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TODAY is Thanksgiving Day, when, in accordance with a time honored custom and at the request of the civil authorities, the people of the United States are supposed to suspend their secular business and unite in giving thanks for the great blessings which they enjoy. We say "are supposed" to do this, because, in fact only a few really do it. … "repairing to their respective places of worship" (as urged by our Chief Magistrate) the great majority of our people will spend the day just as they do every other day. A few will go to their houses of worship today, but many will observe it only as a holiday in sport or idleness while the great bulk of our people will not observe it at all.

No people in the world have greater cause for observing a national Thanksgiving day than the peculiarly favored people of this great Republic. … enjoying the widest liberty … both in politics and religion … the people of these United States not only enjoy the utmost … lives, their liberties and their property, but they are also blessed with a climate and soil … the world for … and fertility. And whilst … and proper that … every day in the … render thanks … bestowed upon … liarly appropriate … ular day in every … specially designated … Thanksgiving Day … a sight … of all those … it today … this broad land … devout and …

The only … organization … the restoration … power of the Republican party in poor old North Carolina … the only present result of the party's organization in … States. At first, when the People's party was first organized, with the help of the … Kansas, which had been a … Republican state, and … were predicted for it. Then it carried Colorado, and one or two other "mining camp" States, and the leaders of the People's party were greatly encouraged and … their power. … were made … that the People's party was sweeping over the country like a tidal wave, and thousands were persuaded to … their old party and unite with the "young giant of the west." And what is the result?

Just exactly what the … other Democratic papers predicted has happened. Those … have returned to Republican … to their first love—and North Carolina has a Republican Governor and is today governed by … as incompetent and unprincipled demagogues as ever disgraced any state!

Was it for this that honest … abandoned the Democratic party and joined the so-called People's party?

IT must be humiliating to honest Populists to read of the humiliation of their party as described by their great leader, Tom Watson, who was their candidate for Vice-President last year. And it must be especially humiliating to North Carolina Populists to read Watson's scathing denunciation of their beloved Marion Butler. It must startle them to hear Watson denouncing Butler as "that … and yet it is a most fit and appropriate title for that cunning, selfish and unprincipled demagogue. Yes, honest Populists must feel humiliated at their national chairman being denounced as "… by their candidate for Vice-President, and it should be still more humiliating to them to know that this disgraceful title is deserved!

How much "relief" has been given the taxpayers of North Carolina by the so called "reformers"?

How many useless offices have they abolished?

How many fees and salaries of officers have been reduced?

How much have they reduced the public expenses?

How much have they reduced taxes?

No, instead of doing ANY of these things (and They promised to do ALL) they have increased the number of officers, they have increased the public expenses, and they have increased taxes. And not only that, but they have passed a law to imprison people for not paying taxes!

Watson on Butler.

In our last week's issue the RECORD alluded to the insignificant part taken by the People's party in the recent elections, but of course the RECORD's statement was denied as a "Democratic lie" by the Populist … Now, however, this … has been … by Tom Watson, who was the Populist candidate for Vice President last year. Not only does Watson corroborate the RECORD … he abuses and exposes Marion Butler worse than any Democrat ever did. …

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No Fa … in Georgia.

Atlanta, Nov. … Cole's … bill, providing for the … It has already passed the lower branch of the Legislature, and now awaits the approval of the Governor. There is no doubt but that he will sign it.

Washington Letter.

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The pulling of a tooth gave a man of Jersey City blood poisoning, which caused his death.

Fires in the Mountains.

Special to the Charlotte Observer.

… Nov. 22—Yesterday and today the …

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A Rio Grande farmer posts "no trespass" notices upon his dwelling.

Ex Confederate Pensioners.

Raleigh Correspondent of Charlotte Observer.

The State Auditor today announces the pension allowances for the current year as follows: First class pensioners 862, a decrease of 22 from last year …

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SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
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