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PLUTOCRACY'S APPEAL TO THE SOUTH.

Plutocracy is in sore straits. Contemplation of its pitiable plight can hardly fail to draw tears from the most callous observer. Plutocracy is, of course, just as destitute of political principles as it is of common morality, but in the past it has been able to use both the Republican and Democratic party machinery, more or less completely, for its own ends.

But now a change comes over the spirit of its long, unbroken reign of secure and limitless plunder. "There is a wave of unrest and radicalism sweeping over the country," laments a distinguished banker. The people are thinking for themselves. The future is big with danger to special privilege.

Why to the South? For obvious reasons. Neither Southern nor Southern Democrats will vote willingly for a Northern plutocrat. The lamentable candidacy of Judge Parker proves that. But perhaps Southern pride and chivalry can be fired in behalf of a Southern man, no matter what his principles and record may be.

city, had also a voice in it. Judge Parker went South as the forlorn hope of the confederated plutocrats. He spoke with a skillful mingling of moral platitudes such as young Rockefeller deals out to his Bible class, of revilement for the acknowledged Democratic leaders of the North and West, and of brazen appeals to corrupt greed for political spoils.

If the South barbers his political virtue for this glided lure, neither Hearst nor Bryan will be the next Democratic candidate for President, but Ryan or some man of his stamp. That will be well. The more clearly the issue between special privilege and popular rights is displayed in the characters of the opposing Presidential candidates the better.

REMONSTRANCE BY VIOLENCE. The Oregonian has just a word to say about the invasion of its office yesterday by a young ruffian who proposed to call its editors to account for their criticisms of the gas company. It is not to be deterred from its purpose to see that the gas company, or any other public utility corporation, is held to strict accountability to the people.

A vicious young bully, by name Johnson, by nativity a South Carolinian, in the employ of Teal & Minor, about 22 years of age, of muscular and athletic build, came into the office for the obvious purpose of assaulting Mr. Scott, the editor. Mr. Scott is absent from the city. Without provocation he attempted violence on another editor who was seated in his chair. He was ejected without much damage to anybody.

WHEAT'S STATISTICAL POSITION. Nearly a month has elapsed since the American Society of Equity, with a membership of 209,000 farmers, decided that \$1 per bushel was the proper price for wheat. A proclamation to that effect was issued with instructions that all members of the society hold their grain until the figure named had been reached.

A MATTER OF PRUDENCE. The case of supposed diphtheritic poisoning, affecting not only human beings, but chickens and birds, on a farm near Munkers, Linn County, will no doubt be thoroughly investigated, if it has not been already by officials of the State Board of Health.

THE FRUITS OF PRIVILEGE. Since Preston Brooks, Congressman from South Carolina, made his murderous assault upon Charles Sumner in the Senate chamber, fifty years have elapsed, but the spirit of some of the Palmetto State has not changed for the better.

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ABLE TO GET UP, THANKS. Pilot Rock Record. The name Pilot Rock should not be confused with that of Castle Rock. There is an attempt being made to sell Pilot Rock in fact lots of land, assessed at \$1 each are not for sale. Pilot Rock is not experiencing a boom, neither is it on the bum. It is holding its own, thank you.

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HARDWICK IN HARD LUCK. Exchange. Representative Hardwick, from Georgia, was recently traveling in a Pullman car. Hardwick is the smallest man in the House.

FRICK BUYS CARNEGIE'S PRIDE. Pittsburg Dispatch. The announcement is made that H. C. Frick has bought the Carnegie building in Pittsburg, Pa., for \$1,000,000. It has not been long since Frick, after his row with Carnegie, in anger announced that he would "make Carnegie build."

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