

WESTERN DEMOCRATS FOLLOW THOSE OF OHIO.

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Last year the Ohio democracy set a good example to the democracy of the nation by taking a conservative course. It showed how the party could become reunited by returning to its time-honored principles, and shaping in accordance with them the policies necessitated by new conditions. This year it has proceeded on the same lines, ignoring altogether the subjects which disrupted and demoralized the national party, and caused its successive defeats. In this prudent action lies the ground of a hope for the reunion of the party.—Cleveland Plain Dealer (dem.).

Here is the signal for the democrats of Iowa when they next come together in state convention at Des Moines. They will be wise if they do all that their brethren in Ohio have done, and a little more. Silverism is as dead as greenbackism. It has gone into the stage of decomposition. Why not recognize the fact and let the dead remain in the ground?—Davenport Democrat (dem.).

It is no mere victory of one party faction over another which has been wrought at Columbus. It is rather a return to true political concepts, which has been made manifest. The rank and file of a great constitutional party have had expression given to their better judgment. Under such a dispensation of party principle and party policy, all democrats, whatever their personal preferences or predilections may be, can co-operate in the great work that remains to be done. Constitutional landmarks must be re-established; the individual citizen must be restored to his true relationship towards his government, state and federal, and the sacred principle of the consent of the governed must be successfully reasserted.—St. Paul Globe (dem.).

The party in Wisconsin has long been ready for the change indicated by the result in Ohio, but is undoubtedly more conservative. It is not likely to indulge in radical reaction, but to take clear and well-defined ground without seeking to antagonize any one. This is the only way to secure a reunited party. They must act on the present and look to the future; the past is gone; let it bury its own enmities.—Milwaukee Journal (dem.).

The democrats of Ohio are to be congratulated. They have achieved a great triumph in platform-building. It is a model that is commended to imitation by those of other states.—Kansas City Times (dem.).

The great democratic drunk is over with. By rights it should have ended a year ago.—Chicago Chronicle (dem.).

More Expressions From the South.

The Ohio convention is the first demo-

cratic body that has assembled since Mr. Bryan's edict was published. It has set an excellent example as to democratic regard for that pronouncement, which, it is to be hoped, will be generally followed. The Ohio democrats also seem inclined to fight for victory and not to struggle for defeat.—Charleston Evening Post (dem.).

The time is coming, and it may be near, when conviction and courage will go hand in hand, and the democratic party will not be content simply to ignore, but will denounce with solemn emphasis, the errors of the past few years. It will cut loose from association with repudiation and win back the confidence of the country. It will be a long and tedious journey, but it is the only way home.—Mobile Register (dem.).

We believe that the Ohio democracy has made up its mind to come to life again. Its platform has the old democratic ring. It declines to load itself down with dead weights or to dwell in the night-thoughts of an irrevocable past. It recognizes that it is the function of a political party to win victories and not to perpetuate failures. It has presented us with the best democratic chart formulated for many years, there being but one questionable plank in it, and that the criticism on expansion.—Memphis Commercial Appeal (dem.).

The Ohio democrats have spoken in language not to be misunderstood. Democrats of other states will be heard from in due time.—Nashville American (dem.).

The Ohio democrats knew what not to write. The things that were written are a good starter—not just as we would have written them, but they look away from Bryanism and in the right direction. Three more years will develop more clearly the lines to be taken by the next national convention.—Macon Telegraph (dem.).

The lesson of the Ohio platform ought not to be lost. It teaches that the time has come when all divisions among democrats must end. It recognizes that the silver question is not a live question in the public mind today. It calls for united action on the part of all men who believe in the fundamental doctrine of the democratic party, no matter what have been the differences of the past.—Raleigh News and Observer (dem.).

It is to be hoped that Alabama democrats will carefully ponder their Ohio brethren's declarations. Much can be learned from them. And if we mistake not, Alabama democratic sentiment has been, and will continue, developing along some of the same lines. Bryanism must be dropped, the tariff issue must be pressed forward, crying evils of various kinds must be made war upon, if the national organization is to get in

shape for 1904.—Montgomery Alabama Advertiser (dem.).

The Scimitar is no admirer of Ohio politics in general, but it believes that in repudiating the isms and leadership that have almost wrecked their party, the democrats of that state have set an example which will be followed in other states.—Memphis Scimitar (dem.).

The democratic party of Ohio has said that democracy must be supreme; that democrats must be subservient to democracy; that idols cannot exist within the great corporation of the people; that isms must scatter before the party dictation or find a berth beyond the party itself; that individual dictation can no longer be attempted. The tip from Ohio democrats is that they have thrown off the yoke.—Augusta, Ga. Herald (dem.).

We ought to realize by this time how badly, fatally handicapped we have been by tying on to the West, first, by having our smoke-houses and corncribs in that section and latterly by following after the phosphorescent statesmen and wild-cat humbuggery which that section has thrown upon an honest but too confiding people.—Raleigh Post (dem.)

Some Republican and Independent Views.

It is not too much to say that the Ohio democratic convention marks an epoch in the history of the great party founded by Jefferson and splendidly led since by statesmen of ability and conviction. It spells the repudiation of populism and the disappearance of the cheap-money issue. It means complete defeat for Bryanism and the leadership which has caused three disastrous defeats in presidential and congressional campaigns.—Chicago Post (rep.).

While the silence of the convention is only a negative attitude, yet it may be assumed that the democratic party in Ohio will not again be the champion of monetary heresies for at least a generation. The Bryan experience has been a warning which the Ohio democrats are not likely to forget unless some unlooked for change in the business situation should cause leaders to think that they could ride into power on a cheap-money heresy. Such a condition is not likely to occur. The party may not declare for the gold standard, but it will be very certain not to go daft again over 16 to 1. It will denounce national banks, but it will not shout for the issue of irredeemable paper money. For this reason the attitude of the Ohio democratic convention is a distinct gain for the country in that it removes a long-standing menace.—Indianapolis Journal (rep.).

The great majority of the democratic party has waited for just such an official demonstration of anti-Bryan sentiment. The example set by Ohio