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A CRAZY QUILT PROGRAMME FOR THE CAMPAIGN OF 1904.

Effort to Amalgamate the Incapable, the Thriftless, the Despondent and the Revolutionary Against the Party of Prosperity and Patriotism.

The Democracy is determined that the issues of the next national campaign shall be those of the capable against the incapable, the thrifty against the wasteful, the industrious against the idle, the reasonable against the unreasonable, the hopeful against the despondent, the people of the country against the people of the cities, cap ital against labor, class against class, and in the contest which it thus seeks and in the contest which it thus seeks a great portion of the Democratic press already proclaims the party the cham-pion of unreason, discontent and de-spair. While this has the outward ap-pearance of a campaign of generous emotion it in reality is based on as cold blooded statistical figuring as was ever made by the rankest political dema-reagence. The reasoning is something like gogue. The reasoning is something like this: For any attack on organized so-ciety there can always be counted the votes of the vicious, the criminals, the cranks, the anarchists and the social-While these have no possible Ists. point of agreement as between them-selves, they are always ready to join in any attack on constituted society. Among them these classes can deliver a very substantial block of votes which a tery substantial behavior of voces which the radical Democracy can count on as a foundation upon which to wage a campaign of hate. To those votes, con-sidered sure, the Democratic statisti-clans proceed to add the Democrats, the union workingmen and the free silves of Democra of Bwran. The column silver followers of Bryan. The column foots up a satisfactory majority which seems to assure Democratic possession of the offices, which is to be the only genuine object of the campaign.

As a matter of fact the figures are illusory. To begin with, the Demo-cratic votes cannot be delivered for such a programme. There are certain principles and doctrines which since the days of Thomas Jefferson have re ceived the name of "Democratic." They are held and maintained by a great are held and maintained by a great number of American citizens as sound principles and profitable doctrines. These people, however mistaken, are not anarchists and not socialists, and, while they would by no means be averse to a hodgepodge platform to catch the hodgepodge vote, they would assist in such a campaign only under conditions which, in case of success, should assure absolute control to the old line Democrats. If the control was to rest with the Bryanite wing, they would bolt the ticket en masse. An-other miscalculation is in regard to the union workmen. The calculation asunion workmen. The calculation as-sumes that union workmen are void of intelligence, which is as gross a mis-conception as could be entertained. It is true that socialism is getting a strong hold on many of the unions, and it is also true that socialists as a class are intelligent and would, as socialists, but not as union men, join any attack on society, expecting to profit as the re-sult of an upheaval. But the artisans who are not socialists would no more support a ticket pledged to class warfare than the regular Democrats. Neither could Bryan hold his bucolic supporters, who are more solidly opposed to union labor than the most grasping monopolists on earth. And as for farm-ers and substantial citizens generally, nothing would suit them better than a square vote on the issues of stability order and prosperity as opposed to un-certainty, disorder and calamity. And the quicker and clearer this issue is made up the better.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Our Shipping.

newspapers of the country are sounding an alarm over the recent agreement of the Cunard and Morgan companies binding the Atlantic fleet

Through Cleveland's Eyes Mr. Cleveland sees hope for his party in the recent elections because "the outin the recent benchus because the one come seems to indicate a long step tak-en in the direction of same Democracy and party unity." Doubtless he was thinking of the results in Obio and Ne-braska, which knocked Bryanism and Tom Johnsonism out of the running.— Ditteburg Times Pittsburg Times.

The Democrats and Panama.

The Democrats and Panama. Of late years the Democratic party has never failed to tackle the wrong end of every public proposition. The determination of the senate steering committee to combat the negotiation of a canal treaty with Panama is a case so clearly in point as to need no argument. Public sentiment is prac-tically unanimous in favor of the propo-sition, and nearly every Democratic sition, and nearly every Democratic paper in the country has gone on record in the same manner. The editorial retreat in the face of the astounding stand of the steering committee will be neither graceful nor dignified. Neither will it be good humored.-Terre Haute Tribune.

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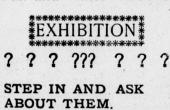
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