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The democratic party should be the most democratic institution in the world. It should be the common meeting ground, without social barriers or trespass signs, where men of all minds could get together and determine that elusive ideal which is expressed in the simple words, "the greatest good for the greatest number." Unfortunately, the democratic party has not always come down or measured up, to this unmovable middle standard. In its political scisms, social divisions or economic controversies it has too often strayed away from this watchtower, which was built up with infinite labor by the founders of the republic. But the watchtower is there and it behooves the democratic captains to lead their divisions and cliques from the deserts and the valleys, back to this middle ground, to undertake their new responsibilities. The rich man should not be execrated because of his wealth or the poor man, ostracised because of his poverty, but they should be given an equal chance, as far as personal worth would allow, in the making of a government to represent the common good. We should not allow ourselves to forget that the democratic party should be the most democratic institution in the world.—Towner County (N. D.) Democrat.

There are two classes of democrats who seem all satisfied with anything called a democratic victory—the poor, simple souls who believe religiously in party regularity and party name, and the grasping, grafting pol-

itician who will sacrifice principle, country, anything for an easy job and fat salary.

However, there are brave hearts and true still left in the grand and historic party of the people, men who will not tamely submit being made the playthings of the Money Devils, it matters not in what disguise or under what name they may come.

The progressive men in the democratic party are imbued with the same spirit that nerved the patriot fathers to dare and do, and, party or no party, they have taken up the fight for emancipation from the money lust, and their weapons will not be laid aside until their cause is crowned with victory.—Brayfield's Weekly Citizen (Charleston, Ind.)

The democratic party is facing the greatest crisis in its history. It may by hook or crook obtain control of the country because of the dissatisfaction with the republican party, but if, in gaining control, it "harmonizes" all the undemocratic forces that seek to ally themselves with the party and is controlled by these forces, then there will be no democratic party after the people turn it out next time.

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