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POPLISTS MISTAKEN.

We heard it charged during the last several campaigns that the Democrats had counted themselves into office and we heard harping about honest elections and fair counts. We felt like hanging our head in shame when it was whispered in our ear: that we had not been electing our governors. We thought is it possible that our own party, that has given us all the good State government, that we have had since the war, did resort to sinister means? We never saw any set of judges though at an election box that we thought tried to be false to their oaths, nor do we believe there was any special room for the campaign cry of "honest elections and fair counts," except in a few instances some were unscrupulous enough and did purchase the votes of such distorted moral wretches as could be bought, and some young negroes, whose ages were not so well known and with whom an oath is nothing, did cast fraudulent votes. In view of such things probably there are no honest elections.

But the Democratic party had enough to commend herself to the voters of the State and we believed and do yet believe a majority of the voters of the State preferred Democratic policies until that mania for office betrayed men into an agitation of the public mind and an alienation from their former political brotherhood. The Populist party of course was largely drawn from the Democratic ranks.

In the late election it seems that North Carolina polled 331,000 votes. Subtracting Russell's vote of 154,052 votes we have 176,948, which, but for the unfortunate notion that the Democratic party was bad above all things, would have been about Watson's strength and would have made him governor by about the usual majority. This too with an election law of fusion-making called fair and honest.

It does seem clear that if we had been the united Democracy of ten years ago we would have elected Watson with any election law that could be called fair.

Now that the vote shows that with the element that left us we could have elected our State officers where is the room to cry fraudulent Democratic victories. It is now clear, too, that the Populist party is only about one-fourth or one-fifth as great numerically as either of the

other two parties, with little chance to increase much. Why, O, why, no: choose between the only two well defined policies of government and place themselves in one or the other party instead of the unenviable attitude of hostility toward both old parties and yet ready to fuse with either. We do not blame the Populists for leaving us if they thought we were so bad, and that they could sweep the country with a better party, but the late election vindicates the Democratic election law as not unfair and shows, too, that the Populists cannot hope for supremacy. They now have time, too, to see that there is no real cause for their leaving us, and that it requires a great deal of agitation and unreasonable fault-finding with us to keep them together. It is a forlorn hope attended with a studied effort to make out the Democrats worse than they are and themselves stronger than they are, to keep from re-uniting to the return of the best State government we can possibly have.

GOSSIP ON CUBA.

Gossip says that the President has a surprise in store for Congress in reference to Cuba. The plan as surmised is to give Cuba her independence in the following way: Three men to say how much Cuba shall pay Spain for her independence, England to lend her the money and the United States secure the claim. The arbitration is to be made up as follows: England to choose one representing Spain, the United States to choose one looking to Cuba's interests and these two to select a third.

It looks nice enough and probable enough but who could get hold of it if it were so?

A. N. C. BOY'S TERRIBLE CRIME.

Charles Faushee was born in Chatham county but left an orphan it seems. Having strayed into paths of evil he soon found himself in the Richmond, Va., reformatory. He is only about 14½ years old but has a morose vindictive disposition. Under the charge of his keeper, Mr. Tinsley, he was working with an axe, and at an opportune moment struck Tinsley a blow cutting him fearfully in the back of the skull from which the victim died in a few hours. Tinsley left a wife and other relatives. The boy told his associates he would like to kill another one of the keepers.

The air ship is the sensation now, and if gossip does not overdo the matter we'll soon be flying round here the same as buzzards. It would be bad on the bicycle industry, and not very favorable to the boot black or the rubber shoe merchant. But what a convenience to rise over the house tops in defiance of muddy sidewalks and flop down in your home yard or your neighbor's after the fashion of the pigeon. And wouldn't it be royal for the gallant to take his best girl for a pleasant little fly instead of a buggy ride or a cycle spin? It seems the inventor has in view to make several of these things and go to the seat of the Cuban war and learn the secrets of the grand victories gained by both sides in every battle. He is not altogether in good humor with Gen. Weyler, we learn, and is not too good to take a few bombs along with a view to dropping them into the Spanish ranks. That would be likely to help to terminate the war after which he would be ready to go and see what's

the matter with the North Pole. The invention would be a great improvement over the old way of missionary work among cannibals. If the thing can be made to rest on the wing it would be a splendid pulpit. Even if it had to be kept going it could circle around. The missionary could drop a chunk of mutton occasionally to test their carnivorous proclivities before setting.

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla. True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. You want the best. It's so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. But you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many Sarsaparillas — but only one Ayer's. It cures.

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D. B. COLTRANE, Cashier.
J. M. ODELL, Pres.

Last Notice—Town Taxes.

I must have your taxes by the 1st of January. I will have to settle with the town on that date. I hope all persons owing the same will call and settle at once. I will be compelled to advertise if not paid by that time. I hope you will settle and save costs.
J. L. BOGEE,
Town Tax Collector.

Oct. 15, 1896

THE RACKET STORE.

THREE SPECIALS

—FOR—

OUR LADY CUSTOMERS

Who wish presents of their own handiwork.

235 yards remnants of the finest quality of Drapery Satin made at 12½ cents yard. These goods retail at 25 cents per yard regular. They make beautiful quilts, scarfs, ties, lambrquins, pillows or screens.

215 yards remnants of Printed Silkoline, including the very stylish Persian effects worth 10 to 15 cents yard, going at 7½ cents yard.

67 yards remnants of printed Denims worth 25 cents yard at 15 cents yard.

We also have some special bargains in double faced Cotton Skirting worth 15c at 10c yard. These goods are extra heavy and will make an excellent skirt.

We will have a full line of Christmas goods. They are coming in now. We already have a line of Japanese goods that far surpasses anything we've ever had before. Vases 20c to \$2.48 each.

48 inch Black Storm Serge at 20c yard.

RESPECTFULLY,

B. J. Boston.