

Delaware Democracy.

The democratic league of Wilmington, Del., recently held the largest business meeting in the history of the organization. At this meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

"We, the members of the democratic league of Delaware, hereby acknowledge and declare our continued allegiance to the democratic party of the nation, and reaffirm and indorse the principles laid down in the last national platform, adopted at Kansas City.

"We congratulate William Jennings Bryan on the bold and manly way in which he so ably and fully represented those principles before the American people during the presidential campaigns of 1896 and 1900.

"We regard those principles now as we did in 1896 and 1900, as opposed to imperialism and colonialism—as opposed to government by injunction, as opposed to trusts, as opposed to that foster-mother and breeder of trusts—the protective tariff swindle—as opposed to financial monopoly, as opposed to all other legalized monopolies and special privileges; and the members of the democratic league of Delaware most heartily condemn every effort to repudiate or ignore those principles contained in the national democratic platforms of 1896 and 1900.

"We declare ourselves a part of the 6,500,000 democrats who voted for and supported those principles in the last two presidential campaigns, and we support them now.

"We congratulate William Jennings Bryan on the high honor, the proud distinction, conferred upon him by the combined plutocracy of America. We recognize in the conditions and bitter assaults upon him by the corporation press of the republic how thoroughly he has identified himself with the great common people of America, he has earned for himself that immortal honor that came to Jefferson and Lincoln—the unrelenting hostility of the enemies of the people.

"We denounce the base ingratitude of those men, so-called democrats, in this state of Delaware and throughout the republic, who after we had conferred upon them place and power, the honors and emoluments of office betrayed the people who had trusted them. When the contest came between manhood vs. money, democracy vs. plutocracy, special privileges vs. equal rights, they stood forth in their true colors, proving conclusively that which had long been suspected, i. e., they were but secret agents of the plundering trusts.

"We denounce the action of those trimmers at the state convention of the democracy held at Dover in August, 1902. That convention was throttled throughout by the very men who defeated the national democratic ticket in 1896 and 1900. They spat on the Kansas City platform, refused to indorse it, although the rank and file of Delaware democracy desired such indorsement and this democratic league of Delaware used every possible means to secure such indorsement.

"We denounce the so-called democrats of the legislature of Delaware, who signed a document that they would vote for a republican as United States senator from this state on condition that an apostate democrat be elected with him. The records of the senatorial ballots show that, with few exceptions, every man voted for by these so-called democrats was either an open apostate to democracy or a cowardly trimmer.

"We denounce the entire membership of the city council of Wilmington as incompetent, no business man or firm would have such men in their employ, and in addition to utter incompetency they have added insulting contempt of the people. Whether such contempt arises from knowing or ignorance, matters little. Whether the present financial condition of the

city is the result of design, known of well-meaning fools is of no consequence, the entire crowd should be retired. In a special manner we denounce the so-called democratic members of council, in the gaslight contract they have disgraced themselves and squandered the city funds and cast odium on the name of democracy.

"We call upon every democrat in the city to awake. Arouse to action. Organize. You are the democratic party. You are the real power. Organize for the city campaign. Remember it is but a preliminary to the national campaign in 1904. Democrats of Wilmington, organize. Do your duty and the traitors, trimmers and grafters will fly before you as dead leaves before a cyclone."

The Trust Candidate.

The best evidence that Grover is to be the next trust candidate for president, which we have seen, is his address in New York last week, on the negro problem. That was a bid for southern delegations. Is it possible for the money changers and stock jobbers of Wall street to name the democratic candidate for president a second time and fool 'em with the same old stuffed "profit"—a man who became rich while in office? It begins to look that way. A friend of ours, a former New Yorker, told us the other day that, "while in New York city some time after election in 1892 Mr. Bass, of the firm of Bass & Alexander, bankers and brokers on Wall street, in conversation with our friend, said that they wanted the purchasing clause of the Sherman act repealed and feared that President Harrison would not be active in favor of such a measure and they of the street supported Grover. J. W. Seligman, one of the heaviest dealers on the street, giving to the democratic campaign fund \$250,000 and others doing quite as well."

The tariff was made the main issue in that election, yet Grover called a special session of congress to repeal the purchasing clause of the Sherman act and used all the power of his public patronage as a lobbyist to drive the people's representatives into supporting the measure, which Wall street had put up its money to buy his election, in order to have passed. It was well known at that time that the large financial institutions of the east were backing Grover, but the reason for their support was not clear till the special session was called for the purpose of stopping the purchase of silver for coinage purposes. It is to be presumed now that Teddy is not entirely satisfactory to the trusts in the east, and that faithful old tool of

the past is to be resurrected and used to force the repeal of the Sherman anti-trust law, which has developed of late into a powerful weapon to smite the hydra-headed monster devouring everything.—The Crete Democrat.

Tickled.

Swear I can't help laughin'
Jest the way I do,
All the streams are gig'ly,
All the skies are blue;
An' the sassy catbird's
Callin' f'm the hill.
An' I'm so blamed tickled
I jest can't set still!
If I felt much gladder—
Hear the bluejay squall
An' jest see that mockin' bird
Perk his head an' call—
If I felt much gladder
'Twouldn't do fer me;
'F I was tickleder than this
I'd be sick, b'gee!
—J. M. Lewis, in Houston Post.

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