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VERY IMPORTANT

During the past two months bills have been mailed to about sixteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR. The aggregate amount due on these bills was very large, but the aggregate amount thus far paid is comparatively small.

REMARKABLE CANDOR.

The National Watchman is an organ of the Populist party, published in Washington. It might be properly called the organ because it is under the direction of the Populist Senators and Representatives in Congress, most of if not all of whom write more or less for its columns.

It is not just to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it—fully as much so for the proprietor of the paper to eat for the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail or refuse to remunerate him.

There is considerable discrepancy between the reports of the commercial papers and those of the United States Department of Agriculture as to the yield of grain, cotton and other crops which form commercial factors of importance.

It means continued plunder of the people, and of the farmer especially, in the interest of the manufacturer, without giving the people or the farmer anything to compensate them in return.

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Wheat, cheap corn, cheap oats, cheap everything that the farmer depends upon to buy what he needs or to pay his debts.

It means high interest on the mortgages the money powers now hold on the farms of the farmers.

It means the continued passing of the property and the substance of the many into the possession of the few, until this country becomes the veritable oligarchy towards which it has been drifting for the past three decades.

It means all this and more, for it means that if necessary to perpetuate its power, if it had the shadow of an excuse, and thought it safe to try it, it would convert this country into a military despotism where the bayonet, and not the ballot, would be supreme.

These are assertions based not on mere surmise or on partisan prejudice, but assertions justified by the history of that party, which can no more change its nature or its habits than a leopard can change its spots or the Ethiopian his skin.

Its existence for the past thirty years has been one of constant aggression upon and antagonism to the people, characterized by trickery and treachery when open defiance might have been dangerous.

Thus it ruled until the people whose eyes were opened after long years of abuse and oppression rose against it and threw it off. If referred to power it would be the same old cur dog with all the old dog's tricks.

Wherever the people have had any relief from the impositions and oppressions of this party it has been either through the agency of the Democratic party or from the wholesome fear inspired by the growing power of the Democratic party.

And yet the Populists are incited to warfare against the Democratic party, the only effect of which would be to ultimately restore the Republican party to power and forever defeat the reforms that the Populist leaders profess to be struggling for.

They are sensible and honest, those of them, at least, who live in the South would join hands with the Democratic party and make cause with it against the party which, as the Watchman says, has been "the cause of much" (it might have said all) of the hard times.

Senator Hill has scored victory number two over the administration in securing the rejection of W. H. Peckham, who had been nominated for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in place of Hornblower, rejected. As in the case of Hornblower the fight against Peckham was made on the ground of unfitness for the position. This is the only ground upon which opposition could

have been made; but everybody who knows anything about the situation knows that the fight against the nominations was made by Senator Hill because the nominees were personally objectionable to him.

They may not have been qualified for the position, but the probabilities are that they were; but whether or not Mr. Hill had made up his mind to defeat Peckham as he had Hornblower and for the same reason—antagonism to him. As he regarded these appointments as an affront to him, he took the only way he could effectually resenting it by preventing confirmation.

In order to do this, however, he had to go outside of his own party and depend for his main strength on the votes of Republican Senators who gave him their votes more for the purpose of making wider the breach between the Democratic factions in the State of New York.

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The Boston Herald says the Republicans in the Senate will not resort to obstruction to prevent the passage of the Wilson bill, but will content themselves with speaking and voting against it.

The Chicago Inter Ocean remarks that "Secretary Hoke Smith is letting up on pensioners and devoting his time to cleaning out 'Republican rascals'."

According to the reports of the Texas Agricultural Department the value of an acre of cotton is \$15.36; of corn, \$8.94; of wheat, \$11.88, and of sweet potatoes, \$50.24.

The gold brick victim still continues to come to the front occasionally. The last is a Michigan widow who presented at the Philadelphia mint two big chunks of copper for which she had paid \$30,000 spot cash, and expected to get \$30,000.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Still Increasing Its Facilities—A New Arrangement for Fast Through Freight—The A. C. D. as a Factor.

The Atlantic Coast Line system has just made an addition to its freight service into this city, which will prove of great advantage and convenience to many of its patrons.

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This case came on to be heard at the above term of Court. By consent the jury trial was waived of record and the Court found the facts.

The Atlantic Coast Despatch on its part has established a line of refrigerator cars out of New York for Charleston, the service being designed to furnish the city with refrigerated butter, cheese and other perishable articles.

WILMINGTON IS INTERESTED.

Importance of Good Roads to the Trade of a City—Wilmington Needs Two or Three.

Mr. John Sison, a prominent citizen of Paducah, Ky., thinks one of the great causes of the prosperity of his State generally and his city especially is the excellent road system.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Death of Mr. Samuel E. Westray—His Estate Estimated at About \$50,000.

ROCKY MOUNT, February 16.—Mr. Samuel E. Westray, of Nash county, living about six miles from Rocky Mount, at the old homestead place, died yesterday evening at 8 o'clock.

Yesterday was "Onslow Day" at the Glendon Stock Farm.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

AFFECTING INTERESTS OF CREDITORS OF BANK OF NEW HANOVER.

Rendered by Judge Geo. H. Brown, of the Superior Court in the Suit of the First National Bank of Richmond, Va., Against Receivers of the Bank of New Hanover.

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The Court is of opinion as follows—as a matter of law: 1. It being impossible to identify the alleged trust fund arising from the proceeds of collections and to separate the same, the defendants, Davis and Leak, cannot be declared trustees for the benefit of the plaintiff as prayed for in the complaint.

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THE ATLANTA JOURNAL notes some important changes in the freight and passenger departments of the Seaboard Air Line.

LOOKS LIKE SIMMONS.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

ALL REASONABLE DOUBT as to Collector Simmons' confirmation has been removed. It is believed that only Senator Vance, of the Democratic members of the Finance Committee, will vote against him in committee when the report is finally made on that Senator's return from Florida.

A joint meeting of the County Commissioners and Supervisors of county roads was held yesterday at the court house, to consider the matter of improving roads in the county. After discussion, and upon recommendation the Commissioners voted an appropriation of \$1,000 to be used in the repairing and improvement of the highways, as follows: For Harnett township, \$600; Cape Fear township, \$400; Masonboro, \$800; Federal Point, \$200.

FINE LINEN, BUT SOILED.

Thos. B. Lyman, Jr., of Asheville, Sues His Wife for Divorce on the Ground of Adultery—Her Answer Makes Him a Plaintiff, an Habitual Drunkard and a Braggart on Asheville Failure and a Thirteen Club.

ASHEVILLE, February 14.—Mrs. Emily C. Lyman, wife of Theodore B. Lyman, Jr., has filed an amended answer to the complaint of the latter in his suit for divorce, which is pending in the Superior Court. In the complaint Lyman charges Mrs. Lyman with adultery, naming Claude Prescott, an artist, as the co-respondent.

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MARINE DISASTERS.

Barque "Newlight" Wrecked on Bonagu Beach—Two Tahavnu Schooners Sunk on Lookout Shoals.

A telegram to the STAR last night, from Beaufort, N. C., says: "During last night's gale the barque Newlight, Capt. A. J. Lyman, master, from Savannah and bound to Philadelphia, was stranded on Bogue beach, twelve miles west of Beaufort. The crew were saved. The vessel is a total loss.

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