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### THE FIGHT FOR FREE SILVER.

Plan For a Four Years' Campaign Great Upon by the Leaders.

St. Louis, December 8.—The result of a conference had between William J. Bryan, Senator Jones of Kansas, Governor Stone of Missouri and other prominent democrats, which took place during their recent anti-trust expedition in the interior of Missouri, has been made known by Walter J. Vrooman, of this city, who returned yesterday from a visit to Washington, D. C.

When the distinguished party of speakers disbanded it had been agreed to carry on an aggressive campaign of anti-trust agitation for the next four years, and Mr. Vrooman has announced the programme. The national bureau of volunteer speakers is organized in with headquarters in Washington. The purpose of the bureau is to maintain speakers in every county in the United States. The speakers must pass an examination as to their fitness and will be supplied with all arguments and statistics obtainable. The field workers will organize free silver clubs and make monthly reports of progress. One of the incentives to active work is a certificate of honor. This will be made up by the workers achieving the best results, and a place on the roll will be the most essential for preferment to a successful democratic candidate for president in 1900. W. J. Bryan has been consulted in every step taken and consented to become custodian of the roll of honor in the following manner:

Lincoln, Neb., November 28. To the National Bureau of Volunteer Speakers, Walter Vrooman, Chairman, St. Louis:

My Dear Sir: Yours of November 15th received. I note what you have in regard to the plan of a nation-

al bureau of volunteer speakers. I shall be glad to receive the honor roll of volunteer speakers, who, under the auspices of your bureau, is to cultivate an interest in political questions and increase the devotion to our government. You are quite correct in saying that the honors of victory must be shared by the soldiers as well as by the commanders. In fact, it is much easier for soldiers to select commanders than it is for commanders to secure soldiers.

"Your plan of keeping a record of the work done by each in this great contest enables honor to be given where honor is most due."

Yours very truly,  
W. J. BRYAN.

It is the intention of the bureau to have 5,000 speakers in the field within three months, and to keep the enthusiasm going until election day in 1900.

### Christmas Holiday Rates.

The Southern Railway announces Christmas and New Year Holiday rates 1896-97 at a very great reduction. Tickets to be sold between all stations of that Company, within radius of 300 miles of actual selling point on December 22 to 25 inclusive, and Dec. 30, 1896 to Jan. 1st, 1897, inclusive, good to return Jan. 4th.

For the accommodation of students attending schools and colleges tickets will be sold to those presenting certificates from the principals or presidents of such institutions on Dec. 16 to 25th, inclusive, with final limit of Jan. 4th, 1897.

Call on any Agent of the Southern Railway for detailed information as to rates, schedule, baggage checks, etc.

### CASTORIA.

The Castoria is on every wrapper.

## FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

REVIEW OF RECENT HAPPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The twenty-first Annual State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, will meet at Winston-Salem, Feb. 19-22. Messrs. W. C. Dowd, Chas. W. Tillett, J. M. Rogers and Geo. B. Hanna, were appointed a committee to arrange a programme which will be one of the strongest ever presented. Delegates from all the Young Men's Christian Associations in North Carolina and all Christian workers are welcome. All persons interested should correspond with Mr. F. P. Turner, State Secretary, Charlotte, N. C.

For several months it has been known to a few of Judge Boykin's friends that he intended to resign his office at an early date. In pursuance of this purpose the judge in person tendered his resignation to Governor Carr. He went upon the bench before he was 30 years old and has served eleven years. Though not in age, in service he is the oldest superior court judge in the state. He resigns in order to return to the active practice of law. He has made his mark as one of the very ablest judges. His resignation takes effect December 31st.

The State crop report for December was issued Thursday. Inquiries were made as to what the crops actually were. The answers taking all the crops together show a high average. The report which will cause most surprise is that on cotton. The September and October reports on its condition indicated respectively 63 and 65 per cent of an average, while the yield is now shown to have been 76 per cent. The exceptionally long warm season and dryness caused phenomenal maturing. Corn was 89 per cent, peanuts 78 and sweet potatoes 92. The amount of wheat sowed is 98 per cent and its condition over 100. Of rye 86 per cent is sown and its condition is 97. Of fattening hogs the percentage is 99 and of cattle 95.

"This is what I think will happen in 1900 unless the gold standard brings prosperity, that bids fair to be permanent," said Congressman Harry Skinner, of North Carolina, at the Ebbitt, "The populists will hold their national convention early, sooner than any of the other parties; as early perhaps as the 22d of February. They will proceed to nominate with practical unanimity, W. J. Bryan for president and Marion Butler for vice president, and the leading plank in the platform will be an equivocal declaration for free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the other governments of the world.—Washington Post.

Mr. S. M. Stryford, College Evangelist, has recently visited the following institutions in North Carolina: Trinity College, U. N. C., Davidson College, Agricultural & Mechanical College and Wake Forest College. Although his stay at each institution was very short the Christian men very greatly helped and many students entered into a covenant to move forward in their christian life. Mr. Stryford has a unique position; representing no organization or movement. He has for the past nine years devoted all his time and strength to Christian Work among the colleges, during which time he has visited more than 300 institutions. God has wonderfully blessed him in this work.

### A Handsome Donation.

Kinston, N. C., December 10.—A letter from Washington Duke, of Durham, to Dr. J. C. Kilgo, who is here in attendance on the conference now in session and read by him to the conference, conveys the gratifying statement that Mr. Duke donates \$100,000 to the endowment of Trinity college. There was only one condition to the gift and that was that young ladies should be admitted to the institution on the same terms as young men.

### Convicted of Murdering Their Father.

Raleigh, N. C., December 9.—Two women and three men, all negroes, have for several days been on trial at Oxford for murdering the aged father of the two women eighteen months ago and burying the body in their yard. All except one, Calvin Mangum, were today convicted of murder in the second degree and given ten years in the penitentiary. Mangum is sentenced to be hanged January 28th. The murder was a horrible one. The victim's body was covered with trash and people walked over it daily.

### Fire at Winston.

Winston, N. C., Dec 9.—The tobacco manufacturing plant of the Brown Brothers Tobacco Company, one of Winston's oldest firms, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning entailing a loss of \$150,000 with \$85,000 insurance. Besides the factory and machinery 850,000 pounds of manufactured and 150,000 pounds of leaf were consumed by the flames. The origin of the fire is not known. The firm owns three other large factories and will resume business as soon as machinery can be purchased and put in operation. Two other factories were saved from destruction only by the efficient work of the fire departments.

### A Fight With Desperadoes.

Chattanooga, Tenn., December 9.—Brief details of a fatal encounter had by a North Carolina posse with two notorious outlaws near Nantahala, N. C., comes to this city tonight by way of Athens, Tenn. A party of deputy sheriffs headed by the sheriff of Graham county, N. C., were scouring the woods in search of Robert Derrick, an escaped murderer from McMinn county, Tenn. jail when the officers were taken by surprise in a recess of the mountains where Derrick and his pal, John Starkey, had their rendezvous. The party was completely pocketed and exposed to the desperadoes' fire. A deputy sheriff was shot dead and the fugitives escaped. Starkey was captured today and jailed at Murphy, N. C.

### Farm Prices of Products.

Washington, December 10.—The return of the statistician of the department of agriculture for the month of December relative to the average farm prices of the various products of agriculture on the first day of the month are as follows: The farm price of corn as indicated, average 21.4, against 26.3 cents last year. The average price of wheat is 72.7 against 50.9 last year; of rye 40.3, against 44 last year; of oats 18.6, against 19.9 last year; of buckwheat 39.1 against 45.2 last year; of Irish 28.7, against 26.6 last year; of leaf tobacco per pound 6.0, against 6.9 last year; hay per ton \$6.54, against \$8.35 last year; cotton per pound 6.6 against 7.6.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1st averaged for the country 99.5 per cent against 81.7 in

1895. 88 in 1894 and 1893. The returns make the acreage of winter wheat just sown 195 per cent of the area harvested in 1896. This estimate which is preliminary to the completed estimate of June next makes the area sown for the harvest of 23,986,490 acres.

Conditions for fall wheat seeding throughout Europe, except in France and Southern Russia are reported generally favorable. The increase in acreage is probably not great.

### MACEO MURDERED.

Spain Becomes Barbaric—The Great General Murdered under the Flag of Truce?

Atlanta, Ga., December 12.—The Constitution's Key West special gives the following account of Maceo's death, indicating his betrayal and implicating Dr. Zertucha:

Your correspondent is now enabled to state, upon undoubted authority that the death of General Maceo was a premeditated assassination, and that the failure to produce his body is because his mutilated condition would shock even Spanish official's sensibilities. It seems that General Maceo had planned a successful passing of the trocha and that taking the sea route with a body-guard, he was to rejoin his forces east of Mariel. This was accomplished in safety, and while standing alone, within sight of a line of skirmishers, the general was shot down by men in hiding, who were awaiting their victim. His body, so far as Spanish reports go, at once disappeared, but the truth is that it was hacked up by the assassins, who exhausted every indelicacy of which brutal minds are capable.

For three weeks it has been known in Havana that a clever bribe was out for the surrender of General Maceo. It was to the effect that he held the ticket which called for the grand prize of \$50,000 in the Havana lottery. He did not care to call for the cashing of this cleverly arranged bribe, and then it was, upon the departure of General Weyler for the hills several days ago, that it was bruited about that the man who killed Maceo could have the price.

The story of Maceo's death, as told from official sources, sustains fully the theory of assassination. General Maceo, instead of crossing the trocha directly with his men, was, through some covert influence, induced to pass Mariel in a boat, and to reach his forces on the east side of the death line. There everything was in readiness by the conspirators, and the brave leader fell a victim to the trap into which he had walked.

The depression into which the Cubans were thrown upon the former announcement of Maceo's death, now that the fact of his cowardly assassination is confirmed, has changed to that of desperate determination and will make even more persistent their fight for freedom. Maceo's assassination is pointed out as conclusive evidence that Spain is still a stranger to civilized methods, and the lesson drawn therefrom by Cubans is that they might as well die with their faces to the foe as become the victim of assassination.

### Southerners Visit McKinley.

CANTON, O., Dec. 12.—Major McKinley spent yesterday quietly at home attending to his correspondence and greeting pleasantly friends who called. One of the most important delegations that has been in Canton for some days arrived over the Fort Wayne road from Washington. It was composed of a number of the national committeemen of the south and several congressmen from Maryland. Among the party was Senator Wellington of Maryland, Congressman-elect Wimberly of Louisiana, National Committeeman Bowen of Virginia, Youngblood of Alabama, Hill of Mississippi and Brownlow of Tennessee, Congressman Sydney Mudd, Isaac A. Barber, W. S. Roome and William B. Baker of Maryland and others.