet business capacities with obliging and agreeable personalities.

The time is past and we hope may never more be revived when fitness, character, and claims of a candidate were overlooked for what was deemed a superlatively important and desirable attribute—simplicity. Simplicity is not to be derogated, for it is almost invariably accompanied with honesty, but there are qualities in men in public capacity that are vastly more important to the material welfare and common interests of their constituency and those are business ability and discretion coupled with geniality.

It is the officials of the county that are often largely accountable for the high rate of tax imposed—due possibly to indiscreet appropriations or misuse of the public funds; but at the polls where the opportunity is given, when cool judgment can be freely exercised, the prerogative to guard his individual interests and that of the community at large is overlooked by the voter in supporting men who are unfit in points of ability and merit. The county offices are too often looked upon as "snaps" carrying with them more of the nature of a favor than the real importance of a public servant.

Public office is a public trust and the men whom the Democracy shall place in nomination at next Tuesday's convention, will be the ones who will have largely in their hands the interests of every man in the county. Let the nominations be conspicuous for their fitness, character and merit.

HARRITY AS CHAIRMAN.

The National Democracy is especially fortunate this campaign in the leadership of Chairman Harrity. He is a born leader and organizer. It was he to a large degree who so skillfully manipulated the interests of Cleveland at the Chicago convention and brought about a tranquility of antagonistic forces which for a while presaged the bitter internal dissensions. That the effect was not only of temporary but lasting value is at once manifest in the fact that in the committees which he has already summoned, are represented those who were once the most outspoken in their opposition to Cleveland and support of Hill. Wm. F. Sheehan, lieutenant governor of New York, one of the Tammany braves who was one of Mr. Hill's most ardent supporters, and Senator A. G. Gorman, of Maryland, who has a presidential tie of his own, were among the first to pledge their fidelity to the nominees and proffer their unremitting services for the success of the ticket. Though selected a considerable time before Mr. Carter, the Republican chairman, has as yet shown no fruit of his labors. Mr. Carter has before him the gravest dissensions to quell before he shall be equipped for the battle of ballots. The elusive Platt is not ebullient with words of encouragement for the success of the ticket, which he strove so hard to defeat.

A noticeable and noteworthy difference between the Democrats and Republicans this year lies in the fact that the former are united and zealous, while the latter are disrupted, largely disappointed and distrustful.

This is a Democratic year. Following are the names and addresses of the men selected by Chairman Harrity to direct the Democratic National canvass:

CALVIN S. BRICE Lima, O.
A. P. GORMAN Baltimore, Md.
WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN Buffalo, N. Y.
B. B. SMALLLEY Burlington, Vt.
M. W. RANSOM Weldon, N. C.
B. T. CABLE Rock Island, Ill.
E. C. WALL Milwaukee, Wis.
JOSIAH QUINCY Boston, Mass.

The *World* says: Democrats may well contemplate this list with genuine satisfaction. Senator Brice is active and earnest in whatever he undertakes and has the advantage of that experience which comes only from the management of a national campaign. Senator Gorman is abundantly supplied with that serpentine wisdom so highly commended by St. Paul. Lieutenant Governor Sheehan is the most native and successful of the younger politicians of this state. Colonel Smallley has profited by his intimate association with Hiram Atkins, greatest of Vermonters, and from his own previous service as Secretary of the National Committee. Senator Ran-

son possesses the confidence of every Southern Democrat in particular and of all Democrats in general. Representative Cable is the most alert and aggressive of the younger Democrats of the West. Mr. Wall is the shrewdest politician in the North-west, and holds Wisconsin in the hollow of his hand. Josiah Quincy well represents that type of successful New England Democracy which is typified by Wm. E. Russell. All are well versed in the tricks and devices of wicked Republicans.

One of the pleasant features of country journalism is that it is distinctive-ly country.

DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

Next Saturday, 6th, the Democratic primaries will be held. A full turnout should be had, as it is here the important work for nominations is done.

Pennsylvania Democrats often complain they do not get a just share of the offices—it is perhaps their own fault; the majority of our party in the county comes from here, and the power is altogether in their own hands to get what justice would accord them.

There are three candidates for Prothonotary on this side, and if one of these is not nominated, then we get no place at all on the county ticket. The office rightfully belongs on this side, and if the people over here stand by their own men, the nominee will come from over here.

It very often happens that the Pennsylvania Democrats do not get their share for two reasons: 1st, because they often fail to send the right kind of men as delegates, and 2nd, because of local jealousies and little set-ups, some selfish looking ahead, and wanting all home candidates defeated, so as to make the territory clear for themselves, two and three years ahead.

This is a bad and un-Democratic spirit, and usually reacts upon those laying that kind of plans. Let the future take care of itself, and stand by your neighbors if they are competent, honest, and have clean records as Democrats.

Who will propose to desert our own men, when the claim of this side to the prothonotaryship is an almost undisputed one? Why slaughter our candidates on this side, (each one a good and deserving Democrat) for no other reason than to make room for a selfish schemer in the future?

None of the candidates coming from this side, so far as we know their records, can be accused of having been untrue or treacherous to the party at any time, each one of them is competent and has been a Democratic worker.

We cast no reflections upon any candidates from the other side of the county, but make these suggestions because people on this side often complain of not being treated fairly, and to show that the blame at times lies over here, and that they have it in their power to get what belongs to them, and need only put their foot on the schemes and set-ups which cause dis-appointments and the defeat of worthy men, and create sores for the future.

Democrats, stand by your own men as courtesy, competency, your duty to faithful Democrats would require, and many troubles will be avoided.

One of the fundamental reasons why so many men suffer in comparison with the piano in being either square, upright or grand is because their tone has too much jingle about it.

Tariff Reform's Triumph in the North-West.

In the nominating of Knute Nelson for Governor by the Republicans of Minnesota a trumpet has been sounded the sound of which will reverberate throughout the length and breadth of high protection districts and recoil with redoubled fury in the camp of Republicanism. Four years ago Mr. Nelson boldly tore away from the shackles of his party, spoke and voted for the reform measure, famous as the Mills Bill. It was then and is largely today the embodiment of the reform principles upheld by the Democratic party.

Following is a portion of his speech as reported at the time for the *Congressional Record*:

"It has been the fashion of certain economists to ascribe the marvelous growth of this country for the past twenty-five years wholly to our tariff laws. Statistics of growth in all conceivable forms have been paraded, accompanied with the exclamation: 'Behold the tariff!' This is all pure exaggeration. The chief factors have been our abundant supply of the most fertile lands in the world, which we have freely given away under our homestead laws, together with the immense tide of immigration, with all its capital of money and muscle.

While I am in favor of a fair and just protective tariff—a low tariff, as I call it—I am under all circumstances opposed to a tariff that reaches beyond this point—to what I term a high tariff."

It was a bold, conscientious move for Mr. Nelson, but he was more of a statesman than a politician and he refused to support the delusive teachings of high protection when his convictions were diametrically the reverse. It was a presidential year; he was told,

and he is said to have believed that his career ended with his actions.

He refused to become a candidate for re-election and retired to private life. Two years later the Republicans nominated a high-tariff man for Governor, and he received a scant plurality of 2,000, against 38,000 for the Republican candidate for President in 1888.

Another Presidential year has come and the standard is placed in the hands of the man who voted for a bill directly opposed in letter and spirit to the measure which is now the chief doctrine of the Republican party.

And what does it mean? What is the handwriting on the wall? It is plain enough. It means a death stroke to high protection theories in the North-west, and is nothing more than a bold, defiant stroke by the Republicans of Minnesota at the platform of the Minneapolis convention.

The political career of Knute Nelson is by no means ended, and his unanimous nomination means that tariff reform is what is wanted in the West and North-west.

Minnesota is now a doubtful state and can be wrested from the Republican column.

"Shot by an anarchist." This is the reading of an occasional item. It should change to read, "Another anarchist shot," and to make a news item at least once a week.

Ante-Mortem Advice.

For the several offices for which the County Democracy will place candidates in nomination, virtually meaning by that election, next Tuesday, it is needless to say that there are many aspirants.

Fortunately too, for the party, the list is completely made up of men of exceptional worth, integrity and exemplary character. The party will be ably represented and the people's interests satisfactorily subserved by those, where they may be, who shall be fortunate enough to be chosen by the convention.

The attractions for these offices are great. They are profitable, they are distinctions that carry with them benefits and prestige aside from the monetary consideration.

Naturally they always call out a great number of candidates, each with his own claims and reasons.

By the time the campaign is about completed the average candidate is very sanguine of success. He has been lured into hopes that to him are surely not false and groundless.

He is led to think that his claims are undoubtedly the best and that the other candidates have no moral right to the office. He must win.

Let us whisper at the reasonable time a word of advice.

The chances for success in politics as in every phase of life are always vacillating and uncertain.

Merit does not always receive its timely reward. There are always many more defeated than elected. Your chances then are uncertain, with odds against you. Let us admonish every candidate struggling for a place on the ticket of the county Democracy, to view the situation well, exercise cool judgment and above all prepare for defeat. Let every candidate temper his sanguine hopes and ambitions with the sovereign balm of reason and candor.

And when the convention shall have announced its decision—let those who have been unsuccessful accept the result with good-natured resignation and with a disappointment that is soon forgotten.

Abide as you have pledged yourselves in your announcements, with the "decision of the Democratic County Convention." Show your manhood by a vigorous support of the ticket.

Don't be "sour-balled."
Don't join the ranks of "sore-heads."
Don't be a clam.

Hot weather and the mosquito are not wholly responsible for the misery of the season. The candidates had a hand in it.

The electioneering campaign for nomination on the Democratic county ticket closes this week, no doubt without regret of the voters and to the great relief of the candidates themselves, as "electioneering" to the average mortal American is not the pleasantest kind of work. This campaign, however, the REPORTER cannot help but allude to as having been run in a more orderly and decent manner than any heretofore. The candidates preserved that decorum which should at all times characterize candidates. In short, a clever and decent set were in the field seeking honors from the party.

The delay in the adjournment of Congress is possibly due to the great amount of time required to find out something that it has accomplished.

The recent hot spell can safely be put down as the longest for excessive heat we have had perhaps at any time. There may have been single days, in former years, as hot as any we had the last two weeks in July, but there has been no period to continue for nearly two weeks, of such heat as we recently had.

Midsummer Humor.

Those persons who feel compelled by the excessive heat to commit suicide will do well, before yielding, to make sure that they will better their condition.—*World*.

During the past week even the man who does not care a rap about the style and fit of his clothes was considerably stuck on them.—*Phila. Times*.

"I am banking on you," as the farmer said as he proceeded to hill up his potatoes.—*Dallas News*.

That story about expecting a live whale for the World's Fair looks rather fishy.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

Even a dismissal with a cold wave of the hand contains a grain of comfort in such weather as this.—*Chicago Post*.

"I am changed," as the eagle dollar said after it flew over the bar and came back all broken up.—*San Francisco Call*.

These are the good days when good men weighing 250 pounds regret that greatness was thrust upon them.—*Sifting*.

"I'll have to do some deep thinking now," remarked the man who fell down the shaft of the deserted coal mine.—*Philadelphia Record*.

It is a great shock to a young married woman to realize that when her husband comes home it is not to tell her how much he thinks of her, but to get something to eat.—*Chicago Times*.

Every avowed anarchist, or nihilist, should be drummed out of the country. These bad people are public enemies. They are principally foreigners who are not in business, without means, too lazy to work, and the enemies of law and order. Foreigners who come here to become citizens and render themselves useful, who are obedient and law-abiding, are welcome, but the anarchist and nihilist is bent only upon devilry and the law should make him an outlaw in America.

It is to be hoped that all of these fellows who were in the plot with Bergman to assassinate Frick will be caught, and that the prison walls will enclose them for the rest of their lives.

They are the worst enemies of mankind, and the torture of Iams is too good for them.

Everybody concedes the egotism of Iams and prefers the condition expressed with the negative particle suffixed.

The overwhelming victory of the Democratic ticket in Alabama is conclusive evidence of the solidity of the solid South. Alabama like all the other states is Democratic to the core and an intrusion like the Farmers Alliance is at once and completely at naught. The threat of the Republicans to break up the firmness of the Democracy in the South comes with the seasons, but the deed always ends in postponement. It is perfectly harmless.

It is a strange fact that Pennsylvania, the centre of the American system of protection, has suffered more from labor difficulties than any other state in the Union, says the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Every demand made by that state for special privileges has been made on the ground that Pennsylvania workmen needed the special care of the government and in no case has the Keystone state failed to get what she asked, and yet in spite of it all chronic war prevails between laborers and capitalists, between those who earn and those who accumulate. So far as can be discovered not a dollar of the wealth gained by the operation of law has found its way into the workingman's pocket. In the most highly protected state the earners of wealth are not only excluded from the benefits of privilege, but are obliged to fight for what they earn—not always with success. If the proof of the pudding is in the eating, then Pennsylvania ought to be the most rabid anti-protection state in the country.

The case of Private Iams is a subject not alone of American debate, but has extended to Great Britain and the continent. He is the sensation of the hour, dwarfing for the time the nihilist's enterprise in the way of removing Mr. Frick. We suppose out of it will come a clear definition of the authority of Officers of the Guard to inflict summary punishment. This will be necessary if the National Guard is to be kept up. The Iams affair is not a strong argument in the way of enlistment. Military authorities seem to agree that while the trying up was cruel and unnecessary in this case, yet it was within the authority of the commanding officer of the regiment. But the drumming out of camp, mutilation, dishonorable discharge without trial by court-martial was an unjustifiable and gross usurpation of authority. It stands to reason that where the offense charged was so grave, and the punishment so terrible, the offender should have had a fair trial, an opportunity to present his defense, and the privilege of counsel.

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